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Poachers are taking a toll on India's tigers, and advocates say not enough is being done to help. **A2**



## First Av. ceiling collapses

Fire officials are assessing integrity of the building.

By MARY LYNN SMITH, LIZ SAWYER and JON BREAM  
Star Tribune staff writers

A ceiling collapse at the legendary downtown Minneapolis nightclub First Avenue sent three people to the hospital Wednesday night, and Minneapolis firefighters are evaluating the integrity of the building. Reports of the collapse came

in at about 10 p.m.

Fire crews shut off water to the area, the Minneapolis Fire Department said.

"A large portion of the ceiling fell and took out water pipes with it," said Nate Kranz, First Avenue general manager. "We have no idea why or how it happened. We won't know anything about this until tomorrow. It was a terrible surprise."

Kranz said a couple of people were taken out by ambulance. Hennepin County Medical Cen-

ter spokeswoman Christine Hill said three people were brought into the emergency room and are in satisfactory condition with non-life-threatening injuries.

The ceiling that collapsed was over the balcony DJ booth at the back of the dance floor, he said. A section fell onto the floor about midway through the headlining set by Canadian metal band Theory of a Deadman. The show was stopped, and the thousand or so fans  
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## Hog-lot fight looms along Lake Superior

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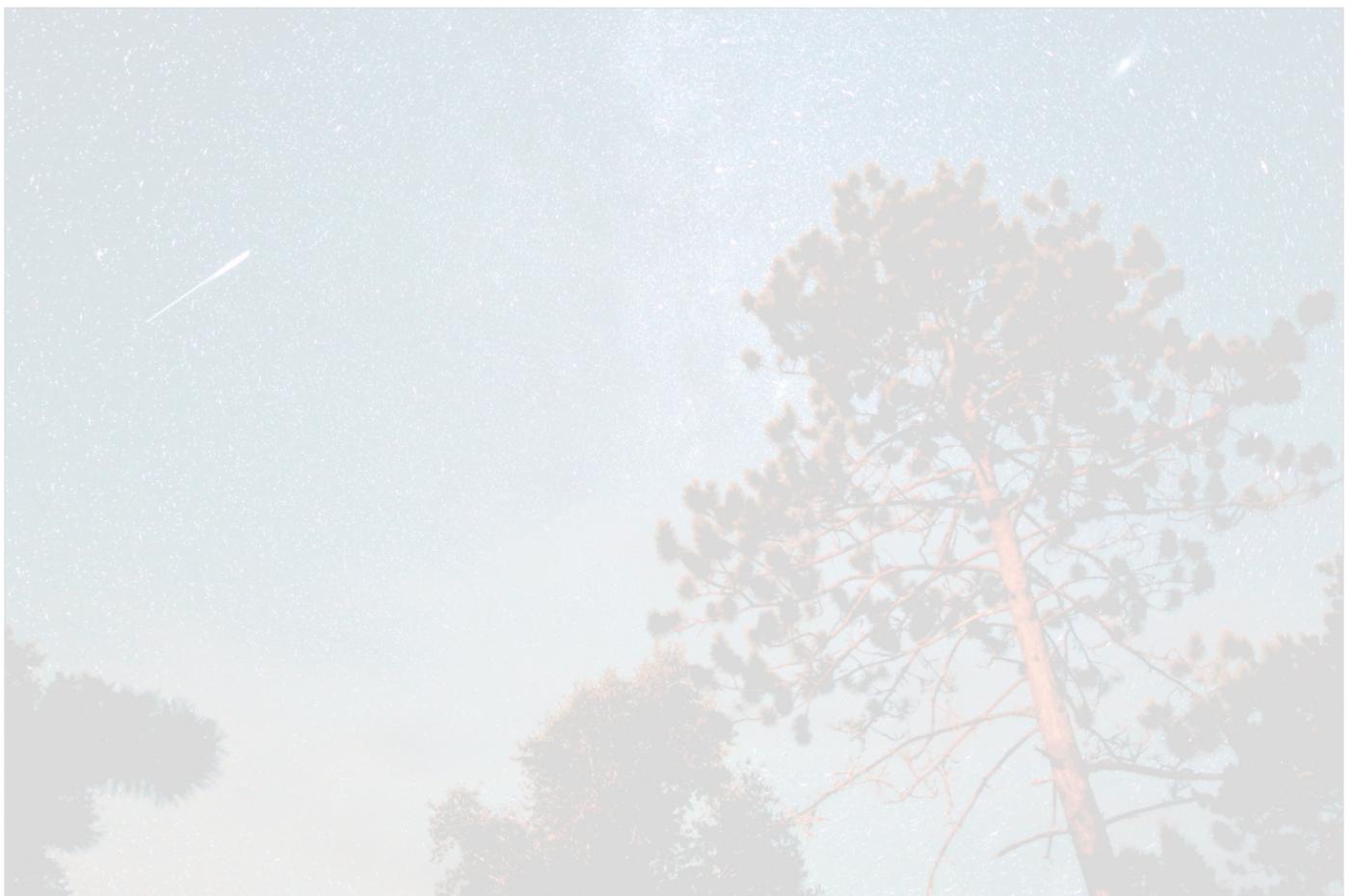
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## DANCING WITH THE STARS

A dazzling display of lights dancing across the night sky on Wednesday near Canyon, Minn., north of Duluth, offered a preview of the Perseid meteor shower. The annual celestial fireworks display was expected to peak early Thursday morning. According to NASA, this year's viewing, thanks to Jupiter's position and its agitating gravitational effect on comet particles, will drive them closer to the Earth.

## Courtroom camera rules are relaxed

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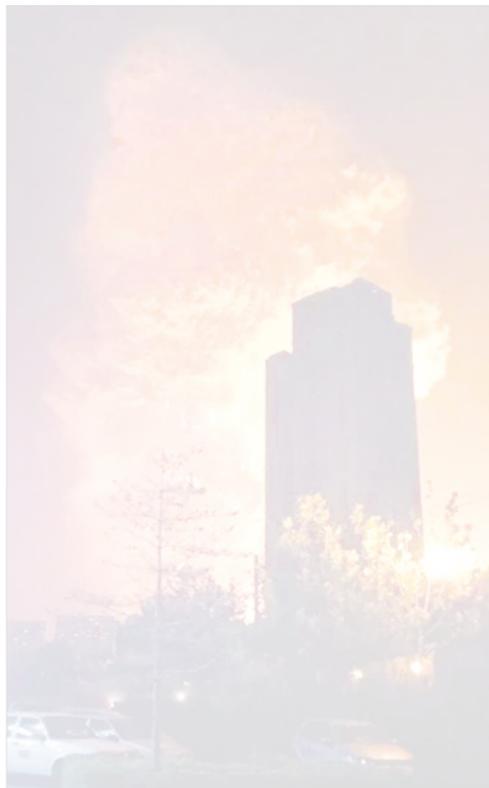
The Minnesota Supreme Court has decided to at least temporarily relax courtroom camera restrictions for criminal trials, issuing an order Wednesday that media only need to get a judge's approval to broadcast or take pictures in the courtroom.

The two-year pilot project is a small but dramatic change for a state known to have some of the most restrictive courtroom camera laws in the country. It comes after more than 30 years of intense debate by some of the state's best legal minds and after a report and recommendations by an advisory committee and a public hearing last year.

The pilot project will be evaluated in January 2018. The rules will be far different to those now in place for civil cases, which started allowing cameras to cover entire trials in 2013. Only a handful of civil cases have been televised.

No video or audio media coverage will be allowed during the actual trial. Cameras can  
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## Deadly blasts rock Chinese port



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Fire billowed into the sky after explosions Wednesday in Tianjin, China. The cause of the blasts was not clear.

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**TIANJIN, CHINA** - Huge explosions at a warehouse for dangerous materials in the northeastern Chinese port of Tianjin killed at least 17 people, injured hundreds and sent massive fireballs into the night sky, officials and witnesses said Thursday.

China's state broadcaster, CCTV, said that at least 17 people were killed and that 32 others were in critical condition in hospitals after Wednesday's disaster. Nine firefighters were among the dead, Reuters reported.

"The shock waves were felt kilometers away, with some residents claiming their window glass and fish tanks shattered," said Xinhua, the official news agency.

The Beijing News and other local media in Tianjin said that 300 to 400 people had been hospitalized, many from injuries caused by shattered glass. It also reported that more than 400 Tianjin residents had  
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## Prosecutor: Zumberge a calm killer

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Just minutes after he squeezed off four shotgun cartridges at his New Brighton neighbors last year, spraying the couple with 32 projectiles, Neal Zumberge called 911 to report what he'd done.

He was "calm" during the call because he had plotted the cold-blooded act, Assistant Ramsey County Attorney Anna Christie said Wednesday in her opening statements at Zumberge's murder trial in St. Paul.

"This was something he had been thinking about, planning," Christie told jurors, "... he stood there watching and watching and waiting until the time was right" to shoot.

In coming days, a Ramsey County jury will have to determine whether Christie's  
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◀ **EXPLOSIONS** from Al lined up to donate blood at a hospital.

According to the China Earthquake Administration's official account on Weibo, a Web messaging network similar to Twitter, the first explosion took place at 11:34 p.m. and registered as a magnitude 2.3. A second, magnitude-2.9 explosion came 30 seconds later, and it called that one "the equivalent of 21 tons of TNT."

"I thought it was an earthquake, so I rushed downstairs without my shoes on," said Tianjin resident Zhang Siyu, whose home is more than a mile from the blast site. "Only once I was outside did I realize it was an explosion. There was the huge fireball in the sky with thick clouds. Everybody could see it."

Zhang said she could see wounded people weeping. She said she did not see anyone who had been killed, but "I could feel death."

## Unanswered questions

The precise nature of the materials that exploded was not made clear, and there was no indication whether the blast was accidental or intentional. There was no official confirmation of what caused the blasts, and no immediate sign of any large release of toxic chemicals into the air.

Beijing News reported on its website that there was some unidentified yellow foam floating at the site.

Electric power to the blast area was cut and streets were sealed off by the police.

As daylight broke early Thursday, an enormous black plume of smoke hung over the horizon. Residents of a nearby residential area gathered on the street wearing disposable facemasks as injured people, just released from the hospital, hobbled down the street.

The glass on scores of high-rise buildings was shattered and rows of curtains fluttered through the broken windows. Workers swept glass off the street, a wide boulevard surrounded by new high rises.

Police in Tianjin said an initial blast took place at shipping containers in a warehouse for hazardous materials owned by Ruihai Logistics, a company that says it's approved to handle hazardous materials.

State media said that senior management of the company had been detained by authorities and that President Xi Jinping has demanded severe punishment for anyone found responsible for the explosions.

The explosions took place in a mostly industrial zone. Buildings of a half-dozen other logistics companies were destroyed in the blasts, and more than 1,000 new Renault cars were left charred in a nearby parking lot, Beijing News reported.

Photos taken by bystanders and circulating on blogs show a gigantic fireball high in the sky, with a mushroom-

cloud. Other photos on state media outlets showed a sea of fire that painted the night sky bright orange, with tall plumes of smoke.

A little more than a mile from the explosion site is the luxury Fifth Avenue apartment complex on a road strewn with pieces of charred metal thrown from explosion. Like surrounding buildings, the Mediterranean-style complex had its windows blown out and some surfaces were scorched.

## Apartments a total loss

"It's lucky no one had moved in," said a worker on the site, Liu Junwei, 29. "But for us it's a total loss. Two years hard work down the drain."

"It had been all quiet, then the sky just lit up brighter than day and it looked like a fireworks show," said another worker on the site who gave just his surname, Li.

In one neighborhood about 6 to 12 miles from the blast site, some residents were sleeping on the street wearing gas masks, although there was no perceptible problem with the air apart from massive clouds of smoke seen in the distance.

"It was like what we were told a nuclear bomb would be like," said truck driver Zhao Zhencheng, who spent the night in the cab of his truck. "I've never even thought I'd see such a thing. It was terrifying but also beautiful."

At the nearby Taida Hospital as dawn broke, military



Chinatopix via AP

Tianjin's streets were filled with people who were evacuated from their homes late Wednesday.

medical tents were set up. Photos online showed patients in bandages and with cuts.

State broadcaster CCTV said six battalions of firefighters had brought the fire under control, although it was still burning early Thursday.

Ruihai Logistics said on its website that it was established in 2011 and that it handles 1 million tons of cargo annually.

Tianjin, with a population of about 15 million, is about 75 miles east of Beijing and is one of the country's major ports. It is one of China's more modern cities and is connected to the capital by high-speed rail.



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An injured man walked out of a hospital after the powerful blasts Wednesday in Tianjin, China. Hundreds were injured.

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