

■ GOOD MORNING

► CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. (AP) — The ad read: "DYING BILLIONAIRE. Wants to give money to deserving people."

Applicants were to send \$2 and a self-addressed, stamped envelope to a P. Jackson at a Chattanooga mailbox, then wait for word of a windfall.

They're still waiting.

And the check to pay for the advertisement, which ran in Atlanta newspapers for 10 days last month, bounced.

"We've run into things kind of like this that ask for money and then ask for more money and string somebody along," said Kathryn Conklin, director of the Chattanooga Better Business Bureau.

The U.S. Postal Service is planning a mail fraud investigation.

Conklin said her office received 18 inquiries about the ad, prompting her to write Jackson for more information.

A handwritten note signed "P. Jackson" was returned: "I have no 'firm.' A close relative has only months to live and I'm helping him give his money away so the IRS doesn't 'cash in' unfairly on his death. We are Christians and we like helping people. We are already financially set, as well, I assure you."

But a classified advertising department supervisor at the Atlanta Journal and Constitution said the check to pay for the ad bounced.

Jeffrey Alper, manager of Mail Boxes Etc., the business a few miles from the Georgia border where Jackson listed his address, only said, "I wouldn't waste 29 cents on the thing," Alper said. "If it's too good to be true, it isn't."



KITZHABER



SMITH

BY THE POLLS

Democrat John Kitzhaber holds a commanding lead over Denny Smith in Oregon's gubernatorial race with a month to go before the election, a new poll suggests.

Fifty-three percent of likely voters surveyed supported or were leaning toward Kitzhaber compared with 33 percent for Smith, according to the poll conducted for *The Oregonian* and Portland television station KATU.

Ed Hickam of the American Party and Libertarian Dan Vander Ploeg each have about 3 percent support.

NOTE: Because of rounding, totals do not always add up to 100 percent. The poll of 605 likely Oregon voters was conducted Oct. 2-6 and has a margin of error of plus or minus 4 percentage points.

SOURCES: The Associated Press and *The Oregonian*

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Rally



Lynn Rodrick of Eugene was one in a crowd of 200 that gathered for a NO on 13 rally at the Federal Building Sunday.

Suspects arrested in slaying of Iturra

Police: Four days after Aaron Iturra was shot in his home, police charge two teens with murder

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The rumors and speculation surrounding the murder of Aaron Iturra were put to rest Friday when police announced the arrests of 17-year-old James Roger Elstad and 18-year-old Joseph Richard Brown both of Eugene.

Police believe that Elstad did the shooting and Brown's participation in the crime was "aiding and abetting and conspiring" to commit the crime.

According to the Eugene Department of Public Safety, Brown and Elstad were "identified as persons of interest in the continuing investigation into the shooting death of Aaron Iturra." Police also said that from the onset of the investigation they had many leads to follow up, but the two suspected early in the investigation. Both suspects were "known to (the police)" before Iturra was killed.

Police questioned both Elstad and Brown late Thursday night and early Friday morning. At the conclusion of the interviews both were charged in connection with the death of Iturra.

Lane County District Attorney, Doug Harclerod, said that the suspects are being charged with murder instead of aggravated murder. Harclerod said that aggravated murder meant the two killed Iturra also committed another crime, or used the killing to cover up another crime. At this time police do not think that is the case. Harclerod said that they just did not know enough yet to determine whether the charge should remain murder or be changed to aggravated murder.

Brown was arraigned on charges of murder Friday and Elstad will be arraigned today. Harclerod said that his team had not decided whether they would remand

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Aspiring singers give national anthem new twist

Auditions: Each singer hopes to be chosen for this year's men's and women's basketball season

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The powerful voice of 12-year-old Anna Gilbert filled a nearly empty McArthur Court Sunday morning as she performed the national anthem for a panel of six judges.

Nearly 60 people auditioned Sunday at Mac Court in hopes of being chosen to sing the national anthem this year at men's and women's basketball games.

Gilbert, who goes to Thurston Middle School in Springfield, auditioned last fall and was chosen to sing at a Ducks' basketball game. She described how it feels for her to sing before an anxious crowd in a stadium that seats over 10,000 people, "I get butterflies at first, but then it's okay," Gilbert said.

"Sometimes it's great, sometimes it's lonely," said Dick Clark a University professor and judge, who has performed the anthem before. "The energy at Mac Court can be great. It's really fun."

The University Athletic Department held auditions in hopes of finding a diverse group of volunteers to sing before the games. Between 15 and 17 performers will be chosen and each person will

sing before one home game, either men's or women's, said Joan Hamrick, director of promotions for the University Athletic Department.

Anyone was welcome to audition. "I think our oldest one today was in his 70s and our youngest around 9 or 10," Hamrick said.

"We're looking for someone who sings the National Anthem with the kind of energy appropriate for a basketball game," Clark said. "Someone who sings the anthem with dignity and knows the words."

"I like a variation to the straight National Anthem," said Sheila Gray, another judge and assistant to the University Librarian.

Several quartets, country singers and the Oregon Youth Ensemble were scheduled for the auditions.

In addition to Gray and Clark, the panel consisted of two athletic department representatives, a second faculty member from the music school and a University Alumni.

This is the second year that the University has held auditions. For 25 years, Royce Saltzman of the music school sang before each basketball game. He shared the responsibility with Clark for the last 12 years. They will fill in as needed this season.

"We had the same two gentlemen for years and years and everyone loves to hear them, but we decided that we wanted to share the wealth," Hamrick said. "It's just to add some variety and we got more positive feedback about the diversity of singers."