

Army veteran hired as IT director

By Michael Brown
Editor

BOISE - Even with ongoing computer developments, many people don't envision a position like the director of Information Technology to lending itself to dramatic, life-or-death situations on a regular basis. First impressions of the new diocesan IT Director Bart Hill, with his soft spoken and calm demeanor, would suggest he's the perfect fit.

Don't be fooled though. A retired lieutenant colonel from the U.S. Army, Hill assisted front line troops in Germany during the Cold War. He was responsible for communications for the Panama Canal a month after Panamanian dictator Manuel Noriega was deposed, and he was working in an operations center near the Pentagon on Sept. 11, 2001, the day of the deadliest attack ever on U.S. soil.

The story begins in Idaho Falls, where Hill, the oldest of four children, used to watch his dad and his uncle race motocross, and where he began riding at age 8. He started racing in high school and decided that was what he wanted to do with his life. At that time, however, to race professionally meant he had to race in Europe, Hill said, the hub of motocross at the time. So, he entered college at Idaho State University, raced on weekends and tried to find an educational path that would lend itself to his motocross dream.

Instead, he found love.

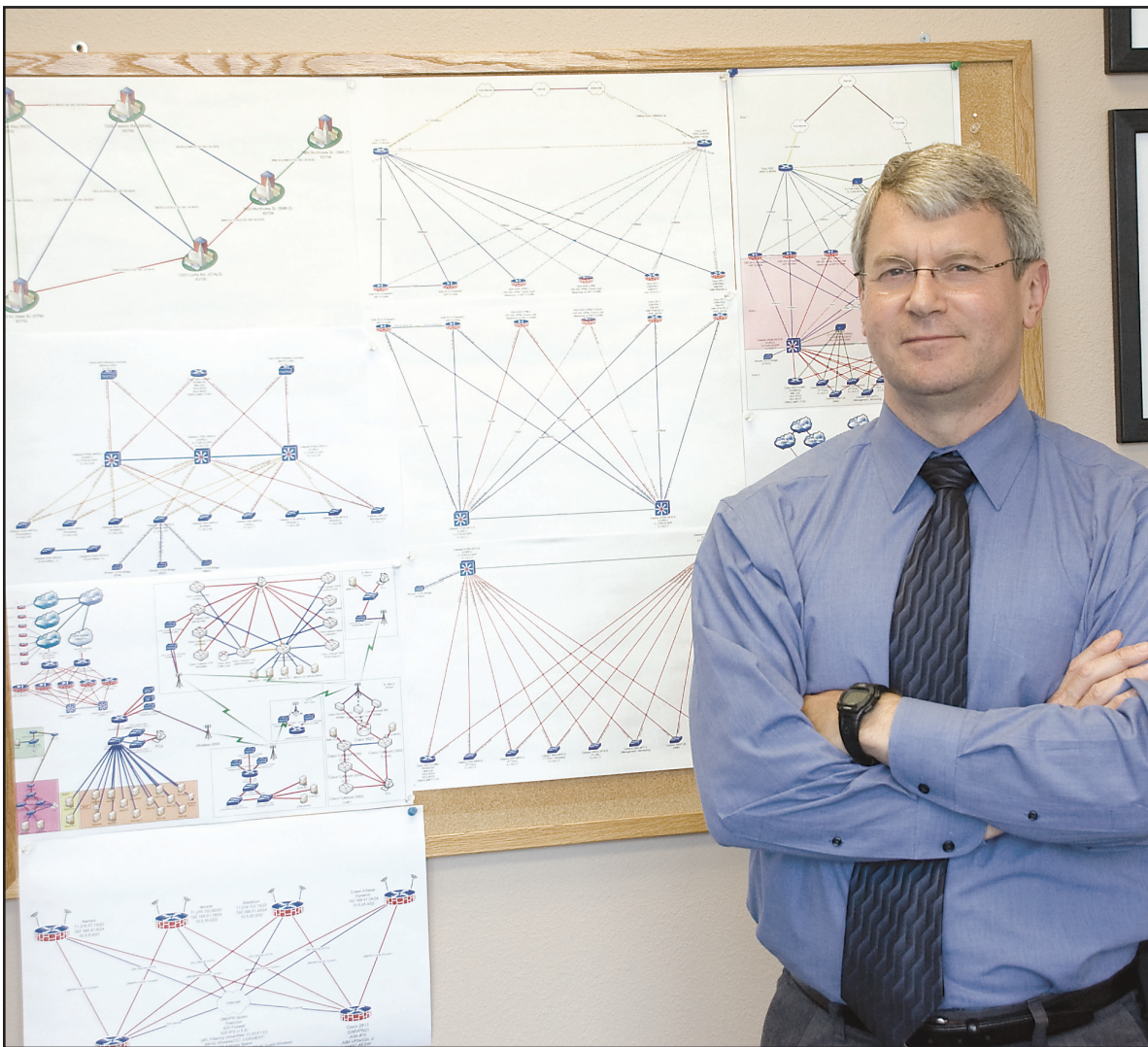
Laura was in ROTC, a major in physical education and health. Smitten, yet torn, Hill joined the ROTC program and changed his major to computer science (he guessed, correctly, that such majors would be in great demand soon). His strategy was this: After graduation, they would look for an assignment together in Europe, serve their three

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NETWORK ATTACK PLAN — New diocesan Information Technology Director Bart Hill stands in front of a schematic depicting the complex network of servers and work stations run by his department. Hill, a retired army lieutenant colonel, served in Bosnia during its civil war, in Germany during the closing days of the Cold War and at the Pentagon on Sept. 12, 2001, the day after the deadliest attack ever on U.S. soil. (ICR photo)

Gil followed heart to lay ministry



Jaime Gil

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BOISE — Jaime Gil was hired last year as a coordinator for Eastern and Southern deaneries in the Department of Parish Life and Faith Formation.

He is working with young people and parish leaders, and doing it with a sense of contentment. "I am at peace," he said in a recent interview. "This is where I am happy. This is where my discernment has taken me now."

Gil was born Nov. 1, 1982, in Coeneo in Mexico, the fourth of five children. He was bright and enjoyed learning, soccer and gymnastics. When it came time to go to high school, Gil

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For Gonzalez, the gig ends too soon



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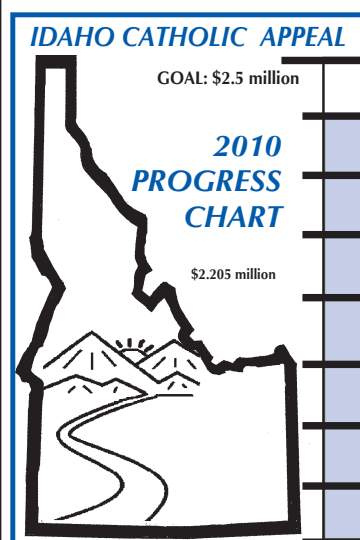
BOISE — For Rosio Gonzalez, executive director of Catholic Charities of Idaho, the end came too soon.

Gonzalez told her staff and other workers at the Diocesan Pastoral Center June 30 that she would be leaving CCI because her husband Will Rainford had taken a job in Texas.

Rainford, who has served as legislative advocate for CCI and the diocese since 2004, had also taught social work at Boise State University. He began in mid-July as the director and chairman of

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BOISE — The Idaho Catholic Appeal has raised \$2,205,742 as of July 31, diocesan officials report.

"We are encouraged by the fact that we have gained ground in the last month with some parish communities making 'second effort' pushes toward making their parish goals," said Stewardship and Development Director Jim Hughes.

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