

The Rockies

Grand jury weighs clues in killings

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COLORADO SPRINGS — A man was accused of his role in connection with his wife's and sister-in-law's murders and denied bond Wednesday while a grand jury was convened to hear evidence in the case.

Raymond King, 35, was advised of his rights in connection with two counts of first-degree murder and two counts of crime of violence. The El Paso County grand jury met Wednesday night to consider evidence in the case.

King's estranged wife, Mona Ibea King, 36, and her sister, Carla Michelle Cargan, 36, were found shot to death Monday in the home from which King had moved a few weeks before.

A coroner's report showed they died sometime Sunday night before midnight. King was apprehended Tuesday afternoon on Interstate 25 on the southern end of Colorado Springs, driving a silver and blue pickup truck. According to an arrest warrant



Raymond King was advised of two rights as an El Paso County grand jury met Wednesday to hear evidence in the shooting deaths of his estranged wife and sister-in-law.

City officials say plutonium in water is safe

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BROOMFIELD — Radioactive plutonium deposited in sediment at Great Western Reservoir poses no health hazard to Broomfield residents who get their drinking water from the reservoir, spokesmen for the city of Broomfield and the Rocky Flats nuclear weapons plant said.

Kathy Kochevar, a chemist in Broomfield's Public Works Department, said the city's communication with the Colorado Department of Health indicate there is nothing to deter the city from its plans to substantially enlarge the reservoir.

Analysis of eight core samples taken in 1982 from the reservoir show that the levels of plutonium in the top layers of sediment in the reservoir are "approaching background levels," Kochevar said. Background levels of plutonium generally are those deposited by worldwide testing of nuclear weapons.

Gene Towne, spokesman for Rocky Flats, also said that the analysis shows that the plutonium in the reservoir's sediment has "absolute-ly no impact on community health." Plutonium concentrations are all below the limits set by the Colorado Health Department, said Towne.

Plutonium and other radioactive materials are used at Rocky Flats in the manufacture of components for nuclear weapons.

State health officials have noted that because of the heavy nature of plutonium, particles adhere to the soil in the bottom of the reservoir. A problem might occur if the plutonium were disturbed by construction, those officials have said.

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Parole bill headed for Senate floor

The Senate Judiciary Committee on Wednesday sent the full Senate a bill to allow crime victims and other people to be notified of and testify at parole hearings — but cut out a provision requiring the vote of the parole board to be public.

House Bill 1187, sponsored by Rep. Bill Owens, R-Anchorage, went to the full Senate on a 6-0 vote. Sen. Paul Powers, D-Denver, the Senate sponsor of the bill, objected to the removal of the public vote portion.

"Parole is an awesome power to have," Powers said, arguing that such votes should be made public to ensure that the parole board is accountable.

Senate panel reviews education bill

The Colorado Senate's Education Committee gave a final hearing, on Wednesday, to a House-passed bill strengthening the Colorado Commission on Higher Education.

House Bill 1187, which started out calling for a single agency to oversee higher education — dubbed the "superboard" — now would beef up the powers of the commission and require appointment of new members to it, and would specify "roles and missions" for each institution of higher education in the state.

Rep. Paul Schauer, R-Littleton, and Sen. Paul Powers, D-Denver, the co-sponsors of the bill, both said they think the measure will help restore some order to Colorado's higher education system. Schauer termed it a "Balkan states" system replete with "feudalism and feudal politics."

Cancer patient undergoes transplant

A University of Denver law student who received a bone transplant to replace a cancerous leg bone just 11 days ago left the hospital Wednesday on crutches.

Rick Allen, 24, said he would continue his recovery as a Presbyterian Denver Hospital outpatient. He is taking the next quarter off from law school and will spend his time in therapy.

Doctors implanted a piece of thigh bone taken from the victim of a fatal gunshot wound.

During a family ski trip to Keystone over New Year's, the bone cancer made its first appearance. He showed it on Feb. 20, the soreness and pain reappeared and he went to the DU infirmary. Doctors there diagnosed the pain as cancer.

Mother finds kidnapped son

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DENVER — Adams Michael Hicks has come home, nearly 11 years after his father took the 17-month-old infant for a weekend visit and vanished.

"I didn't think we'd ever get to this point," Marra Jo Smith, Adam's mother, said as she and her 13-year-old son arrived Wednesday at Stapleton International Airport

from Texas. "It was such a long shot — all we had was a baby picture of him."

Adam's father, Michael Hicks, had divorced his wife in Denver and lost custody of the boy in 1974. On Oct. 9 of that year, Hicks took 17-month-old Adam for a weekend visit and never returned to his ex-wife's Denver home.

In January, Smith learned of Child Keepers, a Florida organization that continues kidnapping investigations; police have identified Child Keepers' printed and distributed posters of the missing child and filmed a television segment showing the baby pictures. The boy's former babysitter in San Antonio recognized the photo and called Child Keepers.

FBI doesn't know why murder suspect was in Georgia

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ATLANTA — Federal officials are trying to determine what Bruce Perre, reputed head of a militant white racist organization, was doing in Georgia when he was arrested with a van full of weapons. His wife, Julie Ann Wilson Perre, was detained briefly Wednesday in Jasper, Ala., by FBI agents who said they confiscated a cache

of weapons she was hauling in a trailer. She was not arrested.

The weapons found in the trailer included "dozens of hand grenades, dynamite powder, foreign and domestic-made automatic weapons resembling M16 rifles, hand saws and about \$1,000 in cash," special FBI Agent Tom Moore said.

Moore declined to comment on why she wasn't arrested.

The 30-year-old Perre, appearing Wednesday before U.S. Magistrate William Harper in Atlanta, was ordered held without bond for up to 30 days.

The Metairie Park, Wash. resident, who is said to head the group The Order, was arrested Tuesday in Bonaville, a suburb of Chattanooga, Tenn.

Perre was arrested on four federal warrants for robbery, conspiracy, extortion and firearms violations in California, Washington and Montana and for failing to report last April for his two-year conviction in Spokane, Wash., Harper said.

Perre requested a public defender, telling the magistrate that he had no available assets to pay a

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