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**IT'S ELECTION DAY:
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**RIGHT DIRECTION,
NOT FAST ENOUGH**

CU athletic director backs Hawkins, left, other coaches. » SPORTS, 1C

dp Online today» Denver metro-area election results as they happen. » data.denverpost.com

Illegal drivers' havoc

548 Traffic fatalities in Colorado in 2008 **130** Fatalities involving drivers without valid licenses, 24% of the total **2,620** Drivers since 1992 convicted of driving under restraint at least five times

By David Olinger *The Denver Post*

More than 200,000 people might be driving illegally in Colorado, and such drivers were involved in crashes that caused nearly one-fourth of all state traffic deaths last year, state auditors reported Monday.

Driving without a license or with a revoked license "is a significant problem in Colorado," auditor Jonathan Trull told the state Legislative Audit Committee. "All the strategies we have don't deter them."

State legislators requested the audit after Francis Hernandez, an unlicensed driver unlawfully in the United States, was accused of speeding through traffic, hitting another vehicle and killing three people in Aurora, including a 3-year-old in an ice cream shop, in September 2008.

In 2008, the auditors reported, only seven states had a higher percentage of fatal crashes involving drivers who lacked valid licenses. Fourteen percent of all drivers involved in fatal Colorado traffic accidents were "problem drivers" like Hernandez — either unlicensed or driving with a revoked or suspended license.

Hernandez was both. Not only did he lack a valid license, the Colorado Division of Motor Vehicles had also revoked his right to drive.

DRIVERS » 5A

HONORING THE DEPARTED



Yadira Meza, 12, sets up lights Monday in the cafeteria at Lake Middle School, near Sloan's Lake, for an after-school Day of the Dead event hosted by teacher Virginia Buhl's Gifted and Talented class. Students created a cemetery scene as they studied the Latino holiday and sampled some traditional foods. Day of the Dead often involves remembering beloved relatives and friends who have died and visiting their graves with gifts, such as their favorite foods. The holiday's roots reach to All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day in the Catholic Church. *Kathryn Scott Osler, The Denver Post*

UNC role questioned in prof case

A sexual-misconduct inquiry raises questions about faculty-student relationships.

By Kevin Vaughan and Monte Whaley *The Denver Post*

GREELEY» The outside investigator hired after sexual-misconduct allegations were leveled at a University of Northern Colorado professor raised numerous questions about relationships between faculty and students in the school's theater department.

The inquiry by the Mountain States Employers Council concluded that UNC officials had not ignored complaints against professor Vance Fulkerson over the years and had, in fact, taken unspecified "action" on three occasions.

But the report released Monday faulted school administrators for failing to communicate with those who filed complaints against Fulkerson.

It also found at least three instances since the "early 1990s" in which professors in the School of Theatre Arts and Dance may have had sexual relationships with students and two others in which faculty members used marijuana at parties where students were present.

In one case of a faculty-student sex-

UNC » 5A

U.S., Afghans crafting reforms to bolster Karzai

By Jonathan S. Landay *McClatchy Newspapers*

WASHINGTON» The Obama administration has been quietly working with U.S. allies and Afghan officials on a package of reforms and anti-corruption measures it hopes will boost popular support for President Hamid Karzai and erase the doubts about his legitimacy raised by his fraud-marred re-election.

Karzai was declared the winner of a new five-year term Monday, canceling Saturday's runoff election just one day after Karzai's sole chal-

KARZAI » 7A

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CHARGE IN EATERY DEATH

Denver restaurateur Yan "Dave" Yang is formally charged with murder in connection with a shooting at his sushi bar last month. » 2B

Seeds of hope for past, future farmers

A program could link aging farmers with land to new ones who can't afford it.

By Jason Blevins *The Denver Post*

BUENA VISTA» Seth Roberts' Weathervane Farm on the banks of Cottonwood Creek feeds dozens of families in the Upper Arkansas River Valley. His organic produce, free-range chickens and eggs, and fresh cut flowers are in high demand at the local farmers markets.

He is living his life dream. But when Roberts ponders settling permanently near Buena Vista, he laments the short-term lease for his farmland. He has looked at land to buy that was as small as 15 acres or as big as 50 — and both cost more than \$750,000 in this valley, where a state research group predicts a pending "tsunami of development."

"That permanence, that land security, is crucial," says the 32-year-old farmer, thrusting his hands into a weathered Carhartt

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