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Decision means Stoudamire not likely to face drug charge

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THE WEEK IN REVIEW

Israel Strikes in Gaza, Sets Travel Ban

JERUSALEM — Israel struck back at the Palestinians, firing missiles at a suspected weapons factory in the Gaza Strip and announcing a Palestinian travel ban in the West Bank. At the same time, however, Israeli and Palestinian ministers were meeting on a possible cease-fire.

Surgeons Separate Conjoined Twins

LOS ANGELES — Surgeons separated 1-year-old Guatemalan twins joined at the head, a risky procedure that took about 20 hours to complete, a doctor said. Houman Hemmati, a doctor who assisted in the surgery, said the separation appeared to be successful.

Gun Turret of Civil War Ship Raised After 140 Years

HATTERAS, N.C. — The silt-packed gun turret of the Civil War ironclad USS Monitor was raised from the floor of the Atlantic, nearly 140 years after the historic warship sank during a storm. The turret was raised during a \$6.5 million expedition. The remainder of the wreckage will stay on the ocean floor because it is too delicate to pull up.

North and South Korea Agree to Reopen Talks

SEOUL, South Korea — North and South Korea agreed to restart high-level talks next week, getting their stalled reconciliation process back on track, according to a South Korean news report.

New Stamp Honors Justice Who Championed Rights

WASHINGTON — The late Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall — a champion of equal rights who devised the legal strategy to end school segregation — is being honored with a postage stamp. The first-class stamp will feature a black-and-white photograph of Marshall that was taken in 1967, shortly after President Johnson appointed him to the high court.

Boston Settlement Could Influence Other Abuse Cases

BOSTON — Allowing the Boston Archdiocese to back out of a settlement agreed to verbally by its top official could set a legal precedent that would derail hundreds of lawsuits filed across the country by victims of child sexual abuse committed by priests.

Senator: War with Iraq Likely

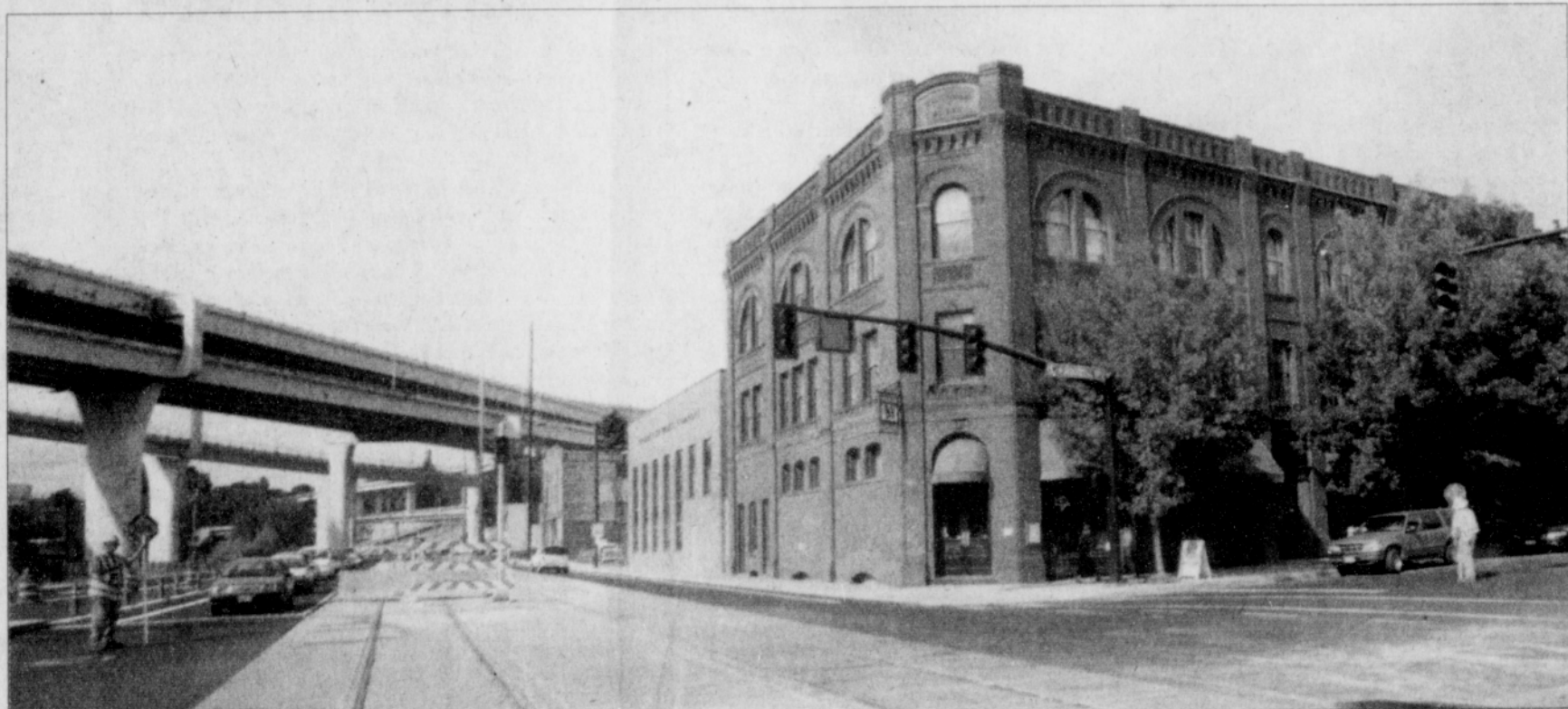
WASHINGTON — War against Iraq is likely, Sen. Joseph Biden said while exploring U.S. options to deal with Saddam Hussein's potential threat. Other lawmakers joined Biden Sunday in pressing the Bush administration to make the case to Congress before any attack.

Suspect Might Have Contacted Six Judges

VENICE, Italy — A suspected Russian mobster might have contacted as many as six judges in trying to fix a pair of figure skating events at the Salt Lake City Olympics, Italian police said, a day after arresting suspect Alimzhan Tokhtakhounov.

City Plans Russell Face Lift

More foot and traffic flow expected with light rail line



Max light rail lines and new curbing along Interstate Avenue at Russell Street gives the historic Albina district a new look. City officials now want to improve Russell even further to accommodate a revitalized neighborhood.

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The city expects greater increases in the levels of pedestrian activity and traffic flow as North and Northeast Russell Street prepares to link with MAX light rail service at Interstate Avenue.

In response, the city is planning cosmetic and functional improvements with the help of area business owners and residents.

At a meeting last week, city architects and facilitators mapped out designs based on community suggestions.

City facilitator Jason Franklin addressed the 50 or so people that came out to participate. "The reason we're doing the planning is to help bump our chances of getting these things done. What is important for the residents?" Franklin asked. "What is important for the businesses?"

The stretch of Russell under consideration runs from Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, west to Interstate Avenue. Businesses, restaurants, empty lots, parks and industry share the street collectively. One hot topic was the balance of in-

dustry and commerce in the area. Companies like TARR must navigate its 18-wheelers while pedestrians and drivers find their way to the White Eagle Tavern and a handful of other restaurants and coffee shops that dust the area.

"How do we resolve that conflict between industry and trucks and pedestrians down there," asked Franklin. Some people suggested sidewalk extensions to make street crossings safer, but not if it meant hindering navigation of the big rigs.

Because of light rail service, the #5 bus

will no longer run down interstate and Tri-Met may consider routing buses through Russell. City planners suggested that participants at the meeting think about bus stops and lighting.

Suggestions were compiled and marked on a map of the street.

Ellen Vanderslice is a consulting architect for the city. She introduced design tools like benches, phones and transit depots; places for standing, visiting, and sitting.

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Drug Free Zones Face Challenges

Restrictions could ease in some areas and increase in others

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The city may soon adopt new drug and prostitution-free zones with new boundaries and procedures.

The zones allow the police to exclude people arrested for sale or possession of illegal drugs, or soliciting prostitution, from entering a given geographic area for a specific amount of time; if they do, they can be arrested.

The law has been praised by authorities as an important tool to rid some neighborhoods of long-standing drug and prostitution problems - but attacked by others as an infringement of personal rights.

The Boise Neighborhood Association will discuss the topic at a meeting on Wednesday, Aug. 14 at 7 p.m. at the Mississippi Rising Ballroom at North Mississippi and Shaver Street.

In late September, the Portland City Council is tentatively scheduled to hear the proposal by the Multnomah County District Attorney to create the following new boundaries:

--The eastside zone, which formerly covered several blocks of the inner eastside from Southeast Stark to Northeast Lloyd Boulevard, would expand to

Portland is considering dropping a drug free zone in the Woodlawn Park neighborhood (right) of northeast Portland because of lowering crime rates.

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A man near the Lloyd Center Max Station at Holladay Park approaches a group of young women. Police want to make the area a drug and prostitution free zone.

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take in most of Lloyd Center, including Holladay Park.

--The Beech zone, bounded roughly by North Concord and Northeast Seventh Avenues and North and Northeast Simpson and Fargo streets, would expand eastward to 16th Avenue, north to

Ainsworth, and south between Martin Luther King Boulevard and Vancouver Avenue to Sacramento Street.

--Part of the Alberta and all of the Woodlawn districts would be eliminated because of decreasing drug and prostitution crime rates.

--Sandy Boulevard and 82nd Avenue prostitution free zones would be retained, but the Martin Luther King zone will probably be eliminated.

Additionally, because of a recent court

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New Minimum Wage Faces Vote in November Ballot

(AP) - State elections officials have verified the required signatures needed to put a proposal to raise the minimum wage on the November ballot.

"It was an easy initiative to get signatures on," said Gene Pronovost, a chief petitioner and president of the United Food and Commercial Workers' Local

555. "I was always confident we were going to qualify."

If voters pass it, Oregon's minimum wage would jump 40 cents an hour to \$6.90 next year.

The statewide measure also would adjust the minimum wage for inflation in future years. It will be the first time Orego-

nians have voted on whether to boost the wage requirement since they approved an initiative in 1996 that gave the state the nation's top rate for a time.

The proposal will face opposition from industries such as agriculture and restaurants because it will increase labor costs.

Bill Perry, director of government

relations for the Oregon Restaurant Association, noted that the 1996 minimum-wage vote came in the middle of the '90s economic boom. Now the economy is struggling, and boosting the minimum wage will hurt businesses and won't help people who are looking for jobs, Perry said.

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