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THE WEEK IN REVIEW

U.S. Falls in 'Mothers' Ranking

WASHINGTON — The United States is missing from a top 10 index measuring the status of mothers around the world, mainly because of its failure to address the health needs of the country's minorities and poor, a report says. The United States ranked 11th out of 94 countries on the 'Mothers' Index' found in a report compiled by the Save the Children foundation. The organization ranked countries on the basis of a mother's access to health care, use of contraception and family planning, literacy rate, and participation in government.

China Says Spy Plane Will Not Fly Home

BEIJING — China said that it will not allow a damaged U.S. Navy spy plane to be repaired and fly home under its own power. The announcement came as American surveillance flights near China resumed, and Chinese officials were quick to voice their opposition to the continued surveillance.

Postal Governors Approve Higher Rates

WASHINGTON — Postage rates are going up on July 1. The 34-cent price of a first-class stamp will not change, but most other rates will rise as the post office struggles to cope with rising costs and shrinking income. While the price of the basic first-class stamp will not increase under new rates, many other costs such as priority mail, express mail and periodicals will.

Cincinnati Officer Charged with Misdemeanors

CINCINNATI — Misdemeanor charges filed against a white police officer who fatally shot an unarmed black man brought outrage from the victim's mother but mostly peaceful protests in a city scarred by racial tension. One month after the slaying that sparked the city's worst rioting in three decades, a grand jury indicted Officer Stephen Roach of negligent homicide and obstructing official business.

Blackouts Again Ordered for California

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — As temperatures soared to record levels in parts of California, blackouts cut electricity to more than 100,000 customers in what power grid operators warned was a preview of summer. Hour-long outages, ordered by power grid managers, hit portions of selected cities for the first time since March.

Jurors to View Tape of Teacher Shooting

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — Prosecutors planned to show jurors a school surveillance videotape that shows a seventh-grade boy shoot and kill his English teacher. Nathaniel Brazill, 14, is on trial in the death of Lake Worth Middle School teacher Barry Granow, who was fatally shot May 26, 2000, the last day of school before summer break. The boy faces life in prison with no parole if convicted of first-degree murder.

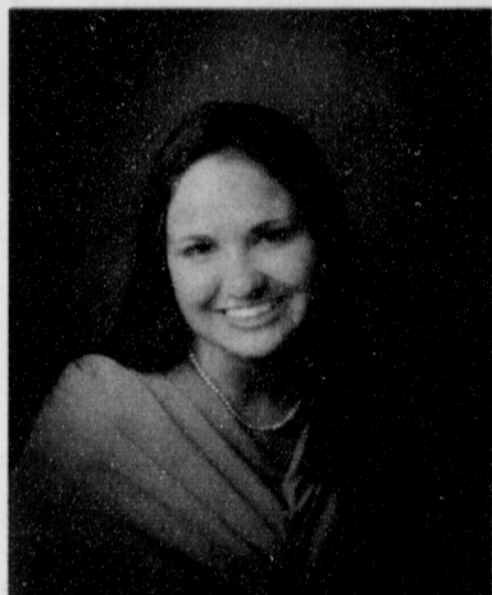
Nations Wary of U.S. Missile Defense Plan

LONDON — World governments responded nervously to President Bush's decision to build a shield against missile attack. Britain and Canada stopped short of endorsing the plan, and Sweden offered sharp criticism. Much of the apprehension focused on Bush's declaration that a 1972 arms-control treaty was outdated. United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan said the missile plan would "inevitably impact upon global security and strategic stability" and appealed to all countries to avoid a new arms race.

Republicans Strike Tentative Tax Deal

WASHINGTON — House and Senate Republicans tentatively agreed to push for an 11-year, \$1.35 trillion tax cut, lawmakers said. Under the agreement, taxes would be cut by \$1.25 trillion between 2002 and 2011 — \$350 billion less than Bush had insisted on for more than a year.

2001 Rose Festival Court



Cleveland High - Sky Clarke



Jefferson High - Ahquoya Brooks



St. Mary's Academy - Ashley Caldwell



Central Catholic High - Benthany Sills



David Douglas High - Vanessa Sanford



Grant High School - Loanda Schaad



Benson high - Sharitha McKenzie



Lincoln High - Wesley Grout



Marshall High - Michelle Sagucio



Roosevelt High - Ursula Gray



Masdison High - Lindsay Heiberg



Wilson High - Kelly Ferguson



Franklin High - Kristina Pongraz



Park Rose High - Felecia Wheatfall

Ambassadors Begin Goodwill Tour

The Rose Festival Court is comprised of 14 outstanding women who were selected from 14-area high schools. Each court member represents her school throughout the months of May and June at many community events.

To qualify for the Rose Festival Court, the young women must be

full-time students, be a member of the graduating class, have a grade point average of at least 2.75, demonstrate good citizenship and have a good attendance record.

The candidates are evaluated on character, communication and presence.

Court members are elected by vote

of their respective student bodies. The Portland Rose Festival Association awards each ambassador a \$3,000 scholarship courtesy of Randall Realty Corp.

This year's Rose Festival Queen's Coronation is set for Thursday, May 31 at 8 p.m. at the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall.

