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Today's news

Search for hope

Rescuers in Ridgeport, Conn., slowly cut through a 40-foot tangle of shattered concrete and bent steel Friday, searching for spaces that might hold 19 missing men and calling for all those who are not yet accounted for.

Fabulous fakes

The discovery that three grand neo-California sculptures at the Dallas Museum of Art actually are cheap copies set treasure hunters on a frantic Friday, as curators combed their collections for similar fakes.

The hoodlums

A bill passed by the Legislature this week will repeal a 1976 law that allows many Mesa College faculty members to consider a petition against arbitrary firing.

Catholic offshoot

The American Catholic Church, a California-based offshoot of the Old Catholic movement that broke from the Roman Church in 1910 over the issue of papal infallibility, just is spreading its wings in the West, a branch in the West, a branch in the West, a branch in the West.

Designing woman

Wesley Kelly, sporting a new long hairstyle, is in her usual workaholic, driving her own design by hand or on the computer, working at the firm of design and drawing that she runs in her fiber creation.

Top Dawg

Casey Lynn Perry, leader at Palmdale High School, owns the state's best performance in the triple jump and the high jump. Despite a pulled thigh muscle, she'll compete in the Tiger Invitational track meet today at Stuckey Stadium in Lincoln Park.

Breast exams

The federal government's top disease prevention official said Friday he hopes a report that vast death on whether breast self-examination alone prevents early death from cancer will not discourage women from performing the procedure.

State probes local policy for Medicaid

The Colorado Department of Social Services Friday announced it has completed an investigation into the handling of Medicaid clients by Mesa County Department of Social Services.

College board to determine minority group funding

Mesa College's minority affairs committee stands a chance to get \$200,000 for programs next year or it could be left with nothing.

GJ officers pursue proposal on pay

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Police, sheriff weigh salary discrepancies

Grand Junction police and Mesa County sheriff's deputies working side by side are being paid differently and that's causing problems, according to Sheriff Don Williams.

Salaries for law enforcement officers

Position	county sheriff	city police
Shifting deputy or policeman, not state certified	\$1,840/month	\$1,840/month
State certified	\$1,840/month	\$1,840/month
Registering sergeant	\$1,840/month	\$2,470/month
Registering lieutenant	\$2,470/month	\$2,470/month
Registering captain	\$2,470/month	\$2,470/month

Williams believes the moral problem has gotten worse in the past seven or eight months, possibly because of the continued poor local economy.



Grand Junction police officers and Mesa County sheriff's deputies often work together as they did recently in chasing down a suspect in a reported stolen truck.

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Members of the Grand Junction Police Officers Association have likely voted to give the city until mid-summer to develop a pay plan, although the voting will be final until the end of the weekend.

The vote, which has been ongoing all week, asked association members whether they wanted to seek an amendment to the city charter to include their pay provisions. Currently, the pay plan is part of the charter.

State probes local policy for Medicaid

John Patterson, director of Mesa County Social Services, sat on BMO's board at one time, but doesn't anymore.

The assessment study was designed to see if Mesa County Social Services workers are complying with federal regulations that require them to treat Medicaid clients a choice among medical service providers.

Bloomfield said the study was initiated as a result of complaints by Medicaid clients and area pharmacists that clients are denied in a Rocky Mountain Health Maintenance Organization.

The pharmacists are concerned about Medicaid clients going with BMO because BMO recently contracted with City Market and Palmdale Pharmacy to provide its clients with prescription drugs.

15 white supremacists indicted

FIFTEEN white supremacists were indicted in Arkansas and Colorado for murder of a radio talk show host, sedition, attempted murder and other crimes, the Justice Department said Friday.

Four other men were indicted on other charges by that grand jury while three of the 14 men indicted in Arkansas plus a woman now imprisoned in California were accused of the murder of Denver talk show host Alan Berg. He was slain in a suburban gun attack outside his home June 18, 1984.



Robert Smiley of Fort Smith, Ark., talks to reporters after he was released on a \$100,000 bond Friday. He was one of the 15 people indicted in connection with an ongoing investigation of white supremacy groups.

College board to determine minority group funding

The allocations committee is made up of six students, two faculty members and three college staff members.

The minority affairs committee received \$200,000 from the allocations committee for the first time last fall, according to Mesa College counselor Dolores Pizarra-Garcia.

Frank Keller, allocations committee chairman, said the committee recommended Wednesday that one-half of 1 percent from the roughly \$30 student fee-funded program on campus be subvented off for the minority affairs committee.

He said the suggestion offers no escape clause for the administration, which sets its budget two years in advance. He said the administration may be forced to take funds away from instruction to hike student fees in order to meet the match.

The allocations committee could come up with as much as \$600,000 if the administration goes along with the proposal, under the terms of the proposal it could be left with nothing.

Keller said he would have rather seen a vote in favor of funding the minority affairs committee with \$50,000 next year, since other programs are recommended to receive the same level of funding again in the fall.

He said the allocations committee recommended that only the Tutor of Learning Center receive an increase from \$10,000 to \$13,000, which is the only committee or for a raise. Committee member Madeline Burcher said at a meeting last week she favored increasing funds for tutoring rather than the minority affairs committee because she thought it would help minority students more.

The recommendation now goes to Dr. Jo Doris, vice president of student and administrative services, and college president, Dr. John Tomlinson, for their recommendations. All recommendations are finally considered and voted on by the consortium trustees.

So far this school year, the minority affairs committee has sponsored the Unity Festival, in which ethnic groups on campus displayed art work and dances, Martin Luther King Day, with speakers and singing, and a multicultural conference that offered all Western Slope college students the chance to glean from the college experience of minority professors.