

**BREATHE EASY**

Sunny, dry and cooler today, with highs in the mid-60s; clear tonight. Forecast, E12

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## From north to south, bear attracts attention across R.I.

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**NARRAGANSETT** — A black bear spent a drizzly morning yesterday roaming the banks of a South County river, tearing apart a backyard bird-feeder and eluding the police and officers from the Department of Environmental Management responding to calls from residents who spotted the bear in a heavily populated neighborhood.

By late last night, DEM officials and the Narragansett po-

lice said they believed they had the animal cornered in the Mettattuxet area near Boston Neck Road.

Authorities last night said that a clutch of bear gawkers made it too difficult to shoot the bear with a sedative and that they planned to wait until dawn before attempting to subdue the animal using a tranquilizer dart.

Earlier in the day, Narragansett Police Deputy Chief Dean Hoxsie said the South King-

stown police got a call that a bear was spotted in the Middlebridge area — across Narrow River from Narragansett — and then the Narragansett station started

getting calls. "He must have taken a swim across the river," Hoxsie said.

Steven H. Hall, chief of the DEM's Division of Law Enforcement, said the South Kingstown police called him about 6:20 a.m. saying a bear had been sighted in their town. While Hall wasn't sure if it was the same bear he had been hearing about, he said calls started coming in more than a week ago, first from Glocester, where a bear was spotted running across a road. By mid-week, a bear was spotted at a



A black bear about two years old and weighing an estimated 110 to 125 pounds is spotted yesterday in South County.

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## Thousands flee threat of floods in China

Lakes created by landslides threaten to overflow their banks and inundate areas already devastated by the recent earthquakes.

BY **JILL DREW**  
THE WASHINGTON POST

**CHENGDU, China** — More than two weeks after a catastrophic earthquake, a pair of powerful aftershocks collapsed hundreds of thousands of homes in central China yesterday, as soldiers and engineers worked feverishly to prevent a swelling lake from inundating nearby towns.

No deaths were immediately reported in the aftershocks. Many of the more than 400,000 homes that collapsed, according to the official New China News Service, were already badly damaged by a 5.9-magnitude quake that rocked the area shortly after the initial May 12 earthquake.

Still, the tremors in Qingchuan county, in Sichuan province, and Ningqiang county, in neighboring Shaanxi province, were further reminders that the crisis in this region, and the attendant anxieties of its people, are unlikely to dissipate any time soon. More than 67,000 people have been reported dead, and about 21,000 are missing.

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## Warwick man scales Everest on second try

"I have been where humans are just not supposed to be," says Timothy Warren.

BY **SCOTT MACKAY**  
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**PROVIDENCE** — The second time is the charm for Warwick chiropractor Timothy Warren, who is believed to be the only Rhode Islander to reach the summit of Mount Everest, the world's tallest mountain.

Warren reached the top of Mount Everest on Friday, according to a news release from A Wish Come True, the Warwick-based organization that grants wishes to children ages 3 through 18 who suffer from life-threatening illnesses.

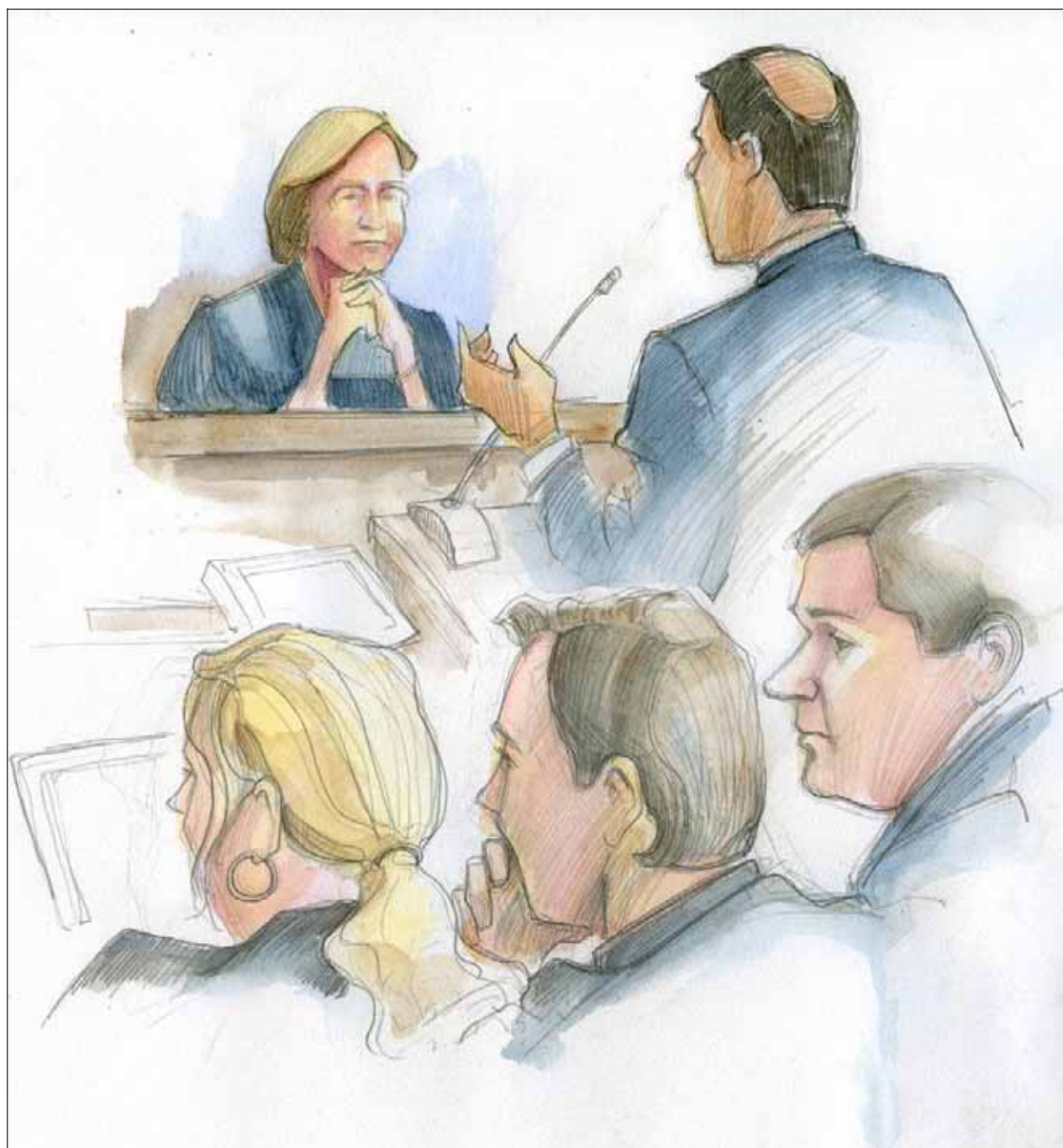
In a post on his Web site yesterday, Warren said he is tired but pleased that he reached the summit on his second try at climbing Everest. In 2007, Warren made it to 24,000 feet on the mountain but was forced to abort his quest for the



WARREN

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## Prosecution under fire as defense rests in CVS case



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U.S. Attorney Robert Clark Corrente argues against a motion in front of Chief U.S. District Judge Mary M. Lisi. In foreground, from left, are prosecutors Annlou Tiro, Daniel Petalas and Stephen G. Dambruch.

## Celona's 'new memories' at heart of trial dispute

BY **MIKE STANTON**  
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**PROVIDENCE** — The credibility of John Celona, the state's star witness in the federal corruption case against two former CVS executives, came under sharp attack from the defense yesterday, but their lawyers declined to take up the judge's offer to let them recall the corrupt former state senator to the witness stand.

Instead, the defense in the trial of John R. "Jack" Kramer and Carlos Ortiz rested its case without calling any witnesses. Chief U.S. District Judge Mary M. Lisi gave the jurors the day off today and scheduled a private chamber conference with lawyers for both sides this afternoon to discuss her charge to the jury. Closing arguments are set for tomorrow.

For several dramatic minutes yesterday, it appeared that the judge might throw out the federal corruption case because the prosecution had failed to disclose key information on the eve of trial.

Instead, the judge gave the defense the option of recalling Celona,

SEE **CVS, A7**

## R.I. coupled killed when their motorcycle collides with car

Brad and Rosemarie Randall were riding their motorcycle in Connecticut when a driver struck them Monday night.



COURTESY PHOTO / FREDDY KOMIEGA

Brad Randall, of North Kingstown, was a contractor and weekend rock 'n' roller; his wife, Rosie, taught at a Meeting Street school.

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They met countryline dancing at the Diamond Rodeo in Cranston.

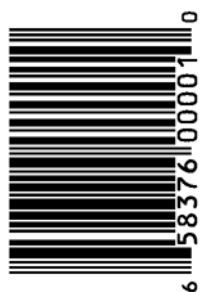
She was the fun, peppy gal. He was the laid-back, solid guy. About 1½ years later, Brad and Rosemarie Randall — Rosie to her friends — got married in a country-style wedding.

That was 10 years ago. Brad, 52, and Rosemarie, 44, of 80

Clearview Drive, North Kingstown, died Monday night in Connecticut after the motorcycle they were riding was hit by a Subaru Legacy, the police said.

Within hours, news of their death reached their friends at the Band of Brothers, a classic rock cover band out of East Providence for which Brad Randall played bass guitar and sang.

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### CASUALTIES OF WAR

The number of U.S. troops diagnosed by the military with posttraumatic stress disorder jumped nearly 50 percent last year over the previous year, bringing the total troops diagnosed with PTSD to nearly 40,000. **A2**

### WEIGHTY ISSUE FOR YOUTHS

The percentage of American children who are overweight or obese, which currently stands at 32 percent, appears to have stopped climbing. **A2**

### HARSH ECONOMIC NEWS HAMMERS CONSUMERS



With gasoline prices topping \$4 a gallon at a station in Westerly, left, housing prices during the first quarter falling at the fastest rate in two decades and housing sales, though up slightly in April, still mired near their lowest levels since 1991, it's no wonder that consumer confidence has fallen to its lowest level since October 1992. **F1**