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It's still unclear why professor Bernd Crasemann was chosen to receive the mail threat. **PAGE 3**

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Both men's and women's teams snag wins at the annual Papé Jam in Portland. **PAGE 9**



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## Fears about flying don't stop holiday air travelers

■ The usual holiday crowds filled Northwest airports this weekend, but faced new security measures

By Brook Reinhard  
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Thanksgiving is the biggest travel time of the year for the airline industry, and although the number of people traveling by plane has declined in the last two months, the Eugene Airport remained busy over the holiday.

There were no reported security incidents at the airport, but other Northwest airports had long delays Saturday. In Seattle, a metal detector at the airport was discovered to be broken, causing a three-hour shutdown to allow security officials to re-screen passengers. But some passengers had already boarded planes, causing delays at other West Coast destinations when those passengers arrived. A section of Oakland's airport was also shut down for 90 minutes Saturday so passengers could be rechecked, according to the San Francisco Chronicle. The incidents did not cause any delays in Eugene.

"Our Thanksgiving business has picked up a little bit," said Tiffany Smith, an employee at Plane Travelers, the gift shop at the Eugene Airport. The store has seen a decline in business since Sept. 11, and Smith said customers have been doing more browsing and less buying. She added that customers aren't buying travel scissors and sewing kits at the shop any more, because they can be confiscated at the airport's security checkpoint.

Airport officials advise travelers to arrive two hours ahead of time and plan for long lines at security checkpoints.

"It's been a pain in the ass," said Scott Reed, a New Mexico resident who was traveling back home Sunday. "I have to wake up two hours early." Reed has been on three flights since Sept. 11, and says flying isn't any

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Travelers outside Oakland Airport endure long lines on Saturday as the Thanksgiving holiday wraps up. Part of the airport was closed briefly due to passengers on an inbound flight from Seattle not being properly screened.

## Marines to secure airfield in Kandahar

■ The Marines' action marks the first significant commitment of U.S. ground forces

By Drew Brown & Steven Thomma  
Knight Ridder Newspapers

KHANABAD, Afghanistan (KRT) — Opening a new and perhaps final phase of the war in Afghanistan, American forces airlifted several hundred Marines to the edge of Kandahar on Sunday and prepared to hunt down terrorists and Taliban leaders now that the regime is cornered.

Coming just after dusk, the Marine landing followed a day in which the Northern Alliance took the city of Kunduz, the Taliban's last stronghold in the northern part of the country, and U.S. air strikes helped put down a violent riot by about 300 foreign Taliban supporters in a prison compound. Hundreds of the prisoners were killed.

Waves of helicopters delivered the Marines to an airfield 12 miles south of Kandahar, the spiritual home to the Taliban and its leader, Mullah Muhammad Omar. It was the first significant commitment of U.S. ground forces in a campaign that until now has relied largely on American air power and local Afghan resistance on the ground.

The Marines, from the 15th and 26th Marine Expeditionary Units based on Navy ships in the Arabian Sea, were being flown onshore in CH-53 and CH-46 helicopters from the assault ships USS Bataan and USS Peleliu, a senior administration official said Sunday night.

The advance guard of a force of approximately 1,000 Marines, the troops immediately set out to secure the airfield and establish the first American military base inside Afghanistan, according to the official, who spoke only on the condition of anonymity.

Once the airfield is secure, other forces and equipment may be flown in on Air Force C-130 or C-17 transport planes. The Marines are supported by Harrier jump jets, Cobra attack helicopters, Navy fighters from aircraft carriers in the Arabian Sea and Air Force AC-130 gunships.

U.S. special forces had surveyed the location and established contact with local Pashtun military leaders who are fighting the Taliban in Kandahar, the U.S. official said.

The official stressed that the base is a temporary one, and that it's intended primarily to enable U.S. forces to pursue Osama bin Laden and the remnants of his al-Qaeda terrorist organization more quickly and aggressively. Both Marine Expeditionary Units include Force Reconnaissance Marines, the service's most elite commandos.

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## Sleep disorders hit home with college students

■ Insomnia and other problems can interrupt daily life for many, but fortunately there are cures

By Lisa Toth  
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Twenty-year-old Taylor Rutledge, a college junior, said it's normal for him to not fall asleep until 5 or 6 in the morning. It's not because he's out with his friends or studying for exams — Rutledge has a sleeping disorder.

"It's almost like my body forgot how to sleep," he said.

He isn't alone. Dr. Victoria Skellercer of the University Health Center said the majority of sleep problems she treats in college students between the ages of 18 to 26 are related to anxiety or depression. And she said these problems are

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Juan Knutson, a supervisor at the Sleep Disorders and Neurology Clinic, helps a patient into bed prior to a battery of tests. The clinic diagnoses and treats sleep disorders like insomnia.