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## Terry Nichols charged in blast U.S wins concessions on Iranian nuke sale

WICHITA, Kan. (AP) — Terry Nichols has been charged along with his former Army buddy Timothy McVeigh with maliciously damaging federal property in the Oklahoma City bombing, a federal law enforcement official said today.

Nichols was charged as a direct participant in the bombing that killed 167 people, not just as a conspirator, the source said on condition of anonymity.

Nichols had been in custody as a material witness in the Oklahoma case and had been charged along with his brother, James, with making small bombs in Michigan several years ago.

Officials decided to charge Terry Nichols in the Oklahoma case after developing a better case against him, according to a different law enforcement official in Washington, who declined to be identified. The sealed charge was filed earlier this week.

McVeigh was charged April 21 with using a bomb to maliciously damage federal property, under a federal anti-terrorism law that carries a possible death penalty. He is being held without bail at a federal prison outside Oklahoma City.

In the past, the government has said that Terry Nichols was with McVeigh in Oklahoma City three

days before the blast and that they drove back together to Kansas.

In addition, a law enforcement source in Washington said, "There's some evidence Terry Nichols came down to Oklahoma City with the Ryder truck."

The official did not say exactly when that trip might have been made, but the truck was rented in Kansas on Monday, April 17 and was blown up on the morning of Wednesday, April 19.

Given that the truck was destroyed and McVeigh was arrested alone in Perry, Okla., investigators are trying to find out how Nichols got back to Kansas where he

turned himself in on Friday, April 21. One theory is that another person may have driven him back to Kansas.

The official said investigators are still working on the theory that four to six people may have been involved in the bombing conspiracy, "but if it turns out that essentially two or three did most of the work, that would not be a shock."

On Tuesday, a federal law enforcement source confirmed that the FBI had questioned Nichols' husky 12-year-old son, Josh, and that some investigators believe he could be the person depicted in the John Doe 2 sketches.

MOSCOW (AP) — President Clinton won partial concessions today from Russian President Boris Yeltsin on Moscow's proposed sale of nuclear technology to Iran. Yeltsin also agreed to formalize ties with NATO.

But after four hours of talks, stark differences remained on the bloody Russian repression in Chechnya, the ultimate scope of NATO and on the bulk of the \$1 billion Iran nuclear deal. The two leaders tried to focus not on disagreements but on the overall relationship.

"We must work for our common security," Clinton said afterward in a speech to the Russian people at Moscow State University.

Yeltsin canceled the sale to Tehran of a gas centrifuge that can be used for making nuclear weapons and said he would delay, at least temporarily, the sale of two nuclear reactors.

"There was real progress on the Iran front," said Secretary of State Warren Christopher. He told CNN the gas centrifuge unit had been "the most dangerous aspect of that agreement."

## Hard work, straight-A's and frustration

### LaPine scholar longs for college

"A family of six lives in a 16 foot trailer by a mountain stream. The oldest of the children sleeps in the back of their truck through a 20 below winter. Both parents are unemployed, the father disabled.

"They move from town to town looking for housing that is affordable, while the mother works at odd jobs. Sometimes during the summer they set up tents and pretend that they're just on a camping trip. A camping trip that lasts for years. This family is my family..."

—Chris Duffin, 1995 essay

By Jeff Nielson  
Bulletin Staff Writer

LaPINE — Chris Duffin will graduate from LaPine High School in June with a straight-A average. His letterman's jacket is covered with athletic and academic medals.

His teachers and peers say the quiet, stocky 18-year-old is a leader by example — one who volunteers to help build houses for Habitat for Humanity and distribute Christmas baskets to the needy. They can't understand how he can compile such an outstanding record, yet not win a scholarship from Oregon State University to help cover the \$10,000-a-year cost.

And there is no other way Chris can afford tuition, fees, books and living expenses. He and his family have been homeless and hungry, and are still struggling with poverty.

His stepfather, Pat Smith, is disabled with lung disease and a bum arm that prevent him from holding a job. His mother, Cindy Smith, just was laid off from her housekeeping job at Sunriver.

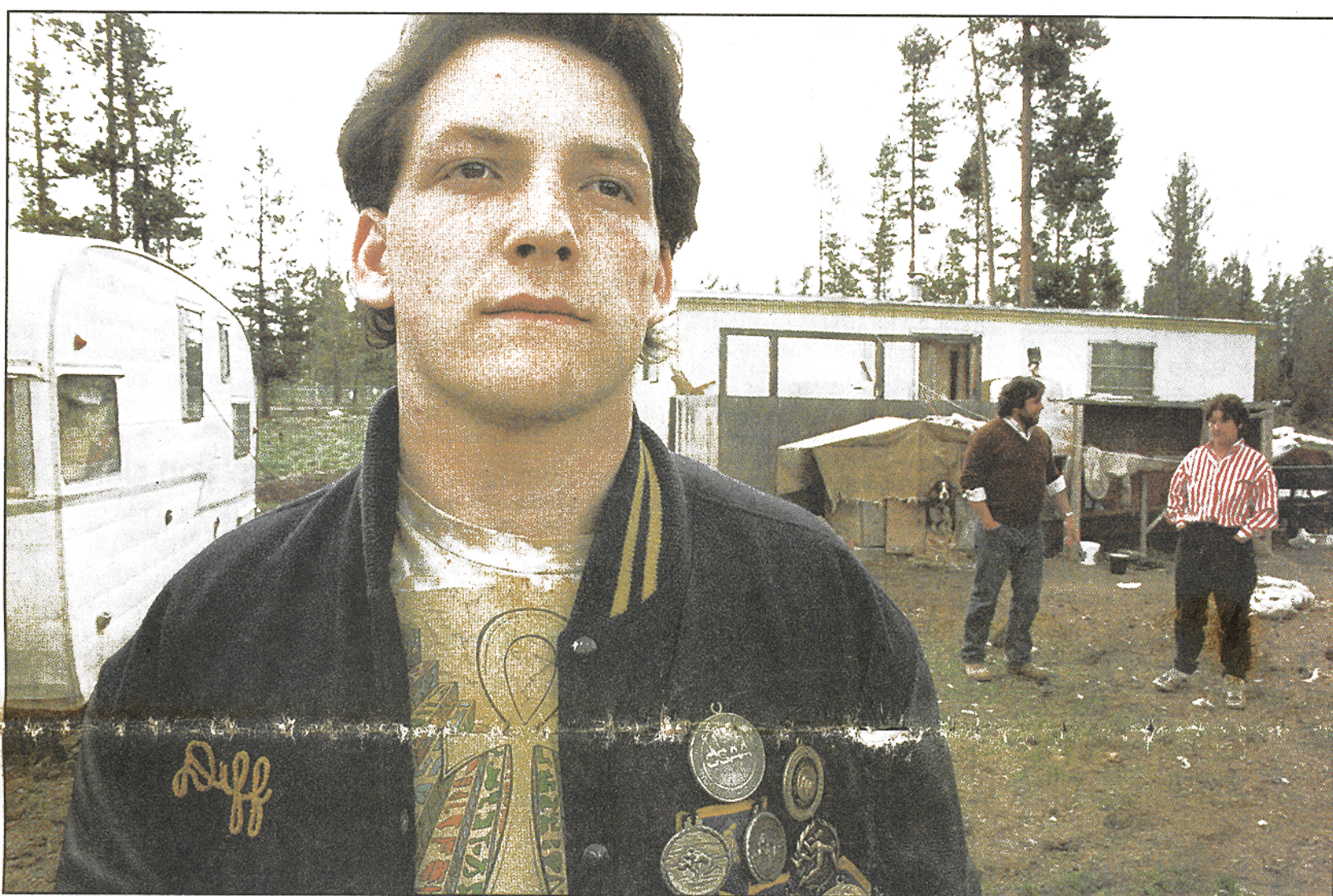
His six-member family is on food stamps. His parents can barely afford day-to-day living expenses, much less college help for Chris.

That makes Pat Smith, who dropped out of high school, frustrated and angry.

"We always told Chris that if he kept his grades up and his nose clean and worked hard, there would be ways for him to go to college," Smith said. "We want him to break the cycle of poverty. He was building houses for the homeless when we were homeless ourselves. It's just not right."

The Smiths moved north from California in 1987 so Pat could help take care of his ill mother. After she died and the medical bills were paid, the family was left with little money and few options.

Their low point came when they



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Chris Duffin has suffered setbacks, but that hasn't kept him from achieving academic and athletic excellence

## Schools lack aid money

CORVALLIS — There are too many Chris Duffins in Oregon these days, college officials say.

State support has been falling, thanks mainly to voter passage of the property tax limit of Ballot Measure 5 in 1990, and fewer federal grant programs are available.

That means four-year colleges such as Oregon State University have few options other than student loans to offer bright but needy in-state students.

So Duffin, who will graduate from LaPine High School with a straight-A average and demonstrated leadership ability but no money, will do what many other Oregon high school seniors do: attend a year or two of community college before transferring.

spent several months squatting on public land, living in a tiny trailer in the Ochoco Mountains near Paulina while Pat tried to work as an independent timber faller.

During one particularly trying

"When tuition hikes occur, we get more transfers from community colleges," said Ellen Saunders, a spokeswoman for Oregon State.

Duffin was one of 500 applicants for 110 "presidential" or "laurel" scholarships at OSU, designed to keep the "best and brightest" high school seniors in state. Each scholarship is worth \$2,589, and can be used for tuition and/or other expenses. Duffin was not chosen.

College officials said they can't discuss individual cases, so wouldn't comment on Duffin's application. However, Saunders said the awards are based on grade point average, SAT scores, a written essay and leadership ability — not financial need.

—Jeff Nielson

time, Pat and Cindy went to state officials and asked them to place Chris and their three girls in a foster home. They didn't want their children to have to live that way any longer.

"They told us as long as the kids were clean and fed, they were okay," Cindy Smith recalled.

It was during those days and nights, including a stretch when he slept in the back of a pickup through one of the coldest winters in years, that Chris decided his life was going to be different.

"We were pretty much homeless for three years," he said. "I went into high school and thought I want to go to college and I want to get a job so I won't end up like my stepfather."

Pat Smith finally received a small settlement over his injuries, which he used to buy a converted double-wide mobile home in LaPine. It's not fancy, but it's paid for and Chris and the girls have bedrooms instead of sleeping bags.

Chris is tackling his disappointment of not getting an academic scholarship to OSU the way he always has dealt with setbacks — by working harder.

He did that with wrestling and it paid off big for him. He won just two matches his freshman year, but had 18 victories as a sophomore. This year, he compiled a 29-4

record and finished second in the 172-pound weight class at the 3A state championships.

"If my kids grow up to be half the person he is, I'd be very pleased," said his wrestling coach, Rusty Zysett. "Very few kids can combine academics and athletics the way Chris has. It comes from self-discipline and maturity."

Chris qualifies for student loans at OSU, but he's unwilling to build up a huge debt load.

So he plans to continue working as a bus boy at Sunriver Lodge this spring and summer, then enroll at Central Oregon Community College, with an eye to transferring to OSU later.

He isn't feeling sorry for himself, or giving up on his dream to become a mechanical engineer.

He also plans to continue his community service. "I don't like to see other people live like that because I've experienced it," he said.

He had this advice for youngsters in similar situations:

"You can always sit there in self pity and say, 'Oh, look how bad life is treating me,' or you can just get down and do it. You can go out and live life and not let life live you."

## Torrential rains pelt Louisiana

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Fourteen inches of rain fell overnight in a New Orleans suburb, a second day of torrential downpours that had already killed five people in the metropolitan area of 1.6 million people.

The new rainfall in Slidell, 30 miles to the northeast of the city, caused more flooding and forced authorities to rescue hundreds of residents stranded in their homes by high water.

To the east, similar rains were beginning to fall in Mississippi.

"We had a woman wake up this morning and the water was up to her bed," said Nathan McCrimmon, emergency response director in St. Tammany Parish. "The water hitting her woke her up."

That rainfall was on top of 7.72 inches Tuesday in Slidell. Suburban Metairie had a total of nearly 18 inches by midmorning Tuesday, most of it falling in just six hours the night before.

There were no immediate reports of deaths or injuries today, but authorities warned Slidell residents to stay home since most streets and roads were covered with water.

"It is monumental flooding," said Slidell Police Chief Ben Morris. "We've got a real mess on our hands."

Sheets of rain also gushed down today on New Orleans itself, Metairie and the suburbs of Kenner and Chalmette, and residents were advised to stay home.

Flooding and evacuations also occurred north of Lake Pontchartrain in Covington, Mandeville, Abita Springs and Pearl River, McCrimmon said. A tornado destroyed a house trailer in Pearl River, but the residents escaped injury, McCrimmon said.

New Orleans' normal rainfall for all of May is 5 inches.

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## Another militant seizes BLM land

LaPINE — A second man has claimed possession of public land near LaPine, following Ken Medenbach, who moved onto Bureau of Land Management property in April and started logging.

Medenbach said this morning that neighbor Larry Bottoms had decided to claim 20 acres of BLM land near where Medenbach staked his claim south of LaPine.

Bottoms submitted a letter stating his claim to the Klamath County Clerk's office Tuesday, a deputy clerk confirmed. The county does not consider the letter a legal document, but recorded it at Bottoms's insistence.

Medenbach said Bottoms was basing his claim on the same argument — a belief that the federal government cannot constitutionally own land other than for military bases, post offices and other essential public installations.

Bottoms could not be reached this morning. Meanwhile, Medenbach's case continues to linger.

A federal judge issued a restraining order Friday demanding he stop logging and leave the property. He had still not been served with the restraining order as of this morning, but said the BLM told him it was being sent to him by certified mail.

Medenbach said he will appear in U.S. District Court in Eugene Tuesday, as the order demands.

## President moves against Japan

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton today authorized the filing of a formal complaint against Japan with the World Trade Organization in retaliation for Tokyo's refusal to open its automotive market to America.

U.S. Trade Representative Mickey Kantor said that in addition to the WTO complaint, the administration "in the next several days" would publish a list of Japanese products that could be hit with punitive tariffs.

"Japan remains unwilling to take the steps necessary to bring genuine market access and concrete results in a sector in which Japan has a \$37 billion trade surplus with the United States," Kantor said.

America's trade case against Japan will be filed before the Geneva-based WTO within the next 45

days, officials said. Kantor did not specify what types of sanctions the United States will seek to impose if a trade agreement cannot be reached.

In Tokyo, Japanese officials expressed confidence that they would be able to successfully defend themselves against the U.S. case.

Gregg Mastel, a trade specialist at the Economic Strategy Institute in Washington, said he believed actual sanctions were unlikely.

"Sanctions are threatened a lot, but sanctions are almost never imposed," he said, forecasting an 11th-hour negotiated settlement. "That happened most recently with China, where negotiators struck a deal to protect U.S. copyrights on intellectual property just before punitive tariffs on \$1.08 billion in Chinese products were scheduled to take effect."

## Clinton to visit

PORTLAND (AP) — President Clinton will visit Portland early this summer to lead a regional economic conference on Pacific Rim trade, the Oregon Democratic Party chairwoman says.

Jana Doerr said Tuesday night that the dates have not been made final, but Clinton's conference will be between the last week of June and the first two weeks of July.

Vice President Al Gore and several Cabinet members will attend. "The president wants to make another visit to the Northwest after the forestry conference and see how we are doing," Doerr said.

He will be joined by public- and private-sector leaders from Oregon, Washington, California, Alaska and Hawaii.

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History, familiarity and political pluses have led Deschutes County to shift course and recommend building a new Bend library on or adjacent to its current Heritage Square site. **Page B-1.**

#### DUD ROCKETS

Houston's Clyde Drexler got tossed in the first game of the Rockets semifinal series with the Phoenix Suns Tuesday night and it demoralized his team. The Rockets lost the game 130-108. **Page D-1.**

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NEW YORK (AP) — Dow Jones stock averages, 10 a.m. Pacific time:  
30 Industrials ... 4379.03 — 11.75  
20 Transportation 1619.44 — 8.39  
15 Utilities ..... 196.28 — 1.06  
65 Stocks ..... 1432.90 — 5.46