

The Rockies

Denver landfill leaks poison

Associated Press
DENVER — Fears that runoff from the Denver-located Lowry Landfill is carrying dangerous chemicals onto land to the north have been confirmed, health officials said.

We now have evidence that contamination is seeping off site, and we have to solve the problem as soon as possible, said Ken Meach, Lowry project officer for the Colorado Department of Health.

Samples taken July 31 after a storm flooded the dump showed traces of a poisonous industrial solvent — 1,1,1 trichloroethane — in

Fears about Lowry confirmed

Murphy Creek two miles north of the landfill.

Meach said the chemical traces pose no danger to public health since the TCE content is at 2 parts per billion, far less than the proposed federal drinking water limit of 200 ppb.

Denver officials have known since 1983 that water was running off the old toxic dump, but argued no contaminants had left the landfill. The state disagrees and Denver

faces fines totaling \$50,000 for two overflows last year.

The Health Department has asked Denver to control the runoff, Meach said.

Denver claims it does not have the funds to control the runoff and says former toxic dump users, including some of Colorado's largest companies, should help pay for temporary containment.

"We're not going to take any action," said Bud Rupert, Denver's

director of waste-water management.

He said the city "can't do anything" at the dump because it is a Superfund site.

Environmental Protection Agency officials, however, have said Denver can control the surface runoff before a Superfund cleanup begins.

"It's really ridiculous," said Bruce Kiser, who lives three miles north of the landfill. "They Denver officials use every excuse for not containing the runoff, and it's just getting worse and worse."

Wire check

Denver Callers rush for Springsteen tickets

More than 23 million calls flooded Denver ticket outlet phone lines during the first hour that Bruce Springsteen concert tickets were sold Friday, concert promoter Barry Fry said.

Fry is producing the Sept. 22 and 23 rock concerts at Denver's Mile High Stadium. He called sales smooth and estimated 50,000 tickets would be sold Friday and another 42,000 Saturday.

The first hour Select-A-Seat outlets opened their Denver phone lines, callers rushed to be first to reserve tickets but more likely than not found the lines busy. They apparently kept trying to make connections.

State panel allows program at Mines

The Colorado Commission on Higher Education has approved a materials-science program at the Colorado School of Mines despite opposition from the University of Colorado and Colorado State University.

Commissioners had adopted a voluntary five-month moratorium on new programs before considering the request, which Mines President George Ansell wouldn't withdraw because he said it couldn't be delayed.

The program is necessary, Ansell said, for Mines to fulfill its role and mission.

Both CU and CSU opposed the program because they said it would detract from materials-science work at their universities.

DUI suspect flees in officer's car

The Denver police department was short a car Saturday. It was taken by a drunk driving suspect who overpowered a detective and left with the officer's gun and unmarked cruiser.

Detective Gary Baldwin, a four-year veteran, stopped the man on a busy street Friday afternoon.

After showing a Texas driver's license, the man grabbed Baldwin around the neck, pulled the officer's five-shot Smith & Wesson pistol from a holster and held it to Baldwin's head, saying, "I'm gonna kill you."

The driver's license the man left behind was in the name of a 35-year-old Fort Worth man.

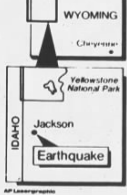
Baldwin's car was still missing Saturday, police said, while the suspect car, which had a bullet hole in the driver's door, was impounded.

Bayfield 3 Town Board members face recall

Four of Bayfield's six Town Board members face a recall election set for Oct. 15.

Recall petitions signed by 142 residents of this southwestern Colorado town accused the board of financial mismanagement, holding secret meetings and refusing to listen to public comment and criticism.

Facing recall are J. B. Fitzpatrick, Glenn Johnston, Tom Lott and Frank Rogers. They deny the accusations and said they would campaign to keep their offices.



Jackson gets 4th quake in 3 weeks

Associated Press
JACKSON, Wyo. — An earthquake that shook four towns in western Wyoming and eastern Idaho was the fourth moderate tremor in less than three weeks, the U.S. Geological Survey says.

A quake measuring 4.6 on the Richter Scale was centered about 20 miles south of Jackson, the same area where three others have been centered since Aug. 21, the USGS National Earthquake Information Center in Golden said.

A tremor measuring 4.6 also shook the Jackson area Aug. 21. Since then, two other quakes measuring 4.3 have been recorded.

Trial will begin Monday for 11 alleged neo-Nazis

Associated Press
SEATTLE — Their goal was to overthrow the U.S. government, prosecutors say.

They hated police, Jews and racial minorities, and the means they employed for assuring the purity of the white race included stockpiling weapons and using them to kill people opposed to their Nazi-like philosophy, according to the government.

To finance their revolution, they robbed armored cars and banks, in investigations alone.

They formed a group called The Order, signed a "Declaration of War" against the United States and hid out in remote backwoods locations from Idaho to Arkansas until federal agents tracked them down in confrontations that sometimes ended in gunfire, wounds and death.

Among the crimes allegedly committed by Order members were the killings of Alan Berg, the outspoken Jewish host of a Denver radio talk show, and Walter West, an Order member who supposedly was killed in Idaho because other members considered him a security threat. West's body has not been found.

Beginning Monday, 10 men and one woman, accused by the government of running a nationwide

A 20-count federal grand jury indictment in April named 23 alleged members of The Order as key participants in crimes that ranged from transportation of firearms and stolen money to armored car heists and murder.

crime network that blossomed from these rural right-wing politics and racist hatreds, go on trial for racketeering.

The U.S. District Court trial, expected to last at least three months, before Judge Walter McGovern, came a lengthy investigation of the white supremacist group variously called The Order, Bruders Schweigen, the Argus Resistance Movement and the White American Revolutionary Army. Authorities say the group was a militant faction that split from the Church of Jesus Christ Christian (Army Nationalist) based in Hayden Lake, Idaho.

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