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CRIME

Alisal security up after stabbing

Three teen boys blamed for attack near the campus

By RIA MEGNIN
The Salinas Californian

Administrators stepped up security Monday at Alisal High School in Salinas, three days after a stabbing near the campus brought the first week of school to a violent conclusion.

"We have 15 to 20 administrators, supervisors and other teachers on (security) duty at all times, so there's a lot of eyes," first-year Principal John Ramirez said Monday.

He said supervision has increased since the stabbing, but didn't give details.

Despite the added precautions, Ramirez was quick to add that the attack "didn't happen on campus."

About 3:10 p.m. Friday, three boys attacked a 15-year-old Alisal High School student at 730 Williams Road, opposite and just south of the high school campus.

A 14-year-old boy tried to help the 15-year-old, and both were stabbed in the

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Gulf Coast bashed

Katrina kills at least 55; New Orleans spared doomsday



The Associated Press

Arnold James carries a small bag of belongings through floodwaters Monday as he tries to make his way to the Louisiana Superdome in New Orleans. The roof on James's home blew off, forcing him to seek shelter with about 9,000 others at the stadium.

LOCAL ANGLE

The Monterey-San Benito Counties Chapter of the American Red Cross has dispatched Doug Johnson of Salinas on a three-week assignment to assist those affected by Hurricane Katrina, said Laura Kershner, the chapter's public relations director. Johnson is helping drive an American Red Cross emergency response vehicle to a staging area in Arkansas to await further instruction. Such vehicles are capable of distributing 3,500 meals along a fixed or mobile feeding route.

This is Johnson's 13th disaster assignment since joining the local chapter of the American Red Cross in 1997. Two more volunteers from the local chapter are standing by to respond to the disaster if needed.

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The Associated Press

Sam Miller, 10, left, is consoled by a neighbor Monday after seeing his destroyed home on Beach Boulevard in Pascagoula, Miss.

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WORLD

Sunnis face dilemma

Rebuffed in the constitution deliberations, Sunni Arabs now face a dilemma: boycott the Oct. 15 referendum or take part in a vote that demographics suggest they'll lose. **Page 1B**

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Leaders won't meet

On a two-day swing through Southern California, President Bush's agenda does not include a meeting with Gov. Schwarzenegger. **Page 5A**

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BUSINESS

Health club erases debt

After complaints, former members won't have to pay

By ZACHARY STAHL
The Salinas Californian

Salinas health club Terry's Total Fitness announced Monday it has canceled the balances of more than 4,000 members who were referred



Terry Fasy

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to a collection agency.

The decision, which took effect Thursday, frees about 4,400 past members from having to pay the club at 1038 N. Davis Road more than \$2 million in

collective unpaid dues.

"I'd rather get their business for the next 10 years in the future than try to beat them over what they didn't pay," said Terry Fasy, the gym's general manager.

Fasy said he is now offering two promotions for past members who want to sign up again.

The club hired an aggressive debt-collector, Go-More

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MONEY

Drivers say prices are changing habits

People find ways to use less gas

By VICTOR CALDERON
The Salinas Californian

Gina Rubio says enough is enough when it comes to rising gas prices.

With the average cost of a gallon of regular unleaded

gasoline in Salinas at \$2.83 Monday, according to the

American Automobile Association, motorists like Rubio say increasing fuel costs have caused them to change their driving habits of late.

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