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July 14, 2005

VIA e-filing and
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Ms. Frances Nichols
Administrative Hearings Division
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON
550 Capitol Street N.E., Suite 215
Salem, Oregon 97301-2551

Re: Docket UM 873: Annual ETC Report of United States Cellular Corporation, Filed Pursuant to OPUC Order No. 04-356

Dear Ms. Nichols:

Enclosed for filing in the above referenced docket are an original and five copies of the "Annual ETC Report of United States Cellular Corporation, Filed Pursuant to OPUC Order No. 04-356". Exhibits C, D2, and G contain highly sensitive confidential and privileged commercial information and are filed under seal as Trade Secrets and Telecommunications Carrier Audit Reports exempt from disclosure under Oregon's Public Records law. *See* ORS 192.501-505.

Thank you for your assistance.

Very truly yours,

Davis Wright Tremaine LLP

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Mark P. Trinchero', written over a horizontal line.

Mark P. Trinchero
Of Attorneys for USCC

cc: Service List
Jeffrey Sorensen

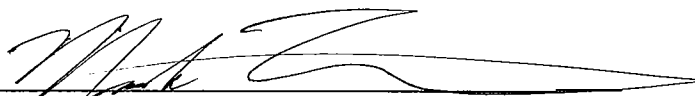
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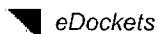
I hereby certify that I served a copy of the foregoing “**Annual ETC Report of United States Cellular Cellular Corporation, Filed Pursuant to OPUC Order No. 04-356**” upon the parties named on the attachment.

I further certify that said copies were placed in sealed envelopes addressed to said party's/attorneys' last known addresses as shown and deposited in the United States Mail at Portland, Oregon, and that the postage thereon was prepaid.

DATED this 14th day of July, 2005.

DAVIS WRIGHT TREMAINE LLP

By: 
Mark P. Trincherro
Attorney for Edge Wireless LLC



Docket No: UM 873 Docket Name: ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATION CARRIER

[Print Summary](#)

In The Matter Of The Petitions To Be Designated As Eligible Telecommunications Carriers.

Filing Date: 10/28/1997

Final Order: 04-532

Order Signed: 9/20/2004

ACTIONS

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SCHEDULE

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High Cost Loop, Local Switching Support, and Long Term Support Line Count**State: Oregon****Date: June 30, 2005****CETC Name: United States Cellular Corporation****CETC Study Area Code: 539002**

Contact Name: Gerry Mundt

Contact Telephone Number: 773-399-8923

Lines Reported As Of: December 31, 2004

Areas eligible for support are included in the table below.

Incumbent Carrier Name	Incumbent Carrier SAC	Incumbent Disaggregation Path (1,2, or 3)	Disaggregation Zone Name	Exchange Name	Total Number
Helix Telephone Company	532376	1	HELXORXADS0	HELIX	43
Home Telephone Company	532377	1	CNDNORXBDS1	CONDON	109
North-State Telephone Co.	532388	1	DUFUORXADS0	DUFUR	308
Oregon Telephone Corporation	532389	1	HRFRORXXRS0	HEREFORD-UNITY-BRI	42
Oregon Telephone Corporation	532389	1	MTVRORXXDS0	PRAIRIE CITY	122
				Total	624

High Cost Loop, Local Switching Support, and Long Term Support Line Count**State: Oregon****Date: June 30, 2005****CETC Name: United States Cellular Corporation****CETC Study Area Code: 539002**

Contact Name: Gerry Mundt

Contact Telephone Number: 773-399-8923

Lines Reported As Of: December 31, 2004

Areas eligible for support are included in the table below.

Incumbent Carrier Name	Incumbent Carrier SAC	Incumbent Disaggregation Path (1,2, or 3)	Disaggregation Zone Name	Exchange Name
Citizens Telecommunications Company of Oregon, Inc	533401	3	AZALORXARS0	AZALEA
Citizens Telecommunications Company of Oregon, Inc	533401	3	CNVLORXADS0	CANYONVILLE
Citizens Telecommunications Company of Oregon, Inc	533401	3	CVJTORXADS1	CAVE JUNCTION
Citizens Telecommunications Company of Oregon, Inc	533401	3	DYCKORXXRS0	DAYS CREEK
Citizens Telecommunications Company of Oregon, Inc	533401	3	GLDLORXADS0	GLENDALE
Citizens Telecommunications Company of Oregon, Inc	533401	3	MYCKORXADS0	MYRTLE CREEK
Citizens Telecommunications Company of Oregon, Inc	533401	3	OBRNORXXRS1	O'BRIEN
Citizens Telecommunications Company of Oregon, Inc	533401	3	RDDLORXADS0	RIDDLE
Citizens Telecommunications Company of Oregon, Inc	533401	3	SELMORXARS0	SELMA
Citizens Telecommunications Company of Oregon, Inc	533401	3	WLCKORXARS0	WOLF CREEK
Malheur Home Telephone Company	532456	3	NYSSORXCRS1	ONTARIO
Malheur Home Telephone Company	532456	3	ORSLORXCRS1	OREGON SLOPE
Malheur Home Telephone Company	532456	3	VALEORXCRS1	VALE
				Total

\$ASQHigh Cost Loop_ Local Switching Support_ & Long Term Support Line Count

Total Number
126
589
1193
200
477
1782
130
604
480
38
691
18
681
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Interstate Access Support Line Counts

Date: March 30, 2005
CETC Name: United States Cellular Corporation
CETC Study Area Code (SAC): 539002
Contact Name: Gerry Mundt
Contact Telephone Number: 773-399-8923
Lines Reported As Of: December 30, 2004
Areas are Eligible for Support

COMPETITIVE PRICE CAP CARRIER	STUDY AREA CODE	Number of Lines								Total Line Count
		Zone 1		Zone 2		Zone 3		Zone 4		
		Residence & Single Line Business	Multi-line Business	Res & Single Line Business	Multi-line Business	Residence & Single Line Business	Multi-line Business	Residence & Single Line Business	Multi-line Business	
Citizens Telecommunications Company of Oregon, Inc	533401	5,117	526							5,643
Malheur Home Telephone Company	532456	1,138	244							1,382
United Telephone Company of the Northwest	532400	3,736	488	5,173	389	1,753	70	1,455	102	13,166

LINE COUNT DATA COLLECTION FOR PATH 2 AND PATH 3 CARRIERS

Block 1 - Contact Information

ROW #	DATA ELEMENT		FORMAT OF REQUESTED DATA	RESPONSE	
1	Carrier Study Area Code		6 numeric digits	532456	
2	Carrier Study Area Name		alpha characters	MALHEUR HOME TELEPHONE CO.	
3	Service Provider Identification Number		9 numeric digits	143000525	
4	Data As Of		mm/dd/yyyy	12/31/2004	
5	Disaggregation Path Selected by Incumbent Carrier		Identify Path 2 or Path 3	Path 3	
6	Contact Name		alpha characters	Gerry Mundt	
7	Contact Telephone Number (include area code)		9 numeric digits	773/399-8923	
8	Sheet number		numeric digit(s)	1	
9	Total Number of Sheets		numeric digit(s)	1	

**Block 2 - Line Counts for Each Disaggregation Zone
(Complete One Line for Each Zone)**

Block 3 - Acquired Lines Not Included in a Previously Submitted Line Count Report

	Column 1 Disaggregation Zone Name	Column 2 Residential and Single-Line Business Access Lines in Service	Column 3 Multi-Line Business Access Lines in Service	Column 4 Total Number of Access Lines in Service	Column 5 Acquired Residential and Single-Line Business Access Lines in Service	Column 6 Acquired Multi- Line Business Access Lines in Service	Column 7 Acquired Total Number of Access Lines in Service	Column 8 Name of Carrier From Which Lines Were Acquired	Column 9 Study Area Code From Which Lines Were Acquired
10	NYSSORXC	521	170	691					
11	ONTRORXC	-	-	-					
12	ORSLORXC	18	-	18					
13	VALEORXC	607	74	681					
14	Total Lines	1,146	244	1,390					

LINE COUNT DATA COLLECTION FOR PATH 1 CARRIERS

Block 1 - Contact Information

ROW #	DATA ELEMENT	FORMAT OF REQUESTED DATA	RESPONSE	NO. OF ACQUIRED LINES
1	Carrier Study Area Code	6 numeric digits	532371	
2	Carrier Study Area Name	alpha characters	Cascade Utilities, Inc.	
3	Service Provider Identification Number	9 numeric digits	143000525	
4	Data As Of	mm/dd/yyyy	12/31/2004	
5	Disaggregation Path Selected by Incumbent Carrier	Identify Path 1	Path 1	
6	Contact Name	alpha characters	Gerry Mundt	
7	Contact Telephone Number [including area code]	9 numeric digits	773/399-8923	

Block 2 - Line Counts

8	Residential and Single-Line Business Access Lines in Service	numeric digits	323	
9	Multi-Line Business Access Lines in Service	numeric digits	28	
10	Total Number of Access Lines in Service in Study Area	numeric digits	351	
11	Name of Carrier From Which Lines Were Acquired, If Applicable	alpha characters	none	
12	Study Area Code From Which Lines Were Acquired, If Applicable	6 numeric digits	none	

LINE COUNT DATA COLLECTION FOR PATH 1 CARRIERS

Block 1 - Contact Information

ROW #	DATA ELEMENT	FORMAT OF REQUESTED DATA	RESPONSE	NO. OF ACQUIRED LINES
1	Carrier Study Area Code	6 numeric digits	532376	
2	Carrier Study Area Name	alpha characters	HELIX TELEPHONE CO.	
3	Service Provider Identification Number	9 numeric digits	143000525	
4	Data As Of	mm/dd/yyyy	12/31/2004	
5	Disaggregation Path Selected by Incumbent Carrier	Identify Path 1	Path 1	
6	Contact Name	alpha characters	Gerry Mundt	
7	Contact Telephone Number [including area code]	9 numeric digits	773/399-8923	

Block 2 - Line Counts

8	Residential and Single-Line Business Access Lines in Service	numeric digits	37	
9	Multi-Line Business Access Lines in Service	numeric digits	6	
10	Total Number of Access Lines in Service in Study Area	numeric digits	43	
11	Name of Carrier From Which Lines Were Acquired, If Applicable	alpha characters	none	
12	Study Area Code From Which Lines Were Acquired, If Applicable	6 numeric digits	none	

LINE COUNT DATA COLLECTION FOR PATH 1 CARRIERS

Block 1 - Contact Information

ROW #	DATA ELEMENT	FORMAT OF REQUESTED DATA	RESPONSE	NO. OF ACQUIRED LINES
1	Carrier Study Area Code	6 numeric digits	532377	
2	Carrier Study Area Name	alpha characters	HOME TELEPHONE CO. OR	
3	Service Provider Identification Number	9 numeric digits	143000525	
4	Data As Of	mm/dd/yyyy	12/31/2004	
5	Disaggregation Path Selected by Incumbent Carrier	Identify Path 1	Path 1	
6	Contact Name	alpha characters	Gerry Mundt	
7	Contact Telephone Number [including area code]	9 numeric digits	773/399-8923	

Block 2 - Line Counts

8	Residential and Single-Line Business Access Lines in Service	numeric digits	89	
9	Multi-Line Business Access Lines in Service	numeric digits	20	
10	Total Number of Access Lines in Service in Study Area	numeric digits	109	
11	Name of Carrier From Which Lines Were Acquired, If Applicable	alpha characters	none	
12	Study Area Code From Which Lines Were Acquired, If Applicable	6 numeric digits	none	

LINE COUNT DATA COLLECTION FOR PATH 1 CARRIERS

Block 1 - Contact Information

ROW #	DATA ELEMENT	FORMAT OF REQUESTED DATA	RESPONSE	NO. OF ACQUIRED LINES
1	Carrier Study Area Code	6 numeric digits	532388	
2	Carrier Study Area Name	alpha characters	NORTH - STATE TELEPHONE CO	
3	Service Provider Identification Number	9 numeric digits	143000525	
4	Data As Of	mm/dd/yyyy	12/31/2004	
5	Disaggregation Path Selected by Incumbent Carrier	Identify Path 1	Path 1	
6	Contact Name	alpha characters	Gerry Mundt	
7	Contact Telephone Number [including area code]	9 numeric digits	773/399-8923	

Block 2 - Line Counts

8	Residential and Single-Line Business Access Lines in Service	numeric digits	284	
9	Multi-Line Business Access Lines in Service	numeric digits	24	
10	Total Number of Access Lines in Service in Study Area	numeric digits	308	
11	Name of Carrier From Which Lines Were Acquired, If Applicable	alpha characters	none	
12	Study Area Code From Which Lines Were Acquired, If Applicable	6 numeric digits	none	

LINE COUNT DATA COLLECTION FOR PATH 1 CARRIERS

Block 1 - Contact Information

ROW #	DATA ELEMENT	FORMAT OF REQUESTED DATA	RESPONSE	NO. OF ACQUIRED LINES
1	Carrier Study Area Code	6 numeric digits	532389	
2	Carrier Study Area Name	alpha characters	OREGON TELEPHONE CORP.	
3	Service Provider Identification Number	9 numeric digits	143000525	
4	Data As Of	mm/dd/yyyy	12/31/2004	
5	Disaggregation Path Selected by Incumbent Carrier	Identify Path 1	Path 1	
6	Contact Name	alpha characters	Gerry Mundt	
7	Contact Telephone Number [including area code]	9 numeric digits	773/399-8923	

Block 2 - Line Counts

8	Residential and Single-Line Business Access Lines in Service	numeric digits	159	
9	Multi-Line Business Access Lines in Service	numeric digits	5	
10	Total Number of Access Lines in Service in Study Area	numeric digits	164	
11	Name of Carrier From Which Lines Were Acquired, If Applicable	alpha characters	none	
12	Study Area Code From Which Lines Were Acquired, If Applicable	6 numeric digits	none	

LINE COUNT DATA COLLECTION FOR PATH 1 CARRIERS

Block 1 - Contact Information

ROW #	DATA ELEMENT	FORMAT OF REQUESTED DATA	RESPONSE	NO. OF ACQUIRED LINES
1	Carrier Study Area Code	6 numeric digits	532395	
2	Carrier Study Area Name	alpha characters	CenturyTel	
3	Service Provider Identification Number	9 numeric digits	143000525	
4	Data As Of	mm/dd/yyyy	12/31/2004	
5	Disaggregation Path Selected by Incumbent Carrier	Identify Path 1	Path 1	
6	Contact Name	alpha characters	Gerry Mundt	
7	Contact Telephone Number [including area code]	9 numeric digits	773/399-8923	

Block 2 - Line Counts

8	Residential and Single-Line Business Access Lines in Service	numeric digits	131	
9	Multi-Line Business Access Lines in Service	numeric digits	24	
10	Total Number of Access Lines in Service in Study Area	numeric digits	155	
11	Name of Carrier From Which Lines Were Acquired, If Applicable	alpha characters	none	
12	Study Area Code From Which Lines Were Acquired, If Applicable	6 numeric digits	none	

LINE COUNT DATA COLLECTION FOR PATH 1 CARRIERS

Block 1 - Contact Information

ROW #	DATA ELEMENT	FORMAT OF REQUESTED DATA	RESPONSE	NO. OF ACQUIRED LINES
1	Carrier Study Area Code	6 numeric digits	532360	
2	Carrier Study Area Name	alpha characters	CenturyTel	
3	Service Provider Identification Number	9 numeric digits	143000525	
4	Data As Of	mm/dd/yyyy	12/31/2004	
5	Disaggregation Path Selected by Incumbent Carrier	Identify Path 1	Path 1	
6	Contact Name	alpha characters	Gerry Mundt	
7	Contact Telephone Number [including area code]	9 numeric digits	773/399-8923	

Block 2 - Line Counts

8	Residential and Single-Line Business Access Lines in Service	numeric digits	6,091	
9	Multi-Line Business Access Lines in Service	numeric digits	1,118	
10	Total Number of Access Lines in Service in Study Area	numeric digits	7,209	
11	Name of Carrier From Which Lines Were Acquired, If Applicable	alpha characters	none	
12	Study Area Code From Which Lines Were Acquired, If Applicable	6 numeric digits	none	

LINE COUNT DATA COLLECTION FOR PATH 2 AND PATH 3 CARRIERS

Block 1 - Contact Information

ROW #	DATA ELEMENT		FORMAT OF REQUESTED DATA	RESPONSE	
1	Carrier Study Area Code		6 numeric digits	533401	
2	Carrier Study Area Name		alpha characters	CITIZENS TELECOM CO. OF OREGON	
3	Service Provider Identification Number		9 numeric digits	143000525	
4	Data As Of		mm/dd/yyyy	12/31/2004	
5	Disaggregation Path Selected by Incumbent Carrier		Identify Path 2 or Path 3	Path 3	
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10	AZALORXARS0	122	4	126					
11	CNVLORXADS0	457	132	589					
12	CVJTORXADS1	1,181	12	1,193					
13	DYCKORXXRS0	184	16	200					
14	GLDLORXADS0	402	75	477					
15	MYCKORXADS0	1,610	172	1,782					
16	OBRNORXXRS1	126	4	130					
17	RDDLORXADS0	508	96	604					
18	SELMORXARS0	469	11	480					
19	WLCKORXARS0	36	2	38					
20	Total Lines	5,095	524	5,619					

**U.S. Cellular
Wireless ETC Recertification Reports 2005 - Requirement B
Public Utility Commission of Oregon
Order No. 04-356**

Federal USF Support Received for Operations in Oregon During Calendar Year 2004

High Cost Disbursement Data (Spin = ALL , Sac = 539002 , San = ALL , Year = 2004 , Month = ALL , State = OR)

This disbursement tool contains data from Jan 2003 through May 2005.

State	Spin	Study Area Code	Study Area Name	HCL	HCM	IAS	ICLS	LSS	LTS	SNA	SVS	Year	Month
OR	143000667	539002	United States Cellular Corporation	\$6,581	\$0	\$114,055	\$7,176	\$10,643	\$0	\$52	\$0	2004	Dec
OR	143000667	539002	United States Cellular Corporation	\$7,262	\$0	\$116,719	\$8,772	\$11,543	\$0	\$52	\$0	2004	Nov
OR	143000667	539002	United States Cellular Corporation	\$5,622	\$0	\$105,898	\$5,581	\$9,375	\$0	\$52	\$0	2004	Oct
OR	143000667	539002	United States Cellular Corporation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$587	\$0	\$729	\$0	\$0	2004	Sep
OR	143000667	539002	United States Cellular Corporation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	2004	Aug
OR	143000667	539002	United States Cellular Corporation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	2004	Jul
OR	143000667	539002	United States Cellular Corporation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	2004	Jun
OR	143000667	539002	United States Cellular Corporation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	2004	May
OR	143000667	539002	United States Cellular Corporation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	2004	Apr
OR	143000667	539002	United States Cellular Corporation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	2004	Mar
OR	143000667	539002	United States Cellular Corporation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	2004	Feb
OR	143000667	539002	United States Cellular Corporation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	2004	Jan

Totals \$19,465 \$0 \$336,672 \$22,116 \$31,561 \$729 \$156 \$0 \$410,699

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U.S. Cellular
Wireless ETC Recertification Reports 2005 - Requirement D
Public Utility Commission of Oregon
Order No. 04-356

Estimated Federal USF Support Expected to be Received During Calendar Year 2005 (Per USAC Website)

Month	January-05	February-05	March-05	April-05	May-05	June-05	July-05	August-05	September-05	October-05	November-05	December-05	2005 Total
Amount	\$147,467	\$147,467	\$147,467	\$234,364	\$234,364	\$234,364	\$125,894	\$125,894	\$125,894	\$125,894	\$125,894	\$125,894	\$1,900,857

Optional Features

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Roadside Assistance

\$2.95/mo.

24 hours a day, 365 days a year — help is just a phone call away. Protection travels with the phone. Some restrictions apply. See store for details.

Voice Mail

\$4.95/mo.

Our Voice Mail service answers calls when you can't.

Caller ID

\$4.95/mo.

Lets you know who's calling before you answer.

Directory Assistance††

\$1.25/call

Call Directory Assistance to get the phone numbers of the people and businesses you need. Directory Assistance is \$1.25/call within your home calling area. Pricing in other areas may vary.

Detailed Billing

\$1.95/mo.

Shows the time, date and cost of every wireless call on your monthly bill.

Signal DialDirect® Plus

\$4.95/mo.

Replaces or repairs your phone if it's lost, stolen or damaged. See Signal Insurance brochure for coverage details. Underwritten by: Member companies of Assurant Group

Miscellaneous

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Activation Fee

\$39.00

Equipment Change Fee

\$15.00

Ordering Instructions

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For more detailed information or to take advantage of this special offer, please contact us at 800-447-1339, where a U.S. Cellular Associate will assist you through the application process (Monday through Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.; closed Sunday). You will be asked to confirm your eligibility status to participate in this Lifeline program. Activations can only be processed by phone. Please allow ample time for processing.

1. Call U.S. Cellular at 1-800-447-1339 for more information about this program and to place an order. If you plan to pay by credit or debit card, please have your payment information ready. To place an order, Washington residents will need their nine-digit, state-issued passcode.
2. Payments will need to be made in advance, prior to your phone being shipped. Acceptable forms of payment are all major credit cards, debit cards with a Visa logo, money order or a cashier's/certified check. Cash or personal checks will not be accepted.
3. Phones will only be shipped to street addresses, P.O. boxes are not acceptable.
4. Please allow two weeks for shipment, as phones will be shipped UPS Ground. All packages will need to be signed for by an adult over the age of 18.
5. After receiving your order, call 1-800-447-1339 to activate your phone.

The map shows an approximation of service coverage. Actual coverage may vary. Service may be interrupted or limited due to weather, terrain, customer equipment or network limitations. Coverage indoors may also vary. U.S. Cellular does not guarantee coverage.

Offer valid with two year service agreement. All service agreements subject to an early termination fee. Credit approval required. \$30 activation fee. \$15 equipment change fee. Roaming charges, fees, surcharges, coverage charges, and taxes apply. 96¢ Federal and Other Regulatory Fee charge applies. This is not a tax or government required charge. Local network coverage and reliability may vary. Usage rounded up to the next full minute. Use of service constitutes acceptance of our terms and conditions. Other restrictions apply. See store for details. Limited time offer. ©2004 U.S. Cellular

Service not available in all areas.

Signal Dial Direct® Plus is an insurance plan administered by The Signal® and underwritten by Member Companies of Assurant Group. A summary of coverage is available from The Signal by calling 1-800-480-0167.

Roadside Assistance is limited to four calls per year and a maximum of \$50.00 per service call (\$100.00 per winch). Additional terms and conditions apply. See store for details.

* This plan is only available for Washington and Oregon residents.

† Waived activation and equipment charges are a combination of Link-Up subsidies and/or additional discounts provided in support of the Lifeline program. Must use equipment associated with plan to receive waived equipment charges. Other promotional offers are not available with these Lifeline plans.

†† Airtime and applicable toll charges will apply. Directory Assistance charges apply to all Directory Assistance calls.

* Available if these options are not blocked. Standard local calling rate plan coverage, long-distance and roaming charges apply.

** Deposit requirements may only be waived if you elect to block roaming and international dialing. Roaming blocked plans will have a slightly diminished calling area. Please see inset map.

Basic Lifeline Calling Plans for the Northwest

Wireless Service for Everyone

At U.S. Cellular®, we provide affordable wireless service by participating in the Federal Universal Service Fund program exclusively for qualifying low income individuals. This program provides assistance for specified wireless communications services at discounted rates.

Lifeline Basic Plan

You are eligible to participate if you receive assistance from one of the following programs:

Washington:

- Medical Assistance (including Medicare cost sharing programs)
- Food Stamps
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- General Assistance Unemployable (GAU)
- State Family Assistance
- DSHS Chore Services
- Refugee Assistance
- Community Options Program (COPES)
- Temporary Assistance to Needy Families

Oregon:

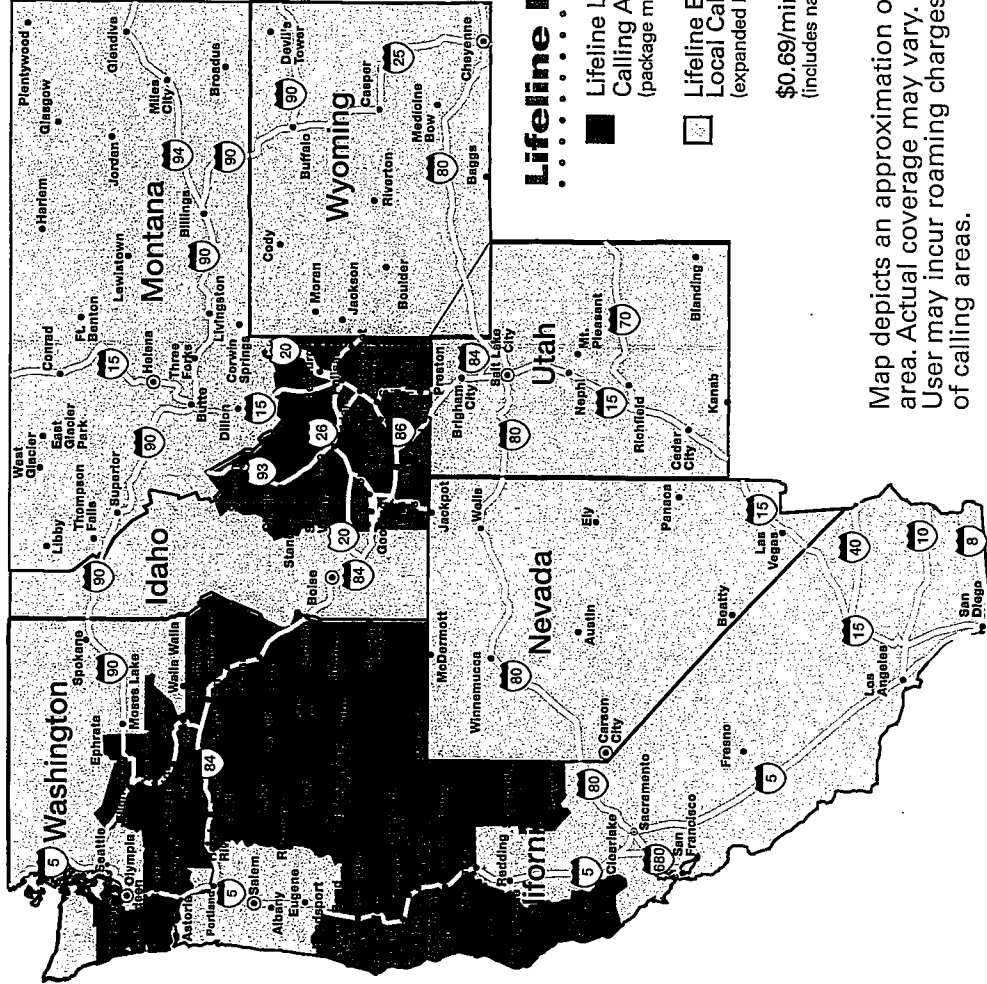
- Food Benefits
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF)
- SPD/AFS Medical Benefits Program
- Any other low income program that supports an income standard of 135% of the Federal Poverty Level or less

Lifeline subsidies may only be applied once per household on either your land line connection or your wireless service.

Service automatically terminates upon loss of eligibility. To maintain uninterrupted service, you must re-verify eligibility at the expiration of the 24 month term.

Calling plan details:

- Phone: \$.01 additional[†]
- No activation charges[†]
- 2-year contract
- Long-distance (May be blocked at customer's request for no additional charge.)
- Roaming, and international dialing*
- Deposit may be required.**



Lifeline Plans

- Lifeline Local Calling Area (package minutes apply)
- ▨ Lifeline Expanded Local Calling Area (expanded local rate applies)

\$0.69/min. Nationwide Roaming** (includes nationwide long distance)

Map depicts an approximation of coverage area. Actual coverage may vary. User may incur roaming charges at borders of calling areas.

MONTHLY ACCESS

You Save \$7.75

Plan Includes
 Nationwide Long Distance
 Call Waiting
 Call Forwarding
 Three-Way Calling

\$17.25
 Regularly \$25.00

Anytime minutes per month **125**
 Additional per minute rate **40¢/min.**

Mobile Messaging 10¢ per message
 Roaming Rate 69¢/minute** (includes nationwide long distance)
 Expanded Local Calling 30¢/minute (includes nationwide long distance)

MONTHLY ACCESS

You Save \$7.75

Plan Includes
 Nationwide Long Distance
 Voice Mail • Call Waiting
 Caller ID • Call Forwarding
 Three-Way Calling
 Detailed Billing

\$27.25
 Regularly \$35.00

Anytime minutes per month **700**
 Additional per minute rate **40¢/min.**

Mobile Messaging 10¢ per message
 Roaming Rate 69¢/minute** (includes nationwide long distance)
 Expanded Local Calling 30¢/minute (includes nationwide long distance)

Servicios Opcionales

Ayuda en el Camino

\$2.95/mes
24 horas al día los 365 días del año - la ayuda está tan cerca como tu teléfono. Protección a los viajeros que llevan el teléfono. Se aplican algunas restricciones. Para más información, visita nuestras tiendas.

\$4.95/mes
Nuestro servicio de Correo de Voz contesta llamadas cuando tú no puedes.

\$4.95/mes
Identificación de Llamadas
Te permite saber quien llama antes de contestar.

\$1.25/llamada
Servicio de Información ††
Llama al Servicio de Información para recibir los números de las personas y las empresas que necesitas. El servicio de información tiene un costo de \$1.25/llamada dentro de tu área local de llamadas. Los precios en otras áreas pueden variar.

\$1.95/mes
Facturación Detallada
Muestra la hora, fecha y costo de todas las llamadas celulares en tu factura mensual.

\$4.95/mes
Signal DialDirect® Plus
Seguro de Teléfono Celular
Reemplaza o repara tu teléfono en caso de pérdida, robo o daño. Consulta los detalles del folleto Signal Insurance. Suscrito por: Compañías participantes de Assurant Group.

Misceláneas

\$30.00
Costo de Activación

\$15.00
Cargo por cambio de Equipo

Instrucciones para Ordenar

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1. Llama a U.S. Cellular al 1-800-447-1339 para más información sobre este programa y para poner una orden. Si deseas pagar con tarjeta de crédito o con tarjeta de cajero automático, favor de tener disponible toda la información necesaria para hacer el pago.
2. Los pagos deben hacerse en avance, antes de enviar tu teléfono. Se aceptan todas las tarjetas de crédito principales, tarjetas de cajero automático con el logo de Visa, giros postales (money orders) o cheques de caja/certificados. No se aceptan pagos en efectivo o cheques personales.
3. Los teléfonos solamente serán enviados a direcciones con número y calle de domicilio. Direcciones con apartado postal o "P.O. Box" no se aceptarán.
4. Por favor permite dos semanas para el envío, puesto que los teléfonos se envían por tierra con el servicio UPS Ground. Todos los paquetes deben recibirse y firmarse por un adulto, mayor de 18 años de edad.
5. Después de recibir tu orden, llama al 1-800-447-1339 para activar tu teléfono.

El mapa muestra una aproximación del área de cobertura. La cobertura real puede variar. El servicio puede ser interrumpido/limitado debido a condiciones atmosféricas o topográficas, el equipo del cliente o limitaciones de la red. La cobertura adentro de los edificios puede variar también. U.S. Cellular no garantiza la cobertura.

Se requiere contrato de servicio. Todos los contratos de servicio están sujetos a un cargo por cancelación anticipada. Se requiere aprobación de crédito. Cargo de activación \$30. Cargo por cambio de equipo \$15. Podrán aplicarse cargos por roaming, recargos, llamadas que exceden los minutos del plan e impuestos. Se aplica cargo federal y otro cargo regulatorio de \$0.95. Esto no es un impuesto o cargo mandado por el gobierno. La cobertura de la red local y la disponibilidad del servicio pueden variar. Los minutos de tiempo de uso se redondean y se facturan como minutos completos. El uso del servicio constituye la aceptación de nuestros términos y condiciones. Otras restricciones pueden aplicar. Para más información, visita nuestras tiendas. La oferta es por tiempo limitado. © 2004 U.S. Cellular Corporation.

El servicio no está disponible en todas las áreas.

Signal Dial Direct® Plus es un plan de seguro administrado por The Signal® y suscrito por Compañías Participantes de Assurant Group. Un resumen de cobertura está ofrecido por The Signal® llamando al 1-800-480-0167.

El servicio de Ayuda en el Camino se limita a cuatro llamadas por año y un máximo de \$50.00 por llamada de servicio (\$100.00 por servicio de renolque). Pueden aplicar términos y condiciones adicionales. Para más información, visita nuestras tiendas.

• Este plan sólo está disponible para los residentes de Washington y Oregon.

† La cancelación de costos de activación y por cambio de equipo es una combinación de subsidios de Link-Up y/o descuentos adicionales provistos en apoyo del programa Lifeline. Se debe usar el equipo asociado con el plan para poder recibir la cancelación de costos por cambio de equipo. No hay otras promociones disponibles en conjunto con estos planes de Lifeline.

†† Se aplicarán cargos por tiempo de uso y de pesaje. Los cargos por el Servicio de Información aplican a todas las llamadas a Servicio de Información.

* Estas opciones están disponibles si no están bloqueadas. Se aplican los cargos regulares de costos adicionales, larga distancia y roaming del plan local de tarifas.

** Los requerimientos de los ingresos se pueden cancelar sólo si eliges bloquear roaming y llamadas internacionales. Los planes con roaming bloqueado tendrán áreas de llamadas levemente reducidas. Favor de consultar el mapa.

Planes de Llamadas Lifeline Básicos Región Noroeste

Servicio Celular para Todos

En U.S. Cellular® prestamos servicio celular a un precio razonable al participar en el programa del Fondo de Servicio Federal Universal exclusivamente para individuos de escasos recursos que sean residentes de reservas para IndioAmericanos. Este programa provee asistencia para ciertos servicios celulares con tarifas de descuento.

Plan de Llamada Lifeline Básico

Eres elegible para participar si recibes asistencia de uno de los siguientes programas:

Washington:

- Asistencia Médica (Incluye programas de costos compartidos Medicaid)
- Cupones del Programa de Alimentos (Food Stamps)
- Asistencia de Ingresos Suplementarios (Supplemental Security Income, o SSI)
- Ayuda General para el Incapacitado para Obtener Empleo (General Assistance Unemployable, o GAU)
- Asistencia del Estado para Familias (State Family Assistance)
- DSHS Servicios Domésticos (Chore Services)
- Programa de Ayuda a Los Refugiados (Refugee Services)
- Sistema de Entrada en Programas de Opciones en la Comunidad (Community Options Program, o COPES)
- Asistencia Temporal para Familias Necesitadas

Oregon:

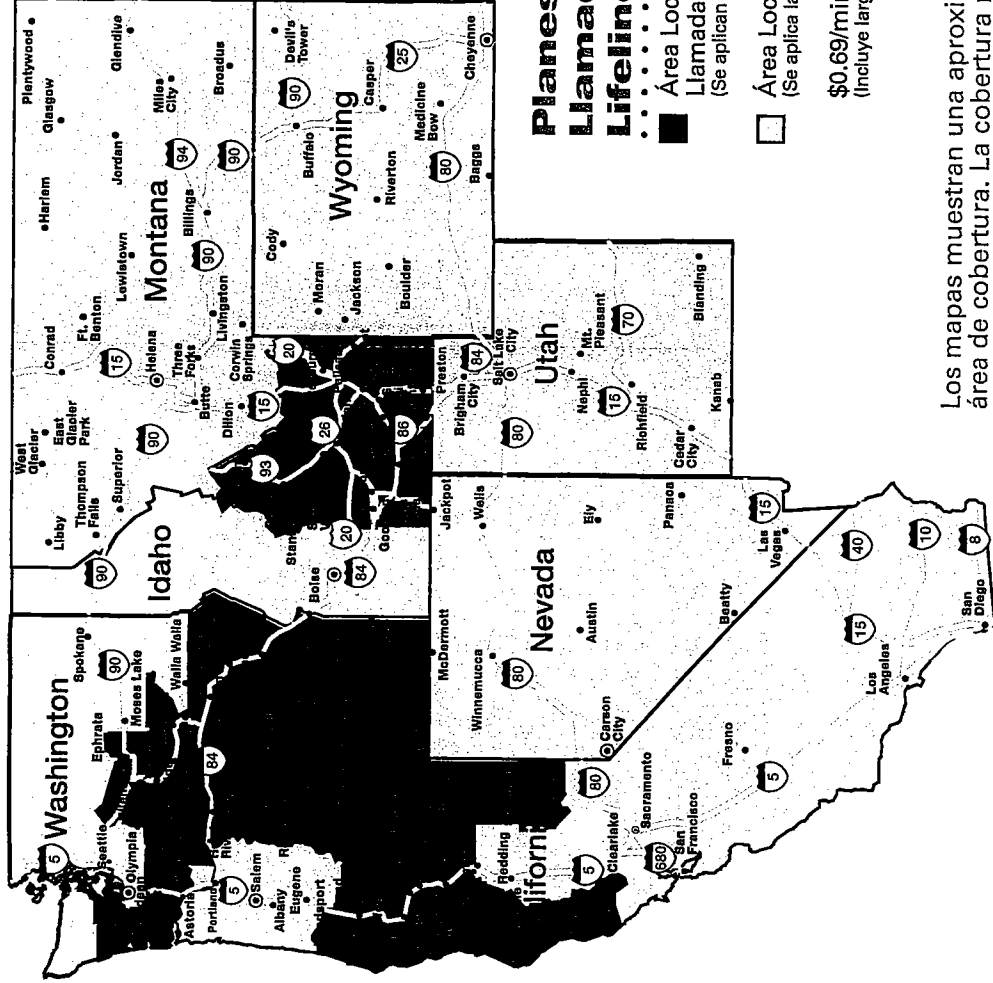
- Beneficios de Alimentación
- Asistencia de Ingresos Suplementarios (Supplemental Security Income, o SSI)
- Asistencia Temporal para Familias Necesitadas (Tribally-Administered Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, o TANF)
- Programa de Beneficios Medicaid SPD/AFS
- Cualquier otro programa de asistencia de ingresos suplementarios que apoya un estándar de ingresos del 135% del Ingreso de Pobreza Federal o menos.

Los subsidios de Lifeline pueden aplicarse solamente una vez por cada hogar, ya sea para su conexión normal (por tierra), o para su servicio celular.

El servicio queda terminado automáticamente cuando ya no calificas. Para mantener servicio sin interrupciones debes revalidar tu elegibilidad al vencerse el término de 24 meses.

Detalles del plan de llamadas:

- Teléfono: \$01 adicional¹
- Sin costos de activación¹
- Contrato de 2 años
- Llamadas de larga distancia (Puede ser bloqueado sin costo adicional si el cliente lo pide)
- Roaming y Llamadas Internacionales *
- Puede que se requiera un enganche. **



Planes de Llamadas Lifeline

- Área Local de Llamadas Lifeline (Se aplican los minutos del paquete)
- Área Local Ampliada Lifeline (Se aplica la tarifa local ampliada)

\$0.69/min. Roaming Nacional** (Incluye larga distancia nacional)

Los mapas muestran una aproximación del área de cobertura. La cobertura real puede variar. El usuario puede incurrir en cargos de roaming en las fronteras de los áreas de cobertura.

ACCESO MENSUAL

Ahorras \$7.75

El Plan Incluye
Larga Distancia Nacional
Llamada en Espera
Traslado de Llamada
Llamada entre Tres Personas

\$17.25
Normalmente \$25.00

Minutos Cuando QuierasSM por mes 125
Tarifa adicional 40¢/minuto por minuto

Mensajería de Texto 10¢ por mensaje
Tarifa de roaming 69¢ por minuto** (incluye larga distancia nacional)
Área Local Ampliada 30¢/minuto (incluye larga distancia nacional)

ACCESO MENSUAL

Ahorras \$7.75

El Plan Incluye
Larga Distancia Nacional
Correo de Voz • Llamada en Espera
Identificación de Llamadas
Traslado de Llamada
Llamada entre Tres Personas
Facturación Detallada
Mensajería de Texto 10¢ por mensaje
Tarifa de roaming 69¢ por minuto** (incluye larga distancia nacional)
Área Local Ampliada 30¢/minuto (incluye larga distancia nacional)

\$27.25
Normalmente \$35.00

Minutos Cuando QuierasSM por mes 700
Tarifa adicional 40¢/minuto por minuto

Included Features

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U.S. Cellular Voice Mail
Dial 1 + your 10 digit cellular number to retrieve messages.
Lifeline account requires a positive minute balance for voice mail message deposit and retrieval.
Applicable airtime charges apply for message retrieval.
Voice Mail may not be accessible when roaming.

Caller ID

Let's you know who's calling before you answer.

Optional Features**

(Only available with instant refill set up.)

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Roadside Assistance \$2.95/mo.
24 hours a day, 365 days a year — help is just a phone call away. Protection travels with the phone. Some restrictions apply. See store for details.

Signal DialDirect® Plus

Wireless Phone Insurance \$4.95/mo.
Replaces or repairs your phone if it's lost, stolen or damaged.
See Signal Insurance brochure for coverage details.
Underwritten by: Member companies of Assurant Group

Activation Fee

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Activation Fee **Waived** \$30.00

Ordering Instructions

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For more detailed information or to take advantage of this special offer, please contact us at 800-447-1339, where a U.S. Cellular Associate will assist you through the application process (Monday through Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.; closed Sunday). You will be asked to confirm your eligibility status to participate in this Lifeline program. Activations can only be processed by phone. Please allow ample time for processing.

1. Call U.S. Cellular at 1-800-447-1339 for more information about this program and to place an order. If you plan to pay by credit or debit card, please have your payment information ready. To place an order, Washington residents will need their nine-digit, state-issued passcode.
2. Payments will need to be made in advance, prior to your phone being shipped. Acceptable forms of payment are all major credit cards, debit cards with a Visa logo, money order or a cashier's/certified check. Cash or personal checks will not be accepted.

3. Phones will only be shipped to street addresses, P.O. boxes are not acceptable.
4. Please allow two weeks for shipment, as phones will be shipped UPS Ground. All packages will need to be signed for by an adult over the age of 18.
5. After receiving your order, call 1-800-447-1339 to activate your phone.

The map shows an approximation of service coverage. Actual coverage may vary. Service may be interrupted or limited due to weather, terrain, customer equipment or network limitations. Coverage indoors may also vary. U.S. Cellular does not guarantee coverage.

Service agreement required. All service agreements subject to an early termination fee, fees, surcharges, coverage charges, and taxes apply. 95¢ Federal and Other Regulatory Fee charge applies. This is not a tax or government required charge. Local network coverage and reliability may vary. Usage rounded up to the next full minute. Use of service constitutes acceptance of our terms and conditions. Other restrictions apply. See store for details. Limited time offer. ©2004 U.S. Cellular

Service not available in all areas.

Signal Dial Direct® Plus is an insurance plan administered by The Signal® and underwritten by Member Companies of Assurant Group. A summary of coverage is available from The Signal by calling 1-800-480-0167.

Roadside Assistance is limited to four calls per year and a maximum of \$50.00 per service call (\$100.00 per winch). Additional terms and conditions apply. See store for details.

** Signal and Roadside Assistance available only to instant refill customers with Balance Autofill or monthly autofill. See TalkTracker pricing brochure for details.

- Lifeline subsidies may only be applied once per household on either your landline connection or your wireless service.
- Please note that early contract termination fees may apply.
- This plan is only available for Washington/Oregon residents.
- Service automatically terminates; (1) upon loss of eligibility, or (2) at the expiration of the 24-month term.
- Waived activation and equipment charges are a combination of Link-Up subsidies and/or additional discounts provided in support of the Lifeline program. Must use equipment associated with plan to receive waived equipment charges. Other promotional offers are not available with these Lifeline plans.



Wireless Service for Everyone

At U.S. Cellular®, we provide affordable wireless service by participating in the Federal Universal Service Fund program exclusively for qualifying low income residents of Native American reservations. This program provides assistance for specified wireless communications services with discounted monthly rates.

Native American Lifeline Calling Plan

You must be a resident of a federally recognized reservation and your annual income is less than or equal to 135% of the Federal Poverty guideline.

OR

You must be a resident of a federally recognized reservation and receive assistance from one of the following programs:

- Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance
- Tribally Administered Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
- Head-Start Programs (income eligible)
- National School Lunch Program's free lunch program
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Temporary Assistance to Needy Families

Washington residents only

- Medicaid
- Food Stamps
- General Assistance Unemployable (GAU)
- State Family Assistance
- DSHS Chore Services
- Refugee Assistance
- Community Options Program (COPES)

Oregon residents only

- Food Benefits
- SPD/AFS Medical Benefits Program

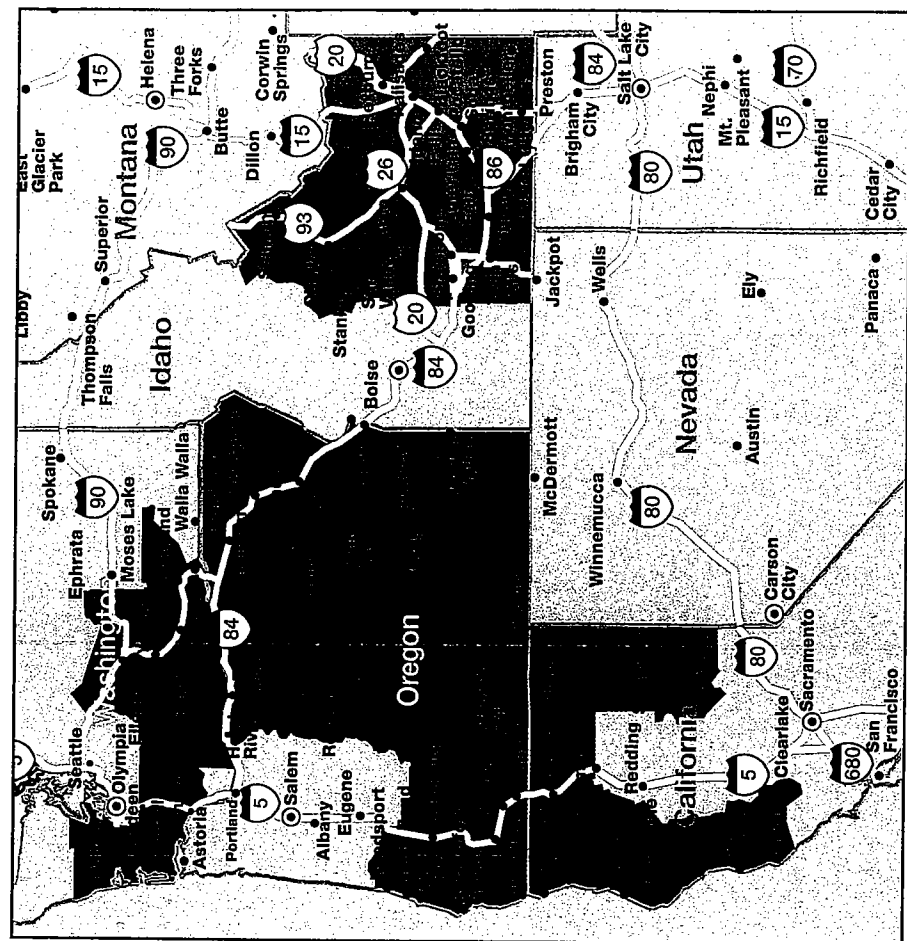
Prepaid calling plan details:

- Phone: \$.01 additional*
- Free Voice Mail and Caller ID
- No activation charges* and no deposit required
- 700 minutes applied to your account monthly
- \$50 one-time payment for entire 24-month term*
- 2-year contract
- Long-distance calling is available via calling or credit card or by adding dollars to prepaid balance.

Native American Lifeline Calling Plan

Lifeline Calling Area

Toll-Free Calling Area (No long-distance charge): Any number called from the Lifeline calling area (rust) to the Lifeline calling area (rust) is toll free. (Long-distance charges do not apply.) Calls made to any area outside your Lifeline calling area (rust) will be charged 25¢/minute plus applicable airtime. Some restrictions apply.



Map depicts an approximation of coverage area. Actual coverage may vary. User may incur roaming charges at borders of calling areas.

BASIC INFORMATION

one-time payment of
\$816 Value
\$30.00
 for 24 months of service

Additional funds must be added to your account to take advantage of these services:

- Directory Assistance with Call Completion \$1.25/call
- International Dialing \$1.25/minute
- Roaming outside local calling area 99¢/minute

No monthly bill. Additional airtime and roaming charges apply.



Servicios Incluidos

Correo de Voz de U.S. Cellular
Marca el 1 + tu número celular de 10 dígitos para recibir sus mensajes.
La cuenta de Lifeline requiere que tengas un saldo positivo de minutos para poder dejar o recibir mensajes de Correo de Voz. Se aplican los cargos correspondientes por tiempo de uso para recibir mensajes.
Es posible que el correo de voz no esté disponible cuando estés en roaming.

Identificación de Llamadas

Te permite saber quien llama antes de contestar.

Servicios Opcionales** (Disponibles sólo con la inicialización del servicio de Recarga Instantánea.)

Ayuda en el Camino \$2.95/mes

24 horas al día los 365 días del año - la ayuda está tan cerca como tu teléfono. Protección a los viajeros que llevan el teléfono. Se aplican algunas restricciones. Para más información, visita nuestras tiendas.

Signal DialDirect® Plus

Seguro de Teléfono Celular \$4.95/mes
Reemplaza o repara tu teléfono en caso de pérdida, robo o daño. Consulta los detalles del folleto Signal Insurance.
Suscrito por: Compañías participantes de Assurant Group.

Costo de Activación

Costo de Activación *cancelado* \$30-60

Instrucciones para Ordenar

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- Llama a U.S. Cellular al 1-800-447-1339 para más información sobre este programa y para poner una orden. Si deseas pagar con tarjeta de crédito o con tarjeta de cajero automático, favor de tener disponible toda la información necesaria para hacer el pago.
- Los pagos deben hacerse en avance, antes de enviar tu teléfono. Se aceptan todas las tarjetas de crédito principales, tarjetas de cajero automático con el logo de Visa, giros postales (money orders) o cheques de caja/certificados. No se aceptan pagos en efectivo o cheques personales.

- Los teléfonos solamente serán enviados a direcciones con número y calle de domicilio. Direcciones con apartado postal o "P.O. Box" no se aceptarán.
- Por favor permite dos semanas para el envío, puesto que los teléfonos se envían por tierra con el servicio UPS Ground. Todos los paquetes deben recibirse y firmarse por un adulto, mayor de 18 años de edad.
- Después de recibir tu orden, llama al 1-800-447-1339 para activar tu teléfono.

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Se requiere contrato de servicio. Todos los contratos de servicio están sujetos a un cargo por cancelación anticipada. Se requiere aprobación de crédito. Cargo de activación \$30. Cargo por cambio de equipo \$15. Podrán aplicarse cargos por roaming, recargas, llamadas que exceden los minutos del plan e impuestos. Se aplica cargo federal y otro cargo regulatorio de \$0.96. Esto no es un impuesto o cargo mandado por el gobierno. La cobertura de la red local y la disponibilidad del servicio pueden variar. Los minutos de tiempo de uso se redondean y se facturan como minutos completos. El uso del servicio constituye la aceptación de nuestros términos y condiciones. Otras restricciones pueden aplicar. Para más información, visita nuestras tiendas. La oferta es por tiempo limitado. © 2004 U.S. Cellular Corporation

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El servicio de Ayuda en el Camino se limita a cuatro llamadas por año y un máximo de \$50.00 por llamada de servicio (\$100.00 por servicio de remolque). Pueden aplicar términos y condiciones adicionales. Para más información, visita nuestras tiendas.

** Los servicios de Signal y Ayuda en el Camino se ofrecen a los clientes con Recarga Instantánea que tienen Recarga de Saldo o Recarga Automática Mensual. Consulta el folleto de precios de TelTracker para más información.

- Los subsidios de Lifeline pueden aplicarse solamente una vez por cada hogar, ya sea para su conexión normal (por tierra), o para su servicio celular.
- Favor de notar que pueden aplicarse cargos por terminación anticipada de contratos.
- Este plan está disponible sólo para residentes de Washington/Oregon.
- El servicio quedará terminado automáticamente: (1) cuando ya no calificas, o (2) al vencerse el término de 24 meses.
- La cancelación de costos de activación y por cambio de equipo es una combinación de subsidios de Link-Up y/o descuentos adicionales provistos en apoyo del programa Lifeline. Se debe usar el equipo asociado con el plan para poder recibir la cancelación de costos por cambio de equipo. No hay otras promociones disponibles en conjunto con estos planes de Lifeline.

Plan de Llamadas
Lifeline Para
Indio/Americanos
Región Noroeste



Servicio Celular para Todos

En U.S. Cellular®, prestamos servicio celular a un precio razonable al participar en el programa del Fondo de Servicio Federal Universal exclusivamente para individuos de escasos recursos que sean residentes de reservas para Indioamericanos. Este programa provee asistencia para ciertos servicios celulares con tarifas de descuento mensuales.

Plan de Llamadas Lifeline Para Indioamericanos

Debes ser residente de una reserva con reconocimiento federal y tus ingresos anuales deben ser menos del 135% del Ingreso de Pobreza Federal.

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Debes ser residente de una reserva con reconocimiento federal y recibir asistencia de uno de los siguientes programas:

- Asistencia General de la Oficina de Asuntos Indioamericanos
- Asistencia Temporal para Familias Necesitadas, administrado por Tribu Indioamericana (Tribally-Administered Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, o TANF)
- Programas Head-Start (estándares de calificación a base del ingreso)
- Programa Nacional de Almuerzo Escolar Gratuito
- Asistencia de Ingresos Suplementarios (Supplemental Security Income, o SSI)
- Asistencia Temporal para Familias Necesitadas

Residentes de Washington solamente:

- Medicaid
- Cupones del Programa de Alimentos
- Ayuda General para el Incapacitado para Obtener Empleo (General Assistance Unemployable, o GAU)
- Asistencia del Estado para Familias
- DSHS Servicios Domésticos
- Programa de Ayuda a Los Refugiados
- Sistema de Entrada en Programas de Opciones en la Comunidad (Community Options Program, o COPES)

Residentes de Oregon solamente:

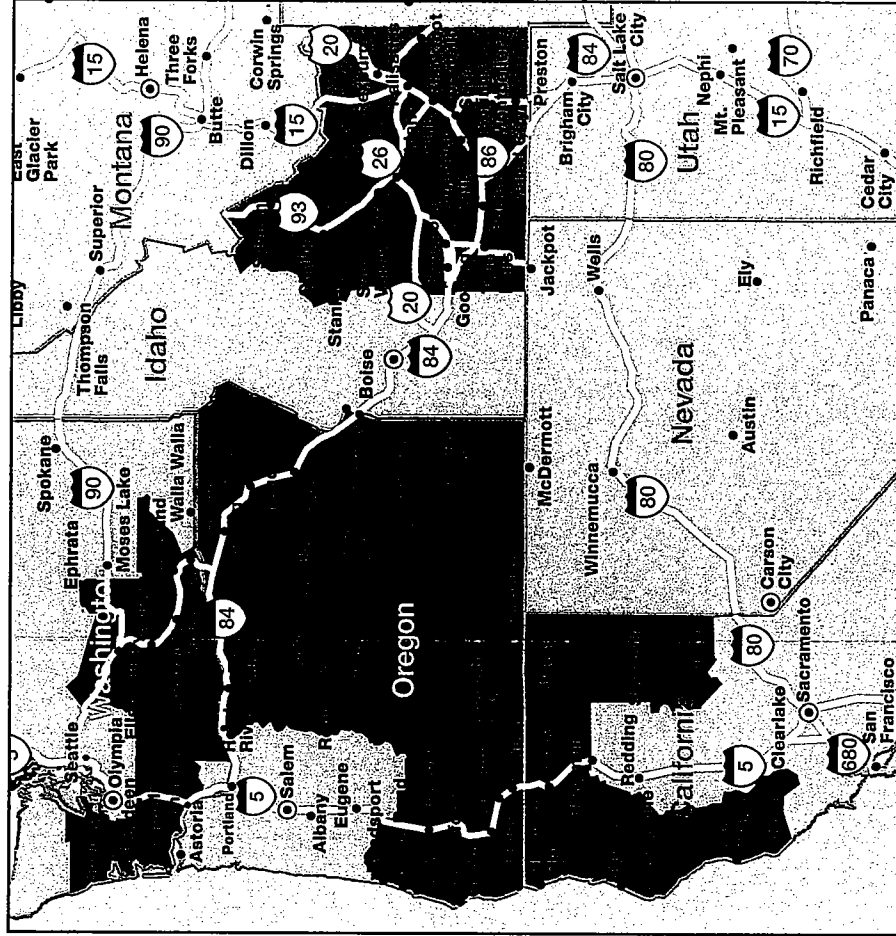
- Beneficios de Alimentación
- Programa de Beneficios Medicaid SPD/AFS

Detalles del plan de llamadas prepagado:

- Teléfono: \$0.01 adicional*
- Correo de Voz e Identificación de Llamadas, ambos gratuitos
- Sin costos de activación* y sin depósito
- 700 minutos se aplican a tu cuenta mensualmente
- Un pago inicial de \$30 para todo el plazo de 24 meses*
- Contrato de 2 años
- Llamadas de larga distancia disponibles vía tarjeta telefónica o tarjeta de crédito o al agregar dólares al saldo prepagado.

Plan de Llamadas Lifeline Para Indioamericanos

■ Área de Llamadas Lifeline



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INFORMACIÓN BÁSICA

un pago inicial de

Valor de **\$816**

\$30.00

para todo el plazo de 24 meses

Sin factura mensual. Pueden aplicar cargos adicionales por tiempo de uso roaming.

Se debe agregar fondos adicionales a tu cuenta para aprovechar estos servicios:

- Servicio de Información con Realización de Llamadas \$1.25/llamada
- Llamadas Internacionales \$1.25/minuto
- Tarifa adicional por minuto 35¢/minuto
- Roaming fuera del área local de llamadas 99¢/minuto

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player with more than three MVP awards and the only one to win more than two in a row. Willie Stargell previously was the oldest baseball MVP, sharing the 1979 NL award at 39, with Keith Hernandez.

Bonds' season was unparalleled statistically. He hit .362 to win his second NL batting title in three seasons and shattered the major league record with a .609 on-base percentage, topping the previous mark of .582 he set two years ago. Bonds hit 45 homers in 373 at-bats, while Beltré hit a major league-leading 48 in 598 at-bats.

Giants bench Warner in favor of No. 1 pick Manning

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — Eli Manning was given the New York Giants' starting job after Tom Coughlin benched quarterback Kurt Warner following losses in three of the last four games. Manning, the No. 1 pick in the NFL draft, will face the Atlanta Falcons (7-2) on Sunday at Giants Stadium in a game New York (5-4) needs to win to renew its playoff hopes.

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New York at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
 Phoenix at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
 Chicago at Sacramento, 7 p.m.
 Toronto at L.A. Clippers, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday's Games
 Utah at Orlando, 4 p.m.
 Boston at Washington, 4 p.m.
 Seattle at New Jersey, 4:30 p.m.
 Phoenix at New Orleans, 6 p.m.
 Miami at Milwaukee, 6 p.m.
 Toronto at Portland, 6 p.m.
 Memphis at Portland, 7 p.m.
 Chicago at Golden State, 7:30 p.m.
 L.A. Clippers at L.A. Lakers, 7:30 p.m.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

The AP Top 25
 The Top 25 teams in The Associated Press college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Nov. 13, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote, and previous ranking.

Rank	Team	Record	Pts	Pts
1	Southern Cal (51)	10-0	1,608	1
2	Auburn (6)	10-0	1,333	3
3	Oklahoma (8)	10-0	1,536	2
4	California	8-1	1,409	5
5	Utah	10-0	1,318	7
6	Texas	9-1	1,301	6
7	Michigan	9-1	1,279	8
8	Wisconsin	7-1	1,046	12
9	Virginia Tech	10-1	1,012	4
10	Florida St.	8-2	1,004	11

Iowa 77, N. Arizona 80
 Missouri 94, Brown 87
 Oregon 25
 Ohio St. 74, ...

First Round
 Colorado 78, Col. of Charleston 57
 Michigan 69, Birmingham 48
 Va. Commonwealth 82, American U. 76, OT
 Wake Forest 97, George Washington 76
FRIDAY'S GAMES
 Iowa St. 81, EA Sports 5
 LSU 124, Houston Sports Group 78
 West Virginia 87, Pan American-Mexico 42
 Wichita St. 83, Athletics Final 57

TRANSACTIONS

COLLEGE
 INDIANA STATE—Fired Tim McCaline, football coach.

PREP FOOTBALL

OSAA State Football Championships
 Following are the second-round pairings for the OSAA State Football Championships, with districts and seeds in parentheses:
1A
 Astoria (1-2) at Junction City (5-1), TBA
 Shawwood (2-2) at North Valley (8-1), 7 p.m.
 Stayton (6-2) at North Bend (3-1), 7 p.m.
 Estacada (2-3) at Sweet Home (8-1), 7:30 p.m.
 Toledo (4-2) at Seaside (1-1), 7 p.m.
Saturday's Games
 Ontario (7-2) at Canby (4-1), Noon

Shenwood (1-2) at Canby (4-1), 7 p.m.
 Philomath (5-2) at OES (1-1), 4:30 p.m.
Saturday's Championship Match
 At Tigard High School
 Semifinal winners, noon

Class 3A Boys
Saturday's Matches
 Phoenix (6-1) 2, Central (1-1) 0
 Hidden Valley (8-2) 3, Cottage Grove (5-2) 1
 La Salle (2-1) 11, McCouglin 0
Friday's Matches
 Phoenix (6-1) at Gladwin Valley (2-2), 2 p.m.
 La Salle (2-1) at Hidden Valley (5-2), 2 p.m.
Saturday's Championship Match
 At Tigard High School
 Semifinal winners, 2:30 p.m.

cy, as were three of his teammates. The couple was allegedly approached by a group of black men, identified as Oregon State football players.

The men began making comments to Sapp's wife, who is also black, about her relationship with her husband, who is white, Corvallis police said.

Witnesses said Rudolph then punched Sapp in the face, knocking him to the ground.

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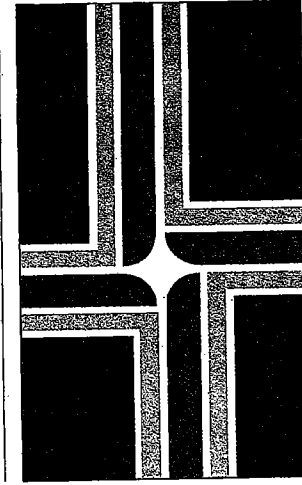
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SEVENTH-HEAVEN: Portland's flag is considered one of the best in the nation, according to the North American Vexillological Association.

Portland city flag ranked 7th best in the country

The Associated Press According to the city's Web site, the green symbolizes Oregon's forests. The intersecting vertical and horizontal blue stripes represent the Columbia and Willamette Rivers, with the central white star signifying Portland at their confluence.

The yellow stripes represent the harvest of grain because Portland is a wheat exporter. The city of Salem finished 51st on the association's list. Washington D.C. was judged to have the best flag and Pocatello, Idaho, the worst.

A recent survey ranked Portland's city flag as the seventh best in the country. The North American Vexillological Association, which studies flags, ranked 150 flags and states that the best designs are simple, distinctive, use meaningful symbolism and have no writing or seals.

The Portland flag is an offset cross of blue, white and gold stripes. A star is located just left on center, and it's all on a green background.

Retired fishing boats set sail to serve science

COOS BAY (AP) — Do put the value of his fishing boat into words, Scott Hockema speaks of hard years — years spent at sea hauling fish from the depths to support a wife and two sons, years spent repairing engines and gear and building a trustworthiness crew years fighting to make a living while the larger fishery faltered.

On the Net: Oregon State University Marine Research Station — www.marineresearch.oregonstate.edu

With the new fleet, Oregon State University scientists are talking about research voyages north to Arctic waters, challenged by global warming, to poorly understood whale not spots hundreds of miles off the coast of Mexico, and south to a zone of rich upwelling off Costa Rica.

These are vessels hardened for fierce weather, powered by giant diesel engines and generators, and able to carry 10,000 gallons of fuel and nearly as much water. Hockema — who learned the fishing trade as a boy aboard his grandfather's boat and who

served as captain on his first boat at age 17 — hates to think of his trustworthiness Pacific Storm stripped of its fishing identity. He retired another boat and sold it to someone who is converting it into a pleasure yacht.

"They cut all the masts off. It doesn't even look like a fishing boat anymore," he says. "I caught as much fish as any one on the coast," says the 39-year-old. "Everybody knew what that boat was."

But, in a single meeting, Mate persuaded Hockema to donate the Storm. Keeping the boat working meant a lot to him. So did the prospect of having it stay on the Oregon coast, where he could still see it once in a while.

Not to mention, he says, "just the fact that it still kind of looks like a fishing boat."

commute back and forth every day between Half Moon Bay and distant waters. Now they can use the big, seaworthy boat as a mother ship for their smaller, whale-chasing boats, staying at sea for weeks.

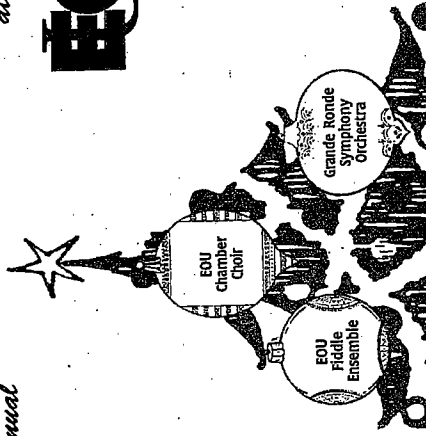
Already, Mate's group has taken the Pacific Storm on a voyage off California to track endangered blue whales, the largest animals in the world. The researchers tagged 29 of the leviathans in a four-week period, double the efficiency of previous trips, Mate says.

In the past, the group had to persuade Hockema to donate the Storm. Keeping the boat working meant a lot to him. So did the prospect of having it stay on the Oregon coast, where he could still see it once in a while.

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Jurors swayed by Peterson's lack of emotion

REDWOOD CITY, Calif. (KFFV) — Scott Lee Peterson was stoic and apparently emotionless. He was the smiling defendant in a capital murder trial. He was a swaggering man, who easily strolled into court each day.

And after more than six months of trial, Peterson's laissez-faire attitude was his own undoing, said jurors who condemned him on Monday.

"For me, a big part of it was at the end, the verdict," juror No. 7 Michelle Nica, 34, of Palo Alto said flatly. "No emotion, no emotion. No anything. That spoke volumes. Loud and clear."

"I heard enough from him" Speaking publicly for the first time, three jurors in the Peterson trial talked at length at a news conference Monday about the evidence, their feelings and why they

time. During trial, Peterson seemed disconnected from the severity of his situation. He smiled at his family, joked with his lawyers and easily chatted with deputies charged with guarding him.

All the while, jurors were watching. "I still would have liked to see, I don't know if remorse is the right word, a little more expression or caring," Cardosi said. "If he was innocent — he lost his wife and child and it didn't seem to faze him."

JURORS ANSWERED dozens of questions from print and broadcast journalists.

The hour-long session took on the aura of a television talk show with media pool director Peter Shepley acting as host.

Reporters fired off questions



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FRIDAY SATURDAY SUNDAY

EVENTS

- Elk viewing special holiday tour T&T Wildlife Tours Haines, 56, 54 kids, 541-656-3356
- Quilt Quarters Saw-To-Go-Drop Party 6:30 p.m., IC City Hall
- Community dance: Dottie and Company 8 p.m. to midnight, Union County Senior Center, 1504 Albany St. \$3. \$5 couples, bring snacks to share
- New Year's Eve bings party 8:30 p.m., The Eagles' Lodge, 1212 Jefferson, \$25 bings potluck, free pizza and coffee for players

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Let us know about Union and Wallowa county meetings and events. Send e-mail or write a letter giving the event, date, time, cost if any and a phone number.

Service clubs, support groups and other non-profit organizations are encouraged to notify us of their regular meeting times.

The deadline is noon Wednesday for Thursday's calendar.

Fax: 541-963-7804

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EVENTS

- EOU reopens end of winter break
- Free chili supper, Union Commercial Club 6:30 p.m., Buffalo Peak Golf Course, 502-5748
- BB Gun safety 7 p.m., LG Rifle, Pistol Club for kids 8-14: \$10, Elks Lodge, 8 weeks

ENTERTAINMENT

- Live music: Dottie & Company 11 a.m. to noon, Wallowa Lodge, 2 to 3 p.m., Union Co. Sr. Ctr.

COMMISSIONS

- Elgin SRA Council 4 p.m., district office
- LG Library Commission 5:15 p.m., LG Library
- Elgin EDGE 6 p.m., EDGE, USBank
- Elgin Chamber of Commerce 6 p.m., chamber office
- North Powder City Council 7 p.m., Powder Valley School band room
- Imbler City Council 7 p.m., Imbler City Hall
- Union County Callers 7 p.m., Ag Service Ctr.

EVENTS

- "Friendly Persuasion" EOU Film Fest 7 p.m., Zabel 142, free with food donation
- Air rifle safety 7 p.m., LG Rifle, Pistol Club for kids with shooting experience: \$10, Elks Lodge, 8 weeks

ENTERTAINMENT

- Private cancer education support 6 p.m. potluck, 7 p.m. meeting, senior at Presbyterian Church

COMMISSIONS

- Eagle Cap Traditional Archers 6:30 p.m. at greenhouse by DE Supply
- Union PTA 6:30 p.m., UHS conf. rm
- LG WFW and auxiliary 6:30 p.m., 10 Depot St.
- Autism support 6:30 p.m., Zion Lutheran
- Cove Council 7 p.m., Cove City Hall
- IG Lions 7 p.m., Deary's
- Stampodera 7 p.m., Elgin Stampede Hall
- Cove Boosters 7 p.m., school cafeteria

EVENTS

- Union Cemetery Maintenance Dist. 9 a.m., district office
- Union County Commissioner 9 a.m., 1108 K Ave.
- Grandparents as Parents support noon, CHD, 1100 K Ave.
- Cove Masses 7:30 p.m., Cove Lodge
- Farmers' Lodge 8 p.m., Summerville IOOF Hall

ENTERTAINMENT

- LG Breakfast Lions Club 8:30 a.m. Deary's
- TOPS 573 8 a.m. weigh-in, 9 a.m. meeting at Union Clinic
- Literacy Center 2:30 to 4:30 p.m., Elroy
- AKAnon 12:15 to 1:30 p.m., Faith Lutheran Church, 12th and Collier Lane
- LG Gun Club 6 p.m. range open for shooting
- Bingo 6:30 p.m., Elgin Lions Community Center
- Bingo 7 p.m., Eagles

COMMISSIONS

- ORR Aux. board 9:30 a.m., IC City Hall
- WorkSource Oregon, Region 13 1 p.m., 1607 Collier
- UBESD board 7 p.m., Island City office
- High Valley VFW, Union 7 p.m., 518 N. Main St.
- Hells Canyon Mule Days meeting 8:30 p.m., Wallowa Co. Chamber, Enterprise

EVENTS

- Steepfibre Story Hour, EOU 8:30 p.m., Pierce Library

ENTERTAINMENT

- First Friday Concert: 7 p.m., The Old Meeting House, 801 M Ave., \$

COMMISSIONS

- Music workshops for kids 1 p.m., Introduction to the Orchestra Lisa Robertson, \$15, family discounts, The Woodshed, 705 S. River St., Enterprise
- Senior social music club 7 p.m., cards Union Co. Senior Center, 1504 Albany St.
- LG Gun Club 8 a.m. range open for shooting, by truck stop
- Elk viewing T&T Wildlife Tours Haines, 56, 54 kids, 541-656-3356

EVENTS

- Health and Wellness Fair 8 to 10 a.m., Fort Union Grange, tests \$5 each, cholesterol screening \$25 with 14-hour fast, breakfast \$3, 863-7476

ENTERTAINMENT

- Union County Historical Society noon potluck, 1 p.m. presentation, 2 p.m. meeting at log cabin on fairgrounds

COMMISSIONS

- LG Gun Club 8 a.m. range open for shooting, by truck stop
- Elk viewing T&T Wildlife Tours Haines, 56, 54 kids, 541-656-3356

It's all aboard as man, 94, gets his first tattoo

DaBOIS, Pa. (AP) — Ralph Bonebreak was born to be wild — in 1910.

The 94-year-old man recently got his first tattoo at the Tainted Flesh Tattoo and Piercing Studio in his hometown. Bonebreak emerged from under the needle with a locomotive on his right arm and an eagle on his left.

"Tattooing an older person is a bit more difficult because their skin is different and sometimes it comes away from the muscle a little," said Bob MacCreedy, a tattoo artist at Tainted Flesh.

A lot of men who went into the military got tattoos, but

Bonebreak's 38-year career with the railroad kept him out of the service, said his friend, Eve Camuso.

"He's always wanted a tattoo, but back then the only place you could get one was at the county fair," Camuso said this week. "They weren't very clean."

Bonebreak selected a train to commemorate his time with the railroad. A belt buckle inspired his eagle design.

Bonebreak might have been nervous, but he didn't show it when he hopped in the chair.

"It's a new experience so I'd say I was a little anxious," Bonebreak said.

COMMISSIONS

- Overcasters Anonymous noon, First Christian Church, 801 Penn Ave.
- LG Noon Lions noon, Ten Depot St.
- Bridge 12:30 p.m., Union County Senior Center
- LG TOPS 5:30 p.m. weigh-in at LG Retirement Center, 1612 Seventh St., basement
- Elgin TOPS 6 p.m. weigh-in at Nazareth Church, 11th and Birch streets
- AKAnon 7 to 8 p.m., Calvary Baptist Church, Cove
- Indoor archery range open 7 to 9 p.m., downstairs at Eagles' Lodge, 32

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NATION

Tuesday, Nov. 16, 2004

Rice to replace Powell as nation's top diplomat



WASHINGTON (AP)—President Bush turned to his most trusted foreign policy adviser, Condoleezza Rice, to lead U.S. diplomacy during his second term, replacing Secretary of State Colin Powell, who often was out of step with more hawkish members of the administration's national security team.

Mohamed Alhassani, had informed the newspaper of his plans early Monday. He told The Post by fax and telephone that he was "going to burn my body at unexpected place." He also faxed a letter to an FBI agent in New York who has had contact with him, the Post reported.

The paper said it alerted the New York agent about its contact with Alhassani and subsequently informed District of Columbia police when it learned from the man in a series

of three telephone calls that he could not travel to Yemen to visit his ailing wife, who has stomach cancer. He also said the FBI had not kept promises it made to him to secure his assistance.

The investigation into Monday's incident is being handled jointly by the Secret Service and the U.S. Park Police, which has jurisdiction over Pennsylvania Avenue immediately outside the White House fence. That section of Pennsylvania Avenue was recently reopened to pedestrians after being closed for security.

Briefly Reid to lead Senate Democratic caucus

WASHINGTON (AP)—Senate Democrats are changing management, their ranks reduced to a 74-year low and their longtime leader defeated for re-election back home.

Sen. Harry Reid, a soft-spoken Nevada, is moving in as leader of the shrunken minority, while Sen. Tom Daschle of South Dakota is stepping aside.

people followed to lose weight initially, but keeping from regaining it was another matter. A low-fat diet "continues to be the key characteristic" of long-term success, said Suzanne Phelan, a Brown University Medical School psychologist who led the work. Consumers increasingly are losing their enthusiasm for Atkins-style diets as a long-term weight control strategy and the following such a diet peaked at 9 percent last February and fell to 6 percent by June.



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Disturbing trend continues for Stanfield, stay winless

By the Hermiston Herald

CONDON — There is a disturbing trend for the Stanfield High boys basketball team.

The Tigers had managed to stay close for the first 30 minutes in each of their first five games. But it's that last two minutes that has not been very kind.

The Tigers have not executed late and it happened again Saturday night.

Stanfield (0-5) turned the ball over six of its final nine possessions in a 50-41 loss to Damascus Christian in the consolation game of a tournament in Condon.

"We just couldn't put the ball in the basket," Stanfield coach Nate Williams said. "It's frustrating."

Stanfield did not help itself out at the free throw line, making just 12-of-23. For the season, Stanfield is only 49

BOYS BASKETBALL

percent as a team.

Jason Flemmer led the shorthanded Tigers with 14 points. Stanfield is still without freshman Sam Grogan who is still nursing a muscle strain.

Matt Ellis gave the Tigers a boost in Grogan's absence with seven points.

On Friday night, Stanfield could not

overcome a slow start in a 47-46 loss to Condon.

A late basket cut the game to two points, but the Tigers would not get the ball back.

Condon raced out to a 29-19 halftime lead against a flat Tiger team. "We did not come out with any energy in the first half," Williams said.

A 18-11 fourth-quarter run was not enough for Stanfield, which managed to

tie the game once in the second half. Kyle Sobotta led the way with 21 points and Chad Blackburn added 11 points and eight rebounds.

Flemmer finished with 10 points. The Tigers played at Mac-Pi Monday night and results were not available at press time.

On Friday, Stanfield opens conference play at home against Weston-McEwen at 7:30 p.m.

Hacked in the act



Herald photo by Ben Reynolds

Stanfield senior Rosa Bautista gets fouled on her way to the basket Monday night in the Tigers' 56-37 win over Arlington.

Victory

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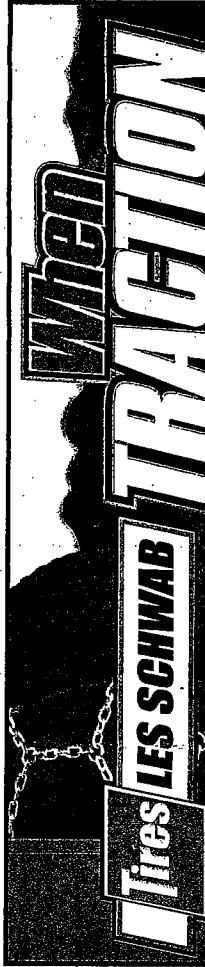
The Falcons capitalized on some poor free throw shooting in the second quarter to take a nine-point lead at halftime. Hermiston went 0-of-5 from the stripe during that span.

"I was pretty excited," Usher said. "The kids came out and played well."

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GOP's Rossi: Governor-elect, but not governor-for-sure



OLYMPIA, Wash. (AP)—Republican Dino Rossi is being certified as Washington's governor-elect, but the closest gubernatorial race in state history is far from over.

After a machine recount, only 42 votes separated Rossi and Democrat Christine Gregoire.

On Friday, Democrats are expected to request a hand recount of all or part of the 2.8 million ballots, and the Republicans may weigh in as well. The uncertainty could last until Christmas.

Some are even worrying about whether a winner will be known in time for inauguration on Jan. 12. Incumbent Gov. Gary Locke, a Democrat, did not stand for a third term.

Secretary of State Sam Reed, the state's chief elections officer, planned to certify the machine recount today, making Rossi the official governor-elect.

Rossi scheduled a post-certification news conference today to declare victory yet again and to urge Gregoire to concede. He also planned a "Thank You, Washington" rally this evening at the Bellevue Doubletree Hotel to celebrate his "victories."

Gregoire, a three-term attorney gen-

eral, had been forecast to win with ease and John Kerry and Sen. Patty Murray easily won for the Democrats here. But Rossi, a self-made real estate millionaire and a former state legislative power, edged Gregoire in both the regular count — by 261 votes — and in the automatic machine recount completed last Wednesday.

Each candidate polled 48.87 percent and each got 1.3724 million votes. "Right now, the state is divided smack down the middle," Gregoire's spokesman, Morton Brilliant, said Monday. "If all the ballots aren't counted, we will go through the next four years with one candidate's supporters not believing the winner was legitimately elected."

"It's worth taking three (more) weeks to have four years of legitimacy, and that's what is at stake."

Democrats planned to ask for an unprecedented hand recount of all or part of the state's 6,886 precincts, said Kirstin Brost, state party spokeswoman. "There's a long list of counties where ballot numbers don't match up — where ballots either materialized or ballots evaporated. There may be perfectly reasonable explanations, but it needs to

be explored," she said in an interview. In the state's largest county, King, which includes heavily Democratic Seattle, last week's recount included more than 800 previously unrecorded ballots, nearly tripling the election to Gregoire.

There is reason to believe Gregoire may win the third count. Brilliant said in an interview. Brost agreed, but also acknowledged "all of this is a gamble."

Democrats would prefer to order a complete hand recount, but the party may not be able to raise \$1 million by Friday, Brost said. A labor-intensive manual recount costs 25 cents per ballot, or about \$700,000 for a statewide tally.

Coupled with legal bills and party staff costs, that could push the total cost to more than \$1 million, and both the Gregoire campaign and the state party are running on fumes, Brost said.

The Democratic Governors' Association, Emily's List and the Democratic National Committee are expected to provide financial help.

The party may decide to order a recount for King County or counties where they've spotted possible "anomalies," said state Chairman Paul Berent.

Marijuana patients seek new physicians

EUGENE (AP) — Dr. Phillip Leveque's medical career highlighted by a short but storied medical marijuana practice, is probably over.

The state has pulled the license of the 81-year-old osteopath from Molalla, and the nearly 4,000 patients for whom he has signed medical marijuana applications are looking for replacements.

"For sure, there have been other doctors to step up to the plate, but not enough," said Todd Daloto, president of the Compassion Center in Eugene. "Clearly there is a problem with getting enough doctors to sign for patients."

The center and such advocacy groups as Voter Power and the Hemp and Cannabis Foundation in Portland and the Alternative Medicine Outreach Program in Roseburg are holding clinics at which doctors examine patients and sign applications.

As of Oct. 1, 1,498 doctors had signed applications for 9,758 patients, according to the state Oregon Medical Marijuana Program.

Dr. Leveque did nearly half that many himself in five years. Word spread fast when Oregon's medical marijuana law took effect in 1999 that Leveque was the man to see.

Sometimes he signed applications for far-flung or disabled patients without meeting them. This drew the attention of the Board of Medical Examiners, which in May 2002 suspended his license for 90 days, fined him \$5,000 and placed him on 10 years probation.

Leveque resumed his practice, working with the advocacy groups and signing applications after a physical exam of patients by a nurse-practitioner.

Last March the Board of Med-

ical Examiners again suspended his license, saying he posed a risk to his patients and was negligent in evaluating some patients for the medical marijuana program.

In October the board revoked his license to practice medicine in Oregon and fined him \$5,000. He can apply to get his license back in two years.

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At Home

TODAY

Bluegrass, Western and Folk
Jan. 6-9 p.m., Fellowship hall of First Christian Church, 758 Highland Ave., Hermiston.

FRIDAY

New Year's Eve at noon, Ham
to 1 p.m., Children's Museum of Eastern Oregon, 400 S. Main St., Pendleton.

New Year's Eve Communion
Service, 6 p.m., Trinity Lutheran Church, 445 W. Locust Ave., Hermiston.

Watch Night Service, 8 p.m., Lighthouse Church, 417 N.W. 21st St., Pendleton. Worship, dramas, singing and fellowship.

Kwanza New Year's Eve Ball, 8 p.m., Pendleton Convention Center, Pendleton.

The rehearsal will take place at Harris Junior Academy, 321 S.W. Halley Ave., Pendleton.

The chorale, directed by R. Lee Friese, is part of Inland Northwest Musicians and is open to all singers. For more information, contact Friese at the INWM office, 966-6649.

Free winter film series continues

HERMISTON—The Seventh-day Adventist Church continues its free winter film series, 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 1, "Incredible Creatures That Defy Evolution," 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 15, "The Exodus Revealed," 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5, "The 7th Day Part One," 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, "The 7th Day Part Two," 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Mar. 5, "The 7th Day Part Three," and Saturday, Mar. 19, "The 7th Day Part Four." The films will be shown at the church, 855 S.W. Highland.

Comedy show promises two fun nights

By CAROL MARCUM
of the East Oregonian

HERMISTON—The Super Bowl of Comedy is back bigger and better than ever showcasing two nights of stand-up comedy. Last year, Warren Smith, organizer of the Hermiston event, added a second night to the annual benefit show. Due to the success of the show, the Super Bowl of Comedy will once again offer two nights of comics emceed by Rob Sherwood.

Since its inception, the show has been a sellout, bringing big name comedians to Hermiston. Historically the event sells out early and Smith suggests reserving tickets early.

The Super Bowl of Comedy is a fund-raising event brought to town by Smith along with sponsors 97 Rock and KORD radio stations. In the past 12 years, Special Olympics, local 4-H groups, the Hermiston Library, Umatilla County Historical Society, Funland Park, Arts



Rick D'Elia
Her Sherwood Center of Pendleton and many other charities have benefited from the proceeds of the charity event.



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This year once again promises a night of laughter for audiences 21 and older.



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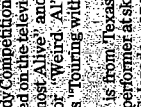
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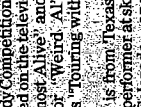
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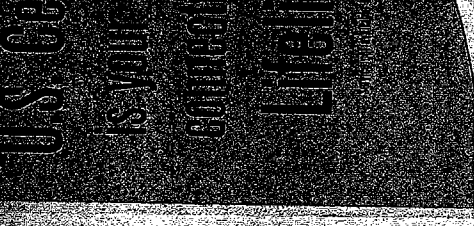
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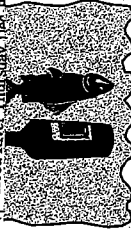
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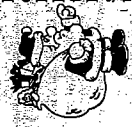
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Celebrate the season with December's First Friday

Enjoy a wide variety of art, music and special holiday activities provided by area artists in the year's last First Friday event, from 5 to 8 p.m. on Dec. 3, in downtown Hood River.

One highlight will be the traditional lighting of the living tree at Overlook Memorial Park (Second and State streets), at 8 p.m.

Performers include the fourth Dimension and local Girl Scout troops. Also look for Santa strolling about town spreading holiday cheer.



Oak St. Hotel hosts holiday events

Oak Street Hotel in Hood River will host three evenings that feature wine, music and art. On Dec. 2, "Savor the Season" with savory appetizers and wine. The Pines wine hotel will play guitar. "Living Rich" is Dec. 10 with a pairing of chocolate and wine. Dark chocolates paired with Dominio IV Syrah. "Winter Warm-up" is Dec. 17 with fireside cheer, not older and hearty appetizers. Call the hotel to make reservations at 986-3845; cost is \$15 with advance reservations or \$18 at the door.

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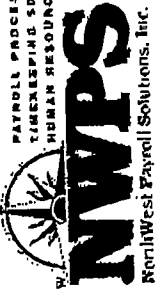
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'Do what you can where you are with what you have'

By KIRBY NEWMANN-REA

Scripture, sagacity, or a pinch of silliness. Those are some of the approaches Hood River Valley churches used in their change-the-renter-horror-throughout-2004.

Some seemed familiar, while others broke new ground. In a year of roadside outreach that continues to stand the test of time.

Whether solemn or humorous, the sayings posted by pastors and lay people humbly express the churches' beliefs and missions.

Here is this year's listing from the past year.

Assembly of God
The future is as bright as God's promise.

God's faithfulness dispels our heartfulness.

The best way to face Christ the judge is to know him as your Savior.

A mother understands what a child does not say.

God's trustfulness turns reproaches into triumphs.

The best thing to spend on your children is time.

The best cure for greed is generosity.

When the treasure's out, there's nothing left.

The warmth of love can melt the heart of an enemy.

Church of Christ
Make His plans your plans for the New Year.

The Bible is most effective when open.

Your cause may be vivid but keep your heart warm.

Hosanna! Three: God's greeting card.

Service is the rent we pay for human earth.

Be not at ease where you are until what you have

Sunny spirits make even the darkest skies sunny.

If you pause to think, you'll have cause to thank.

How would Jesus Drive?

We can't change the wind but we can alter the angle of the sails.

Was it the apple in the tree or the pair on the ground?

Example is the language anyone can read.

Laughter, hugs and smiles are good to give or receive.

The church is God's gift; assembly required.

The holiday is over but giving thanks shouldn't be.

Jucker Road Baptist Church
Who is your King?

God's gift to the family is a precious inheritance.

The Lord reigns. Let the world rejoice.

God cared enough to send His very best.

Give thanks to God and praise Him.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

God Bless America. Remember to vote Nov. 2nd.

In everything, it is good to give thanks.

— Psalms 137:1

Mountain View Baptist Church
In Christ, God came to dwell in man so that man may dwell in God.

Be humble or you'll stumble.

Good Christians make good citizens.

Jesus is the final answer.

Salvation is not giving up something. It is receiving someone.

Sanctification requires consecration without reservation.

Parkdale Church of the Nazarene
Let The Lord Jesus Give You New Life for the New Year.

The Passion of Christ: That You and I Might Gain Life Through His Sacrifice.

God gives a special grace for each trial we face.

God speaks through his word to those who listen with their hearts.

Try our Sundays: They are better than Baskin Robbins.

To give meaning to Christmas give Christ first place.

Riverside Community Church
Fatherhood, Jesus Style: The forgiving and inclusive father.

God is still speaking.

White Salmon Christian Assembly
Jesus offers you strength for today, hope for tomorrow, life everlasting. Details inside.

OTHER SIGNS:

If you can see this — Hank — Orchard Lane

Da Da Da Da — Here Comes The Sun

Da Da Da Da — Santitas's A Watched Pot

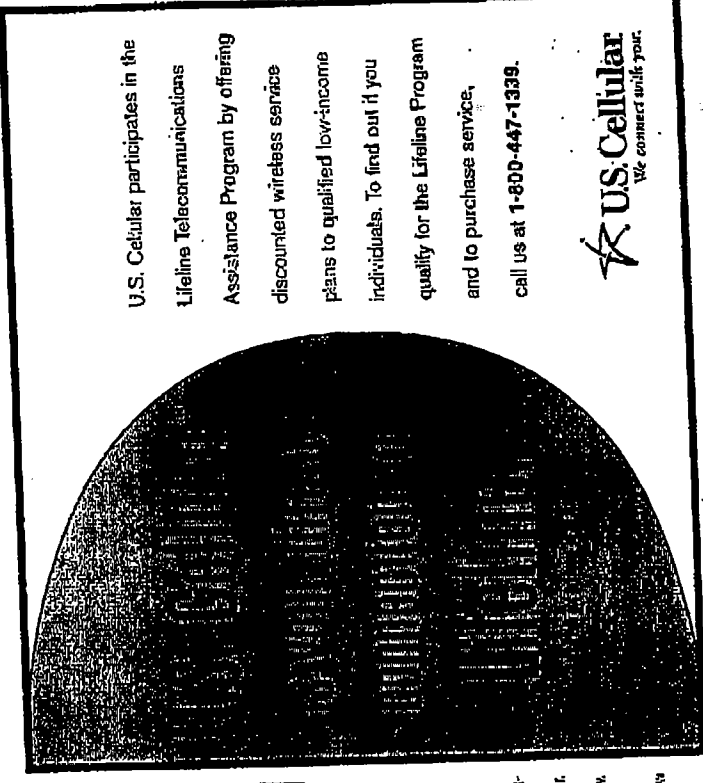
Never Burns — Westside Fire Department

Age is a question of mind over matter.

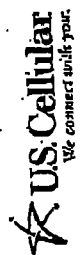
If you don't mind it doesn't matter. — Mount Hood County Store

Exercise your right to vote — Nev. — Big Gym

Your vote counts no matter how you add it. — Subway Shop 15



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 and snow were forecast for
 Thursday.
 "They will use every avail-
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 they're done," Francis said, of
 the operation that could take
 up to a month because of
 weather delays.
 The Selendang Ayu was
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 of soybeans Dec. 6 when its
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 for nearly two days before run-
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 The Selendang's owner, Sin-
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 Smit America will try to of-
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Salvage work continues in Alaska

By MARY PEMBERTON
 Anchorage Press Writer

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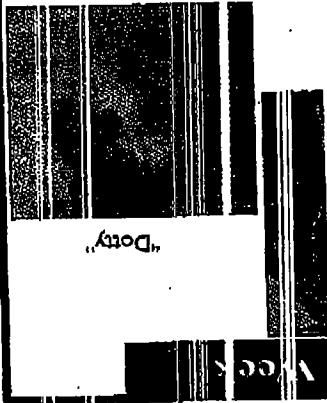
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Monday the public is getting a more complete picture in the new report.

Still, Grassley said, "With an improper payment amount of nearly \$20 billion and an error rate as high as 5.8 percent, Medicare last year reported a figure had been adjusted to factor out a high proportion of claims for which a health care provider did not respond to Medicare's request for documentation.

The unaudited rate was 9.8 percent, using the same criteria that produced this year's Medicare report because its adjustments were larger and more detailed.

Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, who sharply criticized the report, said:

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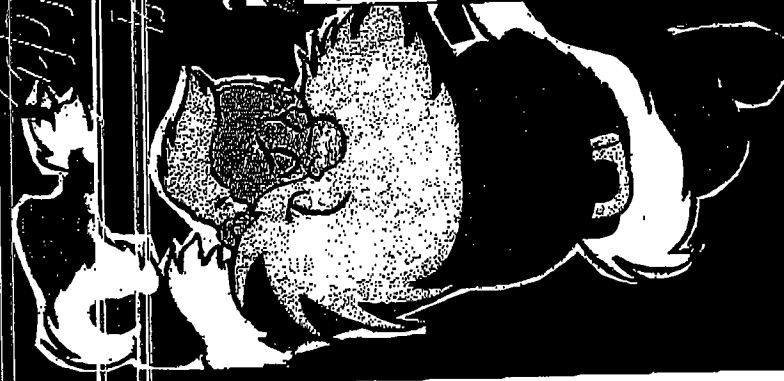


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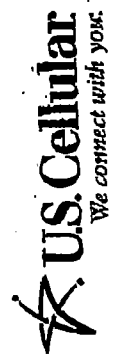
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section with Dry Hollow Road (development site is southeast of Dry Hollow Lane/Dry Hollow Road), and is further described as IN 13E 16 1100. Property owner of record is Mel Omega. Review Authority: Chapter 2, Section 2.060.B.7 & 13. Review Criteria: Chapter 2 - Development Approval Procedures, Sections 2.025, 2.110, 2.080; Chapter 3 - Basic Provisions, Large Scale Agriculture zone, Section 3.110.D.4., H., I.; Chapter 5 - Conditional Use Review, Sections 5.020, 5.030; Chapter 7 - Administrative Variances, Section 7.020; and Chapter 14 - Scenic Area Review.

Questions regarding this application should be directed to Dawn Baird, Associate Planner, at (541) 506-2560.

2) QUASI-JUDICIAL HEARING: Appeal by Frank Walker & Associates, and Daniel McGivley of the Planning Director's Decision of a Legal Parcel Determination for a 320.45 acre parcel located in the "A-1(160)" Exclusive Farm Use zone in Wasco County.

The subject property is located near the end of South Junction Rd, east of the Deschutes River, and is further described as BS 14E 0 2300. Property owner of record is Eastern Western Corp. Review Authority: Chapter 2, Section 2.060.B.13 of the Wasco County Land Use and Development Ordinance.

Review Criteria: Chapter 1, Section 1.090 (Definitions, "legal parcel").

Questions regarding this application should be directed to Sam Crummett, Associate Planner, at (541) 506-2560.

COMMENTS are to be submitted in writing to the Wasco County Planning and Development Office, 2705 East Second St., The Dalles, Oregon 97058, or in person at the hearing. Testimony and evidence must be directed toward the listed review criteria or other criteria in the plan or land use regulation which the person believes to apply to that decision.

Failure to raise an issue in the hearing, in person or by letter, that is accompanied by statements or evidence sufficient to afford the Planning Commission or other parties an opportunity to respond to the issue precludes appeal to the Land Conservation and Development Commission on such issue.

Any such report issued at the hearing shall be available for inspection at no cost at least seven (7) days prior to the hearing. If additional documents or evidence are provided by any party, the local government may allow continuance or leave the record open to allow

staff representative.

Hearings before the Wasco County Planning Commission are governed by ORS 197.763 and ORS 215.402 to 215.431, Section 2.180 of the Wasco County Land Use and Development Ordinance, and the Rules of Procedure of the Wasco County Planning Commission.

The meeting facility is handicapped accessible, and language interpreters are available with one week notice. Please call (541) 506-2560 Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., if you need special accommodations to attend the meeting.

Dated at The Dalles, Oregon on this 9th day of November, 2004

November 16, 2004, #1871

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That the Wasco County Court will meet to review of the request by the Wasco County Planning Office, for text and map amendments to the comprehensive plan to add inventory information of sensitive bird sites to the goal 5, wildlife background section and; to amend the zoning ordinance text and map to include provisions for protection in the new EPD-12 section of the ordinance; and text and map amendments to the comprehensive plan to add inventory information of the western porcupine to the goal 5, wildlife background section and; to amend the zoning ordinance text and map to include provisions for protection in the new EPD-13 section of the ordinance.

The hearing on this matter is scheduled for the hour of 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 8 2004, in the Wasco County Courtroom, Room 202, of the Wasco County Courthouse, 511 Washington Street, The Dalles, Oregon.

Comments are to be submitted in writing to the Wasco County Planning and Development Office, 2705 East Second St., The Dalles, Oregon 97058, or in person at the hearing. Testimony and evidence must be directed toward the listed review criteria or other criteria in the plan or land use regulation which the person believes to apply to that decision. Copies of the application(s) and all documents and evidence relied upon by the applicant(s), all applicable criteria, and any staff reports are available for inspection at no cost at 2705 East Second Street, The Dalles, OR 97058. Copies of these materials may be

Development Office at reasonable cost. Call 503.625.9529 to request the staff reports.

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This notice will be posted at the Wasco County Courthouse and at two (2) other public places in Wasco County. BY ORDER of the Wasco County Court on November 10, 2004.

Karen LaBrelon, Wasco County Clerk Approved by: Eric J. Nisley District Attorney for Wasco County November 16, 2004, #1673

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Help wanted for M.L. King bash



By ANDREA BARKAN
Pilot Staff Writer

AmeriCorps member Katie Miller is planning a royal community celebration for Jan. 17, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, and needs help from residents to roll out the red carpet.

"King for a Day" will feature art and poetry inspired by King, as well as a reading of King's speeches, from 1 to 4 p.m. Jan. 17 at The Snug in the Brian Scott Gallery.

As an AmeriCorps member, Miller was charged with creating a public event around one of three national service days: Earth Day, Make a Difference Day or Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Miller, who runs the ASPIRE program at Brookings-Harbor High School, said she chose the latter because Brookings is an ethnically homogenous community.

Katie Miller is planning a celebration honoring M.L. King.

Land acquisition allows Lewis and Clark trail work

ASTORIA (AP) — The National Conservation Fund has taken over more than 900 acres from Weyerhaeuser for a trail from Fort Clatsop, where the Lewis and Clark expedition wintered, to Sunset Beach.

The transfer will allow major work to begin on the six-mile Fort-to-Sea Trail. The rolling, forested land is the largest property acquisition yet for the new Lewis and Clark National and State Historical Parks and the largest along the route of the Lewis and Clark Trail.

"This is a huge milestone," said park superintendent Chip Jenkins. With federal funding in the park's expansion in the past year, the trail will be a part of your yard. Fertilize

Trail work will begin in March, Jenkins said. For more information, visit www.nps.gov/leclark or e-mail holc@nps.gov.

Miller said she wants "to focus on his words and his work and the importance of nonviolence."

She plans to work with BHHS students in English and art classes on special projects for the event.

Students will have the chance to write found poetry, where they rearrange words from portions of King's speeches.

All art and poetry created around the civil rights leader and his message will be displayed at the gallery.

Miller desperately needs participation, though, to make the event successful.

"I would really like that community involvement," she said. She requests anyone wanting to take part tell her in advance.

Miller may be reached by calling (541) 469-2108, ext. 241 or by emailing katiem@brookings.k12.or.us.

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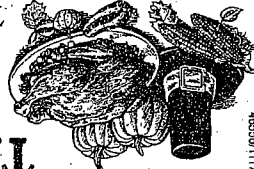
Cape Ferrelo hosts a

By MARGE WOODFIN

Pilot Staff Writer

The Sixth Annual Cape Ferrelo Five District Fish Fry will again provide its celebrated menu of barbecued albacore, beer-batter fried snapper, Caesar salad, and home-baked goodies Nov. 20 at the fire hall, 96349 Cape Ferrelo Road, from 1 to 6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 20.

There will be some awesome prizes offered in the giant raffle. "We already have more than 80 items for the raffle," said Cape Ferrelo Fire Chief Rich Miller. "The raffle is actually the big money-raiser for the fire department general fund. You can't raise much money selling a big dinner for \$8." Included in the prizes are accommodations and meals from Tu Tu Tun Lodge, White Suites, and Best Gifts, jewelry, and entertainment, all been donated by the affair users. The affair uses to \$3,000 to help and buildings in expected expenses



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Rehabilitation of animals a labor of love

Volunteer sacrifices time, money and blood to save Oregon wildlife

By JAYSON JACOBY
Walla Walla Star

BAKER CITY — The gentle hum of a vacuum cleaner is the sound of a labor of love. It's the sound of a woman named Shelley Colton, 39, who has spent the last several years of her life rehabilitating injured and abandoned wild animals.

Colton, who lives in Baker City, has a special way of connecting with the animals she rescues. She often talks to them as if they were people, and she sometimes thinks they are.

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Those happy paydays when the hawk soars high, the successes that help to balance the 3 a.m. feedings, are Colton admits, "few and far between."

And even after 14 years of sacrificing her time and her money and sometimes even her blood to save animals (raccoon claws are as sharp as an owl's talons), every one she loses hurts her just as deep in the marrow as the first one did.

"I thought I'd get used to it, putting down animals," Colton said. "I didn't."

"I tell them it's like you are ground your bedroom forever," Colton said. "You can see outside but you can never go out. Birds are used to flying, being free."

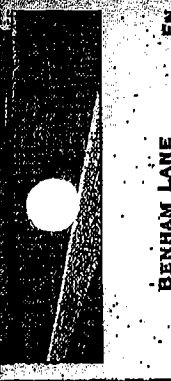
Colton has devoted hundreds of hours and thousands of tears to ailing animals since she was a little girl, who rescued her first mouse from a hayfield at cutting time.

That was on the Madras farm where Colton, who's 39, grew up.

Colton's male dachshund, Blue. "They ran all over the house," Shelta Colton said. "First she would chase the dog, then the dog would chase her."

Of course Colton could blame herself, at least in part, for the hijinks - she, after all, fed Ally the milk (from a baby's bottle) that replenished her energy between those rambunctious games of chase.

One day Colton came home and there on a kitchen counter sat the raccoon, looking as



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Home-schoolers face new standardized testing

BEND (AP) — A state plan to crack down on school districts that receive money for home schooling could require hundreds of students to take a standardized test.

The Oregon Department of Education policy change will require home-schooled students to take the Oregon Statewide Assessment test if they receive tutoring or take special classes in reading and literature, math or science paid by public schools.

Children schooled at home already must take a national standardized test in third, fifth, eighth and 10th grades.

But the federal No Child Left Behind Act has put added pressure on the state to test all students who

benefit from public-education funding, said Cliff Brush, an education specialist for the state.

No Child Left Behind grades schools based on how many of their students take assessment tests, as well as how they perform on the tests, he said. Some districts are already testing home-schooled students, but others, particularly smaller districts in rural areas, often do not, Brush said.

Education officials are touring the state to explain the new policy and determine how many districts are following the law. A report is due by the end of the year, Brush said. State officials, including Brush, met with Sisters School District Superintendent Ted Thon-

to tighten that up."

Kristi French, who home-schools her son Jacob, 14 and daughter Daniella, 11, said taking the state assessment test would be an unwelcome burden. Both children take classes through the Sisters School District. Home-schooling allows her children to learn a variety of subjects at their own pace, rather than absorbing information that will let them pass a test, French said.

"I have friends who test their kids every year just because they want to know where they are compared to other kids," said French who used to be a substitute teacher. "I've taught enough middle school and elementary school to be able to tell where my kids are."

Record jackpot is unclaimed

SALEM (AP) — Check your pockets. All of 'em.

Somewhere in those deep recesses, amid the lint and loose change, may well be the biggest Megabucks payoff in the history of the drawing. Nobody has claimed the \$30 million prize.

It's been two weeks since the six winning numbers turned up on a ticket sold in Milwaukie.

Typically, big winners wait to come forward until they get their legal and financial houses in order, said lottery spokesman Chuck Baumann. However, "it could be sitting on somebody's dashboard or dresser," Baumann said, "or, who knows, in a worst case it could be in a landfill."

The winning numbers for the Nov. 15 draw were 7, 16, 21, 22, 24, 43. The winner has one year to claim the prize, either in 25 annual installments of \$804,000 or in a lump sum of \$10.05 million, both options after taxes.

In the 19-year history of Megabucks, two jackpots have gone unclaimed one for \$1 million in 1997 and another for \$1.4 million in 2002. Before the Nov. 15 drawing, the record prize was for \$23 million in 1991.

Lack of snowfall hurting some ski resorts

WILLAMETTE PASS (AP) — Oregon ski operators say it wouldn't take much snow to get their areas up and running this winter. But they don't have much. A late snowfall has delayed openings at many ski areas that usually are operating by Thanksgiving.

At Mount Bachelor, resort operators are urging skiers to do a "snow dance," and at Hoodoo Ski Area, lift operators burned some old skis to try to fire up the snow gods. At Willamette Pass there is only a patchy three-inch shred of snow across the base area.

"I try to be a realist," said Willamette's mountain manager Ray Gardner. "I try to get up every morning and deal with what Mother Nature gives me, and her and I have some arguments." Willamette Pass and Hoodoo remain closed, and Mount Bachelor is operating with 17-inches of mostly artificial snow at the base area. Mount Ashland has less than half of the two to three feet they say they need to open.

There is some skiing at Timberline Lodge and Anthony Lakes. Spout Springs and Mount Hood Meadows hope to open in early December. A wetter than average August, September and October looked promising, but a cold, dry

November kept snow back, said state climatologist George Taylor. At Hoodoo, lift operator Steve Taylor forced operators to work for 10 hours a day to make sure the snow didn't melt. "I don't think anybody does that any more," he said.

"One thing people need to remember is the best snow is at the end of the season," Shepard said. "Last year, we had new snow piling into May."



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...grew from the earth," said Foster, who also designed London's Millennium Bridge. Colorado's Royal Gorge Bridge.

Abbas calls for end to Palestinian uprising

JERUSALEM (AP) — The armed uprising against Israel is a mistake and must end, interim Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas said in an interview published today, signaling his determination to change direction after Yasser Arafat's death.

Palestinian militants have enjoyed broad support among Palestinians during more than four years of conflict with Israel. Abbas' affirmation of a somewhat unpopular view comes at the height of his campaign for Palestinian Authority president.

Abbas is the frontrunner in the Jan. 9 election to succeed Arafat as Palestinian Authority president. Abbas, a pragmatist, has the support of Israel and the international community.

White Arafat was still in view, Abbas told associates in closed-door meetings that he felt the uprising was a mistake, but rarely spoke out in public. When Abbas criticized the armed uprising during the launch of the U.S.-backed "road

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ments with the new Palestinian leadership.

Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon refused to negotiate with Arafat, accusing him of fomenting violence. Israel is keeping its distance from Abbas ahead of the election, not wanting to hurt his chances.

Mofaz also said that if the Palestinians reorganize their security services, Israel would be willing to give them control over large areas of Gaza and parts of the West Bank before the pullout.

But Abbas said that currently Palestinian security is in a state of chaos.

"Frankly, the Palestinian (security) apparatus needs discipline. There is security chaos, that's why we're demanding and are seeking to unify the security apparatus," Abbas told Asharq al-Awsat.

Abbas also said he was in talks with the militant Islamic groups, Hamas and Islamic Jihad, to bring them into the framework of the PLO, an umbrella group for Pales-

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However, Abbas' efforts to persuade the militants to halt attacks on Israelis in the run-up to the vote suffered a setback Sunday when Hamas and a Fatah offshoot dug a tunnel under an Israeli post on the Gaza-Egypt border, blowing it up and killing five Israeli soldiers.

Militants in Gaza have also fired repeated barrages of rockets and mortars at Jewish settlements in the last week.

The military's response has been muted. A large-scale operation could jeopardize the Palestinian elections with the blame laid at Israel's door.

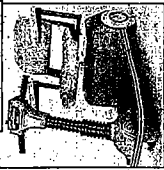
Israel has continued targeting militants with smaller raids and military officials said today that Mofaz ordered the army to step up its targeted attacks against Palestinians responsible for digging the tunnels, which are also used to smuggle weapons into Gaza.



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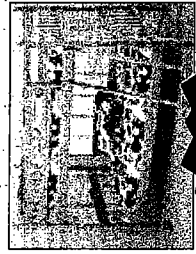
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New Year's Eve Celebration — 8 p.m. to midnight, Winston Middle School. Featuring a 1920s murder mystery dinner for adults and survivor events for children. A fireworks display will conclude the celebration. Tickets are \$15 for casual dress or \$25 for formal dress. 440-6747 or 679-9330.

SUNDAY, JAN. 2

Historic Lane House — 1 to 4 p.m., 544 S.E. Douglas Ave., Roseburg. Tours of the historic home are available. Donations suggested. 459-1393.

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TUESDAY, JAN. 4

FISH fundraiser — 5-8 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 1771 W. Highway 101, Roseburg. A trophy will be on hand with a display and to answer questions. If you can't make it then there will be a catalog in the church office for placing orders by Jan. 7. Forty percent of purchases will go to the FISH pantry. 672-1629.

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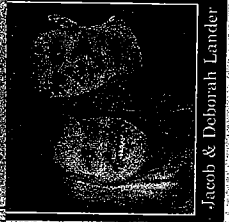
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Eight prisoners have died in U.S. custody in Afghanistan

By John J. Lumpkin
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Military officials said Monday that eight prisoner deaths in Afghanistan have been investigated since mid-2002, a higher number than previously reported. Human Rights Watch said slow-paced investigations had "spawned a culture of impunity" that may have fueled prisoner abuse in Iraq.

"It's time for the United States to come clean about crimes committed by U.S. forces in Afghanistan," said Brad Adams, the group's Asia division director.

Failure to prosecute incidents in Afghanistan has allowed abusive interrogation techniques to spread to Iraq, Adams said. "The U.S. government is dragging its feet on these investigations," he said.

A Pentagon spokesman, Lt. Col. John Skinner, said commanders go to "enormous lengths to investigate any credible allegations of detainee abuse." Many death investigations have determined that detainees died due to natural causes or because of injuries suffered before their capture, he said.

He added that the military has examined its entire system of keeping enemy prisoners. "We've looked at detention operations from A to Z," he said.


New York-based Human Rights Watch, in an open letter to Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld, reported two cases of detainee deaths it said were previously unacknowledged, one of which it said was investigated as a murder.

The U.S. Army's Criminal Investigation Command, later Monday, released a list of eight deaths that had been investigated.

Of those five were previously acknowledged by military officials to The Associated Press. The circumstances of two more seemed to match those described by Human Rights Watch as new. It was unclear whether the eighth has been reported previously.

Allegations of Death, Amnesty

awaiting final autopsy," the Criminal Investigation Division's statement said. A U.S. defense official, speaking on the condition of anonymity, identified the man as Sher Mohammed Khan and said he died of a heart attack. Human Rights Watch said Khan died Sept. 26 after he was arrested during a raid on his family's home near Khost. His brother was fatally shot by U.S. forces during the raid.



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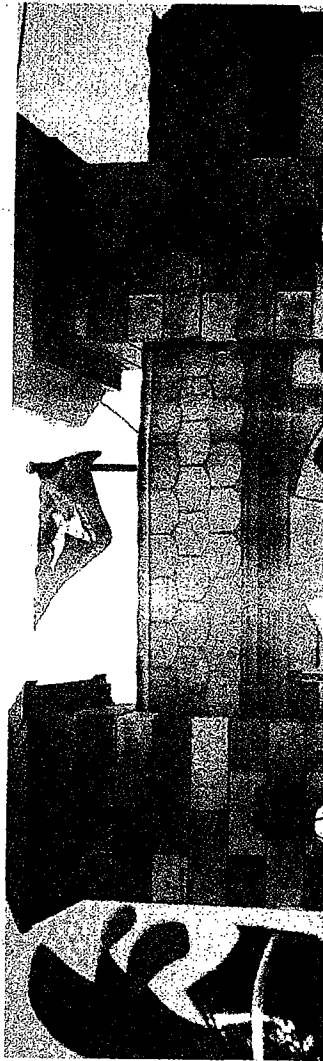
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WASHINGTON (AP) — Sales of previously owned homes in November posted their best month on record as low mortgage rates enticed buyers to live the American dream.

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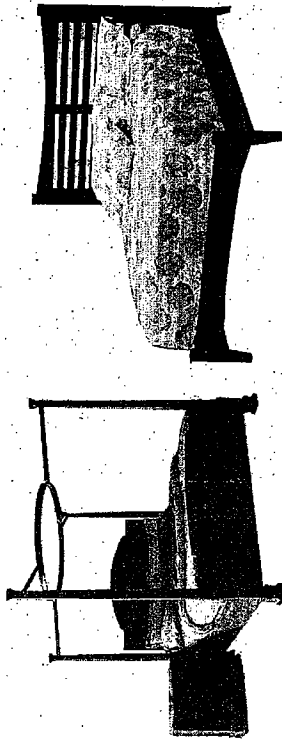
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The war in Iraq

U.S. and Iraqi troops begin assault on Mosul

Insurgent-held areas stormed

Associated Press

MOSUL, Iraq — U.S. and Iraqi troops stormed insurgent-held police stations and neighborhoods today, launching an offensive to retake parts of this northern Iraqi city where gunmen staged a mass uprising last week in support of fighters in Fallujah.

Troops secured several police stations by mid-afternoon, meeting "very little resistance," the U.S. military said. Witnesses said insurgents blew up three stations they were holding before abandoning them ahead of the U.S. assault. U.S. warplanes and helicopters hovered over Mosul — Iraq's third largest city, with about 1 million residents — as jet explosions and gunfire



Associated Press

Insurgents run from burning oil facility near Mosul, Iraq, Monday. Gunmen attacked and set fire to facility.

were heard. About 1,200 U.S. soldiers were taking part in the building in the city center, killing three civilians and injuring 25 others, hospital officials said. A car bomb exploded near a U.S. convoy in a Sunni Arab neighborhood of western

Mosul, wounding one U.S. soldier, the military said.

The uprising swept across Mosul — 225 miles north of Baghdad — amid a wave of violence across north and central Iraq following last week's U.S.-led attack on Fallujah, the insurgents' strongest bastion, west of Baghdad.

In a speech found Monday on the Internet, a speaker said to be Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, the country's most feared terrorist leader, called on his followers to "show" the Americans "with rockets and mortars"

because U.S. forces were spread too thin as they seek to "finish off Islam in Fallujah."

The U.S.-Iraqi assault in Mosul aimed to push back the uprising last week by gunmen who stormed police stations, bridges and political offices. The city's police force was overwhelmed and, in many places, failed to even put up a fight. Mosul Police Chief Brig. Gen. Mohammed Khairi Barhawi was fired amid criticism that some police cooperated with insurgents.

Reinforcements of about 300 Today, Mosul's five bridges were closed to start the operation, and American forces began securing police stations in the western part of the city, said U.S. Capt. Angela Bowman, with Task Force Olympia.

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November U.S. death toll in Iraq equals worst month

By Robert Burns
AP Military Writer

WASHINGTON — Fueled by fierce fighting in Fallujah and insurgents' counterattacks elsewhere in Iraq, the U.S. military death toll for November equaled the highest for any month of the war, according to casualty reports available today.

At least 135 U.S. troops died in November. That is the same number as last April, when the insurgency flared in Fallujah and elsewhere in the so-called Sunni Triangle, where U.S. forces and their Iraqi allies lost a large measure of control.

On Nov. 8, U.S. forces launched an offensive to retake Fallujah, and they were engaged in tough fighting in

other cities since then. More than 50 U.S. troops have been killed in Fallujah since then, although the Pentagon has not provided a casualty count for Fallujah for more than a week.

From the viewpoint of the United States and Iraqis who are striving to restore stability, the casualty trend since the interim Iraqi government was put in power June 28 has been troubling. Each month's death toll has been higher than the last, with the single exception of October, when it was 63.

The monthly totals grew from 42 in June to 54 in July to 65 in August and to 80 in September.

The Pentagon's official death toll for Iraq, dating to the start of the war, stood at 1,234 today. That total did not include a Marine killed Monday in Anbar province and a 1st Infantry Division soldier who died of wounds sustained in a roadside bomb attack late Monday night near the town of Alazra.

On Nov. 1 the official death toll stood at 1,211.

Combat injuries increased in November due to the fierce fighting in Fallujah.

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Move afoot to remove ban on foreign-born presidents

By Donna Cassata
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — The nation's forefathers envisioned a president born in the good ol' U.S. of A.: a red, white and true-blue chief executive for whom the band strikes up "Hail to the Chief."

In 1787 they put it in writing, Article 2, Section 1 of the Constitution: "No person except a natural born citizen ... shall be eligible to the office of president."

More than 200 years later, in a diverse nation with more than 33 million immigrants, the push is on to alter that venerable document and allow naturalized U.S. citizens — Americans like Arnold Schwarzenegger from Thal, Austria, and Jennifer Granholm from Vancouver, B.C. — to become president.

The number of foreign-born in the United States is increasing at a rapid pace: more than 1 million a year between 2000 and 2004, according to a recent study.

Those millions, however, aren't the ones some proponents of the constitutional change have in mind. Think California Gov. Schwarzenegger. Perhaps Michigan Gov. Granholm.

A Web site, Amendment.com, promotes the effort with photos of the Austrian-born Schwarzenegger, and a mention of the Canadian-born

soring the Web site have bought ads on California television, hoping to create a groundswell of support.

Several measures have been introduced in Congress, including a joint resolution by Rep. Madeleine Albright, the former secretary of State who was born in Czechoslovakia, recently backed amending the Constitution. "We are a country of immigrants," she said. "I think that it would be not a bad thing to try to figure out how to allow foreign-born people to become president."



The odds are against proponents of the change, which would require two-thirds majority votes in the House and Senate, then approval by three-fourths of the states.

Part of the problem, according to proponents, is a post-Sept. 11, 2001, climate in which many Americans are wary of immigrants, even legal ones, and want to tighten immigration laws.

A recent CNN-USA Today-Gallup poll found that 67 percent opposed changing the Constitution to allow immigrants to be president. When half the poll was asked the same question with Schwarzenegger's name, opposition dropped slightly to 58 percent.

"Democrats may be nervous about putting in place a constitutional amendment that might have

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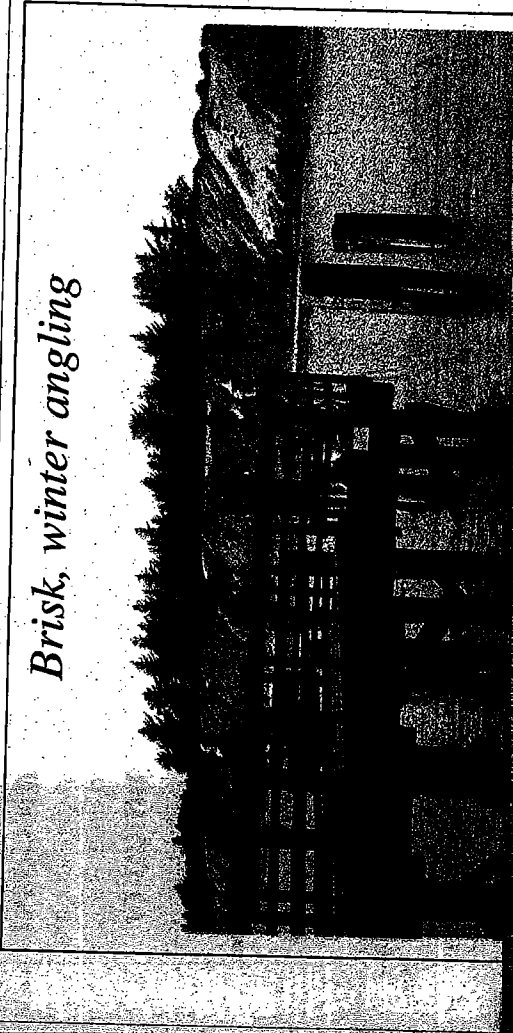
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Today

- **Donna M. Linneman** — Hearing to show cause on a charge of first-degree forgery. Additional hearing to show cause on a charge of second-degree forgery.
- **Joshua D. Hughes** — Trial, 12-penalty jury, on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- **Dodie P. Austin** — Arraignment to show cause order on a felony charge of first-degree possession of a controlled substance. Arraignment to show cause order on a charge of felony menacing and third-degree criminal mischief.
- **Nathan C. Cherdall** — Arraignment to show cause order on charges of first-degree criminal mischief and second-degree criminal mischief.
- **Joey E. Janda** — Arraignment to show cause order on a charge of felony first-degree conspiracy to commit theft and first-degree possession of a forged instrument.

- **elude police/vehicle, felony possession of a firearm and driving while suspended.**
- **Robbey A. Handley** — Probation violation hearing on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- **Gregory H. Sago** — Hearing to change plea on charges of attempting to elude police/vehicle, reckless driving, failure to perform duties as a driver, attempting to elude police and resisting arrest.
- **Michael P. Becken** — Motion hearing on charges of coercion, fourth-degree assault, harassment, six counts of contempt of court, second-degree criminal mischief and first-degree theft.
- **12-penalty jury, for the same case.**
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- **Trevor L. Joyner** — Arraignment to show cause order on a felony charge of reckless driving.

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NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL NEWS

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The Supreme Court took up the issue Monday, not to decide whether marijuana is a good medicine but to rule on whether the federal authority to "regulate commerce" extends to seizing home-grown drugs.

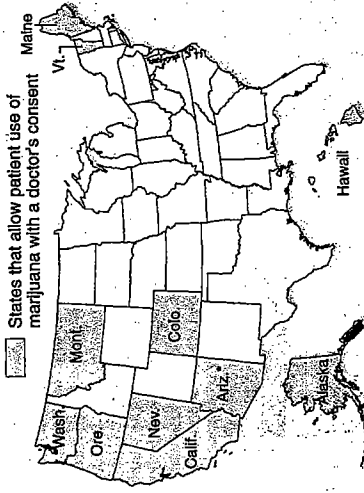
Outside on the court steps, one group of protesters called for liberalized drug laws to protect patients. They were challenged by another sign-carrying contingent who said stiff laws were needed to protect young people from dangerous drugs.

Inside the court, the justices debated the reach of their rules on federal authority. Although there was skepticism about the California law, no clear consensus emerged.

Conservative court

Workers used a truck from the LA because the heat was turned off

The Supreme Court will decide whether the federal law banning marijuana possession can be enforced in 11 states that allow the use of marijuana for medical purposes.



States that allow patient use of marijuana with a doctor's consent

Effective date of state's medical marijuana law

Dec. 6	Alaska
Nov. 8	Arizona
	California
	Colorado
	Hawaii
June 1	Illinois
Dec. 28	Michigan
	Montana
	Nevada
	New Mexico
	North Carolina
	Rhode Island
	Utah
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them that could, at some point, lead to tomato children," said Breyer, spinning out what he conceded was a complicated hypothetical question. Are all these beyond the regulatory power of the federal government, he asked?

Not necessarily, Barnett replied. The government could ban all uses of a particular product, such as heroin, if the total ban were essential to maintaining control of that substance, he said.

That's a very complicated standard, Breyer responded. "Balancing those factors would be for Congress. That's what we'd normally say," he said. A former Senate staffer, Breyer consistently has urged the court to uphold acts of Congress.

A better way

Later in the argument, Breyer said he did not know whether marijuana was good medicine, but he said the challengers should have taken their case to the Food and Drug Administration.

"Go to the FDA and say, 'Take this off the list of dangerous drugs.' That would seem to be

their personal use. Justice Antonin Scalia, a conservative proponent of limiting federal power, seemed to side with the government. He pointed out that the mere possession of illegal items has been a crime under the environmental laws.

What about ivory tusks? Or eagle feathers? he asked. "We can't tell whether (those items) came through interstate commerce or not. ... Why is that different from this?" Scalia asked.

Rehnquist, the court's foremost proponent of limiting federal power, was absent Monday. He was at home undergoing treatment for thyroid cancer, but Justice John Paul Stevens announced that Rehnquist planned to participate in deciding the case.

Justice Clarence Thomas, who in the past strongly has argued for limiting federal power, did not speak up during Monday's argument.

O'Connor is often the swing vote in close cases, and she said Monday that California had a strong argument on federalism grounds. "As I understand it, none of this home-grown marijuana will be on any interstate which distributed marijuana to

authorities always know best when it comes to deciding what is best for patients. Does federal law "trump the independent judgment of the physicians who prescribe it for the patients at issue in this case?" he asked.

A doctor for Ratch said she might not be able to live without marijuana. She suffers from an inoperable brain tumor and a wasting disease, and other prescription drugs failed to relieve her pain and help maintain her weight, he testified.

The government's lawyer said federal law outweighs the testimony of doctors. The idea of medical marijuana is something of an oxymoron, Clement told Stevens. "Notwithstanding that some doctors may make a different judgment about a particular patient ... the federal regulatory regime does not allow individual patients or doctors to exempt themselves out of that regime."

In its first medical marijuana case, the Supreme Court sided with federal authorities three years ago and ruled that the Drug Enforcement Administration could shut down cannabis clubs, which distributed marijuana to

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Sri Lankan Buddhists open hearts, shrines to Catholic quake victims

By Don Melvin
Cox News Service

KUDA PAYAGALA, Sri Lanka — It was Sunday morning and, in this deeply religious land, almost everyone was in church. But Gerard Perera was on the beach preparing for his day as a fisherman.

"I saw the tide was coming inland," he said, "and I shouted. I ran to the church. My family was in the church, celebrating the Sunday Mass."

All along the road in this area, 35 miles south of Colombo, Sri Lanka's capital, lies evidence of the force of nature's wrath. The earthquake-induced tsunamis that struck this South

Asian island last Sunday turned houses to kindling and swept cars and trucks into the forest. Concrete walls were demolished, foundations swept clean of the homes they once supported. The road is littered with the shards of fishing boats.

But whatever the force of those waves, many people in Sri Lanka think faith is just as powerful. Perera believes God alerted him to the coming tsunamis and directed him to warn the others.

Those who were not already in the Santa Maria Catholic Church ran to it when they heard his cries. And as the people of this coastal area huddled inside it, their homes were flat-

tened while the church was spared.

The church withstood the force of the waves but the danger was not over. The water was rising. The parish priest told the congregation to seek higher ground. Go, he said, to the temple.

The people ran from the church, across the road and up the hill to the Buddhist temple. There they were welcomed by the Rev. Malegoda Nanda, the priest who presides over the complex.

"I am ready to give them what they need," he said. Now, he presides with equanimity over 4,000 homeless people, almost all of them Catholic,

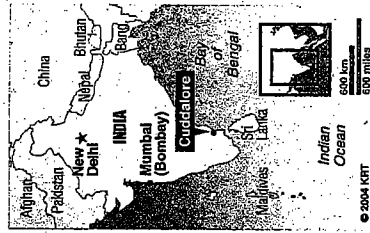


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Gerard Perera, 42, with his daughter, Yasmuna Perera, 19. Perera believes God told him to alert people that the tsunami was coming.

Catholics predominate along the coast in some areas — and so were disproportionately affected by the tsunamis.

And Buddhists around the country have opened their hearts and their shrines to homeless Catholics. Sri Lanka by Portuguese and Dutch colonizers who rarely penetrated the interior of the island. So, although the country is 70 percent Buddhist and only 8 percent Christian (the rest being mostly Hindu and Muslim),



In India, villagers find their fishing boats and

Aid delays

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Dayalan Sanders

"If there was anyone who should have got swept away by this tidal wave, it should have been us. We were eyeball to eyeball with the wave."

Desperate, he asked if any one had seen his daughter, and a moment later one of the older girls thrust the toddler into his arms. Sanders heaved her into the boat, along with the other small children, as the older ones, joined by his wife and the orphanage staff, clambered aboard on their own.

Crammed with more than 30 people, the dangerously overloaded launch leaped into the lagoon at almost precisely the same moment, Sanders said, that the wall of water overwhelmed the orphanage, swamping its single-story buildings to the rafters.

"It was a thunderous roar, and black sea," he said.

The aftermath

The orphan's ordeal did not end when their boat pulled away from the shore.

Not only was water cascading over the lagoon side of the peninsula, but it also was pouring in directly from the mouth of the estuary about two miles away. Sanders feared the converging currents would swamp

ing not help as they roared

in the water nearby. They were villagers who had been swept off the peninsula. The passengers rescued one young man, who was "howling for his missing wife and daughters," Kohila Sanders said. But they had to leave the rest behind. There wasn't any room.

Eventually the boat made it to the opposite shore, about a mile and a half distant in the city of Batticaloa.

The city is short of food and water, and on Wednesday afternoon, corpses were being burned where they had been found at the edge of the lagoon. The scene of the orphanage was one of utter devastation. The grounds were covered by up to three feet of sand. Several buildings, including the staff quarters, were entirely wiped away, and the others were damaged beyond repair. A body burned near the ruined chapel.

But at other moments, Sanders was philosophical about his loss. "If there was anyone who should have got swept away by this tidal wave, it should have been us," he said. "We were eyeball to eyeball

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Procrastinating can raise the cost of delivering gifts on time

By Heather Landy
Knight Ridder News Service

With convenience and customer service two major selling points, internet retailers have a lot riding on their ability to ship merchandise on time, especially during the holidays.

That means they need to set conservative ordering deadlines for shoppers who want gifts delivered by Christmas.

There's still time to order online for Christmas, but the longer you procrastinate, the more you can expect to pay for rush shipping. Some sites tack on fees of as much as \$15 for next-day service.

Most major shopping sites will allow you to click on "holiday shopping information," "holiday deadlines" or "shipping information" area, with detailed schedules for Christmas orders. If timely delivery is important to you, be sure to examine the schedule closely before buying.

Also, orders for oversize or out-of-stock items often take longer to fill and may not qualify for guaranteed Christmas delivery. For customers who miss the deadlines, many Web sites offer a back-up plan: send a gift card or magazine subscription via e-mail, even on Christmas Day.

Here is a sampling of domestic holiday deadlines and shipping fees advertised this season. Keep in mind that some deadlines may have already passed. (All times are ET.)

• Amazon.com: Dec. 13 for certain oversize items; Dec. 18 for standard shipping on most items; Dec. 20 for holiday guaranteed delivery (standard shipping fee, plus \$3.99); Dec. 21 for two-day shipping; Dec. 22 for one-day shipping. For shipping CDs and DVDs, Amazon.com charges \$1.99 per shipment and 99 cents per item for standard shipping, \$3.49 per shipment and 99 cents per item for two-day shipping and \$8.99 per shipment and \$1.99 per item for one-day shipping. Fees for other items vary.

• Buy.com: Dec. 18 for budget shipping; Dec. 13 for certain oversize items; Dec. 18 for standard shipping; Dec. 20 by noon for two-day air; Dec. 21 by noon for next-day air. Earlier deadlines apply for items specifying availability times longer than 24 to 48 hours.

• BestBuy.com: Dec. 15 by 11:59 a.m. for major appliances, entertainment furniture and television sets larger than 25 inches; Dec. 19 by 11:59 a.m. for standard shipping on most other items; Dec. 21 by 11:59 a.m. for two-day shipping; Dec. 22 by 11:59 a.m. for next-day shipping; Dec. 23 by 11:59 a.m. for in-store pickup.

• JCrew.com: Dec. 21 by 7 p.m. for regular shipping; Dec. 23 by 11 a.m. for overnight delivery (standard shipping fee plus \$12).
• Gap.com: Dec. 20 by noon for standard shipping; Dec. 21 by 11:59 p.m. for express shipping

(standard shipping fee plus \$12.95).
• Williams-Sonoma.com: Dec. 20 by 3 p.m. for regular shipping; Dec. 23 by noon CST for rush order (regular shipping fee plus \$15).

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Man drives self to hospital after being shot in head

ORLAND, Calif. (AP) — Chico police said an Orlando man drove himself to the hospital early Sunday after being shot in the head after a party.

Chico Police Sgt. Ford Porter said the man was treated at Enloe Medical Center for a non-life-threatening injury and released.

Porter said officers talked with the 20-year-old man about the shooting, but found him "less than completely cooperative." They said the shooting may have been between vehicles after the victim left the party where he was reportedly involved in an argument.



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Janitor gives gift
GREAT FALLS, Mont. (AP) — A part-time janitor who worked at the University of Great Falls has left the college \$2.3 million — the largest gift the school has ever received.
Genesio Morlacci died on Halloween at the age of 102. A former dry cleaner, he owned Sun Cleaners for several years before selling his business and working as a janitor.

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way to handle public complaints about the pick-up spots is to move the men along with citations and arrests.

Conflicts are happening more often as temporary laborers become a permanent fixture of the U.S. labor market, particularly in construction, landscaping and do-it-yourself home improvement, according to researchers who study the issue.

"The notion of looking for work in this manner annoys a lot of people," said Abel Valenzuela, a University of California Los Angeles sociologist who has surveyed day laborers around the country. "Most cities react negatively."

In Redondo Beach, police said they acted after getting numerous complaints about laborers at the city's two corner gathering spots being drunk, urinating in public, loitering, trespassing, blocking traffic and harassing customers entering businesses.

About 60 day laborers were arrested in a series of stings last month. They were charged with violating an until-now rarely enforced 1987 ordinance that prohibits soliciting employment in a public place. The maximum penalty is a \$100 fine and three years' probation.

"We applaud their desire to work, but our job is to maintain order," said City Councilman Gerard Bisignano.

Peterson sentencing a go

REDWOOD CITY, Calif. (AP) — Scott Peterson's defense team appealed for a new jury and change of venue in the penalty phase of his high-profile murder case. Instead, the state Supreme Court cleared the way for the same jurors who convicted Peterson to determine whether he is executed for his crimes.

Peterson was convicted earlier this month of murdering his pregnant wife, Laci, and the fetus she carried. Jurors were scheduled to begin hearing testimony Tuesday as to whether he should get life in prison or death. A judge will issue the final sentence.

Donations stolen from tavern

SPRINGFIELD (AP) — When they think back on it, patrons of the OK Tavern figure putting money for a cancer victim in an aquarium at the bar, where everyone could see it, was a poor idea.

But patrons of the laid-back, blue-collar joint with its two pool tables, where people stop in for a brew and a chat, hadn't given it a thought. Why should they? Everyone knows everyone at the OK. But early Monday someone broke in, scooped up the money that patrons had been raising for a dying woman and made off with it. The burglar took the Toys for Tots donations, too.

Two new shelters planned

SACRAMENTO (AP) — Sacramento religious coalitions plan to open two homeless shelters early next year to accommodate women with mental health problems and a growing number of homeless families.

Loaves and Fishes, which provides day services to the homeless, will open its first overnight shelter in January with 13 beds for chronically homeless women.

Another coalition plans a 14-space "floating shelter" for homeless families, an initiative based on a national New Jersey-based model called Family Promise.


Sacramento County officials say two new shelters will still leave them short of space for a rising number of homeless residents.



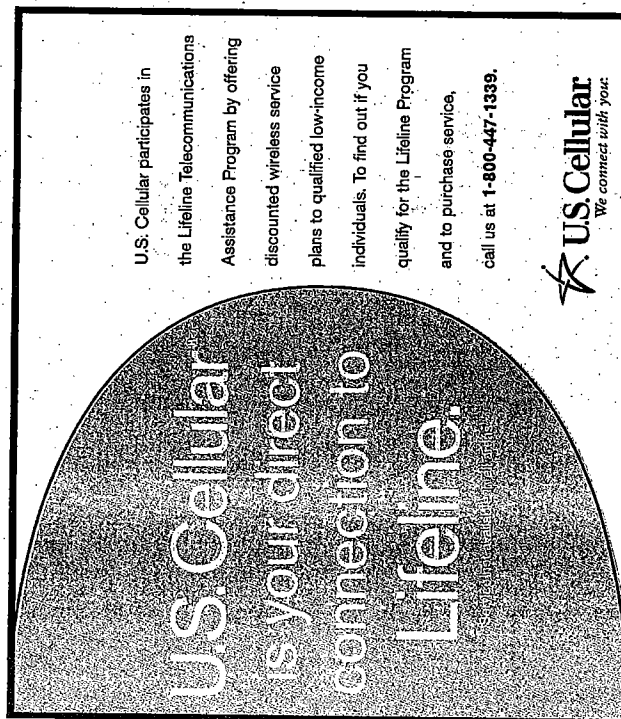
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field in southeastern Montana, an engineering consultant retained by the Northern Plains Resource Council testified in a civil case against BLM that it would cost \$2 million to \$213 million to reclaim the 1,664-acre field. Fidelity Exploration and Production Co., the operator, has posted a \$150,000 nationwide bond with BLM and a \$200,000 state bond with Montana.

The number of idle wells on federal lands also is growing. BLM data obtained with a Freedom of Information request show that more than 1,500 oil and gas wells are no longer producing, and in some cases haven't been for decades. That's 25 percent more than the 1,200 "temporarily abandoned" or "shut-in" wells the BLM told Congress existed on federal lands four years ago.

company can choose to post a minimum \$25,000 bond for statewide drilling, or a \$150,000 nationwide bond. The bonds are intended to ensure that oil and gas wells are plugged and the surface area restored once production has ceased. Without such reclamation, abandoned wells can pose a pollution threat to groundwater if well casings fail.

Following a critical 1996 inspector general's report, the BLM in 1998 proposed a rule change that would have increased the minimum lease bond to \$20,000 and the minimum statewide bond to \$75,000. At the time, the agency said increases just to cover inflation since 1960 would require a lease bond of \$50,000 and a statewide bond of \$135,000.

The rule change was ready for final publication when

Eric Barlow, a Wyoming rancher who's been trying for years to get two nonproducing oil wells on his 18,000-acre spread plugged and abandoned, said the BLM's current bonding requirements are little more than "window dressing." Barlow owns the land but the government owns the rights to the minerals underneath and leases them.

"If you're accused of a felony crime and you go in front of a judge and you have a bond hearing, they're going to set a bond that will reasonably assure that you stick around to face the charges," he said.

"What we have in this situation is these guys are released from custody immediately, or never even taken into custody, because the amount of the bonding is such a minimal amount. They have no incentive to

Mt. Ashland raises \$21,000 for kids' program

Money will help children who otherwise couldn't afford to visit ski and snowboard park

By Bill Choy
Ashland Daily Tidings

The Mt. Ashland Association recently raised more than \$21,000 for disadvantaged children to hit the slopes this winter.

Jay Hisatomi, development director for the Mt. Ashland Ski Area, said the "Give a Kid a Lift" campaign raised \$21,170, exceeding the campaign's

original goal by 42 percent. The four-week campaign ended Nov. 4.

The program provides scholarships for children from 45 schools, many disadvantaged youth that would not be able to participate otherwise, Hisatomi said. The campaign will give more than 200 scholarships.

Each season, Mt. Ashland hosts more than 2,500 students in the Mt. Ashland after-school ski and snowboard program from both Jackson and Josephine Counties. Normally, the program would cost more than \$100

per child. "We were already doing the school program and we realized there was a greater need to offer this pro-

gram," Hisatomi said. "We know these kids that have expressed interest that are disadvantaged and never thought they could afford to ski or snowboard. There's a lot of kids in our Valley that have never been to Mt. Ashland before, and we felt it was an important thing to provide."

Volunteer campaigns contacted businesses and individuals to raise money and awareness of the program, which is conducted in partnership with area schools and is also intended to enhance attendance and citizenship in schools.

At Ashland Middle School, about 200 students participate in the

Campus Life Ashland after-school ski program, said Dan Shulters, program coordinator at the middle school. The program is also at Ashland elementary schools as well.

While the program tries to accommodate as many students as possible with financial and other resources, the funds are limited. Shulters said about eight students at the middle school will be able to participate.

"I think it will help us substantially one away, but it does get pretty tight. Now, we can help kids that couldn't participate before. This is just one

more way to reach out to kids and their families."

Hisatomi said being able to go to Mt. Ashland is an important opportunity for these students.

"It gives them a challenge," he said. "We allow them to see things from a different perspective, instead of being landlocked in the city. This experience leads to only good things. Their horizons are broadened."

This week, the after-school program in Ashland is accepting applications for students to receive the scholarships. Shulters said forms can be picked up at the middle school and at any elementary school office.

Community Notes

SPRINGFIELD — Society, Levy will present an innovative model of work motivation that focuses on advances in self-organizing systems, chaos and complexity.

Ashland Police & Fire — Monday, 8:45 p.m. — A vehicle was reported stolen from Ashland.

Springfield Hotel — The Gurnshope Gourmet needs actors and singers for these shows. Actors will be paid per performance. The shows are based on local talent.

Woman who stole from children apologizes

MEDFORD (AP) — A Central Point mother has pleaded softly as she stood before a judge to charges of theft and issued a quiet apology after taking nearly \$6,000 from a

family and friends will cherish his memory always.

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"I apologize," Bluth said to Judge Raymond White. "I've learned a lot ethnically."

The judge sentenced Bluth to probation for 180 days.

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Tidings

Body matching Ebersol's son found

De-icing, other factors eyed in fatal jet crash

By John Marshall
The Associated Press

MONTROSE, Colo. — Investigators probing what caused a jet to crash during takeoff want to know whether it was de-iced before it went down, killing NBC Sports chairman Dick Ebersol's youngest son and two other people, a federal official said Tuesday. They have not ruled out other possible factors.

"We do want to look at de-icing because of the weather conditions, but we're not going to just focus on one possibility," Ellen Engleman Connors, chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board, told CBS' "The Early Show."



Girls Basketball Ashland dominates jamboree

Staff Reports

The Ashland High girls' basketball team went 3-0 against Class 3A competition at the Hidden Valley Jamboree on Monday.

The Grizzlies opened with a 17-2 win over Rogue River, then pounded Hidden Valley 18-3 before finishing with a 13-9 win over North Valley.

"We should have been able to win and we did," first-year Grizzly coach Ken Lathen said. "It was the girls' first outing and it was solid. I was pleased, and I think they enjoyed themselves and we found that there are some things that we need

Raiders: McCreary nursing injured back

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als, have never done enough to sneak in and it just hasn't happened for us yet," Elliott said.

SOU opens the tournament at 11:15 a.m. Wednesday against National American (20-4) before wrapping up its first day in Pool B against Lee (43-0), the nations lone undefeated team, at 7:30 p.m. The Raiders' final two matches are Thursday against Indiana Southeast (29-5) and No. 8-ranked Concordia (27-3).

The Raiders may be short-handed at nationals, starting setter Jamie McCreary, who leads the team with 971 assists, has been nursing a bad back all season and it seized up on her again before practice last Tuesday. McCreary will probably test the back Wednesday but if she can't go Elliott will substitute in backup setter Melissa Beard.

"We want Jamie in there, but Melissa's a great setter,"

PAUL ELLIOTT | SOU volleyball head coach

Elliott said, Beard set the first eight matches of the season for SOU and is second on the team with 482 assists.

SOU is led by senior outside hitter Kristin Ferris and junior middle Nicholette Le Bel. Ferris, the Region I Player of the Year, has already become the first Raider ever to compile over 400 kills and digs in a season. Le Bel, also a first-team all-Region I selection, has a team-high 142 blocks and is second on the team with 346 kills.

The Raiders will probably need all their guns blazing in order to advance past pool play. National American is led by junior All-American outside hitter Luciana Camargo and junior regional all-star middle Angela Gregorio. Camargo had 25 kills against the Raiders in a

pool play victory during the 2003 national tournament. SOU and Lee have never played, although the Raiders watched Lee win a tournament in Portland back in early September. "They were impressive, but they're no Fresno Pacific impressive," Elliott said, referring to the top-ranked team in the nation. Lee is led by senior hitter Bojana Vulin, a regional MVP and Brazilian middle Bruna Concordia's (Calif.) top player. Raquel Ferreira, who leads the team with a school-record 466 kills to go with 356 digs.

Tournament results will be posted at www.naaia.org.

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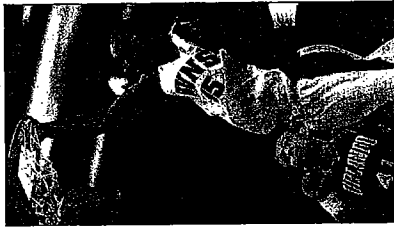


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NBA Roundup

Suns blow out Magic



The Associated Press

PHOENIX, Ariz. — The triple-digit scores, and the victories, kept piling up for the Phoenix Suns. The latest was a 121-100 thrumping of the Orlando Magic on Monday night, improving the Suns' record to 18-3, the best start in the 97-year history of the franchise. "Their record is not a fluke," Magic coach Johnny Davis said. "They're that good. They actually put five guys on the floor who are capable of scoring 30 points on any given night." The Suns, the NBA's highest-scoring team by a long shot, kept the throttle down even through Steve Nash was on the bench for long stretches

Monday's NBA Boxes

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Pedro: Many top free agents still available

As teams headed home, many top free agents remained on the market, including Carlos Beltrán, Adrian Beltre, Magglio Ordonez, Derek Lowe, Eric Milton, Jason Varitek, Orlando Cabrera, J.D. Drew, Edgar Renteria and Moises Alou. Among the deals awaiting completion were Carl Pavano's four-year contract with the Yankees, a deal worth about \$9 million, and David Wells' two-year agreement with Boston. Minaya expressed confidence about the negotiations with Martinez, but wouldn't detail the discussions. "The good news is that we're still in dialogue," Minaya said. "Every day that goes by and we are having dialogue is a good day." Minaya then returned to New York, and the sides will work by telephone to finalize the contract language. Cozza did not want to comment on the talks. Martinez helped pitch Boston to its first World Series title since 1918, but Red Sox general manager Theo Epstein said

he refused to increase the team's offer in the past two days. "We wish Pedro nothing but the best going forward both on the field and off the field," Boston owner John Henry said in an e-mail. "He pitched with every ounce of his being for the Red Sox over the course of 216 games. Some of those performances were among the most memorable in Red Sox history. Who will ever forget the 1999 All-Star game? He has earned everything that he has accomplished, including his World Series ring and his reputation as one of the greatest who ever lived." Martinez, 33, must pass a physical before the Mets complete the deal. He would join a rotation that includes two-time Cy Young winner Tom Glavine, Kris Benson, Steve Trachsel and Victor Zambrano. The Mets have faded badly since losing to the Yankees in the 2000 World Series, finishing last in the NL East in 2002 and 2003, then going 71-91 last season.

NBA Standings

Table with columns for Eastern Conference (Atlantic, Central, Southeast Divisions) and Western Conference (Northwest, Pacific Divisions). Rows list teams like New York, Philadelphia, Toronto, Miami, Washington, Chicago, San Antonio, Houston, Memphis, etc., with columns for W, L, Pct, GB, St, Home, Away, Conf.

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By Aleksandar Vasovic
The Associated Press

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From mostly vegetable-based diets, the lack of an organized tsunami warning system in the Indian Ocean region — which experts have already said may have worsened the crisis after Sunday's 9.0 magnitude quake off Sumatra's coast, sending a massive wave racing at 500 mph across the Indian Ocean. Sibal, the Indian science



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By David Annonius
The Associated Press

OLYMPIA, Wash. — After three vote tallies and 58 days of waiting, Democrat Christine Gregoire was declared Washington's governor-elect this morning. But her Republican rival did not concede and wants a new election.

Secretary of State Sam Reed, a Republican, certified Gregoire, the three-term attorney general, as the winner of the closest governor's race in state history. She won a statewide hand recount by a scant 23 votes out of more than 2.6 million cast.

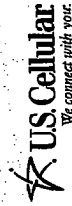
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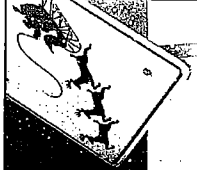
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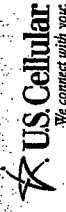
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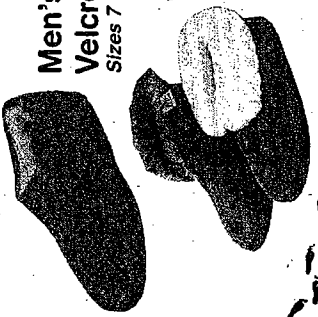
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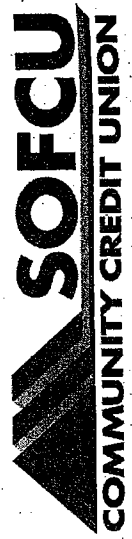


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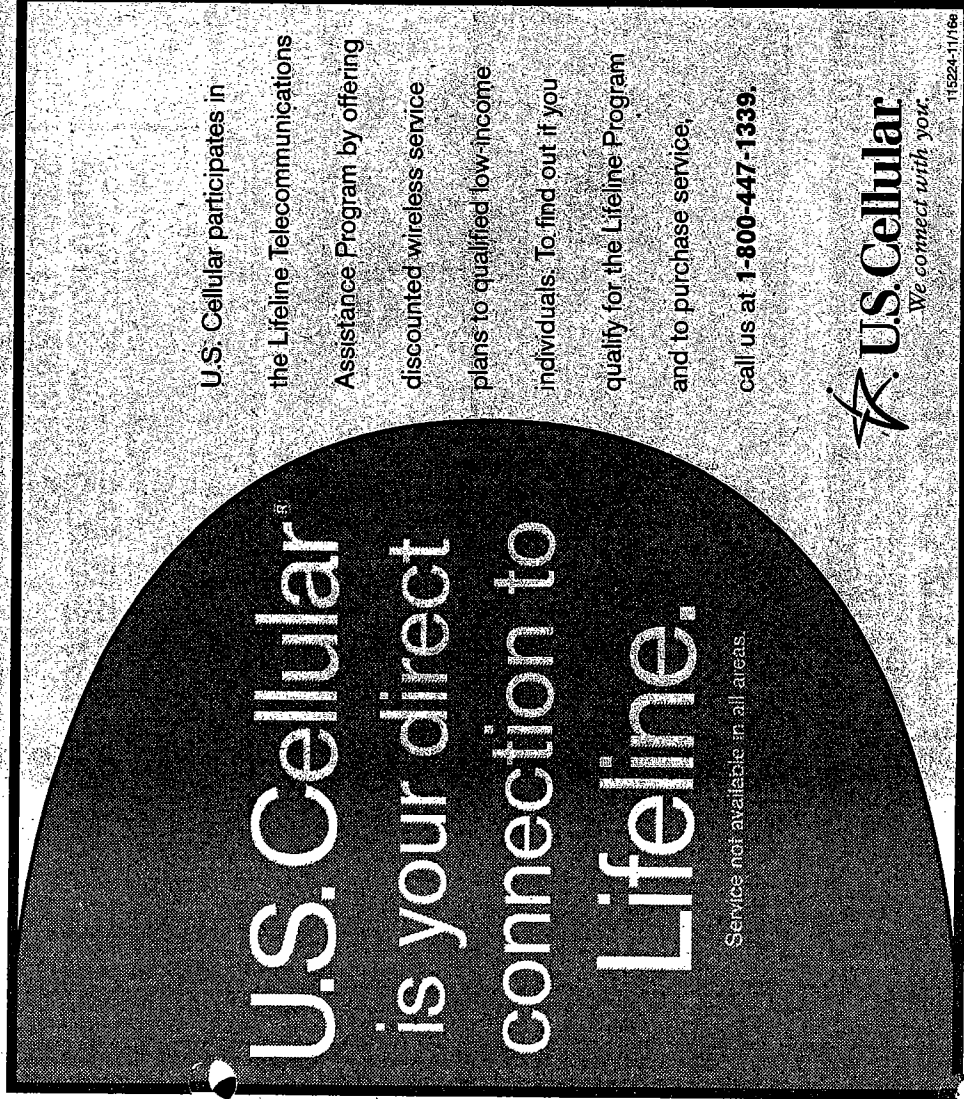
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Bell ringer faces felony charges

Temporary Salvation Army employee was pictured in a Mail Tribune story last week

By **JOY IONEL ALECCIA**
Mail Tribune Staff

A Salvation Army bell ringer accused of robbing a Grants Pass Wal-Mart store may continue to solicit charity funds during the holidays, officials said.

Robert William Johnson, 51, was hosting a Salvation Army red kettle Monday outside the J.C. Penney store at the Rogue Valley Mall, said Mei, Mary Sar Samuelson.

That's despite felony indictment charges of first-degree theft and third-degree robbery, as well as third-degree theft and fourth-degree assault charges, all stemming from a July 26 incident at the Grants Pass Wal-Mart store.

Grants Pass detectives didn't return calls seeking details about the crime. Johnson is set for trial in January.

"What I want to say is we are going to give people a chance,"

said Samuelson. "We're very serious with the public trust, but our job is also to create change in people's lives."

Salvation Army officials did not know about Johnson's pending charges when they hired him, along with 20 other bell ringers, for a six-week holiday stint, Samuelson said.

Southern Oregon employees are referred to Portland Cascade Division headquarters for background checks, Samuelson said. But officials there said bell ringers typically aren't reviewed.

"The position is so short-spaced it doesn't require us to do so," said Kim Johnson, payroll supervisor.

An application for full-time employment asks whether a candidate has been convicted of a felony in the past seven years. The application doesn't mention pending cases, she said.

"That's the key word — conviction," she said. Johnson has no outstanding felony convictions, state court records show. Felony charges of possession, manufacture and delivery of a controlled substance were dismissed in 1998 after he completed drug treatment.

Johnson's relatives contacted Salvation Army officials and media outlets to notify them of Johnson's alleged crimes after his photograph appeared in a Mail Tribune story last week.

Johnson, who is living at the Salvation Army's Hope House transitional center, admitted he "had something pending," Samuelson said. Johnson declined to discuss the incident Monday.

Money tossed in Salvation Army kettles totals about \$100,000 each year here, officials said. The funds are in no danger of theft, whatever the background of the bell ringers, Samuelson said.

The trademark red urns are constructed to prevent tampering and they're padlocked shut, he said. Ringers are not allowed to take kettles on breaks and they're all picked up at night by Salvation Army staff.

"It remains to be seen" whether Johnson will retain his post as bell ringer, Samuelson said.

But officials in Portland said they might recommend reassigning him to a task that doesn't involve money.

"We would be extremely wor-

Central Point police look for teen runaway

Central Point police are looking for a teenage girl who ran away from a foster care home last summer and has not contacted her family since then.

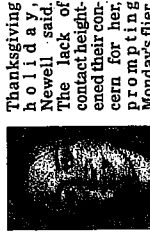
Police believe Schnee Bedford, 17, was living in the Sacramento area after leaving the Central Point foster care home July 5.

On Nov. 9, however, they received an unconfirmed sighting of Bedford in the area of West 12th Street in Medford, and police and family members want to re-establish contact with her.

Police on Monday issued a missing person flyer in hopes of getting public assistance in locating Bedford.

"Right now, we're just concerned about her," Central Point police Sgt. Chuck Newell said Monday. "It hasn't reached the state of missing-endangered yet. We just want to check on her welfare."

Police and Bedford's family had expected contact over the



Bedford

described as a white female about 5 feet 2 inches tall and weighing 120 pounds, with brown hair, hazel eyes and a fair complexion.

She has tattoos on both shoulders. The tattoo on her right shoulder is of two hearts and a banner with an unknown woman's name. Police do not know what the tattoo on her left shoulder looks like.

Bedford speaks fluent Spanish. Newell said he did not know Bedford was in foster care.

Anyone with information about Bedford's whereabouts should call Central Point Police at 664-5578.

NEWS BRIEFS

Scout project turns into book sale in Ashland

ASHLAND — The Friends of the Ashland Public Library are hosting a book sale from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at the local library, 410 Siskiyou Blvd.

The sale is part of an Eagle Scout project by Life Scout Jarvis Caffrey. Donations of books are welcome, and Caffrey is willing to pick up books for the sale through Wednesday. Call Jarvis at 261-4598 or drop your donations off at the library.

All proceeds will be used to fund the purchase of materials for Jackson County Library Services' Ashland branch. For more information, call the library at 774-6986.

Library information System schedules board meeting

The Southern Oregon Library Information System will hold a board meeting at 9

Library conference room, 205 S. Central Ave., Medford. Call 772-2141 for more information.

Costco chips in with goodies for U.S. troops in Baghdad

A local philanthropic and social group has teamed up with Medford's Costco employees to support a group of U.S. soldiers in Baghdad. While tasked, soldiers provided a list of modest items that would make a big difference in their daily lives.

The local chapter of Beta Sigma Phi, an international women's social and philanthropic organization, and individual members have since sent packages.

Costco was asked to participate and employees chipped in to ship more than 80 pounds of chips, popcorn, licorice, magazines, cookies, nuts and other comfort items. The shipment should arrive by Christmas.

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hungry in tents. A Pulitzer Prize-winning pool in which to pile corpses covered only by plastic sheets.

There were stories of hope and survival. A 13-year-old girl survived drifting at sea for two days off the Indian island of Car Nicobar, clinging to a door, a tree and a sack. In Sri Lanka, Dayalan Sanders, a Sri Lankan-born U.S. citizen, rescued the 28 orphans in his care by reacting quickly. Spotting the tsunami, he and his wife corralled the children onto a motorboat and outran the waves, seconds before their orphanage was crushed in a 30-foot wall of water.

In the 12 countries affected by the tragedy from East Africa to southern Asia, there was little chance of finding more survivors. Tens of thousands of people were missing. Health ministry officials said 80 percent of western Sumatra was destroyed. More than 45,000 people have been killed on the island, and a U.N. official said the death toll there could reach 80,000.

Sri Lanka on Wednesday listed more than 22,400 people dead, India close to 7,000 — with 8,000 missing and feared dead, including many on the

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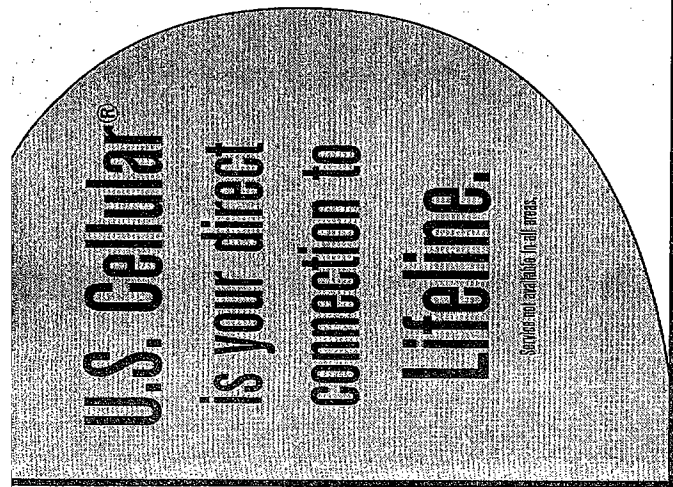
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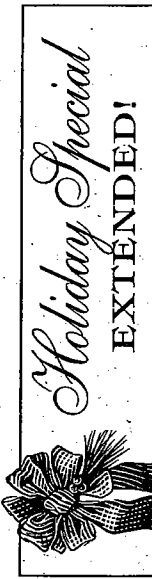
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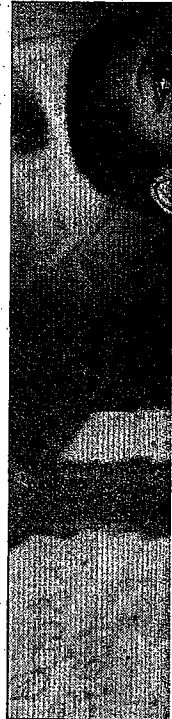
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By **MARK MAGNIER**
Los Angeles Times



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Status	Switch	Problem Type	Cause Code	Count
Closed				910
	BEND			172
		2-Way SMS		4
			Duplicate Ticket-same customer	1
			SMS Logica Provisioning Error	2
			SMS Reregister Mobile	1
		Can't Launch App On Phone		1
			BREW-Handset Resource Issue	1
		Can't Place Call		60
			Adjacent Channel Interference	1
			Customer Equipment Problem	2
			Data Translations Error	1
			Duplicate Ticket-same customer	4
			Incorrect Programming MSC	2
			KnownTroubleArea-No Plans	4
			Landline/Telco Problem	6
			NPA/Nxx Not Loaded	21
			NTC - TT Vendor Issue	2
			No Customer Response	1
			No Longer Having Problem	6
			Not Reproducible	6
			Radios Blocked	2
			System Perf Issue - Quick Tkt	1
			User Error / Education	1
		Can't Receive Call		17
			Cell Site Congestion	2
			Customer Equipment Problem	5
			Data Translations Error	1
			Landline/Telco Problem	1
			No Longer Having Problem	4
			Not Reproducible	1
			Phone Defective	1
			WNP	1
			Weak Signal	1



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Status	Switch	Problem Type	Cause Code	Count
		Can't receive intercarrier SMS		2
			SMS Logica Provisioning Error	1
			SMS Reregister Mobile	1
		Can't send intercarrier SMS		1
			SMS 3rd Party Vendor Issue	1
		Cross-Talk		3
			Customer Equipment Problem	1
			No Longer Having Problem	1
			Voice Mail Trouble	1
		Cutting In/Out		3
			Network Speed / Performance	1
			<< Blank >>	2
		Dead Air		1
			Weak Signal	1
		Digital Echo/Tones		3
			Customer Equipment Problem	1
			No Customer Response	1
			No Longer Having Problem	1
		Dropped Call		36
			Cell Site Congestion	1
			Co Channel Interference	1
			Customer Equipment Problem	4
			KnownTroubleArea-No Plans	2
			KnownTroubleArea-Site Planned	1
			No Customer Response	1
			No Longer Having Problem	2
			Not Reproducible	7
			PoorHandheldArea-3watt Phn Rqd	1
			System Perf Issue - Quick Tkt	1
			Weak Signal	1
			<< Blank >>	14
		Fast Busy-Immediate		3
			Radios Blocked	2



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Status	Switch	Problem Type	Cause Code	Count
			<< Blank >>	1
		Feature Issue		8
			Landline/Telco Problem	2
			Not Reproducible	2
			User Error / Education	2
			Voice Mail Trouble	2
		Landline to Mobile Issue		2
			No Customer Response	1
			No Longer Having Problem	1
		No/Poor Svc-Poorly Covered Area		17
			KnownTroubleArea-No Plans	1
			KnownTroubleArea-Site Planned	2
			No Customer Response	1
			No Longer Having Problem	1
			Phone Defective	3
			System Perf Issue - Quick Tkt	2
			Weak Signal	1
			<< Blank >>	6
		No/Poor Svc-Well Covered Area		3
			Customer Equipment Problem	1
			Not Reproducible	1
			Weak Signal	1
		One Way Audio		2
			Not Reproducible	1
			Weak Signal	1
		Static		3
			Customer Equipment Problem	1
			KnownTroubleArea-No Plans	1
			<< Blank >>	1
		Translation Issue		3
			NPA/Nxx Not Loaded	1
			<< Blank >>	2
	EURE			10



Oregon ETC Requirement H Template 1

1/1/04 To 12/31/04

Status	Switch	Problem Type	Cause Code	Count
		Can't Place Call		1
			No Longer Having Problem	1
		Can't Receive Call		1
			PoorHandheldArea-3watt Phn Rqd	1
		Cutting In/Out		1
			<< Blank >>	1
		Dropped Call		5
			Co Channel Interference	1
			KnownTroubleArea-No Plans	1
			<< Blank >>	3
		No/Poor Svc-Poorly Covered Area		2
			<< Blank >>	2
	GRAN			1
		Cutting In/Out		1
			<< Blank >>	1
	LONG			2
		Can't Place Call		1
			3rd Party Software Issue	1
		Static		1
			<< Blank >>	1
	MEDF			606
		2-Way SMS		10
			Duplicate Ticket-same customer	1
			Not Reproducible	1
			SMS 3rd Party Vendor Issue	2
			SMS Metcalf Provisioning Error	1
			SMS Reregister Mobile	5
		Can't Place Call		145
			Cell Site Checked Out	1
			Cell Site Congestion	9
			Co Channel Interference	1
			Customer Equipment Problem	2



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1/1/04 To 12/31/04

Status	Switch	Problem Type	Cause Code	Count
			Data Translations Error	8
			Drop Due To Poor Tx Qlty	1
			Duplicate Ticket-same customer	2
			Global Crossing Translation Issue	1
			Incomplete Ticket-Closed	1
			KnownTroubleArea-No Plans	2
			Landline/Telco Problem	9
			Local # Request Complete	2
			NPA/Nxx Not Loaded	28
			NTC - TT Vendor Issue	15
			No Customer Response	11
			No Data Coverage	1
			No Longer Having Problem	26
			Not Reproducible	13
			PoorHandheldArea-3watt Phn Rqd	1
			PoorHandheldArea-NeedExtAntenna	1
			Training Test Ticket	2
			User Error / Education	4
			WNP	3
			Weak Signal	1
		Can't Receive Call		81
			3rd Party Software Issue	1
			Cell Site Checked Out	2
			Cell Site Congestion	18
			Co Channel Interference	2
			Customer Equipment Problem	2
			Data Translations Error	2
			Drop Due To Poor Tx Qlty	1
			Duplicate Ticket-same customer	1
			Incorrect Programming MSC	1
			KnownTroubleArea-No Plans	3
			KnownTroubleArea-Site Planned	2
			Landline/Telco Problem	6
			NPA/Nxx Not Loaded	1
			Network Speed / Performance	1

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Status	Switch	Problem Type	Cause Code	Count
			No Customer Response	5
			No Data Coverage	1
			No Longer Having Problem	20
			Not Reproducible	4
			Phone Defective	2
			Site Off Air	1
			Switch Congestion	2
			Training Test Ticket	1
			Voice Mail Trouble	1
			Weak Signal	1
		Can't connect to Download Shop/EasyEdge		5
			BREW-Handset Resource Issue	2
			BREW-Unable To Duplicate Error	3
		Can't receive intercarrier SMS		1
			SMS Logica Provisioning Error	1
		Can't send intercarrier SMS		5
			KnownTroubleArea-Site Planned	2
			SMS 3rd Party Vendor Issue	2
			SMS Reregister Mobile	1
		Cannot Auto-provision		1
			MMS_Subscriber Not Provisioned	1
		Cross-Talk		2
			No Longer Having Problem	2
		Cutting In/Out		12
			Network Speed / Performance	2
			No Customer Response	1
			No Longer Having Problem	1
			Not Reproducible	1
			Radios Blocked	1
			Weak Signal	1
			<< Blank >>	5
		Dead Air		4
			Customer Equipment Problem	1



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Status	Switch	Problem Type	Cause Code	Count
			No Longer Having Problem	1
			Switch Cut Related Prob	1
			Weak Signal	1
		Digital Echo/Tones		16
			Customer Equipment Problem	1
			Landline/Telco Problem	3
			NPA/Nxx Not Loaded	1
			No Customer Response	1
			No Longer Having Problem	2
			Not Reproducible	4
			Phone Defective	1
			Site Off Air	1
			User Error / Education	1
			Weak Signal	1
		Dropped Call		156
			Cell Site Checked Out	3
			Cell Site Congestion	9
			Co Channel Interference	6
			Customer Equipment Problem	3
			Digital Control Channel Prob	1
			Drop Due To Poor Tx Qlty	11
			Dropped Due To Equipment	3
			Duplicate Ticket-same customer	5
			Incorrect Programming MSC	2
			KnownTroubleArea-No Plans	7
			KnownTroubleArea-Site Planned	4
			Landline/Telco Problem	1
			Microwave Problem	1
			No Customer Response	5
			No Longer Having Problem	18
			Not Reproducible	8
			Phone Defective	2
			PoorHandheldArea-NeedExtAntenna	1
			Radios Blocked	1
			Site Off Air	1



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1/1/04 To 12/31/04

Status	Switch	Problem Type	Cause Code	Count
			Switch Congestion	4
			Switch Cut Related Prob	1
			System Perf Issue - Quick Tkt	1
			Training Test Ticket	1
			Weak Signal	6
			<< Blank >>	51
		Dropped Connection		1
			<< Blank >>	1
		Duplicate SMS Received		5
			No Customer Response	1
			SMS 3rd Party Vendor Issue	1
			SMS Logica Provisioning Error	2
			SMS Reregister Mobile	1
		Duplicate SMS Sent		7
			Duplicate Ticket-same customer	1
			SMS 3rd Party Vendor Issue	2
			SMS Logica Provisioning Error	1
			SMS Metcalf Provisioning Error	1
			SMS Reregister Mobile	2
		Fast Busy-Immediate		9
			KnownTroubleArea-No Plans	1
			No Customer Response	1
			No Longer Having Problem	1
			<< Blank >>	6
		Feature Issue		30
			3rd Party Software Issue	3
			Customer Equipment Problem	1
			Data Translations Error	2
			KnownTroubleArea-No Plans	1
			Landline/Telco Problem	3
			Microwave Problem	1
			No Customer Response	1
			No Data Coverage	1
			No Longer Having Problem	9



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Status	Switch	Problem Type	Cause Code	Count
			Not Reproducible	6
			Out Of Service Area	1
			Voice Mail Trouble	1
		Landline to Mobile Issue		7
			Landline/Telco Problem	5
			NTC - TT Vendor Issue	1
			Not Reproducible	1
		No/Poor Svc-Poorly Covered Area		69
			Cell Site Congestion	3
			Co Channel Interference	1
			Customer Equipment Problem	1
			Drop Due To Poor Tx Qlty	6
			Dropped Due To Equipment	1
			Incorrect Programming MSC	2
			KnownTroubleArea-No Plans	10
			KnownTroubleArea-Site Planned	2
			No Customer Response	1
			No Longer Having Problem	2
			Not Reproducible	2
			Out Of Service Area	2
			Phone Defective	1
			PoorHandheldArea-3watt Phn Rqd	1
			PoorHandheldArea-NeedExtAntenna	2
			Site Off Air	1
			Switch Cut Related Prob	1
			Training Test Ticket	1
			Weak Signal	4
			<< Blank >>	25
		No/Poor Svc-Well Covered Area		19
			1X_Out of Service Area	1
			Drop Due To Poor Tx Qlty	1
			Dropped Due To Equipment	1
			Incorrect Programming MSC	1
			No Customer Response	1



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1/1/04 To 12/31/04

Status	Switch	Problem Type	Cause Code	Count
			No Longer Having Problem	2
			Not Reproducible	3
			Out Of Service Area	1
			PoorHandheldArea-NeedExtAntenna	1
			Training Test Ticket	3
			Weak Signal	4
		One Way Audio		3
			Not Reproducible	1
			Phone Defective	1
			Switch Cut Related Prob	1
		Roaming in Home Area		5
			Drop Due To Poor Tx Qlty	1
			Dropped Due To Equipment	1
			No Customer Response	1
			Switch Cut Related Prob	1
			System Perf Issue - Quick Tkt	1
		Static		10
			Co Channel Interference	1
			Drop Due To Poor Tx Qlty	2
			KnownTroubleArea-No Plans	1
			No Longer Having Problem	1
			PoorHandheldArea-NeedExtAntenna	1
			Radios Blocked	1
			<< Blank >>	3
		Translation Issue		2
			Not Reproducible	1
			<< Blank >>	1
		Webmail to multiple customer's		1
			SMS Logica Provisioning Error	1
	POCA			2
		Feature Issue		1
			Not Reproducible	1
		Webmail to multiple customer's		1



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Status	Switch	Problem Type	Cause Code	Count
			SMS 3rd Party Vendor Issue	1
	TULS			2
		Can't Launch App On Phone		2
			BREW-Handset Resource Issue	1
			BREW-Network Down(Developer)	1
	YAKI			115
		2-Way SMS		1
			SMS 3rd Party Vendor Issue	1
		Can't Place Call		36
			Data Translations Error	8
			Incomplete Ticket-Closed	1
			Incorrect Programming MSC	2
			KnownTroubleArea-No Plans	2
			KnownTroubleArea-Site Planned	2
			Landline/Telco Problem	6
			NPA/Nxx Not Loaded	6
			NTC - TT Vendor Issue	1
			No Customer Response	1
			No Longer Having Problem	3
			Not Reproducible	3
			Site Off Air	1
		Can't Receive Call		21
			Cell Site Congestion	1
			Customer Equipment Problem	2
			Incorrect Programming MSC	2
			Landline/Telco Problem	2
			No Longer Having Problem	7
			Not Reproducible	2
			Out Of Service Area	1
			Phone Defective	1
			System Perf Issue - Quick Tkt	1
			Weak Signal	2
		Can't receive intercarrier SMS		1
			SMS Reregister Mobile	1



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Status	Switch	Problem Type	Cause Code	Count
		Cutting In/Out		1
			<< Blank >>	1
		Dead Air		3
			Customer Equipment Problem	1
			Microwave Problem	1
			Not Reproducible	1
		Digital Echo/Tones		3
			Customer Equipment Problem	2
			Not Reproducible	1
		Dropped Call		24
			Cell Site Congestion	1
			Customer Equipment Problem	2
			Data Translations Error	1
			Digital Control Channel Prob	1
			Incorrect Programming MSC	2
			KnownTroubleArea-Site Planned	2
			No Longer Having Problem	1
			Not Reproducible	1
			Phone Defective	1
			T Coder Failure	1
			Voice Mail Trouble	1
			<< Blank >>	10
		Fast Busy-Immediate		3
			<< Blank >>	3
		Feature Issue		3
			Landline/Telco Problem	1
			No Longer Having Problem	1
			Not Reproducible	1
		Landline to Mobile Issue		4
			Landline/Telco Problem	4
		No/Poor Svc-Poorly Covered Area		12
			Customer Equipment Problem	1
			KnownTroubleArea-No Plans	2



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1/1/04 To 12/31/04

Status	Switch	Problem Type	Cause Code	Count
			KnownTroubleArea-Site Planned	1
			No Customer Response	1
			No Longer Having Problem	1
			Phone Defective	1
			PoorHandheldArea-NeedExtAntenna	1
			Site Off Air	1
			<< Blank >>	3
		One Way Audio		2
			Dropped Due To Equipment	1
			T Coder Failure	1
		Static		1
			No Customer Response	1



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By my signature below I, Mark Krohse, Assistant Secretary of U.S. Cellular, certify that U.S. Cellular has in place comprehensive roaming agreements that cover wire centers in the State of Oregon that are within our ETC boundary but outside our CGSA.

Mark Krohse

Mark Krohse, Assistant Secretary
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