

National briefs

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DILLON, Mont. — It was a typical Labor Day celebration, with thousands of people lining a parade route when a low-flying jet plane hit a 140-foot-high grain elevator at the edge of the crowd.
Dillon's volunteer firemen were in the parade and quickly responded, keeping the crowd under control and quelling the fires with the help of a helicopter.
The pilot, Montana Air National Guard Capt. Joel Rude, 31, of Great Falls, was killed when he ejected from the F-106 fighter plane at an angle and smashed into the ground 75 feet away. A highway patrol officer and two women were burned, including a pregnant mother who was flown to a Salt Lake City burn center in critical condition.
Investigators sought today to determine whether the crash was due to pilot error or equipment malfunction.

GREY, La. — Randy Ward's Labor Day apparently did not go as planned.
Ward was identified Monday as the armed robber who held up a gas station and escaped — briefly — with a fistful of cash.
However, during his getaway he tripped on a sidewalk curb, fell and shot himself.
He was in satisfactory condition in a local hospital recuperating comfortably, but held under house arrest.

David Storm to hit Georgia

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SAVANNAH, Ga. — Hurricane David, which killed nearly 1,000 in the Caribbean and inflicted heavy property damage in Florida, neared the Georgia coast Tuesday with top winds still clocked at 90 mph.
At noon EDT Tuesday, the National Hurricane Center said David was centered at latitude 31.0 north and longitude 80.9 west, or about 75 miles south southeast of Savannah. It was moving northward at 12 to 15 mph.
Coastal residents in Georgia, North and South Carolina braced for the hurricane's approach, as the toll continued to mount in the Dominican Republic, where authorities put the official count at more than 10,000 reported deaths.
The massive storm was hurling heavy rains at the Georgia coast with tides 3 feet above normal. Forecasters said they expect heavy rains of 6-10 inches on the South Carolina coast by tonight and tides 6 feet above normal are expected.
The projected track takes the storm near and parallel to the Georgia coast today and to the North Carolina coast by evening.
Forecasters warned. But they expect even a slight veer to the left of the track would bring the center of the storm to the Georgia coast.
Hurricane warnings were extended northward from Charleston, S.C. to Cape Fear, N.C., and warnings were continued southward from Charleston to Daytona Beach, Fla.
Hurricane watch was in effect south of Cape Fear to Cape Hatteras, N.C.
A storm, possibly spawned by storm activity created by Hurricane David, was spotted over

Man refuses Orioles game seat

Paraplegic fan arrested

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BALTIMORE — The trial of a paraplegic Baltimore Orioles fan charged with refusing to sit in a section of Memorial Stadium set aside for handicapped spectators was postponed Tuesday until Oct. 2.
Thomas Turner said he paid his money to see the Orioles play but from Section 29, the area reserved for the handicapped, his view of the batter and pitcher was blocked.
The 22-year-old Army veteran was arrested and charged Sunday with violating ballpark rules by blocking an aisle during the

Orioles-Twins game and disobeying orders to move. He was lifted while still in his wheelchair and taken to a nearby precinct station.
Officials said Turner plans to attack the park rule as unconstitutional.
The rule requires handicapped people with wheelchairs to sit in Section 29, but Thomas said he had a ticket allowing him to sit in Section 9.
Turner, who was injured in an automobile accident, said he prefers sitting in Section 9 rather than Section 29.

"And if I'm in Section 29 — and I checked out that section — and someone hits something, everyone stands up. All I get is a good view of their —. In the upper place — Section 9 — I can see the Orioles," Turner said.

No apples or \$s in teacher strikes

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School bells in dozens of communities were silenced Tuesday by money — or rather, the lack of it — with teachers either already walking picket lines or threatening to strike for higher pay.
An unbroken impasse in Metairie, La., where the school board has not officially met since two-thirds of the parish's 3,100 teachers walked out a week ago demanding a 20 percent pay increase, was typical.
"The teachers are strong," said Jefferson Parish Federation of Teachers Union President Jan Skelton. "They are together. They will remain on strike until it (the contract) is resolved."
"We have nothing left to offer," said School Board President Andy Valence, after calling an "unofficial" board meeting to assess the strike.
"That's the whole tragedy of the situation. They think we are cheating them or something, but we're not. We can't offer them any more."
Labor troubles extended the summer vacation in seven other states — Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan and Vermont, and last-minute bargaining sessions were under way in several others.

Two Ohio school districts also were strikebound and teachers in a third threatened to walk out Tuesday.
In Michigan, about 3,100 teachers were on strike in 11 school districts, two other strikes were slated for Tuesday, and the Michigan Education Association reported "very little progress" in talks in five other districts.

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