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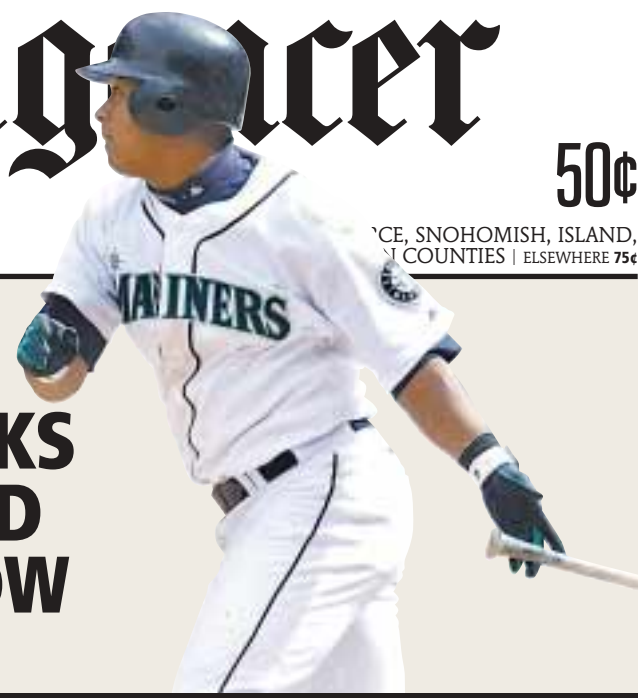
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NO NEW MONEY FOR FBI'S CRIME SQUADS

Budget would fund new agents only for national security

BY PAUL SHUKOVSKY
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P-I reporters

Despite a powerful surge in bank robbery, mortgage fraud and white-collar crimes, the Bush administration's 2009 budget leaves an already handicapped FBI criminal program

without the agents it needs to respond — a shortcoming acknowledged by top FBI officials.

It's the latest chapter in the administration's terrorism trade-off — a continuing trend of cannibalizing agents and resources from traditional crime squads to fight terrorism instead of spending enough money to

do both.

President Bush's proposed budget doesn't add a dime to reinforce agents in the FBI's crime-fighting squads, which remain at least 1,700 agents below pre-9/11 levels, according to a Seattle P-I analysis.



FBI Director Robert Mueller has tried, unsuccessfully, to get the administration to direct more money to the FBI's criminal program.

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30 years of fighting fires — and bias in department

Seattle's first female firefighter stuck with the job because she loved helping others. But as Bonnie Beers retires, she also believes improvements are still needed. **B1**

UW diplomas a long time coming



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Takako Yoda gives her tassel a playful flip while waiting to enter the University of Washington's Kane Hall for a ceremony Sunday honoring Japanese-American students who were forced to leave the school and live in internment camps in 1942. With her is Miyo Shantaku, and at center is Todd Mildon, registrar at the UW.

Former Japanese-American students graduate after a 66-year wait

BY AMY ROLPH
P-I reporter

The graduation ceremony in the University of Washington's Kane Hall on Sunday had all the signs of the typical rite of passage: "Pomp and Circumstance" played for the crowd, family members cried and the graduates accepted their diplomas with smiles.

But the UW students honored Sunday weren't like any in the university's history.

Many hadn't even attended the UW in 66 years.

The ceremony honored the 450 Japanese-American students who had to leave the university in 1942 to relocate to internment camps after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor.

"The message of today's event is a simple one, and one that I believe none of us should ever forget," said Secretary of Transportation Norman Mineta, who gave the

keynote address. "It's never too late to do the right thing. It's never too late to rejoice that the right thing has been done. It's never too late to be grateful to people who do the right thing."

The UW students were Nikkei — people of Japanese ancestry who live abroad — but the distinction

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Former UW student Yoshi Mamiya, 83, uses the stem of a rose to point to a face she recognized in a group photo of Japanese-American students at the UW taken in 1941. From left to right are Kay Yamaguchi and Mamiya's granddaughters Lauren Mamiya, a 2006 UW graduate, and Megan Mamiya, a sophomore at the UW.

Microsoft courting Yahoo with a new offer

Two could team up to challenge Google

BY TODD BISHOP
P-I reporter

Microsoft Corp. says it has a new plan for fighting Google after the failure of its Yahoo bid — and it might include Yahoo, after all.

Two weeks after withdrawing its original \$44.6 billion offer to buy the Internet icon, Microsoft said Sunday that it was considering an "alternative transaction" with Yahoo that would not involve a full acquisition. Microsoft said it had raised the idea with Yahoo, but it declined to describe the proposal publicly.

In addition, a top Microsoft executive promised "a major new initiative" from its search team this week and outlined other steps meant to help the company's position — including fixing what he called its "fragmented and confusing" online branding.

"The fact is that we are not where we want to be in this business yet, and we've been in this position longer than we'd all like," conceded Kevin Johnson, president of Microsoft's Platforms and Services Division, in an e-mail to employees laying out the new plan.

It's critical for Microsoft to get stronger online, he wrote, no matter the outcome of any new discussions.

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See Todd Bishop's blog for an excerpt from Microsoft executive Kevin Johnson's e-mail to employees about the company's revamped online strategy: blog.seattlepi.com/microsoft.



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Hillary Clinton is trying "to break the highest and hardest glass ceiling." Will her campaign be a historic if incomplete triumph, or a depressing reminder of why few women pursue high office? **A4**

Too sweet for baby?

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