Torrential rains and floods lashed parts of Austria and Germany day, and 34 people were still missing Saturday. Meteorologists said the worst was over, but between 100 and 200 people remained in crowded shelters, the government said.

Sharks sighted off Italian Riviera

Sharks were spotted cruising through the shallows near the Italian Riviera, where many tourists were on vacation. The sightings began early last week when a tourist reported that a shark had approached his boat near the coast, an official said Saturday. An official said the sightings, which have continued on and off since that time, have prompted new concern about the dangers of swimming in the area.

Tragedy at an ancient cathedral

The body of a 17th-century French bishop was found in a Paris church, an official said Saturday. The official said the body was found in the church of Saint-Sulpice, which is located near the Louvre Museum.

A cultural theft

Paintings, statuettes, and rare books — were stolen from the Auxerre cathedral. The theft was discovered when the cathedral was closed for the day, an official said Saturday. The official said the thief had used a crowbar to enter the cathedral and had taken the items.

The body of the former dictator

The body of the former dictator was interred in Hawaii. Aquino said the body of the former dictator was to be interred in Hawaii, but he did not specify where. Aquino said the body would be flown to Hawaii later in the week.

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