

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Barack Obama has signed into law a measure keeping the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan from running out of money. The \$106 billion spending bill also includes money to fight swine flu and a "cash for clunkers" program encouraging drivers to switch to more fuel-efficient cars. Obama says the spending is important and thanked Congress for putting politics aside. Obama says the legislation will pay for winding down of the war in Iraq and defeating terrorists in Afghanistan.

NASA PLANS FUELING TEST FOR SPACE SHUTTLE

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP)—NASA will conduct a fueling test next week on space shuttle Endeavour to see if a hydrogen gas leak has been plugged. The leak led to back-to-back launch delays earlier this month while the spacecraft was being fueled. Engineers suspect the leak was caused by a misaligned plate on the shuttle's external fuel tank, where it hooks up to a vent line. A pair of Teflon seals will be replaced, this time with more supple ones, and the misalignment will be corrected. A fueling test is planned for next Wednesday to make sure that the repairs are successful.

MARMOT CAUSES A RUCKUS

PROSSER, Wash. (AP)—Diners in a central Washington state wine town got a visit from a furry and unwelcome dinner guest. A big rodent called a marmot wandered in the front door of a restaurant in Prosser on Monday and settled into a corner. Marmots, closely related to ground squirrels, are a longtime problem in Prosser. They dig through gardens, chew electrical wires and foul front porches with droppings. The city paid a trapper \$5,700 over two years to reduce the population but ran short of money last year.

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Not letting the heat beat 'em

■ Summer temps soar, quickly

by Kelly Grinsteiner
Assistant Editor

HIBBING — Only a matter of days into summer, and Mother Nature has turned the heat on high.

Temperatures have soared across the nation — and here in the Northland — since Monday. Some cities, including the Twin Cities area and broad areas of Greater Minnesota, were even under heat warnings or advisories earlier this week.

The weather service says temperatures will continue to climb toward the 90s, and coupled with the high humidity it will feel like it's 95 to 100 degrees.

Forecasts for Hibbing today show a high near 85 degrees, with the high near 88 on Friday.

Minnesota state health officials are reminding people that extreme heat can affect your

health. Some emergency departments have reported an uptick in patients with existing medical conditions that were affected by the heat, according to the Associated Press.

The swing in temps have many scrambling to find ways to stay cool.

A group of friends from a Nashwauk neighborhood bicycled the Mesabi Trail from their homes to O'Brien Reservoir around noon on Wednesday. Although they broke a great sweat getting there, they said the reward of cooling off in the lake was worth it.

"We ran right in (the lake)," said 15-year-old Shelby Nordstrom. "We put down the bikes, didn't stop and got wet."

Nordstrom, as well as his companions Kelsey Kennedy, 13, David Strey, 11, and Keenan Klubben, 10, said the work to get there was worth it.

"The water's actually

warm," said Strey. "But it feels good."

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Minnesota Department of Health recommend the following to beat the heat:

- Drink more fluids than usual, but avoid fluids that contain alcohol or large amounts of sugar. Check with your doctor if you have been advised to limit your intake of fluids or placed on diuretics ("water pills").

- Stay indoors — in an air-conditioned location, if possible. If your home is not air-conditioned, spending a few hours a day in an air-conditioned public place like a public library or shopping mall will help your body cope with the heat.

- Don't rely on electric fans — they may make you more

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Anna Kurth
Shelby Nordstrom, 15, and Kelsey Kennedy, 13, jump off the dock into O'Brien Reservoir to beat the summer heat on Wednesday.

Nearly Six decades since Korean War

■ Iron Range vets remember the Forgotten War

by Matt Nelson
HDT Intern

HIBBING — Don Hildreth played basketball. John "Archie" Moore was a painter. Loren Larson operated heavy machinery.

But when North Korea invaded South Korea on June 25, 1950, these prior lives and occupations were forgotten.

Hildreth joined the U.S. Army shortly after graduating from Floodwood High School in 1949. After infantry basic training, he was sent to photography school in New Jersey, where he learned to be an Army photographer. Following his training there, Hildreth was sent to Yokohama, Japan, to take pictures of the American occupation.

Hildreth was in charge of quarters (CQ) duty when war broke.

"It was a big surprise," said Hildreth, who currently resides in Mountain Iron. "The radios were going nuts — the telephone was ringing like mad."

The next day, Hildreth was met by members of Army intelligence, who brought a pile of negatives containing classified images.

"Only one of them had any photo-

graphic experience," said Hildreth, who suddenly found himself giving instructions to a captain, second lieutenant, major and brigadier general.

Two weeks later, he was sent to Korea.

Moore was sent to Korea in July 1951. Before he joined the Army, he had never been off the Iron Range. He left without fanfare.

"We were not popular," said Moore, who now resides in Hibbing. "I suppose it was because it was too close to World War II."

In Korea, Moore was part of the U.S. Army Infantry, 7th Regiment, Third Infantry Division. He described South Korea as a place of "total devastation."

Moore fought side to side with South Koreans.

"They thought we were all right," Moore said.

Larson was drafted before he graduated from high school in 1946, but was not required to serve immediately.

"I had no desire to go in the service," said Larson, who lives in Hibbing.

Larson's father, a World War I veter-

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Photo submitted
John "Archie" Moore (lower right) was a frontline observer during the Korean War. This photo, originally published in the Hibbing Daily Tribune in 1951, shows Moore during a harassing fire incident.



Photo Submitted
Don Hildreth took thousands of photographs as a U.S. Army photographer in occupied Japan and on the front of the Korean War.

Music, memories and more polka

■ Iron Ranger Days begin Friday

by Matt Nelson
HDT Intern

CHISHOLM — Minnesota Discovery Center will be hosting its first Iron Ranger Days Friday through Sunday.

The event was specifically scheduled for the last weekend in June, which until last year was the traditional time of the Polkafest, according to Beth Pierce, marketing coordinator.

The events begin with a Battle of the Bands at 7 p.m., Friday, June 26, on the amphitheater stage. Area rock bands are slated to compete, including: Euclid, Slapshot, Dysownd, Sorrow's Revenge, Combkill, Workin' Man, First to Fall, Lost Children and Still Nights.

Another band, Fifth Floor, was started only a year ago. All band members are from Hibbing. They competed in their first Battle of the Bands in Duluth last February, which they won.

"We're definitely excited," said Matt Duffney, guitar and vocals, about participating. "It will be a good chance to see how we compare to local music up here."

Duffney said the band has a strategy. "When we practice, we practice like it's the last time we're ever going to practice," he said. "It's been working for us so far."

The winner of the competition will receive a cash prize and perform as the opening band for the '80s impersonation band Hairball at 7 p.m. Saturday, June 27.

Also on Saturday, spectators will be able to experience the new History Players program, which began in June. In the program, actors portray people from the Iron Range's past, and speak in character. It is designed to be educational as well as interactive.

"We have so many interesting people from the Iron Range that we don't know about," said Kelly Florence, education coordinator. "Kids have liked it for finding out how life is different."

Matt Rasmussen, a senior at University of Wisconsin—Superior, will be playing Matti Pelto, a Finnish immigrant who worked in an underground mine and Cuyler Adams, who discovered the Cuyuna Range.

Rasmussen, who is active in theater, said that this type of role is very different from the ones he is used to playing.

"It's very interactive — when you're in a production, it's scripted," he said. "You really have to get down to (the audience's) level, address them differently."

Rasmussen is excited about this weekend. "I hope it'll be fun — I hope we get a lot of people, more exposure, show people what the facility offers," he said.

Polka music will be a part of the weekend. Visitors will have the opportunity to attend a polka Mass at 10 a.m. Sunday, June 28, in the

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Cohasset bank robbed Tuesday

■ Suspect still at large

by Lisa Rosemore
Grand Rapids
Herald-Review

COHASSET — The Woodland Bank was robbed just before noon on Tuesday, spurring an all-day manhunt involving approximately 25 officers from several law enforcement agencies.

The male suspect, who did not show a weapon during the robbery, left the bank with an undetermined amount of cash.

The suspect fled into the woods behind the bank, according to witnesses, said Dean Scherf, investigator for the Itasca County Sheriff's Department. Officers responded to the 911 call within four minutes.

Itasca County Deputy Sheriff Terry Snyder said the 911 call and a silent hold-up alarm from the bank came at 11:55 a.m.

The suspect gave a note to the teller and told the teller he was robbing the bank, Scherf said. He did not threaten with a weapon nor did he



say he had a weapon, Scherf added.

Scherf said law enforcement officers went door to door in Cohasset, showing surveillance pictures to residents and asking if they had seen the suspect.

The area behind the bank was cordoned off as the Itasca County Search and Rescue Team and other law enforcement officials searched the area.

Scherf said the sheriff's office was assisted by the Grand Rapids Police Department and conservation officers from the Minnesota

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Not: Use sunscreen when outdoors

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comfortable, but don't do much to prevent heat-related illness.

- Wear lightweight, light-colored, loose-fitting clothing.
- Never leave people — or animals — in a closed, parked vehicle.
- Check regularly on people who may be at higher risk of heat-related illness, such as infants and young children, people over 65, people with mental illness, and people with chronic health problems like heart disease or high blood pressure.
- If you must spend time outdoors, try to limit your activity to morning and evening. Try to take rest breaks in shady areas.
- Limit physical exercise.

Again, when you do exercise, be sure to take in plenty of fluids.

- When you're outdoors, wear hats and use sunscreen to protect yourself from the sun.



Kelly Grinsteinner
Keenan Klubben, 10, runs away from the splashing by Shelby Nordstrom, 15, after the pair bicycled with friends from Nashwauk to O'Brien Reservoir to take a dip in the lake to cool off.

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Nearly: 'It was a big responsibility'

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an, had returned from the war to find that he had lost his farm and everything he had.

Larson worked for a mining company until he was drafted and sent to basic training. He became part of the infantry, and was sent to Korea in 1951.

Shortly after arriving, Larson became involved in a deadly firefight while on patrol, during which he received a gunshot wound to the head.

"My steel helmet was what saved me," said Larson. "This was the first experience I had."

As a result of the injury, the hearing in Larson's left ear was destroyed, and he was left with nerve damage.

After the United States had entered the war, North Korean forces were forced to retreat. Enemy forces were pushed back past the 38th Parallel — the border between North and South Korea — all the way to the extreme north of the country. The war appeared to be near its end.

Hildreth had followed the advancing Army all the way to the Manchurian border, and was prepared to keep moving north.

Then the war turned.

"Things changed when the Chinese entered the war," said Hildreth. Hildreth was forced to evacuate as quickly as possible to the south.

"One of the signal units was still stringing wire," said Hildreth. "We were trying to tell them to get out of there. Finally, a guy in a liaison plane dropped a message with a monkey wrench and a handkerchief. They got the message."

The Army retreated to the 38th Parallel, where they

remained for the duration of the war and for nearly six decades since.

Moore moved across Korea as a forward observer.

"You're ahead of the line company," described Moore. "Your responsibility is whatever target the lieutenant decides, whether it's a job for the different guns, he makes the decisions. It was a big responsibility."

Many times, Moore lived in a hole. He and his fellow soldiers survived on C-rations.

All three veterans share a particular distaste for the South Korean winters.

"The troops were always real careful about how they shot (the Chinese)," said Hildreth. "The Chinese had jackets that were really warm."

Moore remembered the temperatures being as cold as 35 degrees below zero. Larson remembered moving at 25 degrees below zero, and sleeping under the stars in similar temperatures.

Occasionally, Larson found himself in very close proximity to the enemy.

"We used to watch the Koreans — we could see them," said Larson. "We used to look at one another."

Moore said about the enemy, "The average person has no animosity toward anybody. How could you if you don't know them? I didn't have any animosity toward anybody, and he didn't know me either."

Hildreth left Korea in November 1951, after 18 months of service.

"I would still go back if I could," Hildreth said solemnly. "Sometimes you feel like you didn't complete a job."

Moore finished his service in

August 1952. He was later attached to her Majesty's Royal Canadian Light Infantry Princess Pat Regiment.

"I can tell you what a war is," said Moore. "It's a glorious tribute to the stupidity of man. I see no reason why anybody should be there to start with, except that we're involved with our country's opinion."

Larson left Korea on emergency furlough in 1952 to see his ailing mother. As he had fulfilled his combat requirements, he served the rest of his time in the United States.

The veterans received no recognition upon their return.

"The only ones it affected were the ones that were involved," said Larson. "When I came back, I used to run into people who would say, 'I haven't seen you in a while, where have you been?' The only ones that knew you were gone were your family and friends."

An armistice that stopped the fighting was signed in July 1953 — but the Korean War never really ended.

On May 27, 2009, North Korea announced its intent to withdraw from the ceasefire agreement.

"I think it's a bluff," said Moore. "They're not going to attack the U.S."

Last year, Hildreth purchased a cap that signifies his status as a Korean War veteran (ironically, the cap was made in China). Recently, he found himself approached by a motorcycle enthusiast.

"He spun me around and shook hands and said, 'Thanks for your service,'" said Hildreth. "It makes you think sometimes — maybe it was all worth it."

Music: New displays will be available

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pavilion. A polka dance party featuring Dennis Fichor will follow.

The current exhibit "Scoop on Poop" will be open.

New displays that highlight the lives of Iron Range natives Veda Ponikvar, founder of the Chisholm Free Press, and the Rev. Frank Perkovich, who brought polka Mass to the Vatican, will be available to the

public.

A photography exhibit by Bryan Stenlund will also be on display.

Comedy juggler Jason Huneke will be performing during the weekend at various locations. There will also be a petting zoo and mini-golfing will be open.

Battle of the Bands tickets are \$10 per person, while Hairball tickets are \$15 per person.

A round of mini-golf costs \$4

for Minnesota Discovery Center members, and \$5 for nonmembers.

General admission fees of \$8 per adults, \$7 for seniors, \$6 for students and free to 6 and under apply all weekend. Minnesota Discovery Center Members are admitted free.

The Minnesota Discovery Center was formerly known as Ironworld.

Cohasset: Search continued Wednesday

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Department of Resources (DNR). A search dog from the Hibbing Police Department was utilized, as well as a DNR plane and a helicopter from the Minnesota State Patrol.

The search was called off just after 8 p.m. Tuesday. The search continued Wednesday.

Scherf said both the FBI and

the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA) have been notified. Investigators were working with the FBI on the case Wednesday morning.

Snyder described the suspect as a white male, 5'8 to 5'10, 180 to 210 pounds and between 40 to 50 years old. He was wearing a green Army-style hat with a 360-degree brim; dark,

plastic sunglasses; a green T-shirt; a waist-length blue jean jacket and blue jean pants. He was described as having a two-day beard growth and a slight potbelly.

Anyone with information on the robbery is asked to contact the Itasca County Sheriff's Department at (218) 326-3477 or (800) 458-8732.

Today's Top News Stories



Here's a quick look at the headline news in the United States and the around the globe

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — North Korea accused Washington of seeking to "provoke a second Korean War" as the regime prepared to hold maritime military exercises off the eastern coast. U.S. and regional authorities were watching closely for signs that North Korea might fire short- or mid-range missiles during the June 25 to July 10 timeframe cited in a no-sail ban for military drills sent to Japan's Coast Guard.

North Korea had warned previously it would fire a long-range missile as a response to U.N. Security Council condemnation of an April rocket launch seen as a cover for its ballistic missile technology.

An underground nuclear test last month drew more Security Council action: a resolution seeking to clamp down on North Korea's trading of banned arms and weapons-related material by requiring U.N. member states to request inspections of ships carrying suspected cargo.

explanation for these high-energy glowing blobs that have been observed for about a decade. Astronomers looked at 29 of these gaseous blobs in one distant area of the universe, dating back to more than 11 billion years ago.

One theory was that they were young galaxies cooling off. But the new research says they are hot and chaotic with gas halos, growing supermassive black holes and about to stabilize. The blobs are the adolescent galaxies and the hydrogen gas, leftover from their creation.

Study lead author James Geach of Durham University in England said in an e-mail that the reason chaos is occurring in the blobs "is due to the violent processes occurring in the galaxies, black hole growth, starbursts, mergers. They're having a final 'tantrum' before they're done growing and then 'passively' evolve to the present day.

"These could be the signal of galaxies coming of age," Geach said later in a telephone news conference.

In a first test of the new resolution, a North Korean ship suspected of transporting illicit weapons was sailing off China's coast with a U.S. destroyer close behind.

The Kang Nam, which left the North Korean port of Nampo a week ago, is believed bound for Myanmar, South Korean and U.S. officials said.

NEW YORK (AP) — The Federal Reserve didn't surprise investors but still left them disappointed.

BAGHDAD (AP) — A bomb ripped through a crowded market in Baghdad's main Shiite district on Wednesday, killing at least 69 people and wounding more than 100 less than a week before a deadline for U.S. combat troops to leave Iraq's urban areas.

Stocks closed mostly higher Wednesday after the Fed said the economy was on the mend and orders for big-ticket manufactured items posted an unexpected increase. Although the Dow Jones industrials fell modestly, the broader market measures ended the day with gains.

A series of blasts this week have killed more than 160 people, as U.S. and Iraqi officials warned they expected more violence before the U.S. withdrawal from cities.

Bond prices fell after the Fed said it wouldn't step up its spending to purchase Treasuries and other debt to pry interest rates lower.

American troops already have begun pulling back from the joint bases that they occupied with Iraqi security forces as part of a counterinsurgency strategy aimed at clearing volatile areas and holding them.

The central bank's decision to leave its key lending rate at a low of zero to 0.25 percent was anticipated but some investors have been hoping the central bank would do more to help revive the economy. Others wanted the Fed to more clearly lay out how it will keep inflation in check.

The recent spike in violence has raised new concern about the ability of Iraqi forces to protect the people, but a U.S. military spokesman insisted that American combat troops would be out of the cities by Tuesday as required by a security pact.

"The Fed is still stuck on that tightrope of trying to make sure they provide enough reassurance to keep the recovery going but at the same time try to allay the concern that they won't allow inflation to get going either," said Bruce McCain, chief investment strategist at Key Private Bank in Cleveland.

Brig. Gen. Steve Lanza said the recent high-profile attacks, which are usually blamed on Sunni insurgents, were part of an effort to rekindle sectarian violence that pushed the country to the brink of civil war.

In the economic assessment statement accompanying its rate decision, the Fed said the economy doesn't appear to be sliding as quickly as it had been. It noted that consumer spending has shown further signs of stabilizing although job losses, shrinking wealth and tight credit remain problems. And while the Fed said economic activity is likely to remain weak for some time, it repeated its belief that stimulus policies will restore the economy to growth.

PARKERSBURG, Iowa (AP) — A high school coach who helped launch several professional football careers was gunned down by a former player Wednesday morning in front of students taking part in an offseason workout, authorities said.

BEMIDJI, Minn. (AP) — Authorities say a Bemidji man and his father were in the canoe that capsized on Little Sandy Lake last weekend, resulting in the death of the son.

Mark Becker, who was supposed to have been taken to a hospital psychiatric ward after allegedly leading police on a high-speed chase Saturday night, unloaded several rounds into Aplington-Parkersburg High School football coach Ed Thomas and was arrested at a nearby home soon afterward, said Kevin Winker, assistant director of the Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation.

The sheriff's office said Wednesday that 76-year-old Lawrence Toenyan of Bemidji stayed with the capsized canoe and was rescued by a resident.

Winker said he couldn't discuss what Becker's motive for the slaying might have been, or what Becker might have been up to in the days leading up to the shooting.

But his 45-year-old son Wayne Toenyan was found by deputies in about five feet of water and was pronounced dead at the scene.

"Motive is one of those things we're looking into," Winker said.

School was not in session, and Becker did not threaten any of the students in the room, he said.

The cause of death hasn't been determined pending the results of an autopsy.

The older man was treated for hypothermia and released after the accident Sunday evening.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Mysterious space blobs aren't infant galaxies as astronomers once thought. Scientists say they mostly consist of galaxies going through puberty, all hot and bothered.

A new study using NASA's Chandra X-Ray Observatory and other space and ground telescopes comes up with an



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