



## MORE FLOODING WOES ALONG THE MISSOURI, SOURIS RIVERS

Missouri River floodwaters lapped at a nuclear power plant north of Omaha, Nebraska, on Tuesday and have cracked more defenses downstream after weeks of sustained pressure on levees running hundreds of miles. And in Minot, North Dakota's fourth largest city, the roughly 12,000 displaced residents watched Souris River flooding slowly recede and began to look toward recovery. Up and down the Missouri River from North Dakota to Missouri, residents on Tuesday said they were just plain tired -- tired of sandbags, tired of water, tired of worrying. Flood defenses have protec-

ted downtown Pierre. Griffin Park and Steamboat Park at the river's edge have flooded, with water running over the amphitheater main stage at Steamboat Park. Several inches of rain over the weekend caused storm sewer backups in Omaha and across the Missouri River in Council Bluffs, Iowa. Some businesses and residents were forced out on the east side of Omaha temporarily. Federal officials said Tuesday they were adding blankets to bolster 2.1 miles of levee in Council Bluffs where they had found seepage or sand boils on a dozen sections. At the Fort Calhoun



Nuclear Power Station north of Omaha, which has been shut since April for maintenance, officials expect to replace by the end of next week an inflatable barrier that deflated on Sunday sending a rush of water toward the plant.

### IN BRIEF

**2012 PRESIDENTIAL** - Rising Tea Party star Michele Bachmann leaped into the Republican 2012 presidential nomination race, saying the country cannot afford four more years of President Barack Obama's handling of the economy.

**LIBYA ACTION** - The State Department's top lawyer on Tuesday defended the legality of the U.S. military involvement in Libya as some lawmakers accuse President Barack Obama of violating a 1973 law requiring congressional authorization.

**AIRPORT BILL** - Legislation to make enhanced airport security pat-downs a crime if they involve touching a passenger's "private" areas was approved by the Texas House and Senate.

**TV INDECENCY / GPS TRACKING** - The Supreme Court has added a couple of high-profile constitutional challenges to its lineup of cases for next term: One looking at governmental regulation of television content and the other dealing with the authority of police to use a GPS device to track a suspect's movements without a warrant.

**LAWSUIT** - New York's highest court revived a lawsuit by several large banks challenging bond insurer MBIA Inc's 2009 restructuring, which they complained was unfair to policyholders.

**SNAKEBITES** - Rubbing snakebites with an ointment that slows the functioning of lymph glands could boost survival times by 50 percent, according to a study.

**CANCER DRUG AVASTIN** - The Swiss pharmaceutical giant Roche on Tuesday begins a two-day appeal asking the US Food and Drug Administration to allow the top-selling drug Avastin to be used for breast cancer.

**EXPULSION** - The military-backed government of Myanmar has deported Hollywood actress Michelle Yeoh, who stars as pro-democracy leader Aung San Suu Kyi in an upcoming movie.

**JUDICIARY** - Former mob boss James "Whitey" Bulger heads back to federal court in Boston on Tuesday as it emerged he visited Boston in disguise and heavily armed on several occasions while on the FBI's 10 Most Wanted List.

### U.S. ATTORNEY TO FOCUS ON "MOST SERIOUS" BULGER CHARGES

Former mob boss James "Whitey" Bulger appeared in federal court in Boston on Tuesday after the Justice Department sought to drop racketeering charges from a 1994 indictment to focus on the most serious accusations, including murder. The government, which took the move hours before Bulger was due in court, said focusing on the 19 murder charges could expedite justice for the victims' families, since a conviction on just one count could send

Bulger to prison for life. Bulger's provisional attorney complained the move amounted to "forum shopping" by authorities, since the 1994 case was to be heard in front of Judge Mark Wolf while the murder charges would be heard by Judge Richard Stearns. Peter Krupp, representing Bulger until a permanent counsel is selected, was granted until the end of the day on Wednesday to review the move and address the proposed dismissal.

### JURYWEIGHS FIRST US FOREIGN BRIBE STING CASE

Jurors have seen grenade launchers, M4 rifles and secretly recorded videos of military suppliers working on a deal to funnel money to an official of an African nation they wanted to buy their weapons. After a six-week trial, the 12 jurors in federal court are deliberating the guilt or innocence of the businessmen arrested in the first undercover sting operation designed to enforce a 1977 law against foreign bribery. nac-

ted during the Watergate era, the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act had fallen into infrequent use. But enforcement has ballooned since the last years of the George W. Bush administration, as more companies do business abroad and senior corporate officials have had to certify financial statements under laws passed in response to corporate accounting scandals.

### FIREFIGHTERS BEAT BACK FLAMES ON NUCLEAR LAB PROPERTY

Firefighters in New Mexico struggled through to hold back a fierce blaze roaring out of control at the edge of the Los Alamos National Laboratory, a sprawling nuclear weapons complex that includes a plutonium facility.



Flames licked all day at the boundary of the 28,000-acre laboratory site, as

fire crews scurried to douse spot fires carried onto the grounds by winds from the leading edge of the blaze. The laboratory was shut down, and the adjacent town of Los Alamos, home to about 12,000 people, was placed under a mandatory evacuation earlier. The so-called Las Conchas Fire had scorched more than 50,000 acres in and around the Santa Fe National Forest, creeping to within 4 miles of the center of the town of Los Alamos.

### SPORT

**TENNIS** - Sabine Lisicki continued her heart-warming run at this year's Wimbledon championships when she beat Marion Bartoli on Tuesday to become the first German woman to reach the semi-finals since 1999.

**BASEBALL** - The Los Angeles Dodgers were cleared on Tuesday to borrow \$60 million to make payroll, but the team spent its first full day in bankruptcy battling with Major League Baseball.

**GOLF** - Tiger Woods, who skipped

this month's U.S. Open with leg injuries, said on Tuesday he was not sure whether he would be ready to play in the British Open.

**FOOTBALL** - Former Miami Dolphins and West Virginia quarterback Pat White has signed with the United Football League's Virginia Destroyers.

**HOCKEY** - Durable two-way center Brooks Laich signed a six-year, \$27 million deal with the Washington Capitals on Tuesday, opting to stay with the team rather than test the open market.

### INTERNATIONAL

**GREECE, Athens** - Greek police fired teargas and battled groups of hooded youths near parliament on Tuesday in a rally against anti-austerity measures international lenders have demanded to stave off national bankruptcy.

**EGYPT, Cairo** - An Egyptian military court Tuesday ordered a retrial for al Qaeda leader Ayman al-Zawahri's brother, who has spent a decade in jail on charges of joining the banned organisation.

**SPAIN, Madrid** - Spain will propose new reforms to set spending caps for its autonomous regions and protect indebted home owners from eviction in the final months before general elections in March, the prime minister said.

**THE HAGUE** - The International Criminal Court's chief prosecutor said Tuesday it could be "game over" within months for Muammar Gaddafi, but China reacted cautiously to the issuing of an arrest warrant for the Libyan leader on charges of crimes against humanity.

**ISRAEL, Jerusalem** - Israeli Foreign Minister Avigdor Lieberman said on Tuesday participants in an aid flotilla planning to challenge an Israeli blockade of the Gaza Strip were seeking "confrontation and blood."

**BAHRAIN, Manama** - Saudi Arabia will withdraw most of its security forces from neighbouring Bahrain, where they helped quell protests in March, a Bahrain government source said.

**FRANCE, Paris** - France's opposition Socialist leader Martine Aubry launched a bid Tuesday to challenge Nicolas Sarkozy for the presidency in 2012, casting herself as a people's champion fighting power and privilege.

**TURKEY, Ankara** - Turkey's new parliament opened in a tense atmosphere on Tuesday as the main opposition party and Kurdish deputies boycotted the ceremony in protest over lawmakers kept in prison.

**IRAN, Teheran** - Iran's elite Revolutionary Guards fired 14 missiles in an exercise Tuesday, one of them a medium-range weapon capable of striking Israel or US targets in the Gulf.

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