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No word yet on Riley slaying

Relatives awaiting news as to who killed Volcano woman, 19

By Dave Smith
Tribune-Herald

For Mike Riley, no news is definitely not good news.

Riley is the father of Kimberly Riley, a Big Island woman killed during a Thanksgiving Day shooting on the mainland.

Riley, a Volcano furniture maker, has spent most of the past week in Washington state, looking after his daughter's affairs and meeting with police investigating the Tacoma shooting which killed two people and injured two more.

Riley, speaking by telephone Sunday from Seattle, said so far investigations have precious little to go on.

"There is no information right now," Riley said. "All we have is a dark track opening off on a foggy night."

Riley and the family of the other

victims are establishing reward funds which they hope will help draw out information about the case.

Kimberly Riley, a 19-year-old sophomore at the University of Washington, had gone to Tacoma with her brother James to celebrate the holiday with family of his friends. At about

10:05 p.m. someone standing on the lawn outside of the South Tacoma home fired a number of shots through the window. Bullets struck a seated Kimberly Riley and also killed 5-year-old Jeremy Brett Bayliss. Two others of the Brett family were injured. Riley died the following morning following surgery.

Three generations of the family lived at the house and at least a dozen people were present at the time of the shooting.

Neighbors saw a pickup truck driving

from the area without headlights afterwards.

In hopes of better understanding what occurred — and maybe to help find the killers — Mike Riley has gone to the crime scene. Riley said he has been to the home and spoke with members of the grieving family to try to learn what happened that tragic evening.

"I stood where the shooter stood and I sat where my daughter sat," he said.

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RILEY
Kimberly Riley's father, Mike Riley, is seen with family of his friends. At about

Iraqis: U.S. lacks proof

U.N. receives declaration, will look for holes

By Charles J. Hanley
Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — A top adviser to President Saddam Hussein challenged Washington on Sunday to "come up" with evidence to claim to have that Baghdad still holds weapons of mass destruction.

At the same time, U.N. Gen. Amer al-Saadi told reporters that a huge, new Iraqi arms declaration, submitted to the United Nations on Saturday, does not offer much Iraqi evidence to allay U.N. suspicions that Baghdad may retain weapons in two crucial areas: VX nerve agents and biological weapons.

Al-Saadi said the report documents the weapons programs that Baghdad has acknowledged pursuing up until 1991 — including its drive to develop a nuclear weapon.

"It's for the IAEA (International Atomic Energy Agency) to judge how close we were," al-Saadi said.

The report also details the chemical, biological and nuclear programs since 1991, which Baghdad contends were peaceful.

He did speak of sensitive evidence in another area, however: information about foreign help to Iraq's quest



Pahoa parade
Above, Santa and his elves get to taste more sweets into the crowd of eager spectators lining both sides of Main Street in the Pahoa Town Christmas Parade, which started at 11 a.m. Saturday. Left, towering above her fellow marchers from Pahoa Elementary School, 8th-grader Nicole Cabrera makes her way on stilts through drizzly downtown Pahoa.



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United hits the panic button

Struggling airline expected to file for bankruptcy today

By Dave Carpenter
Associated Press

CHICAGO — United Airlines, unable to stomach more than two years of swelling losses and spurned in a plea for federal assistance, will file today for federal bankruptcy court protection, a source close to the company said Sunday.

The Chapter 11 filing — five days after a federal panel declined to help the world's No. 2 carrier cover its mounting debts — would be the largest airline bankruptcy in U.S. history, and one of the nation's top 10 bankruptcies ever.

United operates about 1,700 flights a day, or about 20 percent of all U.S. flights. It plans to continue flying under bankruptcy protection. A later restructuring under a bankruptcy court would likely result in fewer flights, thousands of additional layoffs and other extensive cost-cutting.

A federal judge would be put in charge of overseeing the tangled financial affairs of United, which owes nearly \$1 billion in overdue debt payments that would use up most of its remaining cash. United has been unable to stop more than two years of swelling losses.

United spokesman Joe Hopkins declined comment and said the airline would have no announcement Sunday.

The source close to the company, who spoke on condition of

Oahu woman missing from cruise ship

By Chris Loos
Tribune-Herald

Big Island police spent the weekend looking for an Oahu woman who was reported missing Friday from a cruise ship that was in Hilo earlier in the day.

Officer Jason Gross said the passenger, identified as 40-year-old Daine N. Hall of Kilauea, was last seen on the Norwegian Wind at 4:30 a.m. Friday while the ship was docked at the Hilo pier.

Her traveling companion didn't know that Hall had left the ship before it departed Hilo at 6 p.m., Gross said.

"When the ship reached Maui he was able to get to a land (telephone) line and report this," Gross said. "The ship's personnel are also investigating."

Gross said the cruise ship's crew knows

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NO. 200,000 — At the Port of Hilo on Friday, MS Norwegian Wind passenger Pat Allen, fourth from left, was honored as Hilo's cruise ship visitor number 200,000 during the period beginning Jan. 1 — a record for Hilo. Alan, a resident of Vancouver Island, British Columbia, and his friend, Helena MacDonald, received a basket of Big Island products and a commemorative plaque from Destination Hilo, as well as a coffee table book on the Big Island from the mayor's office.

Also pictured are Destination Hilo Vice-President Jim Wilson, left; Kalle Ahia, Destination Hilo coordinator of the Hilo Pier Unveiling Project; Norwegian Wind Capt. Anders Bjelkenes; Port of Hilo Harbormaster Ian Simic; and Mayor's Office Executive Assistant Bill Kennel.

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