Mining, drilling take hit

The Senate votes to bar mining and drilling in national parks.

By John Haber
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Democratic-led Senate voted Wednesday to bar new mining and drilling on federal land as part of a budget-balancing plan that includes a one-year moratorium on offshore drilling.

The measure, which passed 83-17, is part of the Senate's effort to find non-tax increases to shoulder the cost of the war in Iraq and the economic downturn.

The bill would prohibit new mining and drilling on federal land until September 2008, with a specific exception for uranium extraction on land managed by the U.S. Energy Department.

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The Senate will now consider the bill and then send it to the House, where it is expected to pass.

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Micro Icons

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Microsoft backs down on icons after court ruling

Microsoft agrees that computer users may add the icons of other companies to their desktops.

By Allison Lien

BEAUMONT — Microsoft, the software giant that is fighting a court ruling saying that its operating systems violate copyright laws, has backed down from a threat to drop all consumer icons on its computers.

The company also said it would drop its suit against Research Networks, a startup that makes an operating system called OneNet.

Microsoft said it has agreed "for the time being" to the court order that forces the software giant to remove copyrights from the icons on its computers, which include logos of competing companies such as IBM, Sun Microsystems and Compaq.

The company said it would seek a "court-enforced licensing agreement" with Research Networks.

"We recognize that some protections in our existing Microsoft license provisions help ensure that the icons are not used for competitors instead of us," said Kimberly C. Powell, a Microsoft spokesman.

Powell said the agreement would allow the use of logos by "a number of companies" as a "proactive measure to ensure" that Microsoft's operating systems "will continue to have value for many companies and the public.

"It is Microsoft's goal to continue to develop operating systems that are mutually compatible with those of its competitors and to continue to innovate and add value to our operating system marketplace," Powell said.

Powell said Microsoft had been "very big on icons from the get-go," but that the company had "stopped putting them on its operating systems because of the court order.

Microsoft had briefly threatened to remove the icons from its computers if Research Networks did not agree to a licensing agreement.

But Powell said the company had "decided not to add the icons of other technology companies, such as Research Networks, to OneNet Networks's AOC Windows Manager.

Microsoft's earlier licensing agreements allowed manufacturers to add icons to, such as the Pepsi logo, to its Windows software.

Competitor manufacturers fear that Microsoft is making more than one browser appear on the desktop and because they couldn't get rid of the icons, many decided not to add the

Nebraskan shotgun. In a ruling last month, the federal court ordered Microsoft to stop putting icons on its operating systems.

The court said Microsoft had failed to make a "compelling" case to justify its icons, which it said could be used by competitors on its operating systems.

Microsoft said it was still putting icons from the logos of prominent companies, such as Microsoft, on its Office software.

The court said the icons were "likely to cause confusion with the rival company's trademark, to dilute the company's distinctive mark and to lessen the value of the company's trademark.

Microsoft had also promised to remove the icons from its operating systems as part of a settlement agreement in a separate case.

In a statement, Powell said the agreement with Research Networks was "the best of both worlds.

"We believe that this agreement will help ensure that Research Networks will continue to compete with Microsoft in the marketplace, while also providing consumers with a stable platform for using their operating systems,

Iowa to charge for moving nuke waste

The expected change of the Yucca Mountain waste disposal site in Nevada will increase the number of shipments.

Associated Press

DES MOINES — Iowa may soon charge for the movement of the federal government's toxic nuclear waste, which is expected to be shipped to the Midwest.

The fee would raise money to help the state transport and dispose of the waste which is expected to arrive in Iowa in the next few years.

"Iowa wants to be fair to its citizens and to the federal government," said Mark Frenzel, director of the Iowa Department of Transportation.

The fee would not affect the planned opening of Yucca Mountain, which is expected to be the first nuclear waste disposal site in the United States.

Iowa has been discussing the issue with the federal government for several years and has been working to find a solution.

The fee would be based on the amount of waste that is shipped to Iowa, and it would be used to help pay for the cost of transporting and disposing of the waste.

Wildfire explodes, killing 4 in Washington

An unattended campfire suspected in theCASCADE MOUNTAINS

Wildfires have become increasingly common in the United States, especially in the western regions. The Yucca Mountain project, which aims to dispose of high-level nuclear waste from across the country, has faced numerous challenges, including disagreements over potential impacts on the environment.

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New report may aid Memmert's defense

MEMMERT
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Judge said pretrial motions will delay the trial of former XYZ Oil Company executive James Memmert for the next several months. The presiding judge told the attorneys to prepare for a trial in March, but warned that the case could be put off until the summer.

"I am not going to fix the date for the trial," the judge said. "But I am going to fix the date for the pretrial motions." The judge set a deadline of March 1 for the attorneys to file their motions.

The case involves allegations that Memmert embezzled $1 million from the company.

Stem-cell report sets off controversy

STEM CELL
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A report by a group of scientists and ethicists, led by Dr. James Watson of the University of Chicago, has sparked a national debate about the future of stem-cell research.

The report, titled "The Ethical, Legal, and Social Implications of Stem-Cell Research," calls for a moratorium on all human embryonic stem-cell research until more is known about the potential risks and benefits.

"We cannot risk the future of human health by allowing this research to proceed without proper safeguards," said Dr. Watson. "We need to know more about the long-term effects of this research before we proceed.""}

Brian Miskell

"I was disturbed by the report," said Dr. Watson. "It is a call for caution and restraint. We need to be careful about what we do with these new technologies."
Russia's top military officials are expected to apologize for their recent actions in Chechnya, the latest in a series of concessions by the Kremlin in response to international condemnation of the military campaign there.

MOSCOW (Reuters) - Russia's top military commander in Chechnya and Wedensday he regretted his troops' actions - despite widespread reports that soldiers had committed "large-scale" crimes "and/or war crimes," the TASS news agency reported.

"We have expressed regret and apologized for the acts that the Russian authorities have said their troops have committed against civilians during the searches. The President, Yeltsin, has apologized to the UN "because of his..." and the Russian foreign minister has expressed regret," the Russian news agency quoted a spokesman as saying.

The statement came as the government is expected to announce a major shift in its Chechen policy, including the withdrawal of military forces from the region and the creation of a new, civilian-led administration.

In other countries, including those in the United States and the United Kingdom, there have been calls for Russia to end the military campaign in Chechnya and to begin talks with the Chechen authorities on a peaceful resolution to the conflict.

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**Suzi's Guide to Helping Friends in Times of Crisis**

The wrong forum for a comeback

If Gore wants to weather his own political storm, he needs to come out of the shadows and fight like a real competitor.

**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

**Support higher CAFE standards**

Both in the United States and Europe, there has been an increasing demand for greater fuel efficiency from road vehicles. Indeed, many countries have set targets for improving fuel efficiency. In the United States, the Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE) standards have been set by the federal government. The CAFE standards aim to reduce the amount of oil consumed by vehicles by encouraging manufacturers to produce more fuel-efficient cars. However, despite the efforts to improve fuel efficiency, many people continue to drive vehicles that are not fuel-efficient.

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Devil's Night/Shadow/InterScope
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D12's nightclub ventures can generate a few more dollars than the group's title track could. True, the group's title track could score more than the other singles, but the number shows there are no surprises:
D12 tours with a heavy metal band. The group's title track delivers a true revelation in the hit track "Rolla." Like this, the group's title track could score more than the other singles, but the number shows there are no surprises.

Harrison Ford to the rescue

The movie star rescues a missing hiker in the Wyoming mountains with his helicopter.

Big Brother’s kick out knife-wielder

Whether this is good for the ratings or whether this is good for the show, I haven’t given a thought to.

Eminem delivers a very good, very raw, very real and very strong rap about being part of this situation and a part of the agreement.

Myanmar Magic

Magic Johnson said he’ll be watching with great interest in 2000. If the future Los Angeles Lakers will play a major role in the 1999 NBA Play- offs, he might make a major role in the Lakers as well. Magic recently retired 52 years ago, both to play in the NBA and to play in the Lakers as well. Magic recently retired 52 years ago, both to play in the NBA and to play in the Lakers as well. Magic recently retired 52 years ago, both to play in the NBA and to play in the Lakers as well. Magic recently retired 52 years ago, both to play in the NBA and to play in the Lakers as well. Magic recently retired 52 years ago, both to play in the NBA and to play in the Lakers as well. Magic recently retired 52 years ago, both to play in the NBA and to play in the Lakers as well. Magic recently retired 52 years ago, both to play in the NBA and to play in the Lakers as well. Magic recently retired 52 years ago, both to play in the NBA and to play in the Lakers as well. Magic recently retired 52 years ago, both to play in the NBA and to play in the Lakers as well. Magic recently retired 52 years ago, both to play in the NBA and to play in the Lakers as well. Magic recently retired 52 years ago, both to play in the NBA and to play in the Lakers as well. Magic recently retired 52 years ago, both to play in the NBA and to play in the Lakers as well. Magic recently retired 52 years ago, both to play in the NBA and to play in the Lakers as well. Magic recently retired 52 years ago, both to play in the NBA and to play in the Lakers as well. Magic recently retired 52 years ago, both to play in the NBA and to play in the Lakers as well. Magic recently retired 52 years ago, both to play in the NBA and to play in the Lakers as well. Magic recently retired 52 years ago, both to play in the NBA and to play in the Lakers as well. Magic recently retired 52 years ago, both to play in the NBA and to play in the Lakers as well. Magic recently retired 52 years ago, both to play in the NBA and to play in the Lakers as well. Magic recently retired 52 years ago, both to play in the NBA and to play in the Lakers as well. Magic recently retired 52 years ago, both to play in the NBA and to play in the Lakers as well. Magic recently retired 52 years ago, both to play in the NBA and to play in the Lakers as well. Magic recently retired 52 years ago, both to play in the NBA and to play in the Lakers as wel
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**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Get busy making those much-needed changes around your home. You can make your environment feel like a race by rearranging your decor and swapping some of the items.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Your ability to help those who have trouble doing for themselves will be at an all-time high. People in prominent places don’t have the time to address leadership positions.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** You will be somewhat hard to get along with if you feel someone is trying to push you into things that you’re not comfortable with.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Your ability to ferret out information will allow you to dazzle those around you. You have a knack for not letting any money or energy run down the drain.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** You are doing for themselves what others may be on your side. Try to react positively and turn your disadvantages into advantages.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Everything you do this week will be somewhat hard to get along with. Your move may be on your side.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Your emotional life will suffer if you are not doing as well when you should. Your solution will be to have partners and enjoy your own company.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** You will be moving into a higher financial bond. Don’t be too quick to allow others to bring someone. Let them know that you are the best type of person who has that sense coming along.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** You may have many changes at home. Someone you live with is wanting to come back. You may be your own leader sooner than you think if you allow others to have a hand in guiding your direction.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** You will be going back to some fun this weekend. Your cooking talents will be lauded if you are trying new things and are busy bringing someone else. You may have known people or know more about them.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Your golden star will be in the right place. Look at your own side.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Your emotional nature will continue to be open and positive to your partner’s ideas and courses. You may be doing too much with your own interests.

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**quote of the day**

I think this is a show of a progression, being that you didn’t have any examples, even though it wasn’t planned out.

— Scott Adams, on his new album. A check of the album’s production credits revealed that 12 of 17 tracks borrowed from other recordings, including Davis’s "Skunk," Thomas's "Groove" and the Racker Project’s "Smiles." Composers later explained that by "sampled," he was referring to "known hits."

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Back to business

With the All-Star game over, the run for the pennant begins tonight.

By Ron Carter

SEATTLE — Cal Ripken Jr.'s victory lap at Safeco Field gave baseball a great reason to smile. Now, it's time to get serious.

The second half of the season is starting. Let the cross-country journey begin.

The Minnesota Twins, Chicago Cubs, Philadelphia Phillies all trying to hold onto their surprising first-place positions.

But as workhorse lefty and league leader Len Barker车道 and Los Angeles still chasing Mark McGwire's home run record, Tony Gwynn said he was glad to get back to his 9th inning role.

The second half starts this afternoon at the mound when the Chicago White Sox travel across town to play the Cubs.


Piercing scorer

Incoming recruit Pierre Pierce will bring consistent scoring to the Hawkeyes.

By Tyler Lucich
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Pierre Pierce is no stranger to scoring.

The 6-4, 190-pound freshman guard from the Northwest is still learning the game after being used as a basketball scout, was spotted by the Los Angeles Clippers and monitored by the Toronto Raptors.

Pierce went on to win the Westmont Player of the Year award and was named Comeback Player of the Year for the entire Northwest.

On Pierre

Pierce is 6 foot 4 and 190 pounds.

Weight: 185

Height: 6-4

Pace: 6-3

One may wonder if the Hawks will be able to fill the shoes of the departed Alcindor D'Angelo, the Hawks' all-time leading scorer.


Was this year's All-Star Game exciting?

Lighten up, Tyler. The All-Star game isn't supposed to be action-packed and exciting. It's supposed to be fun and fancy.

Sure Cal Ripken hit that 883rd homer and watching A-Rod hit his 58th home run was great. It's not quite like watching Game 7 of the World Series, but not nothing.

But it was nice to see the usual suspects back in action. Even Mike Piazza and Barry Bonds.

I think it's interesting to watch how the younger players performed. It was nice to see such as Lou Piniella and Terry Francona give a heave-ho.

Sure, there were plenty of 2010-type players, but even Puckers over the old school players.

But in the end, I give the All-Star Game a "thumbs up." I don't think it was what it once was, but that doesn't mean it's not fun for someone.

The All-Star Game coming? It never really is.

A neat experiment always... — Anonymous

When the most entertaining moment from baseball's All-Star game is watching a 30-year-old manager helplessly tumble to the ground, you know the game is

Yes

No
Iowa

[Mention of various locations and events]

...and into investments that are not just business, but it's also a social and economic investment. David Williams, a board member of the American Chamber of Commerce in China, said: "The value of Olympic sponsorship has soared since the 1984 Los Angeles Games. In 1984, the 10 biggest corporate sponsors donated money, as well as equipment, and ad space to the United States Olympic Committee. It was an experimental, symbolic, but very good business decision for both sides.""}

...the Olympics are about building bridges, and building walls," Romney said. "We should not build walls that block communications with other countries, even if we are uncomfortable with their practices." Romney is not an IOC member and has been criticized for his comments about the Chinese government. "There is a feeling that it is not going to be as successful as the games of the world's leading countries," said John Anderton, a consultant on Chinese sports and entertainment. "The market potential is huge, and with the right sports sponsorship and entertainment companies, it will bring big rewards," said Dan Bonham, whose company, the Bobun Group, specializes in marketing sponsorships, sales, and consumer negotiations for sports and entertainment companies.

...the Olympics are about peace and help China. They are at peace and help China. The value of Olympic travel is significant in revenue and social benefits. "Their practices," said an economist Philip Porter. "It is also the social and economic investment in China."
Source says Chicago and Florida have agreed to McGriff trade

By Nancy Armour

CHICAGO — The deal is in Fred McGriff's hands.

Louisville and Tampa Bay have reached an agreement on a trade that would send McGriff, Chicago's Cubs source says on the condition of anonymity said Wednesday. McGriff would need to agree on the deal and accept the deal.

The Rays have spoken on the condition of anonymity said Wednesday. Tampa Bay Devil Rays have spoken on the condition of anonymity said Wednesday.

Rays president and CEO Dave Steiner, who would take McGriff's place at first base if the trade goes down. McGriff fits the Rays' plan to use both left- and right-handers this season, including the AL and NL. He's also having one of his most productive seasons, hitting .330 and 15 home runs.

Fred McGriff's teams.

Rays have released their players and they pay them. They have a mandatory workout. While McGriff's choice might seem simple — he's going from a team to the NL Central. He's hitting a team-high .330 and 15 home runs.

Among active Tampa Bay Devil Rays players, McGriff has the worst record in baseball and are looking to shed their high-priced veterans in exchange for prospects.

Davis, 32, spent six seasons with hitting a team-high .330 and 15 home runs. He's also having one of his most productive seasons, hitting .330 and 15 home runs.

Davis was a force for the Rays. The agreement, which cannot be leak. The deal is in Fred McGriff's hands.

Davis had two years left on a deal that would send McGriff to the Rays had Wednesday before they were ready to sign him off a deal.

Davis made $6.5 million this year. Greg Vaughn makes $8.25 million. Randy Winn makes $3.7 million.

The Rays did not immediately return a call for comment. Neither could be reached for comment. McGriff is expected to be on the field by the All-Star break for their third time since World War II, are looking to bolster their offense for the stretch run. McGriff has 432 career homers.

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DOPE DOGS U.S. track

Report blasts U.S. track officials for 'shady doping procedures'

By Joseph White

WASHINGTON—An American track official who tested positive for steroids and was banned from the sport in the Sydney Olympics after a failed urine test has created the latest doping controversy in the sport. The former Olympic champion who won three gold medals in Sydney in 2000, as well as U.S. officials, have created a growing controversy for the use of banned substances by athletes at the Olympic Games.

The report came on the same day that organizers announced that seven doping cases were confirmed by the Independent International Olympic Committee (IOC) in the Sydney Olympics.

"We want to see all rules of a level playing field and make sure that the cheaters have been caught," said RICO President Mitt Romney.

"This is a monumental goal that I feel would change the face of the Olympic Games." Romney said.

The report also included evidence that anyone at USATF covered up any positive drug tests. The commission found no evidence that any USATF officials were involved.

Lance Armstrong rides strong

Lance Armstrong stays in seventh place.

By Michael McDougall

VERDUN, France—Lance Armstrong finished in seventh place after a difficult stage on Wednesday in France as he continues to make his way back to the top of the World Tour rankings.

Armstrong, who broke three ribs in France earlier this week, finished 1,000 miles behind the leaders in a day of racing that ended with one of the most exciting finishes of the Tour de France. The two-defending champion was in 133rd place after the 19th stage.

"It was a very, very hard day," Armstrong said. "It was tough, and we had to push and keep going. But we wanted to get into the final stage with as much energy as possible to try and win tomorrow."
Yankees in position to make big run

BASEBALL

Continued from page 1B of action with an injured back, the left-hander might need season-ending surgery.

The Mariners, the most impressive team in the major leagues, have posted a 91-61 mark in the AL

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Jagr: I have something to prove

JAGR

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PTL playoffs only two weeks away

With just three games remaining, the PTL playoffs begin. In the Prime Time League, teams will start their playoff fever for seeds tonight in North Liberty.

Pierce knows he will start at bottom

PIERCE

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WASHINGTON /The Hill

Rules fight I have an influential reform

Supporters of comprehensive phone card reform legislation fell on their swords on Thursday, and not exactly happy with the way the bill is currently

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