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Best strawberry shortcake is also the easiest



## Riot erupts after funeral in Baltimore

Governor declares state of emergency, calls out National Guard; daily curfew imposed

By TOM FOREMAN JR. and AMANDA LEE MYERS  
Associated Press

BALTIMORE — Rioters plunged part of Baltimore into chaos Monday, torching a pharmacy, setting police cars ablaze and throwing bricks at officers hours after thousands mourned the man who died from a severe spinal injury he suffered in police custody.

The governor declared a state of emergency and called in the National Guard to restore order — but authorities were still struggling to quell pockets of unrest after midnight.

The violence, which be-

BALTIMORE, Page A2



JERRY JACKSON/The Baltimore Sun

Firefighters battle a three-alarm fire Monday at a senior living facility under construction in East Baltimore. It was unclear Monday night if the fire was connected to the protests.

## QUAKE DEATH TOLL TOPS 4,000



CARL LACASSE

Residents of Kathmandu, Nepal, assess the aftermath of a magnitude-7.8 earthquake that shook the region Saturday, killing thousands.

Aid workers, officials plead for food, shelter, medicine in remote, damaged villages

By KATY DAIGLE and BINAJ GURUBACHARYA  
Associated Press

KATHMANDU, Nepal — As the death toll from Nepal's devastating earthquake climbed past 4,000, aid workers and officials in remote, shattered villages near the epicenter pleaded Monday for food, shelter and medicine.

Help poured in after Saturday's magnitude-7.8 quake, with countries large and small sending medical and rescue teams, aircraft and basic supplies. Kathmandu's small airport was congested and chaotic, with some flights forced to turn back early in the day.

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■ Hockinson High School graduates Jade Budden and Dani Lueck, who are in Nepal volunteering, tell their story of Saturday's earthquake.

Buildings in parts of the city were reduced to rubble, and there were shortages of food, fuel, electricity and shelter. As bodies were recovered, relatives cremated the dead along the Bagmati River, and at least a dozen pyres burned late into the night.

Conditions were far worse in the countryside, with rescue workers still struggling to reach mountain villages two days after the earthquake.

Some roads and trails to the Gorkha district, where the quake was centered, were blocked by landslides — but also

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## Vancouver photojournalist captures the need in Nepal



Carl LaCasse Vancouver man in Nepal during Saturday's earthquake

By EMILY GILLESPIE  
Columbian staff writer

A Vancouver man is witnessing first-hand the destruction and devastation felt in Nepal after a magnitude-7.8 earthquake struck the region Saturday.

Photojournalist Carl LaCasse, 54, was in the country with a group from Portland-area nonprofit Ignite the World Ministries. The group's goal was to learn about and document the needs of people in countries including the Philip-

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## Fire officials anticipate 'challenging summer'

By PATTY HASTINGS  
Columbian staff writer

The state Department of Natural Resources is getting a jump start on the wildfire season by enlisting and training firefighters earlier than usual.

**HOW YOU CAN HELP**

■ Homeowners can take advantage of the dry weather by trimming trees and bushes to keep them away from the house. This helps protect homes from wildfires or brush fires.

■ Learn more about Washington's drought at [www.ecy.wa.gov/drought](http://www.ecy.wa.gov/drought).

"We've had to make sure we're ready sooner than normal," said department spokesman Joe Smillie. "We're expecting a challenging summer."

With the statewide snowpack around 20 percent of normal, the forests may be drier than normal as summer approaches. Typically, when the snowpack melts it moistens the ground and trees, but apparently that won't happen this year.

Wildfire danger around the state is low right now, according to the state Department of Natural Resources. And typically, wildfire danger is lower in Clark County than the east side of the state, Smillie said. Gov. Jay Inslee expanded Washington's drought emergency on April 17, designating Southwest Washington and all of Clark County as drought declaration areas.

Smillie wasn't sure if more wildland firefighters will be hired this season than in prior seasons. The state can get help from neighbor-

FIRE SEASON, Page A2

## Murray no longer an underdog in D.C.

Longtime Washington senator a contender for chamber's No. 2 post

By LAURIE KELLMAN  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — There's a disturbance in the force of the tradition-bound Senate, and her name is Patty Murray.

The Washington state Democrat, once famously dubbed "just a mom in tennis shoes," is the reason behind an uncomfortable power standoff between two men who intend to lead the Democrats after Minority Leader Harry Reid retires. Murray, her quiet style and her clout amassed after more than 22 years in the Senate, poses a challenge to the way things work in

Washington. She's poised to be the first woman in the Senate's top-tier leadership. And she's outgrown her image as the ultimate underdog, if not the mom in storied footwear.

Murray pats a ceramic Nike sneaker decorating an end table in her Capitol Hill office.

"It's who I am," Murray, 64,

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ANDREW HARNIK/Associated Press

U.S. Sen. Patty Murray of Washington is a contender for a top post in her chamber when fellow Democrat Harry Reid retires.

**Weather, B6**

High: 60  
Low: 42  
A shower

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Thomas Sowell: Nothing to learn from EU antitrust laws

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