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IN BRIEF

**NBC Sports executive injured in jet crash**

MONTROSE, Colo. — NBC Sports Chairman and President Dick Ebersol survived a charter plane crash that killed at least two people Sunday, NBC said on its Denver affiliate KUSA-TV. Montrose County sheriff's officials said three survivors, including Ebersol, were seriously injured when the jet crashed through a fence and burst into flames at Montrose Regional Airport, which serves the Telluride Ski Area.

**Al-Zarqawi's terrorist group claims Mosul slaughter**

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Iraq's most feared terror group claimed responsibility Sunday for slaughtering members of the Iraqi security forces in Mosul, where dozens of bodies have

been found. The claim raises fears the terror group has expanded to the north after the loss of its purported base in Fallujah. Meanwhile, insurgents attacked U.S. and Iraqi targets in Baghdad and in Sunni Arab areas. Iraq's deputy prime minister, Barham Saleh, said sticking to the Jan. 30 election timetable would be a challenge, but delaying it would bolster the insurgents' cause.

**Solar company looks to relocate to central Oregon**

REDMOND — A company in the solar-power industry appears ready to locate its new manufacturing plant in central Oregon, adding to the area's hope of becoming a home to a cluster of renewable-energy businesses.

Asirus Solar International, a photovoltaic panel maker, is looking at light industrial space in the Bend, Redmond and Prineville area. The company would hire at least 35 people.

"Our move to central Oregon will depend upon arranging a suitable financing package, a task whose timeline is difficult to predict," Douglas Parsons, the company's president and CEO wrote in an e-mail to The Bulletin of Bend newspaper.

The company makes thin-film photovoltaic solar modules that convert sunshine into electricity. The modules can be used to provide electricity for

homes and commercial businesses.

Asirus' target market includes relatively large, grid-connected commercial and utility PV power plants in North America and relatively small, off-grid rural solar home systems in developing countries.

The company has operations in Fallbrook, Calif. and Bangkok, Thailand.

Those involved in renewable energy and economic development in central Oregon said the addition of another solar company will help promote the idea of central Oregon as an emerging renewable energy industry cluster.

"It is fantastic," said Scott Aycocock, program administrator with Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council.

"It doesn't make the cluster happen, but it adds fuel to the fire and it is great timing," he said.

Aycocock added that Asirus underwent a global search for a new location before settling on central Oregon.

Roger Lee, executive director of Economic Development for Central Oregon, said his organization has been working with the company.

"What we are doing at this point in time, since the company is in the early stages, is connect them with people that can help them financially, and we are letting them know about the real estate market," Lee said.

— The Associated Press

# Chinese coal mine blast kills at least 25 workers, traps 170

High carbon monoxide levels and lack of communication with the trapped miners are preventing a quick rescue

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BEIJING — An explosion tore through a coal mine in central China on Sunday, killing at least 25 miners and trapping 170 others in tunnels and shafts below without communications, the government said.

Some 123 workers managed to escape the state-owned mine, the Xinhua News Agency said, citing the State Bureau of Production Safety. Some 45 were hospitalized, five with serious injuries, Xinhua said.

The blast rocked Chenjiashan coal mine in Shaanxi province at 7:20 a.m., when 293 workers were underground, the official Xinhua News Agency said. The explosion was centered around coal pits five miles from the mine entrance, it said.

Most of the miners who escaped were working close to the entrance, Xinhua said, and many suffered from carbon monoxide poisoning. High levels of carbon monoxide was preventing rescuers from reaching parts of the tunnels.

Witnesses said they saw "huge amounts of thick smoke pouring from the mine's ventilation vents," hampering rescue efforts, according to the Web site of the Communist Party's People's Daily newspaper.

Staff at Chenjiashan said communications with the trapped miners were cut off, the site said.

On its evening newscast, state television showed ambulances rushing to the scene as huge crowds of peo-

ple gathered outside the mine's main gate.

President Hu Jintao urged rescuers to employ "all effective measures" to save the trapped workers, China Central Television said.

Premier Wen Jiabao, who arrived at the ASEAN summit in Laos on Sunday, said he was "extremely upset" over the accident.

He said the cause of the explosion would be thoroughly investigated and the government would continue to push for safer working conditions in the mines.

According to Xinhua, Chenjiashan is capable of producing 1.3 million tons of coal a year.

China's mines are the world's most dangerous, with thousands of deaths reported every year due to explosions, fires, cave-ins and flooding often blamed on lax safety rules and lack of required equipment.

The government has vowed to improve conditions and frequently orders mass shutdowns and safety checks after a fatal mine accident.

But despite the crackdown, accidents still happen on a near daily basis. Chinese officials have suggested that a countrywide energy shortage may be pressuring the mining industry to raise coal production.

The worst mining accident in four years occurred last month, when an explosion in central Henan province left 148 people dead.

It was sparked after mine operators failed to realize that extending

**Blast traps at least 166 coal miners**

An explosion tore through the Chenjiashan coal mine in central China, sending billowing smoke from air vents. Some 127 workers managed to escape.



the mine's shaft would greatly increase its gas level.

Also Sunday, 16 officials in the Hebei province were charged with helping to cover up a coal mine explosion June 3 that killed 14 miners and injured 23 others, Xinhua said.

It said the mine owner "collaborated with some local officials" to give a false death toll to investigators from the central government. The owner was worried that if the real figure was revealed, authorities would shut down his mine and he would lose money, Xinhua said.

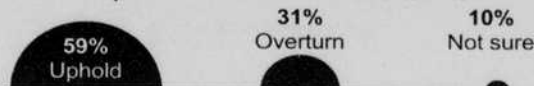
The officials' misconduct included failing to search passages for more trapped miners and secretly cremating five bodies.

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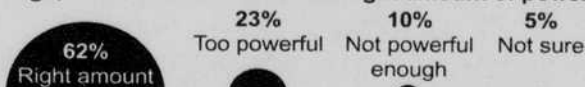
**Most say Roe v. Wade should be upheld**

Less than two-thirds of people polled said the next nominee for Supreme Court justice should uphold the court's 1973 decision to allow abortions in the first three months of pregnancy.

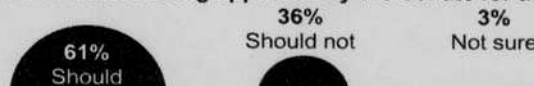
The 1973 Supreme Court ruling called Roe v. Wade made abortion in the first three months of pregnancy legal. Do you think President Bush should nominate Supreme Court justices who would uphold the decision or overturn it?



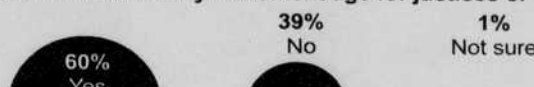
Do you think the Supreme Court is too powerful, not powerful enough, or does it have about the right amount of power?



Do you think the next nominee to join the Supreme Court should or should not publicly state his or her position on abortion before being approved by the Senate for the job?



As you may know, Supreme Court justices are appointed for their lifetimes and do not have to retire at a certain age. Should there be a mandatory retirement age for justices or not?



NOTE: Poll of 1,000 adults taken between Nov. 19-21; margin of error ± 3.1

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