

# NEWS BRIEFING

A LOOK AT THIS MORNING'S HEADLINES

## Spokane county seeks sales tax increase for adult, juvenile jails

**SPOKANE (AP)** — The Spokane County sheriff says he needs more money to lock up violent and chronic offenders, so on Nov. 7 voters will be asked to approve a small sales tax increase to expand adult and juvenile jails.

If approved, the county's sales tax would increase from 8 cents on the dollar to 8.1 cents for three years. The tax increase would raise an estimated \$12 million.

"The costs and impacts to our community because of crime have grown faster than our ability to deal with them," said sheriff John Goldman. "This offers us a booster shot to catch up and provide the resources to detain both youthful and adult offenders who shouldn't be out there on the streets."

The Spokane County jail has an average population of 555 in a facility designed for 519. The 65-bed juvenile detention center routinely releases youths early because of crowding.

There has been no organized opposition to the referendum called Proposition 2, which needs a simple majority for passage. But businessman Duane Alton, who owns a chain of tire stores, said the public may have had enough of taxes. He contends that the County Commission already has enough money to build bigger jails if it would cut less important programs.

"The money is there right now," Alton said. "Law enforcement should come before needle exchange and public parks — before anything. It needs to be Number One."

Benton, Franklin, Walla Walla, Yakima and Thurston also are seeking tax increases to ease jail crowding.

## NASA delays space shuttle launch for sixth time

**C A P E CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP)** — For a record-tying sixth time, NASA delayed the launch of space shuttle Columbia on Sunday because of thick, low clouds.

Launch controllers waited as long as possible to send Columbia and its seven astronauts on their way, but finally gave up early in the afternoon.

NASA sent the astronauts to the pad an hour later than planned to extend the launch window into the afternoon. But it didn't help. A cold front stalled over the Kennedy Space Center and kept a constant cloud cover.

The launch was not immediately rescheduled; the next earliest possible liftoff date is Thursday. Among the options being considered by NASA was to bump the flight into mid to late November and fly Atlantis next on a Russian docking mission.

Columbia's repeated delays have disrupted NASA's flight schedule for the rest of this year, if not longer.

This was the second weather delay for the 16-day laboratory-research mission. Hurricane Opal forced a postponement as did a slew of mechanical breakdowns.

Sunday was the closest NASA got to launching Columbia on this mission. The countdown clocks got down to five minutes.

NASA officials insist neither Columbia's age nor its recent tuneup had anything to do with equipment problems.

## Fighting in northwest Bosnia ebbs under truce Sunday



**BANJA LUKA, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP)** — Fighting ebbed Sunday in northwestern Bosnia, where up to 50,000 exhausted Serbs were struggling to survive after fleeing advances by government and Croat forces.

In a bitter twist in the 3 1/2-year-long war, many of the refugees are now at Omarska, site of one of the most notorious prison camps set up when Serb rebels overran much of Bosnia in 1992.

A field hospital has been serving both civilians and soldiers wounded in the latest fighting. Aid workers say some older refugees are dying, apparently exhausted after being uprooted by rapid shifts in front lines in northern Bosnia in the past six weeks.

The U.S.-brokered truce that started Thursday was largely observed throughout the country, U.N. officials said Sunday. The Muslim-led Bosnian government claimed on Saturday that it was halting its offensive, amid reports Serbia had to threaten to send in the Yugoslav army.

A mechanized Croatian army unit, including 22 tanks, was crossing back into Croatia on Sunday, U.N. spokeswoman Leah Melnick said in Zagreb. In addition, more than 2,500 crack Croatian troops moved away from positions along Bosnia's northern border with Croatia on Saturday, he said.

Government army commanders met for five hours in the Bosnian capital late Saturday and dispatched a senior officer to the bitterly contested northwest.

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- 10/17 Nordic Ski Meeting 7-8:30pm  
(@ Gumwood Room)
- 10/17 Triathlon Meeting 7-8:30pm  
(@ Oak Room)
- 10/21 Women's Soccer Game 9am-3pm  
(@ Southbank Field)
- 10/21 Men's Soccer Game 3-7pm  
(@ Southbank Field)
- 10/21 Men's Volleyball Tournament 8am-6pm  
(@ Gerlinger B-54)

### OP

Exploring Oregon's Coast & Coast Range. Slide show by William Sullivan, Tues. Oct. 17, 7:30pm, 100 Willamette Hall.

Sugarloaf Timber Controversy. Steve Marsden from the Siskiyou Regional Education Project, Wed. Oct. 18, 7:30pm EMU Outdoor Program Room.

O.P. Equipment Swap! Oct. 19, Thurs. 7:30pm in the EMU Ballroom.

Opal Creek Educational Hike. Sat. Oct. 21, Pre-trip meeting Fri. Oct. 20, 6pm in the EMU Outdoor Program Room.

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