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KATHY PLODKA / Associated Press file
Joseph Edward Duncan III, right, is shown during a hearing on Oct. 16, 2006, at the Kootenai County Sheriff's Department in Coeur d'Alene. A federal jury in Boise on Wednesday sentenced him to death for the 2005 kidnapping, torture and murder of Dylan Groene, 9.

Federal jury sentences Duncan to death

The child-killer, who smiled as the verdict was handed to the judge, offers no response to the prosecution's closing arguments.

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Longtime sex offender Joseph Edward Duncan III was sentenced to death Wednesday for the 2005 kidnapping, torture and murder of a 9-year-old northern Idaho boy after federal jurors deliberated just three hours.

Jurors viewed horrifying video Duncan made of him sexually abusing, torturing and hanging Dylan Groene until the boy lost consciousness.

The jurors' recommendation was binding on U.S. District Judge Edward Lodge, who thanked them, dismissed them and then sentenced Duncan.

Dylan's relatives remained somber as the jury's decision was announced. Duncan murdered Dylan's mother and older brother and his mother's fiance before kidnapping Dylan and his younger sister, who

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DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION

OBAMA MAKES HISTORY IN DENVER

ANALYSIS

Now that he has the Democratic nomination, Barack Obama's speech Thursday must acknowledge its historical significance but also the current concerns of Americans. **MAIN 15**

HILLARY CLINTON HALTS ROLL CALL VOTE

"Let us declare together in one voice, right here, right now," she said, "that Barack Obama is our candidate and he will be our president." **MAIN 19**

BILL CLINTON SECONDS HIS WIFE

"Hillary told us in no uncertain terms that she'll do everything she can to elect Barack Obama," the former president said. "That makes two of us." **MAIN 20**

BIDEN ACCEPTS THE NO. 2 SPOT

"These times require ... a wise leader. A leader who can deliver change. ... Barack Obama will deliver that change." **MAIN 20**

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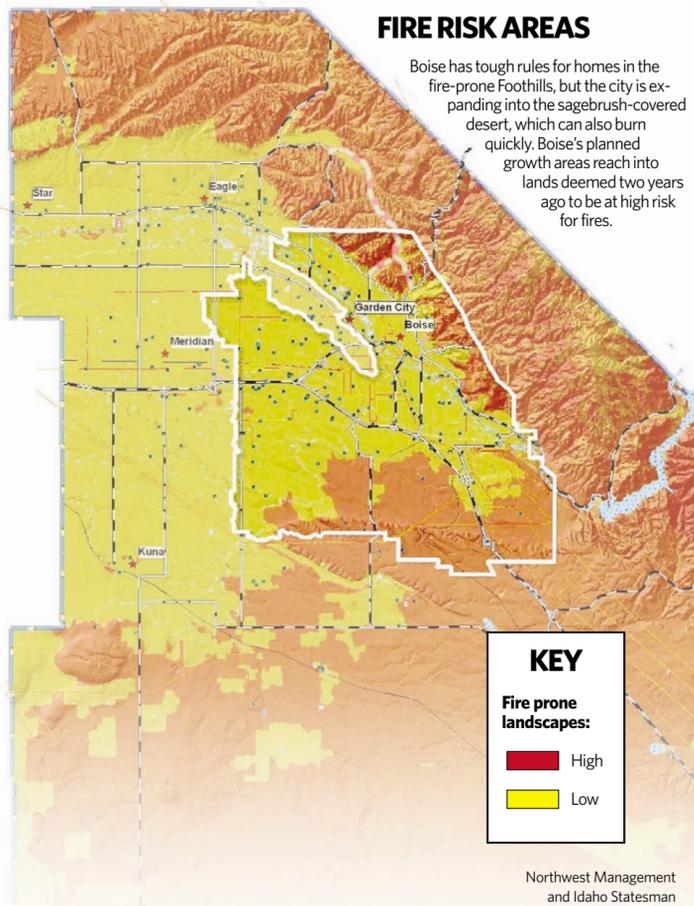
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OREGON TRAIL FIRE

Blaze prompts Boise to look at new rules

Firewise requirements imposed in the Foothills may be extended throughout the city. 'We're going to learn everything we can from this incident to reduce and prevent a future one,' says an aide to the mayor.



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One of the most devastating fires in Boise's history was made worse by the number of cedar-shake roofs in the neighborhood it hit.

And though Boise officials outlawed new shake roofs in the Foothills in 1996, the fire-prone roofs are still allowed throughout the rest of the city — including in the areas south and southeast of town where the city hopes to funnel most new growth and where fire risk is high.

In some of these areas — including the subdivision hit hard Monday — homeowner association rules mandate wood roofs.

Of the 10 homes that were destroyed in the fire, one had a tile roof and the rest were likely covered with wood shakes, according to a preliminary city inquiry.

Two years ago, fire officials from several agencies mapped the county's urban-wildland fire risk and urged local governments to adopt tougher regulations on all new homes.

Ada County toughened the rules for rural development in October. Boise didn't.

After Monday's wind-whipped Oregon Trail Fire — which raced up a steep slope to kill a woman, ruin 10 homes and damage many others — Boise is now considering whether to expand its stronger Foothills regulations to other parts of the city.

Mayor Dave Bieter and the City Council have given city staff 90 days to report on whether to recommend measures such as banning cedar-shake roofs, mandating fire-resistant construction materials and

See **FIRE DANGER**, MAIN 5

COMING TOMORROW

What is it like to lose everything in a house fire? One Boise woman knows from experience, and what she learned could help those displaced by Monday's fire.

8 READ OUR COVERAGE OF THE OREGON TRAIL FIRE

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► Check out photo galleries of the fire, the aftermath and an aerial view.
► Watch video of the fire.
► See an interactive map with homeowners' stories.



INSIDE TODAY

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NEW ORLEANS BRACES FOR GUSTAV

New Orleans officials made preliminary plans to evacuate the city if Tropical Storm Gustav strengthens into a hurricane. **MAIN 15**

MOTORIST SENTENCED FOR KILLING CYCLIST

Erika Hanson, who pleaded guilty to running over and killing bicyclist Sarah Howard last fall, will be on probation for most of the next

PHOTOS FROM THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

Did you get photos from the first day of school? Share your back to

CELLULAR BREAKTHROUGH

Scientists have transformed a type of fully developed adult cell into another inside a living animal, an advance that could cure illnesses and sidestep ethical issues. **MAIN 15**

NAJAF'S TURNAROUND

Four years ago, Najaf, Iraq, was a battlefield. Today, it is a hot spot of a different kind thanks to improved security and a free-for-all market economy. **MAIN 15**

U.S. REDIRECTS GEORGIAN AID

The United States scuttled its plan to sail humanitarian aid into Georgia's main seaport Wednesday. **MAIN 17**

MAKING LABOR DAY PLANS?

It's the last big recreation weekend of the summer, and camping and boating areas are expected to be crowded. Get the lowdown on weather and where to go. **MAIN 2**

THE MONET OF BLACKSMITHS

Nahum Hersom may be the most unusual recipient ever of the Governor's Awards in the Arts. He's a blacksmith, but forget horseshoes. Hersom is to a common blacksmith what a Monet is to an Elvis on velvet. **LIFE 1**

LOCAL GAS PRICES

	Treasure Valley	Year ago	U.S. avg.
Regular	\$3.86	\$2.78	\$3.67
Diesel	\$4.40	\$3.01	\$4.28

Among the lowest-priced gas in the area (regular): \$3.76 at Maverik, 1545 E. Overland Road, Meridian

Source: AAA Idaho

CORRECTION

Minnesota Gov. Tim Pawlenty is among John McCain's potential picks as running mate. Pawlenty's first name was misspelled on Main 1 Wednesday.

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