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Pakistan was one of the strongest sup-porters of the Taliban regime in Af-ghanistan. Pakistan's Islamic schools and mosques, in fact, helped give rise to the Taliban.

Musharraf, who is still the military chief, has pledged full support for the U.S.-led campaign in Afghanistan. In recent days, he has increased security along the border, sending helicopter

military. Some might quietly allow fleeing al-Qaida fighters and their Taliban allies to escape.

Still, it might be difficult for bin Laden — tall, slim and Arab-born — to remain at large for long, even in the mountains of Pakistan, analysts suggested.

"There are plenty of places to hide. But Pakistanis know the area better

stan's leaders "are more likely to turn him over dead than alive, since they would not want him to recount fully what kind of connections he had with their intelligence services. He's worth more to them dead than alive, and I'm sure bin Laden knows that."

"Everyone knows that there is a \$25 million tag on his head, so there's a pretty good chance somebody would

The Bush administration is tread-ing carefully on the issue of what hap-pens next if it can be established that bin Laden has escaped to Pakistan.

"Pakistan, of course, as a sovereign nation, has the jurisdiction," Rear Adm. John Stufflebeem, a Pentagon spokesman, said Monday. "We are not

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Board Yanks E. Utah Coal Mining Permit

BY BRENT ISRAELEN
THE SALT LAKE TRIBUNE

A state review board has sided with the Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance and ordered a rare reversal of a decision that permitted a Price company to mine coal in the Book Cliffs of eastern Utah.

The six-member Utah Board of Oil, Gas and Mining ruled that the state Division of Oil, Gas and Mining abused its discretion and failed to gather sufficient facts when it issued a

coal-mining permit to UtahAmerican Energy Inc.

It is the first time in five years that the board has overturned a mining permit. In 1996, SUWA successfully challenged a permit granted to Andalex Resources to mine coal on the Kaiparowits Plateau, now part of the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument.

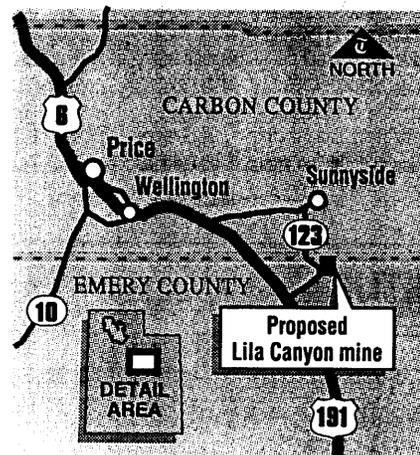
The environmental group now is fighting the smaller mine proposed in Lila Canyon in the Book Cliffs along the boundary separating Emery and

Carbon counties.

The wilderness alliance says the mine would impair wildlife and the pristine nature of the western Book Cliffs, parts of which are proposed as federally protected wilderness areas.

In its appeal, the alliance argued that the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining failed in nine ways to obtain sufficient data from UtahAmerican to analyze the potential effects of the mine on streams and groundwater.

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Mike Miller/The Salt Lake Tribune

Car Owners Protest Citations For Selling While Parked

BY REBECCA WALSH
THE SALT LAKE TRIBUNE

WEST VALLEY CITY — Gary Fratto did more than most amateur used-car salesmen.

Before parking his 1976 Ford pickup in a store parking lot and posting a "for sale" sign in the window, he asked the store manager's permission. Fratto even had the man sign a note.

But when Fratto came back later that night in September, he found a ticket for \$50 under the windshield wiper.

He marched down to City Hall. The hearing officer offered to cut the fine in half. But Fratto refused, insisting on a court hearing. Then he called the American Civil Liberties Union of Utah.

"I just felt that my constitutional rights were being jumped on," Fratto said. "You should have the opportunity to sell your own vehicle."

ACLU attorney Janelle Eurick agrees. She has taken up the cause of citizen car sellers ticketed for parking

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Ryan Galbraith/The Salt Lake Tribune

A car with a for-sale sign sits near 800 East and 4700 South on Monday. Cars parked on the street for the primary purpose of being sold can be ticketed in many Salt Lake Valley jurisdictions — a policy some say is overbroad.

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Board Agrees With SUWA On Mine Permit

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The board agreed on all nine accounts on Friday, stating that the division's actions in approving the July 27 coal-mining permit were "an abuse of discretion" and "not in compliance with the procedures required by law."

In particular, the board criticized the division for relying too much on future monitoring without first obtaining baseline data on current conditions.

The board also ruled the division failed to require adequate documentation on the reliability of UtahAmerican's biological analyses regarding possible impacts to plants and wildlife.

Division Director Lowell Braxton said Monday he and his staff "are weighing our options" on how to respond to the board's conclusions and order, which can be appealed to the board or to the Utah Supreme Court.

Braxton indicated the board's ruling might have been based on a misunderstanding.

"One could conclude that the division didn't explain its position very well, either in the permitting process or in the hearing itself. So it could be that the information needs to be better explained," Braxton said.

An attorney for UtahAmerican did not return phone calls Monday seeking comment.

While siding with the wilderness alliance on the lack of data collection, the board disagreed with SUWA's contention that the mine, which would run beneath proposed wilderness areas, would conflict with wilderness designation.

In a 4-2 vote by the board, the alliance also lost its argument that the division should have considered a four-mile access road as part of the permit.

Still, SUWA is pleased with the board's ruling, said Herb McHarg of the group's Moab office.

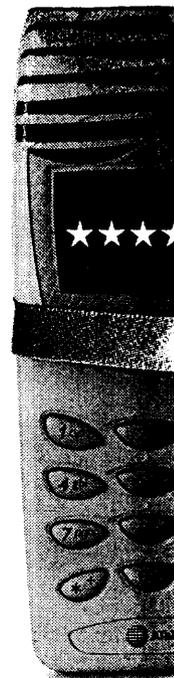
The board recognized that the division failed in its duty to ensure the environment and the public were protected from a hazardous mining operation."

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