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5 COUNTRIES, 1 TEAM



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Abdelgadir Mohamed, left, and Sagar Bhattarai, right, of Canyon Ridge, celebrate after Bhattarai scores the first goal of the game against the Twin Falls Bruins in 2016. Mohamed and Bhattarai are two of the eight refugee players on the 2017 Canyon Ridge boys varsity soccer team.

Players from five different countries make up the 2017 Canyon Ridge High school boys varsity soccer team. For them, soccer is more than a game; It's a means to integrate into a new culture, and a way to gel with each another.

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Wildfires threaten Sonoma, wineries

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SONOMA, Calif. — The California wildfires raced toward wineries and the historic town of Sonoma on Saturday, chasing hundreds more people from their homes and threatening to roll back firefighters' modest gains against fires that stretched across a 100-mile swath of Northern California.

Propelled by stiff winds, the fires damaged or destroyed several buildings in the middle of the night before crews halted their advance at the edge of Sonoma, where firefighters spent days digging firebreaks to keep flames from reaching the city's historic central plaza built centuries ago when the area was under Spanish rule.

For those living in the huge fire zone, it was another night spent watching, waiting and fearing the worst.

John Saguto said he awoke several hours before dawn at his home east Sonoma to see flames "lapping up" 300 to 500 yards away. He and his neighbors evac-

uated as firetrucks raced up and down the streets and hot embers flew over their heads.

The fire made "a strong run" into Sonoma and damaged or destroyed additional buildings before firefighters stopped it, said Dave Teter, deputy director of the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.

Several homes and other structures near a vineyard east of downtown were in smoldering ruins. Firefighters hosed down embers and knocked down walls that could topple over.

As of Saturday afternoon, Teter said crews did not expect any more losses in that area. But gusts up to 25 mph were forecast for the rest of the day.

Nearly a week after the blazes began, the fires have left 40 people dead and destroyed at least 5,700 homes and businesses, making them the deadliest and most destructive group of wildfires in California history. About 300 people remain unaccounted for, though officials think they'll locate most of those people alive. Most of the deceased are be-



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A wildfire burns behind a winery Saturday in Santa Rosa, Calif. Fire crews made progress this week in their efforts to contain the massive wildfires in California wine country, but officials say strong winds are putting their work to the test.

lieved to have died late on Oct. 8 or early Oct. 9, when the fires exploded and took people by surprise in the dead of night. Most of the victims were seniors, though they ranged in age from 14 to 100. "It's a horror that no one could have imagined," Gov. Jerry Brown

said, after driving past hundreds of destroyed homes with Sens. Dianne Feinstein and Kamala Harris.

From the sky, large subdivisions that burned to the ground

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Tragedy to new life

Twin Falls family loses home hours before daughter's birth

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TWIN FALLS — Brandi Bradford was in labor Thursday night when she found out her house was burning down.

Just five hours after the fire started, her fourth child — a baby girl, Lydia — was born.

She arrived at 1:34 a.m. Friday at St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center. She's six pounds and measures 19 inches long.

Bradford is among two families displaced by a fire that broke out Thursday night at a duplex on Arrow Wood Court in northwest Twin Falls.

Friends have set up an online GoFundMe page to help Bradford, her fiancée Chris Zamora, and four children: 12-year-old Alexa, 7-year-old Talon, nearly 4-year-old Chris, Jr. and newborn Lydia.

As of Friday afternoon, they'd raised \$250 toward a \$15,000 goal.

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Times-News hosts candidate forums

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TWIN FALLS — Don't know who to vote for in your city's upcoming mayor or City Council election?

The *Times-News* will provide residents in four southern Idaho cities an opportunity to hear from their political candidates this week. The newspaper is hosting candidate forums in Heyburn, Burley, Gooding and Twin Falls.

"The *Times-News* is honored to host these community forums, which lead to better informed voters and a more engaged public," Editor Matt Christensen said. "Folks will have a chance to pose questions to candidates, so the audience is sure to come away with a better understanding of where candidates stand on the issues and their plans for improving their communities."

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■ **If you do one thing:** A dance with Music Melody Masters and a potluck will be held from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Jerome Senior Center, 520 N. Lincoln St. Cost is \$5.

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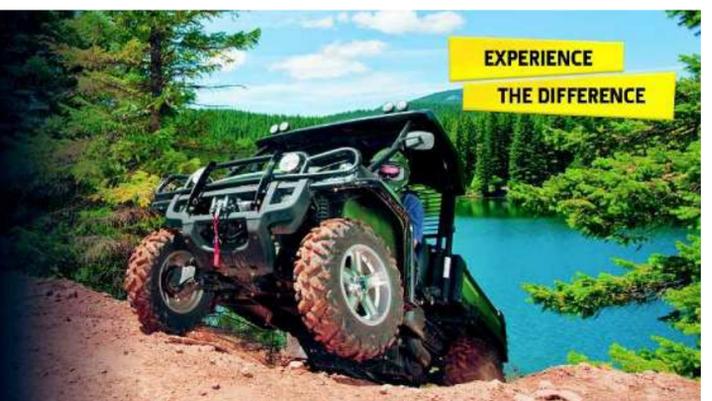


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