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Australia checks 2 objects in search for plane

U.S. Navy pilots fly a P-8A Poseidon while searching for the missing Malaysia Airlines jet Wednesday.



By The Associated Press

Spotted about 1,550 miles southwest of city of Perth.

By SCOTT McDONALD AND KRISTEN GELINEAU of The Associated Press

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia — Military search planes flew over a remote part of the Indian Ocean to-

day hunting for debris in "probably the best lead" so far in finding the missing Malaysia Airlines flight, officials said.

The four planes were checking to see whether two large objects spotted in satellite imagery bobbing in the ocean were debris from Flight 370 that went missing March 8 with 239 people on board.

Australian authorities said the first plane to reach the area was unable to locate the debris through clouds and rain but that other planes would continue the hunt.

One of the objects spotted by satellite imagery was almost 80 feet in length and the other was 15 feet. There could be other objects in the area, a four-hour flight from

Australia's southwestern coast, said John Young, manager of the Australian Maritime Safety Authority's emergency response division.

"This is a lead, it's probably the best lead we have right now," Young said. He cautioned that the objects could be seaborne debris

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CROSBY, STILLS & NASH HAVING FUN

Harmony still going strong

Trio dips into catalog of hits for excited crowd



A column by JAMES GRANT

WHILE THE LYRICS to one of their most famous songs, "Suite: Judy Blue Eyes," states "It's getting to the point where I'm no fun anymore," that

clearly wasn't the case Wednesday night as Crosby, Stills & Nash played to a sold-out crowd for over 2½ at the Embassy Theatre.

When David Crosby, Stephen Stills and Graham Nash took to the stage, the crowd erupted in overwhelming approval as the group proceeded to take them on a fun-filled journey through some of the best rock songs of the past 40-plus years.

The legendary trio, who have sold millions of records since they first performed together in the Laurel Canyon neighborhood of Los Angeles in the late '60s, dipped into their sterling catalog of hits, providing passionate readings of such classics as "Long Time Gone", "Helplessly Hoping", "Guinnevere", "Wooden Ships" and the aforementioned "Suite: Judy



Graham Nash, left, and David Crosby jam during the third song of the evening Wednesday night at the Embassy Theatre.

Blue Eyes" (all from their self-titled debut album) plus "Our House," "Teach Your Children," "Southern Cross" and a blazing version of "Almost Cut My Hair" among many others.

Stills in particular was in very good form on the guitar, filling the show with several stinging guitar solos that added an urgency and zest to some very well-known and well-loved

songs. CSN's legendary vocal harmonies were also in abundance. Yes, there were a few vocal

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File photo by Ellie Bogue of The News-Sentinel

Allen County Commissioners Nelson Peters and Linda Bloom exchange a few remarks during a town hall. Should the board of commissioners be replaced with one person?

Voters need to weigh pros and cons of commissioners



A column by KEVIN LEININGER

THEY'VE BEEN DERIDED as dysfunctional by fellow Allen County officials, who once tried to slash their pay.

Some of them have seemed indifferent to hard work, while others have expressed frustration over not being able to get more accomplished.

But whether you consider the Allen County Board of Commissioners to be a bureaucratic version of the Holy Trinity, the Three Stooges or somewhere in between, their performance over the years has hardly been so venal or inept that getting rid of them will somehow transform county government from a horse-and-buggy anachronism into a sleeker, more-responsive model better equipped to

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\$30M for road project a top legislative victory

But some oppose option to eliminate tax on business equipment.

By KEVIN LEININGER
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In a year of legislative victories for northeast Indiana, \$30 million in state funding for a long-anticipated highway project may be the crown jewel, said area government and business leaders Wednesday.

But the spirit of unity advertised

in the news conference at Indiana Tech was belied by some officials' serious reservations about one of those supposed successes.

First proposed when General Motors opened a truck plant in southwest Allen County in the mid-1980s and seriously promoted by Allen County officials and others since at least 2010, the widening and improvement of Lafayette Center Road between the GM plant and U.S. 24 near Roanoke seems poised to become reality. State Senate President Pro Tem David Long, R-Fort

Wayne, announced the \$30 million from the Indiana Department of Transportation for what he called the "No. 1 priority" for regional legislators.

"It's the final piece of the 'Hoosier Heartland Corridor,'" he said. The corridor refers to improvements to or near U.S. 24 between Lafayette and Fort Wayne.

Although some estimates have placed the cost of the 4-mile project as high as \$66 million, Northeast

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By Kevin Leininger of The News-Sentinel

State Senate President Pro Tem David Long outlines 2014 legislative achievements Wednesday at Indiana Tech. But New Haven Mayor Terry McDonald, second from right, has reservations about one of the Legislature's "successes."

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SATURDAY
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HIGH 43 | LOW 26

