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#### Russians Mourn 118 Dead Soldiers

MOSCOW - Stunned Russians mourn the 118 sailors who died on a submarine as distraught relatives demand to be taken to the spot in the Barents Sea where the bodies remain trapped in the wreck. President Vladimir Putin, criticized for his administrations often bumbling handling of the crisis, flew to the navy's main base in northern Russia and is to visit families of the crew quartered nervy, a navy spokesman said.

#### More People Die Despite Recall

DETROIT - At least three people have died and four have been injured in vehicles with recalled Firestone tires since the recall began. Feeling the pressure, Ford Motors says it has decided to stop production at three truck plants so it can take 70,000 tires intended for new vehicles and use them as replacements. Only 500,000 of the 6.5 million have been changed so far.

#### Libya Ok's Ransom to Philippine Rebels

MANILA, Philippines - Libya reluctantly agreed to pay the entire miltimillion-dollar ransom demanded by Philippine Muslim guerrillas in a lastditch effort to win the release of 12 foreign hostages, negotiators said. Libva, which has long had ties with Philippine Muslim separatists, has played a prominent role in negotiations with Abu Sayyaf, hoping it can improve its international image.

### Air Force Creates Pilotless Bombers

WASHINGTON - The Air Force is poised to unleash a new weapon: miniaturized, pilotless bombers that would keep U.S. fliers out of harm's way. The aircraft is known in military parlance as "UCAV" for Unmanned Combat Air Vehicle. A prototype of the 26-foot long, bommerang-shaped craft rolls off Boeing's assembly line in September

#### and undergoes testing next spring. **Barak Formally Offers** Palestinians a State

JERUSALEM - While many have assumed that an end to the Arab-Israeli conflict would involve the creation of a Palestinian state, Prime Minister Ehud Barak has been ambiguous on the matter - until now that is. Barak offered the Palestinians an independent state in return for a formal end to their conflict with Israel. Barak left little room for doubt.

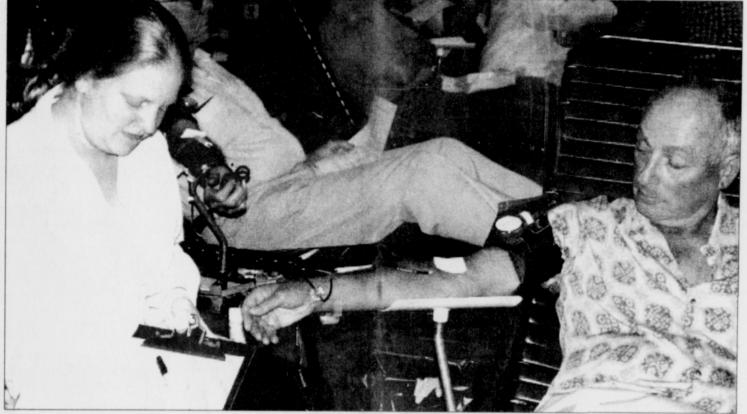
#### From Strip Malls to Classroom

School districts that can't build schools fast enough to keep up with exploding enrollment are grabbing whatever space they can in the most unlikely places from abandoned strip malls and warehouses to vacant grocery stores and car dealerships. The number of school-age children is soaring nationwide. Public-school enrollment has jumped 15% to 47.5 million since 1990, according to the Department of Education.

#### **Dot-coms Could Run Out** of Cash

LOS ANGELES - There are fresh signs that the already nasty Internet stock shakeout could get nastier. Although most Internet retailers have seen their shares plummet to the single digits, many keep burning cash so fast that time may run out before they can prove they can become profitable to Wall Street.

## Red Alert continues into second day



Donors lined up to donate blood yesterday in hopes of helping the American Red Cross collect blood during its Red Alert crisis.

• 1.000 Extra Donors this Week Will Quickly Put an End to Red Alert

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American Red Cross has extended its

collection hours, bolstered staffing, increased

available parking, and done more to accommodate a needed increase in blood donations, These increased donations are needed to end a Red Alert, a blood shortage that results in hospitals receiving half of the blood they typically need to meet patient transfusion demands. Red Cross blood bank officials indicate that there is less than a oneday supply of blood avilable for patients in more than 80 hospitals across the Pacific Northwest. A three-day supply is the norm. AT the same time, for more than two weeks,

weekly transfusion demand has increased by more than 400 units.

"Our first day of Red Alert resulted in tremendous public response," said Trudy Sullivan, Chief Operating Officer. "We collected more than 330 units above goal yesterday. However, we will need at least 200 additional donors each day (above our 1,000 pint daily goal) to put an end to the Red Alert this week." Collections at he Red Cross's a Monday usually brings. Collections at the call 503/284-4040.

more than 20 blood drives across the 95,000square-mile region were also significantly above average.

Sullivan said the organization needs to continue to see this level of donor support, patience and understanding to stabilize the blood supply, and added that the agency is throwing all of its operational and human resources at the problem.

"We hope our donors will call and schedule an appointment, so the wait will be minimized for them. Many people ask us to add additional staff to our teams to enhance customer service. However, our training curriculum for our collection staff requires a two-month commitment. We are working to ensure we get donors in and out quickly, but ask for their patience and suggest they consider other sites, in addition to our Center, when making their donation appointment.

Anyone at least 17 or older, in good general health and weighing at least 105 pounds may be eligible to donate, less than five percent of the Portland-Metropolitan area routinely gives blood. Donations can be given every eight weeks, or 56 days.

Donors should call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE, or 503/ 284-4040 to make an appointment. During the week of August 21, the Portland Center will be open:

Monday, August 21 noon to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, August 22 11:45 am to 8:15 pm Wednesday, August 23 11:45 am to 8:15 pm Thursday, August 24 7:30 am to 4 pm Friday, August 25 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, August 26 7:30 am to 2 pm Sunday, August 27 12:30pm to 5 pm We recognize your time is valuable. To make Portland Headquarters were twice as high as an appointment to donate at a different time,

## Airport MAX gets new pedestrian bridge

Tri-Met's Airport MAX light rail line is another step closer to completion

with the installation of the 80ton pedestrian bridge over I-205 at the

Parkrose/Sumner MAX station.

It took four hours on early Friday morning (Aug. 18) to lift the pedestrian

bridge from the Parkrose Transit Center (95th & NE Sandy Blvd) and install

it over the northbound lanes of I-205. The bridge allows MAX riders to walk

from the transit center to the MAX station located in the median of I-205.



## Phil Reynolds scholarship recognizes outstanding youth



Jessica White CONTRIBUTEDSTORY FOR THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

Phil Reynolds was born in DeSoto, Georgia, on July 4, 1889. He spent his early life in and around parts of Georgia and Louisiana until he joined the U.S. Army at the age of fourteen.

He saved with the 24Th infantry Division for 12 years, participating in the Philippine Insurrection at the turn of the century. Phil Reynolds was honorably discharged in 1914 in Spokane, Washington, and stated to work with the Spokane-Portland-Seattle Railway



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Company. He married E'lise A. Williams in Spokane in June 1915. His work soon took him to Portland, Oregon. He left SP&S Railroad Company and began working for the Northern Pacific Terminal Company in 1922.

Phil Reynolds served the Terminal Company as a Redcap for 35 years. In 1935 he was appointed Supervisor of Redcaps and held that position until his retirement in 1957.

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