

Court Pick Rejects Claim

Challenged bluntly by Republicans, Supreme Court nominee Elena Kagan said Tuesday the Pentagon's recruiters had access to Harvard Law School students "every single day I was dean" and rejected claims she maneuvered to thwart them. See story, page 4.



Gun Rights Expanded

The Supreme Court held Monday that Americans have the right to own a gun for self-defense anywhere they live, expanding the conservative court's embrace of gun rights. By a 5-4 vote, the justices cast doubt on handgun bans in the Chicago area, but signaled that some limitations on the Constitution's "right to keep and bear

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arms" could survive legal challenges. See story, page 4.

Longest Serving Senator Dies

Sen. Robert C. Byrd, a son of West Virginia coal country who used his mastery of Senate rules and a taste for hardball tactics to become a passionate advocate for the state and the Senate he loved, died Monday at age 92. The senate's longest serving member, Byrd was a one-time segregationist and opponent of civil rights legislation who evolved into a



liberal hero and voice for the disadvantaged.

Victim Unable to Swim

A black teenager from Maryland who was a star athlete but apparently did not know how to swim drowned June 22 after leaping into the Clackamas River at the High Rocks swimming hole near Oregon City, the first drowning since lifeguards were posted there in 2002.

Schools Brace for Cuts

Portland Public Schools need to cut more than 200 positions district-wide, according to the latest proposal from Superintendent Carole Smith. A worst case scenario would cut 126 teaching positions and eliminate physical education in the middle and elementary schools.

**Stepmother in Spotlight
Father files for divorce**

(AP)-- The father of a 7-year-old Oregon boy missing for more than three weeks filed for divorce from the boy's stepmother on Monday, court documents showed.

The filing in Multnomah County Circuit Court listed Kaine Horman as the petitioner and Terri Moulton Horman as the respondent.

Police have said she's the last known person to have seen Kyrin Horman alive before he disappeared from his Portland school on June 4. After a massive search, the Multnomah County sheriff's office recently described the case as a criminal investigation

Sheriff's spokeswoman Lt. Mary Lindstrand said Monday night her office is "not talking about personal issues

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