Field burning on decline in Oregon, but not in Idaho

By Hal Phillips
SALEM, Ore. — Grass growers and government agencies here are working to create new markets for the tons of straw that had been ritually burned each fall until legal restrictions made field burning an increasingly less viable option.

An Oregon Department of Agriculture program will soon dole out nearly $250,000 in "seed money" in hopes of creating alternative uses for this leftover straw. The department has already received proposals in hopes of creating alternative uses for this leftover straw. The department has already received proposals from some of golf's greatest golf course architects.

Yet, who are these people? Donald Ross is credited with designing more than 300 golf courses. But who ever heard of Walter B. Hatch or Henry T. Hughes? The company name has been very tight, by virtue of seven years of drought," Horton explained. "The company

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Behind every great golf course architect...

By Mark Leslie
America loves heroes. That's the case in golf course design as it is in politics and war. And, just as behind every great man there is a great woman, behind many great course architects are great lead designers.

Yvon and his wife Yvonne opened their first course in 1911 in Florida. Over the years, they designed 100 courses. Yvon's grandson, Yvonne's son, is now the head architect for the company.

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Kemper, AGC wrangle over city contract

By Peter Blais
CHICAGO — "We don't operate like the rest of America," said Erma Tranter, referring to the political wheelings and dealings that seemingly pervade every undertaking, including golf, in the Midwest's largest city.

Tranter is executive director of Friends of the Park, a watchdog agency that oversees the Chicago Park District's activities.

She and losing finalist American Golf Corp. are upset about the park board's decision to forego a competitive bidding process for the contract to privatize its six courses, two practice ranges and miniature golf facility, which together lost $403,000 last year.

AGC claims it offered the