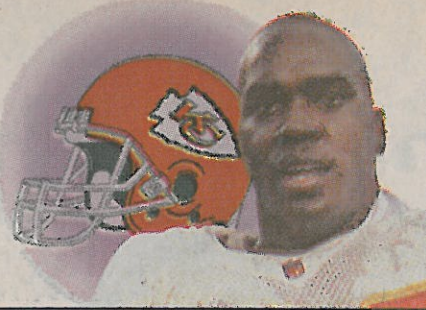


Chiefs star dies

Derrick Thomas, paralyzed in car accident, dead at 33.

Sports **C1**



Prison for brothers

Pair sentenced to 10 years for day-care molestations.

Local **B1**



Say what?

Restaurant menus use some highfalutin language.

Food **D1**

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IN REPRODUCTION

\$100,000 offered for athlete's eggs

A couple has placed an ad offering \$100,000 for the eggs of a bright, young, white athlete — possibly the highest offer yet made for such a service.

The offer has raised ethical questions even for advocates of high-tech reproductive medicine, who say giving eggs should be about helping others, not money.

The couple's ad, which ran this week in Stanford University's student newspaper, specified that the woman be younger than 30 and an athlete "of proven college-level ability."

The highest known price before was \$50,000, offered last year in a number of Ivy League college papers.

IN POLLS

Violence leads list of parents' concerns

Violence done to or committed by their children is the biggest worry of today's busy parents, according to a national poll released by Parents magazine and Rob Reiner's I Am Your Child Foundation.

Violence was mentioned by 30 percent of the parents with children 12 or younger as the one thing they "worry about the most." It topped worries over the

"He's my best friend. I really want to grow old with him. I won't be able to if I don't give him a kidney."

— JENNY MENHENNET, Warren woman who is donating a kidney to her husband, Jay



Electronic saboteurs attack Web

• Computer hackers hit CNN, Amazon and eBay, paralyzing Internet sites

• A subsidiary of Amazon.com is under investigation. **Page C8.**

BY TED BRIDIS
Associated Press

WASHINGTON: In a dramatic demonstration of the Internet's vulnerabilities, electronic vandals disrupted some of the Web's most popular sites yesterday by using dozens of powerful computers to spew out a crippling flood of false data.

Internet sites under unprecedented attack included those of eBay, Amazon and CNN, all in assaults similar to one that overwhelmed Yahoo! a day earlier.

A fifth prominent Internet company, Buy.Com, also was crippled for hours earlier yesterday.

Amazon.com Inc. said that its site was inaccessible for more

than an hour last night because a "large amount of junk traffic" was aimed at the company's computers.

All the companies said hackers did not gain access inside their computers or retrieve information about their customers.

CNN said its Web site was "seriously affected." It fell under attack for nearly two hours before technicians were able to shield its computers from the hackers late last night.

EBay Inc., with more than 10 million customers, said engineers were working into the evening yesterday to try to restore service to its site, after hackers tried to

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