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However, if you have completed all of your course work prior to this semester and have been cleared by the thesis clerk, you may request a "letter of completion" from the Office of Graduate Studies (providing it is not past their deadline). The original letter of completion, with the seal, may be presented to the Ring Office in lieu of your degree being posted.

Procedure to order a ring:

If you meet all of the above requirements and you wish to receive your ring on December 9, 1999, you must visit the Ring Office no later than Wednesday, October 27, 1999 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. to complete the application for eligibility verification.

It is recommended that you do not wait until October 27 to apply for your ring audit. Should there be a problem with your academic record, or if you are blocked, you may not have sufficient time to resolve these matters before the order closes out on October 29.

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Israel faces turmoil in light of new road

Land link offers access between West Bank, Gaza Strip

rael today opened a land link between the Palestinian-controlled West Bank and Gaza Strip — a long-anticipated move that takes Palestinians a step closer to statehood and boosts confidence in the peace

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Israel's territory separates the two autonomous areas in which Palestinians hope to establish an independent state.

Since 1993, only Palestinians with work permits have been al-

lowed to enter Israel from the West Bank and Gaza Strip, and they were not allowed to leave one Palestiniancontrolled territory and cross Israel to enter the other.

Now, the so-called safe passage will allow Palestinians to travel between the two areas.

The 28-mile route, which uses existing roads in Israel, also enables residents of poverty-stricken, crowd-

BETHLEHEM, West Bank (AP) — An Israeli soldier

shot and killed a Palestinian souvenir vendor today af-

ter the man allegedly tried to stab him outside a Jew-

The shooting took place near Rachel's Tomb, an Israeli enclave in Bethlehem.

ish shrine in the Palestinian town of Bethlehem.

mallah He said he did not know anyone

After a brief opening ceremony, the first Palestinian car drove up to the inspection ramp. Israeli security

checked the car's underside. They wore white gloves, the type

CROSSING, Gaza Strip (AP) — Is- ed Gaza to seek jobs in the more prosperous West Bank.

Early today, hundreds of Palestinians, mostly young men, waited in line at the Erez Crossing to travel through Israel to the West Bank. Travelers carried duffle bags or backpacks.

"Today, we can smell the wind of freedom," Rashed Eloyan, 19, who was born in the southern Gaza town of Khan Yunis and has never left the coastal strip, said.

Eloyan said his destination was the bustling West Bank town of Ra-

there and simply wanted to take in some different sites.

officials opened the hood and



that can detect explosives. After 10 minutes, the driver, a Palestinian Authority official, was given permission to drive into Israel.

150 Palestinians marched to enclave, vendor shot, killed, three wounded The soldier was not hurt. The army said it was in-

Some 150 Palestinians marched to the enclave and threw stones at Israeli troops who responded with tear gas and rubber bullets. The Palestinian was identified by relatives as

vestigating the incident.

Three Palestinians were wounded by rubber bullets and five from inhalation of tear gas, witnesses

Christians detain near Mount of (

JERUSALEM (AP) terday detained 21 foreign tians, including 13 America have settled in recent years Mount of Olives in anticina Christ's return.

The detainees, followers groups House of Praise Solomon's Temple, were onto ported on suspicion they harm public safety, polices

One of the 21 was later a because she had a valid and a return plane ticket.

The others — 13 An three British citizens and in maicans and an Australian three days to appeal, offici

Israeli officials are co the two groups were part way for other Christians in the Holy Land.

Group members have sa past that they oppose violen they have mainly been eng finding housing for visitors tributing food and clothes to a Palestinians.

Israeli authorities fear son Christian end-timers will ca violent acts to bring a apocalypse and hasten the

Bus accident in India, kills 27

Mousa Abu Hilail, in his 20s.

AMRITSAR, India (AP) - A bus swerved to avoid hitting a cow and skidded off a mountain road and into a deep gorge yesterday, killing 27 pilgrims and injuring 47 on the way home from a temple in northern India, police said.

In another accident, a bus fell down a 150-foot gorge on the East Khasi Hills, in the northeastern state of Meghalaya, killing 33 passengers and wounding 22 others, United News of India news agency reported.

The bus was going from Nogwar to the state capital Shillong when the accident occurred. The bus driver was among those killed, UNI said. The cause of the accident, 950 miles southeast of New Delhi, was not clear.

The accident involving the pilgrims took place in Punjab state's Hoshiarpur district.

Police in Hoshiarpur said the driver lost control of the bus when he tried to avoid hitting a cow which was crossing the road. The bus hurtled down the mountainside and got entangled in trees about 80 feet below, but the victims crashed through the broken windshield and fell 600 feet into the gorge.

Russia bombs Grozny suburb, southern Chem

GROZNY, Russia (AP) — Russian tanks pushed nearer to the capital of breakaway Chechnya yesterday, while federal jets and artillery pounded suspected rebel bases around the republic. Russian troops and tanks hold-

ing the Terek Ridge, six miles north of Grozny, could be seen moving southeast toward a major road that runs past the airport and into the city. The rumble of artillery shelling

echoed around the Chechen capital. There was no indication that the Russians were planning an attack on

Russia has been vague about its plans, with some leaders said the city will be taken, and others said it will be surrounded.

President Boris Yeltsin praised his prime minister for Russia's campaign, in his first public endorsement of the month-old Russian operation.

"I fully support the results of this

work," the president said. Yeltsin, who was hospitalized for three days in early October with the flu, had largely left it up to Putin to handle the campaign. With the war popular among most Russians, Putin's rating has jumped dramatically.

In Chechnya, Russian aircraft and artillery also kept up a heavy

barrage against suspected militant outposts in the south and east. Russian troops began advancing on the town of Gudermes, 19 miles east of Grozny, according to Chechen military commanders.

The Russian military claimed to have destroyed an anti-aircraft gun and two vehicles full of militants in strikes overnight, the ITAR-Tass news agency said yesterday. There was no immediate word

on casualties from Chechen officials. Chechen government leaders have called repeatedly for peace talks, demanding they be held on neutral territory with international mediation.

An Islamic leader who is independent from the Chechen government, Shamil Basayev, said negotiations were not possible yet.

He said the Chechen side would only consider negotiations if they are held in accordance with Islamic law, but did not elaborate.

Chechen President Maskhadov has little or no control over Basayev and other well-armed warlords. Russia considers Basayev a terrorist, and is unlikely to hold negotiations as long as he is still

Russia sent troops into Chechnya at the end of September, saying it wants to liquidate Basayev and other militants who invaded neighbor-

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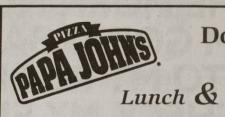
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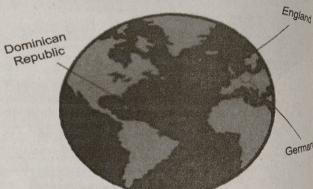
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