

Weather

# Nine dead, four missing in summer avalanche

By Angela Charlton  
The Associated Press

CHAMONIX, France — A climber trying to scale Mont Blanc accidentally caused a slab of ice to snap off today high in the French Alps, sparking an avalanche that swept nine European climbers to their deaths, authorities said. Eleven other climbers were hospitalized and at least four had not been found.

As a sheet of snow and ice thundered down the steep slope, several climbers managed to turn away from the slide in time, regional authorities in Haute-Savoie said.

Two other climbers were rescued as emergency crews using dogs and helicopters scoured the churned-up, high-altitude area in a frantic search for the missing. Their quest, hampered by the possibility of further avalanches, was called off before nightfall.

Three Britons, three Germans and two Spaniards were among the dead, their governments

confirmed. The other victim was from Switzerland, according to police in the French mountain town of Chamonix.

Early summer storms apparently left behind heavy snow that combined with high winds to form dangerous overhanging conditions on some of the popular climbing routes around Mont Blanc, the highest mountain in western Europe. Regional authorities had warned climbers earlier this summer to be careful because of an unusually snowy spring.

The Mont Blanc massif is a popular area for climbers, hikers and tourists but a dangerous one, with dozens dying on it each year. Chamonix, a top center for climbing, hosted the first Winter Olympics in 1924.

Some of the climbers were with professional guides, others were climbing independently.

Police said they were alerted around 5:25 a.m. to the avalanche, which hit a group of climbers — people from Switzerland, Germany, Spain, France,

Denmark and Serbia — who were some 4,000 meters (13,100 feet) high on the north face of Mont Maudit, part of the Mont Blanc range.

A block of ice 40 centimeters (16 inches) thick broke off and slid down the slope, creating a mass of snow that was 2 meters (6 feet) deep and 50 meters (160 feet) long.

“The first elements that we have from testimony are that a climber could have set loose a sheet of ice, and that sheet then pulled down the group of climbers below. I should say the incline was very, very steep on this northern face,” Col. Bertrand François of the Haute-Savoie police told reporters.

It was not immediately known if the climber lived or died.

According to recent tweets from climbers, high winds led to overhanging ice slabs forming on the slope. Several days ago, Chamonix saw a monsoon-like downpour which turned to snow at 3,000 meters (9,850 feet) high.

## Western Kansas university renames business college

HAYS (AP) — Fort Hays State University has renamed its business college to highlight the western Kansas institution's focus on promoting new business development.

It's now the College of Business and Entrepreneurship. The new name has been approved by the Kansas Board of Regents, which oversees the state's higher education system.

President Ed Hammond says the new name eliminates confusion and highlights the univer-

sity's support for new and existing businesses.

It had previously been the College of Business and Leadership, but the university's Department of Leadership Studies moved to the College of Arts and Sciences in 2008.

Also, Hammond says state officials have pushed Fort Hays State to focus on entrepreneurship.

The college houses academic departments for accounting, economics, finance, management and marketing.

## Jordan says 1992 Dream Team better than 2012 Olympic squad

By Steve Reed  
AP Sports Writer

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Michael Jordan said there's no way Kobe Bryant and this year's USA Olympic basketball team could've beaten the 1992 Dream Team.

Jordan told The Associated Press today that he laughed — “I absolutely laughed” — when hearing Bryant's comments that the squad training in Las Vegas could take Jordan and company.

Jordan said there's “no comparison” which team is better.

“For him to compare those two teams is not one of the smarter things he ever could have done,” Jordan said prior

playing in a celebrity golf tournament in Charlotte.

Jordan said the 1992 team, which included 11 future Hall of Famers and won its six Olympic games by an average of more than 43 points en route to capturing the gold medal, was a better overall team largely because of the experience it put on the floor.

“I heard Kobe say we were not athletic,” said a smiling Jordan as he sat in a golf cart puffing on his cigar while waiting to tee off. “But we were smart. He said we were too old, but I was 29 and in the prime of my career. Pip (Scottie Pippen) was 26 or 27, (Charles) Barkley was 29, Patrick (Ewing) was 29 and

Chris Mullin was 29. Almost everybody was still in their twenties.”

Jordan's response came after Bryant told reporters in Las Vegas that this year's team could pull out a win against the Dream Team if they faced each other in their primes. Bryant said this year's team has a bunch of racehorses, players who are incredibly athletic while the Dream Team consisted mainly of players at the tail end of their careers.”

Bryant's comments received immediate and sharp rebuttal from some members of the Dream Team, including Barkley.

Jordan joined in today.



National Weather Service

**Tonight:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1 a.m. Partly cloudy, with a low around 64. Southeast wind 10 to 15 mph.

**Friday:** Sunny and hot, with a high near 97. Southeast wind 5 to 15 mph.

**Friday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 66. Southeast wind 5 to 10 mph.

**Saturday:** Sunny and hot, with a high near 99. Southwest wind 10 to 15 mph becoming southeast in the afternoon.

**Saturday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 72.

**Sunday:** Sunny and hot, with a high near 97.

**Sunday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 72.

**Monday:** Sunny and hot, with a high near 98.

**Monday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 72.

**Tuesday:** Sunny and hot, with a high near 98.

**Tuesday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 71.

**Wednesday:** Mostly sunny and hot, with a high near 97.

Wednesday: High, 89; Low 59  
Precip: Wednesday None  
Month: 1.65 inches  
Year: 7.72 inches  
Normal: 13.61 inches  
(K-State Experiment Station)  
**Sunrise and Sunset**  
Friday 6:29 a.m. 9:11 p.m.  
Moon: waning, 26 percent  
(U.S. Naval Observatory)  
**Colby Water Use**  
Wednesday 2,299,000 gal.  
(Colby Public Works)

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Briefly

### Museum to reserve spots for performance

Call now to reserve a slot in a “Night at the Prairie Museum” tour on Friday. Participants in a weeklong camp will be scattered throughout the museum and grounds acting out moments in the lives of Thomas County historical figures. Tours will be held at 3, 3:30, 5, 5:30, 6 and 6:30 p.m., with a chance to visit with the performers after the last tour. Reservations are required. Call the museum at 460-4590.

### Free adult classes at college to start Aug. 6

Free adult education classes will begin Monday, Aug. 6, on the Colby Community College campus. Academic improvement, General Educational Development preparation, workforce preparation, money management, pre-health care preparation and basic technology classes are available. Call Nance Munderloh at (785) 460-4663 for information or to enroll.

### Pets ready for adoption at Animal Clinic

Looking for a pet? Colby Animal Clinic has a calm 3-year-old intact male German shepherd mix available for adoption. Lost or strayed animals are often brought to the clinic. Call or stop by 810 E. Fourth St. All animals have current shots, and costs are minimal. For questions, call the clinic at 460-8621.

### Once a Month Lunch coming up on Saturday

Interested in a free lunch? Really. Come to the Once a Month Lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday in the basement of the Colby Presbyterian Church, 515 W. Fourth St. No reservation is needed, and the meal the second Saturday of each month is open to everyone. For questions, call the church office, 462-6342.

### College pool hours set after reopening

Hours for the newly renovated swimming pool at Colby Community College are 5 to 7 a.m. and 11:30 to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday. For information, call Kipp Nelson at 460-5473.

### Methodist Church holds Bible school

The Colby United Methodist Church is holding a Bible School from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. through Friday this week. Call Kim Chain at the church office, 460-2761, for information or to register.

### Pickin' on the Plains will accept donations

Pickin' on the Plains will again be accepting non-perishable food and monetary donations for the local food pantry, Genesis-Thomas County, during the bluegrass festival Friday through Sunday, July 20 to 22. As the need for food continues to rise, everyone is encouraged to bring items to the ticket booth at the Thomas County Fairgrounds throughout the weekend of the event. For information, contact Jo Wolf at (785) 460-2892.

### Colby Wesleyan plans Vacation Bible School

Colby Wesleyan Church will have Vacation Bible School from 9:30 a.m. to noon from Monday through Friday, July 20, at the church, 320 W. Pine. The theme is SKY — “Everything is possible with God” based on Mark 10:27. Children age 4 through fifth grade will have Bible stories, crafts, games, snacks and music as they learn about trusting God. The church can provide free rides. For information, contact Joy Rothfuss at the church office at 462-8391.

### Levant reunion planned here for August

A Levant Reunion will be held from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 5, at the Veterans of Foreign Wars building in Colby. Lunch will be served at noon for \$9. Make reservations by Wednesday, July 25, by calling Erma Palmgren at (785) 694-2726 or Betty Schroeder at (785) 694-2255.

### Museum displays student art work

The Prairie Museum of Art and History has a free exhibit of art by students from kindergarten to high school from area schools through Sunday, July 29. The museum, 1905 S. Franklin Ave., is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday and 1 to 5 p.m. on weekends. Call Ann Miner at 460-4590 for information.

### All veterans invited to be grand marshals

All Thomas County veterans are invited to serve as grand marshals for the Thomas County Fair parade Tuesday, July 31, riding on a float leading the lineup. Veterans will meet at the Senior Progress Center at 4:45 p.m., hopefully wearing military uniforms or hats. Call Holly Whitaker at the Chamber office, 460-3401, for information or to get on the list.



Saturday Evening July 14, 2012

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KAKE/ABC	Extreme Makeover	Ball Boys	Ball Boys	Castle	Local					
KBSL/CBS	NYC 22	NYC 22	NYC 22	48 Hours Mystery	Local					
KSNK/NBC	American Girl			The Firm	Local		Saturday Night Live			
KSAS/FOX	Cops	Cops	Take Me Out	Local			The Finder	30S	Local	
<b>Cable Channels</b>										
A & E	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Barter	Barter	Storage	Storage
AMC	Basic					Exit Wounds				First Bld
ANIM	My Cat From Hell		Bad Dog!		Tanked: Unfiltered		Bad Dog!		Tanked: Unfiltered	
BRAVO	Housewives/OC		The Wedding Planner				The Wedding Planner			
CMT	Redneck Vacation		Redneck Vacation		Redneck Island		Redneck Vacation		Redneck Island	
CNN	Cruise to Disaster		Piers Morgan Tonight		CNN Newsroom		Cruise to Disaster		Piers Morgan Tonight	
COMEDY	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0		Matt Braunger		Without a Paddle	
DISC	Last Frontier		Last Frontier		Last Frontier		Last Frontier		Last Frontier	
DISN	Good Luck Jessie	Gravity	ANT Farm	Good Luck	Austin	Jessie	Shake It	ANT Farm	Good Luck	Fashion
E!	Sleepless in Seattle				Opening Act		Chelsea			
ESPN	Auto Race	CrossFit	CrossFit	Baseball Tonight			SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
ESPN2	MLL Lacrosse	SportsNation		WTA Tennis			Baseball Tonight			
FAM	Edward Scissorhands			Alice in Wonderland			Saved!			
FOOD	Restaurant: Im.	Restaurant: Im.		Restaurant: Im.			Iron Chef America		Restaurant: Im.	
FX	Fantastic Four				Anger	BrandX	Louie	Wilfred	BrandX	
HGTV	Design Star	Grt Rooms	High Low	Hunters	Hunt Intl	Hunters	Hunt Intl	Grt Rooms	High Low	

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Sunday Evening July 15, 2012

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KAKE/ABC	Secret Millionaire		Extreme Makeover				Local			
KBSL/CBS	Big Brother		The Good Wife		The Mentalist		Local			
KSNK/NBC	Dateline NBC		America's Got Talent				Local		Dateline NBC	
KSAS/FOX	Simpsons	Simpsons	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Local					
<b>Cable Channels</b>										
A & E	Criminal Minds		The Glades		Longmire		Longmire		Criminal Minds	
AMC	Alien vs. Predator		Breaking Bad		Breaking Bad		Town	Breaking Bad	Town	
ANIM	Wildman	Wildman	Gator Boys		Wildman	Wildman	Gator Boys	Wildman	Wildman	
BRAVO	Housewives/NJ		New Jersey Social		Housewives/NJ		Happens	Housewives/NJ	Jersey	
CMT	Ace Ventura						Ron White's Comedy S			
CNN	CNN Presents		Piers Morgan Tonight		CNN Newsroom		CNN Presents		Piers Morgan Tonight	
COMEDY	Without a Paddle				Zack and Miri Make				Tosh.0	
DISC	Secret Service		Most Secret		Bounty Wars		Most Secret		Bounty Wars	
DISN	Austin	Shake It	ANT Farm	Jessie	Jessie	Austin	ANT Farm	Phineas	Wizards	Wizards
E!	Opening Act		Kardashian		Eastwood	Eastwood	Chelsea	The Soup	Kardashian	
ESPN	ML									