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Rocket streaks across Western sky

LAS VEGAS - A Chinese rocket body streaking across the night sky over the western United States lit up social media as people shared photos and video of the bright object.

The Chinese CZ-7 reentered the atmosphere Wednesday night, U.S. Strategic Command spokeswoman Julie Ziegenhorn confirmed. That's when people in Nevada, Utah and California took to social media to report a small fireball streaking across the sky.

Photographer Ian Norman was taking pictures of the night sky with friends in Alabama Hills, California, near the eastern Sierra Nevada, when he saw the light and started recording, thinking the flash was a meteor.

"It was really strange to see some-

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USDA asked to help up milk prices

A group of 61 members of the U.S. Senate and House have sent a letter to U.S. Department of Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack asking him to take action to raise prices dairies across the country are paid for their milk.

"We write today to express our concern about the troubling economic challenges facing U.S. dairy farmers and the entire U.S. dairy industry," states the letter sent Thursday by lawmakers that included California Sen. Barbara Boxer and Rep. Jim Costa, D-Fresno.

Milk prices have been on a decline nationally since 2009, though they did peak briefly to record-high levels in 2014 before declining again.

"In California, milk

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OUR WEATHER

High : 107° Low: 71°

Pollen forecast today: 6.3



Saturday: 7.7

Sunday: 7.3

Predominant pollen: Juniper, grasses
Source: Dr. A.M. Aminian

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High school football practices start Monday. SPORTS, 1B

Clinton accepts nomination

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PHILADELPHIA - Making history as the first female major party nominee for president, Hillary Clinton said Thursday that America faces "a moment of reckoning" on the economy, terrorism, national unity and the candidacy of Republican opponent Donald Trump.

"Powerful forces are threatening to pull us apart," Clinton said in her acceptance speech to a wildly cheering convention crowd, adding that "bonds of

trust and respect are fraying," and all Americans "have to decide whether we're going to work together so we can all rise together."

Clinton peppered her remarks with criticism of Trump and defined her policy agenda largely in response to her Republican opponent.

While pledging to enact a "path to citizenship" for migrants who are in the country illegally, Clinton attacked Trump's proposed wall along the U.S.-Mexico border. She promised to work

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Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton waves after taking the stage on the final day of the Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia. PAUL SANCYA/AP

A walk in Cesar's shoes



Marc Grossman, Cesar Chavez Foundation communications director, speaks to Youth Heritage Summit students at The Forty Acres in Delano on Thursday. Grossman first met Chavez when he was 19 years old. CALLEY CEDERLOF

Local students tour The Forty Acres in Delano

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Marc Grossman met Cesar Chavez in 1969, he was just 19-years-old. He later went on to be a longtime spokesman, speech writer and personal aide to the civil rights leader.

Now, more than 45 years later, he continues to share the legacy of Chavez and the farmworker movement as the director of communications for the Cesar Chavez Foundation.

On Thursday, 19 high school students from across California journeyed to The Forty Acres in Delano to see where it all started.

"There were giants that walked these forty acres," Grossman said. "Having students come here and walk the same footsteps that some of these giants in the civil rights movement walked and to hear about the

history of the place, it's very much what the National Park Service is trying to do with the Chavez National Monument."

The students traveled to the national monument as part of the four-day Youth Heritage Summit California, a partnership between the National Park Service, We Are the Next, the Cesar Chavez Foundation and the National Chavez Center.

"The idea is to expose them to the place and really let them understand what happened here," Grossman said.

The Forty Acres served as the headquarters for the United Farm Workers of America, the first permanent agricultural labor union in the country. UFW was established to improve working conditions for migrant workers.

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The Family Stone will play Visalia Fox Theatre Aug. 5

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Lovers of late 1960s and early '70s funk will get a treat on Sept. 16 when The Family Stone makes a stop at The Visalia Fox Theatre.

Tickets, priced from \$20-\$50, go on sale Aug. 5 at The Visalia Fox Theatre. Concert proceeds benefit The Creative Center.

The Family Stone features original members Greg Errico and Jerry Martini of Rock and Roll Hall of Fame band Sly and The Family Stone. Phunne Stone, daughter of Sly Stone and the late trumpeter and singer Cynthia Robinson, is also a core member of The Family Stone.

Other band members include Alex Davis, Blaise Sison and Nate Wingfield.



Formed in the late 1960s San Francisco Bay Area by Sly Stone and Robinson, the band had a series of top 10 hits, including the iconic "Dance to the Music," "Everyday People," "Hot Fun in the Summer Time," and "I Want to Take You Higher."

The band famously performed at 1969's Woodstock Music and Art Festival, where they played sandwiched between Janis Joplin and The Who. (No pressure there!)

The band was inducted to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1993.

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