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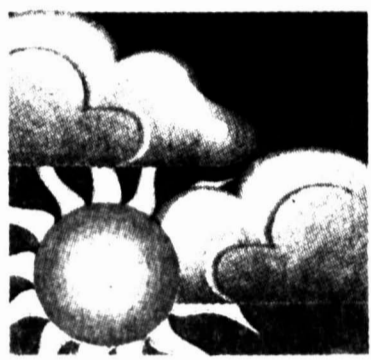
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Man gets jail time, fine in animal cruelty case

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A second man accused of setting a cat on fire earlier this year will spend seven months in jail and pay a fine in the case a judge called "cowardly and despicable."

Punishment for Brian Tarver came Tuesday in Bexar County Court-at-law No. 9. He showed no visible reaction when Judge Wayne Christian read his sentence.

A six-member jury on Monday convicted Tarver, 19, on a misdemeanor charge of cruelty to animals. Tarver must also pay a \$4,000 fine for helping to set a cat on fire.

Tarver and his co-defendant, Kenneth Matt, were accused of dousing the cat with flammable liquid and igniting the animal with a cigarette lighter on Jan. 23 at a San Antonio apartment complex. The seriously burned cat was put to sleep.

Don Specht, animal cruelty investigator for the Animal Defense League, called Tarver's punishment fair.

"I believe the citizens of San Antonio have spoken out that they aren't going to tolerate this type of act," he said.

Matt, 21, was sentenced earlier this month to nine months in jail and a \$4,000 fine after pleading no contest in a plea bargain with prosecutors.

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Wheat yield 'better than expected'

Bushels per acre amount wide ranging

By DEE DEE LARAMORE Staff Writer

Waves and waves of wheat have bowed their heads before the combine's onslaught these past few days yielding bushels of the golden grain for area farmers.

"The wheat surprised us. It's yielded a lot better than we expected," said Danny Nusser, Gray County Extension agent.

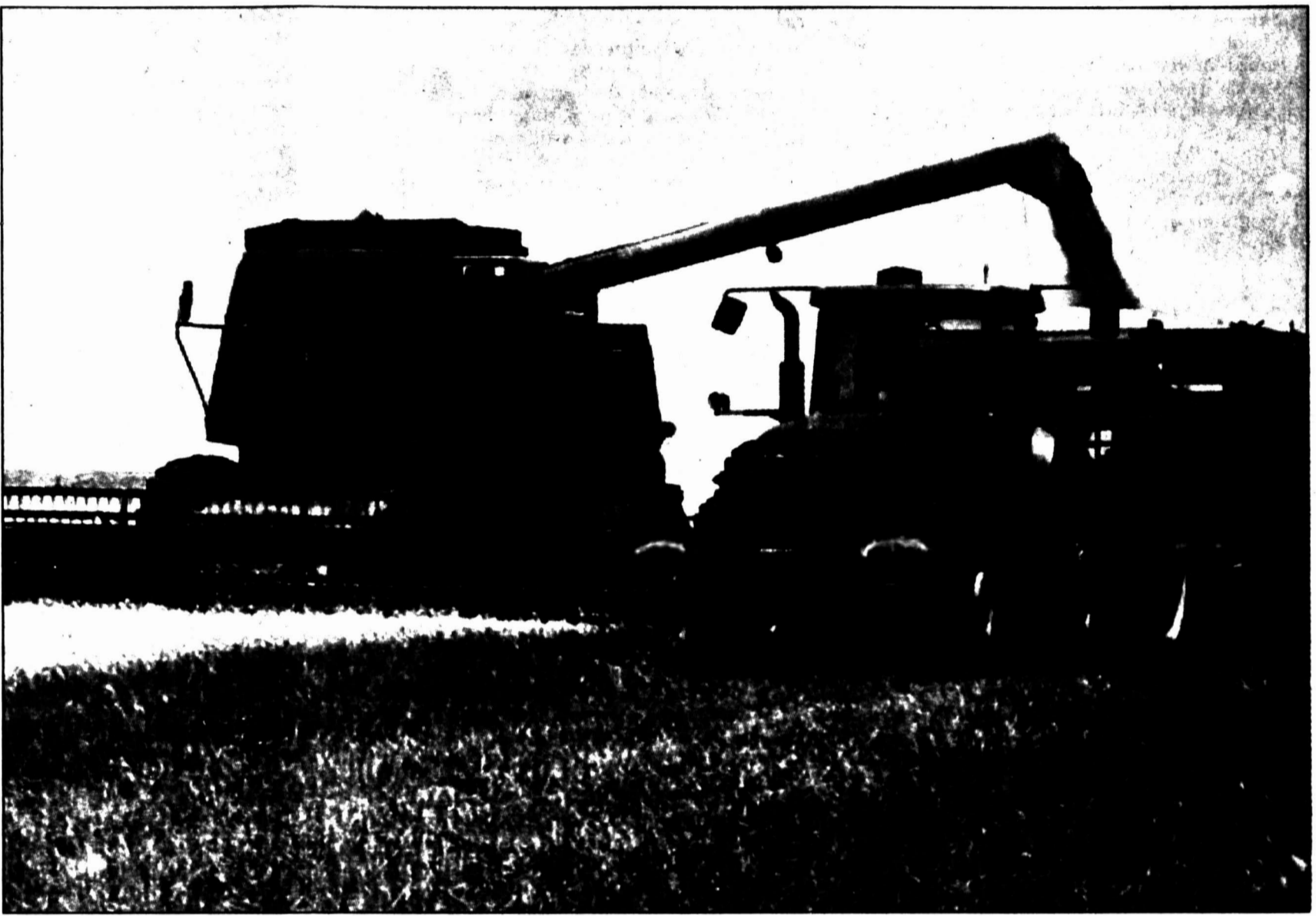
Wheat harvest yields so far have ranged from 15 to 50 bushels an acre, Nusser said, which is about average for dry-land wheat.

However, farmers expected a lower-than-average yield from this year's wheat crop since it was planted during an extended dry spell last fall.

"The wheat was thin and we didn't expect to get much from it," the extension agent explained, "but then it started raining in April and May and it filled in real well."

Despite the better-than-expected yield, wheat prices at approximately \$2.80 a bushel are "typical, but not real good," Nusser said.

Also, because of low prices, the threat of disease and the dry spell last fall.



Shane Locker of San Saba carefully guides a grain truck close to a combine as it unloads wheat harvested from John Spearman's wheat field seven and a half miles east of Pampa.

Former candidate faces attempted murder charge

By DEE DEE LARAMORE Staff Writer

Two Pampa men were hospitalized and one, a former mayoral candidate, faces attempted capital murder charges today after an early-morning break-in and fight at a South Farley residence.

Col. Terry Young of the Pampa Police Department identified the two injured men as Curtis Camp, 27, 842 S. Banks, and Jerry Mulanax, 49, 929 Duncan.

"Both men are in the hospital right now with injuries from the fight," Young said early today, adding that Mulanax is expected to be released sometime this morning.

"We have officers there with him and when he is, he will be arrested and charged with attempted capital murder," Young said.

Terry Barnes of Pampa Regional Medical Center said both men have been treated and released at press time today.

Mulanax ran for City of Pampa mayor as a write-in candidate in 1987. City Secretary Phyllis Jeffers confirmed today. He received 88 votes in a hotly-contested race between him, David McDaniel, student Paul Kadingo, and Gene Finney, Jeffers said.

"They got into a physical fight and the suspect fired at Curtis but missed. The bullet went into the bed. They fought some more. She ran out of the house and across the street."

— Col. Terry Young Pampa Police Dept.

The attempted capital murder charge stems from a break-in, shooting, and subsequent brawl at 1005 S. Farley about 2:30 a.m. today, according to police reports.

Witness Erika Lapka, 30, who lives at the residence, told officers that a man she knew kicked open the door to the house in the early morning hours while she and Camp were sleeping in her bedroom. The man was armed with a 9mm pistol, police said.

"He first encountered (Erika). They met in the hallway outside the bedroom," Young said. "He pointed a gun at her and then pushed her into the bedroom where he confronted her boyfriend."

"They got into a physical fight and the suspect fired at Curtis but missed. The bullet went into the bed," he said. "They fought some more. She

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Landowners sue over state-placed river boundaries

By NANCY YOUNG Managing Editor

Once again an issue relating to boundaries involving a Canadian River land issue is going to court.

Landowners east of the Sanford Dam have filed suit against the State of Texas over land which they contend belongs to them. The outcome will decide who will receive several million dollars in oil and gas royalties.

The lawsuit was filed in the 84th District Court in Hutchinson County by landowners Jimmy Glen Riemer, Richard Coon, Jr., June Meetze Coon Trust and Johnson Borger Ranch partnership against J.M. Huber Corporation and the State of Texas.

In a 1999 decision by the Texas Supreme Court, title to more than 13,000 acres of land being used by the state was given to landowners along the river in the opposite direction. The area affected in that court case, Brainard vs. The State of Texas, begins in the river bed northeast of Borger going past the bridge north of Pampa.

In the Brainard vs. The State of Texas case, there were no oil or gas wells involved in the case.

Filed Monday, the lawsuit contends Huber leased mineral rights, which the company and state officials claimed were located in the bed of the Canadian River.

According to attorney Jody Sheets, the state misled voters as to the location of the boundary between their land and the river, and relied on theories that it knew or should have known were incorrect. Sheets

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Father to deliver eulogy for five children

By PAM EASTON Associated Press Writer

HOUSTON (AP) — Four blue balloons and a pink balloon rise up from a makeshift memorial of stuffed animals, flowers and crayon drawings in the front yard of five children whose mother is accused of drowning them last week.

Two blocks away, the four brothers and the 6-month-old sister the balloons represent are within tiny white caskets arranged in the shape of an arc. The youngest of the siblings, little Mary, is at the top of the semicircle. Two brothers lay with their heads toward her feet. Two others lay with their feet aimed toward her head, all beneath a stained glass window at the front of Clear Lake Church of Christ's sanctuary.

Mary, dressed in a pink sleeper, looks like a doll. She has 3-year-old Paul to her left and 2-year-old Luke to her right. Noah, 7, wearing a multicolor sweater with a truck on it is at the far right of Luke. John, 5, wearing an orange and black sweater, is to the far left of Paul.

Each of the small white caskets is adorned with a different color spray of flowers, along with ribbons bearing the children's names. Much like their mother, their little faces look quite different now. Gone are their beaming smiles and bright eyes.

Posters with at least a dozen pictures of each child, almost every single one with a smile, line a table set up in one of the halls leading into the church's sanctuary where Russell Yates will deliver his own children's eulogy Wednesday morning.

"I want to say something about each one of them if I can keep from crying," Yates said last week at a candlelight vigil honoring his children.

Yates and the Rev. Byron Fike have worked together on planning the service. "I worked quite closely with Mr. Yates. We spent considerable time just talking about what we want to do with this service and how we want to proceed," he said.

"I'm going to say today (calling it a) tragedy is an understatement. I don't think there are words in any language that can describe what has happened," he said.

Yates' wife, Andrea, is charged with one count of capital murder in the drowning deaths of her oldest two children. More charges could follow, Harris County District Attorney Chuck Rosenthal said

Tuesday.

A week ago Wednesday, police were called to the Yates' suburban Houston home, where they found the four youngest children's lifeless bodies still wet under a sheet on a bed. The oldest, Noah, was still in a bathtub. Ironically, a picture of Noah contained in the collage put together for the funeral shows him in the bathtub with a big smile and sections of his wet hair sticking straight up.

"My staff is still putting together a report to me on what charge if any to indict her on," the district attorney said of Andrea Yates, 36, on Tuesday. Rosenthal hopes to have a case pieced together within the next three weeks. He said Judge Belinda Hill would like to try the case in December.

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Services tomorrow

RODRIGUEZ, Bernardita — Mass, 10 a.m., St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, Pampa.

Obituaries

BONNIE L. KING

AMARILLO — Bonnie L. King, 75, mother of a Pampa resident, died Monday, June 25, 2001. Graveside services were to be at 11 a.m. today in Memorial Park Cemetery with Dr. Murray Gossett, associate pastor of First Presbyterian Church, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors of Amarillo.

Mrs. King was a native of Connerville, Okla., and moved to in Amarillo in 1939. She was a school secretary in Perryton, a secretary to Wes Izzard at the Globe-News and a secretary at Amarillo Hardware.

Survivors include her husband, Doyle King; two sons, Mark W. King of Amarillo and Rick King of Pampa; three grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to First Presbyterian Church, 1100 S. Harrison St., Amarillo, TX 79101.

Sheriff's Office

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests and incidents during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Tuesday, June 26

David Williams Reames, 21, Dayton, was arrested on a violation of probation for indecency with a child.

Darwin Leon Robinson, 43, Odessa, was arrested on violation of probation for delivery of a controlled substance.

Ricky Lynn Callaway, 46, Lefors, was arrested for possession of marijuana under 2 oz.

Ronda Kay Spotts, 35, Lefors, was arrested for possession of marijuana under 2 oz.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Atebury Grain of Pampa:		
Wheat	2.68	
Milo	2.77	
Corn	3.09	
Soybeans	3.77	
The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation:		
Occidental	27.30	dn 0.46
Fidelity Magelln	110.42	
Puritan	18.58	
The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa:		
BP Amoco	52.00	dn 0.95
Celanese	21.75	dn 0.50
Cabot	36.20	up 0.26
Cabot O&G	24.71	dn 0.56
Chevron	92.98	dn 1.72
Coca Cola	44.20	up 0.25
Columbia HCA	43.42	up 0.22
Enron	44.85	up 0.66
Halliburton	39.64	dn 1.49
KMI	54.63	up 0.11
Kerr McGee	65.60	dn 1.49
Limited	15.51	dn 0.08
McDonald's	27.52	dn 0.02
Exxon Mobil	87.56	dn 1.00
New Atmos	23.36	up 0.24
XCEL	27.80	up 0.10
NOI	30.80	dn 0.74
OKF	19.74	dn 0.15
Petrole	24.95	dn 0.50
Phillips	56.25	dn 1.63
Pioneer Nat	17.75	dn 0.39
SLB	53.99	dn 0.53
Tenneco	3.50	dn 0.10
Texas	69.29	dn 1.01
Ultramar	47.10	dn 0.63
Wal Mart	49.61	up 0.51
Williams	32.51	up 0.13
New York Gold	276.25	
Silver	4.36	
West Texas Crude	26.98	

Police report

Pampa Police Department reported the following arrests and incidents during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Tuesday, June 26

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 1200 block of North Hobart. A wallet and two prescriptions valued at \$40 were reported stolen. Theft over \$50 and under \$500 was reported in the 800 block of North Dwight. Prescription medicines were reported stolen from a residence.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 1800 block of North Hamilton. Numerous items, total value of \$1,250, were reported stolen from a vehicle between 2 a.m. and 10 a.m.

Burglary of a residence was reported in the 300 block of East Francis. Approximately \$280 in cash was reported stolen from a purse in the residence.

Wednesday, June 27

Shanna Eve Tambunga, 39, 726 Murphy, was arrested in the 400 block of South Russell on five capias pro fines for no parking lamps, defective tail lamps, possession of drug paraphernalia, and two warrants for driving with license suspended.

Jerry Mulanax, 49, 929 Duncan, was arrested in the 1000 block of South Farley for attempted capital murder.

Accidents

Pampa Police Department reported the following accidents during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Friday, June 22

4:25 p.m. - A 1987 Freightliner semi-tractor trailer truck driven by Harlen Melvin Belt, 53, 1305 Mary Ellen, and a 1982 Pontiac driven by Jay Douglas Bates, 38, Amarillo, collided in the 600 block of West Brown. No citations were listed and no injuries were reported at the scene.

Ambulance

Rural/Metro made the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Tuesday, June 26

3:12 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to BSAW for a patient transport to PRMC.

10:34 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 2000 block of Williston and transported one to PRMC.

Wednesday, June 27

2:56 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of Farley and transported one to PRMC.

3:27 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of Farley and transported one to PRMC.

Fires

Pampa Fire Department responded to the following call during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Tuesday, June 26

7:35 p.m. - Two units and three firefighters responded to a reported structure fire in the 1100 block of Varnon Drive. No fire was found.

People in the News ...

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — Bill Clinton joined pop singers **Mariah Carey** and **India.Arie** at an elementary school to celebrate the restoration of instrumental music classes.

The cable channel VH1, through its Save The Music Foundation, and Cablevision, donated about 750 musical instruments to the school system.

India.Arie sang a brief a cappella song to the cheers of several hundred students Tuesday at the Louise Spencer School. Carey begged off, saying she was too tired. Clinton spoke, but passed up the opportunity to borrow one of the students' saxophones and perform.

"A few years from now, somebody's going to be on a stage like this doing what Mariah and India did today," Clinton said. "It might as well be you. There's going to be, in your lifetime, several African-American presidents, several Latino presidents, several women presidents. It might as well be you."

The former president said he began playing the sax when he was 9, noting how music helped him express emotions ranging from unbridled joy to abject depression.

"It taught me discipline and creativity," Clinton said. "It taught me how to be an individual and how to play on a team."

Clinton said students have shown that students who take music classes tend to do better in reading, math and science.

Carey, 31, said music education helped get her through elementary school.

"The only reason I went to school was for music," added India.Arie. "Now I'm on 'The Oprah Winfrey Show,' and get to talk to Stevie Wonder on the phone and sit next to President Clinton, all because of music."

Mayor Sharpe James said the city will donate an unspecified sum to supplement the cable channels' contributions. VH1 President John Sykes said Newark is the first city in the nation to do so.

NEW YORK (AP) — Greg Brady's fighting back. **Barry Williams**, who played the oldest sibling on the 1970s sitcom "The Brady Bunch," was fined \$52,000 earlier this year by the Actors' Equity Association for performing in a nonunion show.

But on Monday, Williams filed an unfair labor practice charge with the National Labor Relations Board against Actors' Equity, claiming the fine was illegal because he had already resigned from the union when he began performing in a non-Equity production of "The Sound of Music."

Union members picketed the touring show in several cities including Pittsburgh, Cleveland and Providence, R.I., carrying signs proclaiming, "Greg, Brady is a scab."

Williams, who portrayed Capt. Von Trapp in the

show, claims in his charges that union officials failed to inform him that he was not required to join the union and imposed an exorbitant fee.

Williams, who filed the charges with the help of the anti-union National Right to Work Legal Defense Foundation, believes he cannot be lawfully fined because he resigned his membership before signing the contract.

The union said it stood by its decision to fine Williams, who was a member of the union from 1974 to 2000.

"In January 2001, an Equity Hearing Committee found that he agreed to appear in the non-Equity production before resigning from the union," Alan Eisenberg, Equity executive director, said in a statement. "This is in direct violation of the union rules by which he agreed to abide when he joined Equity in 1974."

The union also said the law requiring unions to inform members they do not have to join did not exist when Williams joined in 1974.

NEW YORK (AP) — R&B singer **Lil' Mo** has canceled all public appearances and is resting at home following an attack that required her to get more than 20 stitches in her head.

The 23-year-old singer had finished performing at a concert given by radio station KMET in San Francisco last Friday when she was struck on the head with a bottle, her publicist at Elektra Records told The Associated Press on Tuesday. The attacker had not been identified, and there had been no arrest.

Lil' Mo has collaborated on hits with **Missy Elliott** and **Ja Rule**, and has her own hit with "Superwoman Pt. 2." She was expected to make several appearances this week to promote her new album, "Based on a True Story," which was released Tuesday. But she had to cancel those engagements until she recovers, her publicist said. "We hope the perpetrator is caught and prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law," said Greg Thompson, Elektra's general manager. "For this to happen on the eve of the most exciting week of Mo's career makes us doubly sad."

PHOENIX (AP) — It turns out rocker **Alice Cooper** really is a nice guy.

The man who sang "No More Mr. Nice Guy" is donating \$75,000 for a new youth center in central Phoenix that he hopes will change kids' lives.

The donation was announced earlier this month by the Solid Rock Foundation, which Cooper created.

Plans for the \$2 million, 8-acre youth center being built by a Christian nonprofit organization, Neighborhood Ministries, include classrooms, a cafeteria, medical clinic, ball fields and a food bank.

Texas Round Up...

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Condemned killer dies with smile, wink, tear, message
HUNTSVILLE (AP) — Convicted killer Miguel "Silky" Richardson died with a smile and a tear.

"I feel so much love," Richardson said as witnesses filed into the Texas death chamber Tuesday evening to watch him receive lethal injection for killing two security guards shot during a robbery in San Antonio more than 22 years ago. "I love everybody."

The former pimp with a history of violence and attempted escapes became the ninth inmate to be put to death this year in Texas, where a record 40 inmates were executed last year.

Former Bexar County District Attorney Steve Hilbig, who prosecuted him, said Richardson adopted the nickname "Silky" after the lead character in a 1970s book about a Harlem, N.Y., pimp.

Richardson, while refusing to speak with reporters, told prison officials Tuesday the nickname referred to the silk scarves and shirts he favored, although he bragged to them he once managed a stable of 35 prostitutes.

On Tuesday evening, Richardson, two weeks short of his 47th birthday, wore a powder blue short-sleeved cotton shirt and was covered with a white sheet and belted to the death chamber gurney after a final meal that included a birthday cake with seven pink candles. On the cake was written "2/23/90," the anniversary of his marriage to his wife Joan, who was among the execution witnesses.

He spoke for nearly eight minutes in a rambling final statement, his voice rising and falling and occasionally slipping into chants.

Richardson was convicted of killing John Ebbert in March 1979 at a San Antonio Holiday Inn. Ebbert and a partner, Howard Powers, were unarmed security guards who were responding to a report of someone breaking into a hotel room.

Officials call Ports-to-Plains route an asphalt river of trade

LUBBOCK (AP) — Members of a coalition pushing for a new trade route from Mexico to Denver say it would fuel economic development in West Texas, where the number of residents has been declining for years.

The Ports-to-Plains Trade Corridor would spur the development of restaurants, motels, warehouses and other businesses along 830 miles of road, the Ports-to-Plains Trade Corridor Coalition said.

"If we can't get the resources to the body, that part of the body withers away," said Randy Neugebauer, a Lubbock businessman and chairman of the coalition, which includes business leaders and elected officials in more than 30 cities and counties in West Texas and the Panhandle.

The corridor would link deep-water ports in Mexico to Laredo before heading north through West Texas and the Panhandle, ending up in Denver. The proposed corridor would hook together various Texas roadways, ending north of Dumas at the Oklahoma border. It also could be diverted through New Mexico.

No money has been set aside for the project, which would create a four-lane divided highway and cost \$800 million for the Texas section, said Gabriela Garcia, a spokeswoman for the

Texas Department of Transportation.

Federal highway officials have designated the corridor a high-priority international route, similar to Interstate 35. Once approved, the state would be eligible to compete for federal funding and use state highway funds.

Bowie portrait sells at auction

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The only known portrait of Alamo hero James Bowie has been sold to an unidentified Texan who paid \$321,875 for it at an auction in California.

A spokesman for Butterfields Auctioneers in San Francisco said the Texan phoned in his winning bid Tuesday. The entire Bowie collection sold for nearly \$475,000.

Bowie's French eaglehead officer's sword went for \$40,625 and an ornate silver-mounted flintlock rifle owned by Bowie's brother Rezin sold for \$68,875, the San Antonio Express-News reported in Wednesday's editions.

The three items were the most coveted from the estate of Muriel Vernet Moore, a descendant of Rezin Bowie's.

Moore, who lived in New Orleans, died in 1991.

The 35- by 28-inch oil painting had hung in Moore's house since the 19th century. She fiercely guarded the painting, turning down a number of requests for it, including one in 1985 from then-Gov. Mark White. He had recommended that she donate it to the Alamo.

The painting disappeared just before Moore's death at age 99 and was found in California after nearly 10 years of litigation.

Cloud of dust could be headed for North Texas

MALLEN (AP) — A huge dust cloud that has traveled from Africa to the Rio Grande Valley may soon be headed to North Texas, forecasters said.

The dusty veil stretched from Cuba and the eastern coast of Mexico to South Texas, impairing visibility Tuesday afternoon. The cloud is expected to arrive in North Texas Thursday, forecasters said.

The roving cloud from the Sahara Desert may affect air quality but is not likely to pose serious health concerns over the two or three days it lingers over the Dallas area.

The phenomenon has been identified through improved satellite technology.

"We used to get a haze off the Gulf, and people would call it the Gulf Haze. Nobody was sure where it was coming from," said Ron Wells, a Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission meteorologist. "Now we know what one of the causes is."

Air currents can carry volcanic ash, smoke from forest fires and other matter long distances.

In 1998, smoke from fires burning in southern Mexico streamed into Texas, reducing visibility and increasing the number of soot particles in the air.

Clouds form when strong storms in Africa stir up dust and sand in the Sahara Desert off the country's west coast, said Skip Ely, a National Weather Service meteorologist. As dust rises into the air, wind carries it away.

WWII vets receive diplomas

TYLER (AP) — For Thomas Bud Morris and more than a dozen other East Texas veterans of World War II, choosing to serve their country over staying home and graduating from high school was the right thing to do.

But, 57 years after Morris followed his conscience to enlist and later fight the Japanese in the South Pacific, it was John Tyler High School's turn to do the right thing.

Morris, with his comrades, marched Tuesday into the Plyler Instructional Complex to the tune of "Pomp and Circumstance" and received honorary diplomas conferred by the Tyler Independent School District.

"The people that stand the highest today are indeed brothers. Veterans who have served so well," attorney Harry Loftis, himself a WWII veteran, said in his graduation address. "These people could have dodged if they didn't want to go."

But Loftis said the 1940s schoolboys, most of whom enlisted at age 16, chose to go.

It took many years and state legislation to remedy the oversight in the 14 veterans' education.

In May, school district officials said WWII veterans who had been honorably discharged could receive their diplomas. Gov. Rick Perry signed the law into effect on May 19.

City Briefs

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Weather focus

PAMPA — Today, mostly sunny. Highs 90 to 95. South winds 10 to 20 mph and gusty. Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows 65 to 70. South to southeast winds 5 to 15 mph. Thursday, partly sunny with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 90s. South to southeast winds 10 to 20 mph. Thursday night, partly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 60s.

Friday and Saturday, partly cloudy with a slight chance of afternoon and nighttime thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 80s to around 90. Lows in the upper 60s. High Tuesday, 94, and the overnight low, 69.

STATEWIDE — Showers and isolated thunderstorms developed overnight in far West Texas

and precipitation was expected to spread into northern sections of the state.

A large area of rain showers was located along the Rio Grande southeast of El Paso and the Guadalupe Mountains. North of the city, stronger storms moved across the New Mexico state line.

Some strong thunderstorms were also observed in southeastern and eastern areas of the state. Hail up to three-quarter inch fell in parts of the Houston area from storms that dumped more than an inch of rain.

Storms also lingered offshore near the Texas-Louisiana border, with heaviest rain totals near High Island.

Low-level cloudiness developed in the eastern and southern areas of North Texas as an upper-level low pressure system

approached from the east. Early-morning temperatures ranged from the 60s in the Panhandle to 70s and 80s in the south.

Extremes were 63 degrees at Guadalupe Pass to 82 at Palacios. Other readings were 69 at Hondo and 78 at San Angelo.

Winds were mostly southerly to southeasterly at 5 to 10 mph.

A slight chance of thunderstorms was forecast for central, eastern and northwestern areas of North Texas as well as southeastern and western sections of the state.

Daytime highs should range from the 80s to 90s, except for 105 along the Rio Grande and triple digits in parts of the deep south.

Lows overnight were expected from the upper 60s to low 70s, with a few 50s over the southwest mountains.

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weather, many farmers chose to graze cattle on their wheat fields instead of planting. "Cattle prices were up, so a lot of guys grazed their cattle on the wheat," Nusser said. Panhandle wheat may carry the nation after disease and drought hurt wheat crops in Kansas and the northern states and Dakotas, he added. The threat of diseases such as Karno bunt has also affected U.S. wheat exports which accounts for 50 percent of wheat sold here. "That could keep prices low," Nusser added. While the fall dry spell hurt wheat farming this year, in some ways it also helped local farmers, he said, by cutting down on disease. "With the dryness, the curl mite didn't have a host plant so we didn't have disease problems. We had a little rust problem when it was cool and wet in April and May," he said. Tuesday afternoon custom harvesters Mark Locker and Charles Perry of San Saba were finishing up harvesting John Spearman's dryland wheat field east of Pampa. Locker said the fields he's harvested here have not been "real good." He said he expects to work about two more days before completing the harvest here and returning to his farm near Brownwood. Many local farmers hire custom wheat harvesters that travel across the country from south to north, harvesting wheat fields as they ripen. Locker said he and his partner Perry work on a smaller scale than these professional harvesters. He

and Perry "justify" the cost of combines, trucks and other harvest equipment by custom cutting for other farmers after their wheat harvest is completed. Locker's teen-age son Shane also helps with the work. "We finished our wheat harvest in mid-May," he said. "It was the best crop we've had in years." Nusser said he tries to drive a combine every harvest season. "I grew up with the harvest," he said. "It's in my blood." Nusser's son also joins in bringing in the wheat by driving a grain truck, he added. For this year, wheat harvest is almost over. "It won't be long," Nusser said. "In a week, we'll be done." But a farmer's work is never done. When one task is complete, it's time to start another. For Panhandle producers, it's time for sunflowers. Before long, instead of rippling waves of wheat, golden heads of sunflowers will cover local fields. "We'll see an increase in acreage of sunflowers," Nusser predicted. "Sunflowers have two uses for oil and for seed production." Sunflowers are ideal for this area, he said, because they require little water and their root systems help break up the hard clay soil. A drawback of the crop, however, is that sunflowers tend to dry the land out down to five to six feet below the surface, unlike corn and sorghum that use moisture three to four feet down. "So you have to have moisture to replenish what it takes," Nusser said.

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CHARGE

ran out of the house and across the street." Young said that when police arrived both men were outside the residence. The inside of the house was covered in blood from the fight, investigating officers said. "It was pretty harrowing when (officers) first arrived," the police colonel said. "Camp was outside beside the truck and when police came up he picked up the gun that was on top of the truck." Police ordered Camp to put the gun down and he threw it into the yard, Young said. "What they didn't know at the time was that (the suspect) was on the other side of the truck trying to get to the gun and Camp was trying to get the gun away from him," he added. "It could have been bad."

Young said today that investigating officers believe the suspect had an "obsession" with Lapka and acted out of jealousy. According to police reports, Lapka told officers she had met Mulanax about six months ago. He had asked her out several times, she said, but she had refused. She told officers they were "just friends." Young praised the city officers and sheriff's department for their handling of a dangerous situation. "They did an outstanding job," he said. "They took everyone into custody without further injury." Detectives Fawnswa Burroughs and David Conner of the Criminal Investigation Division are continuing to investigate the incident. Other Pampa officers responding to the incident included Lt. Charles Love, Sgt. Tommy Pickering, Officers Heron Garcia and Shawn Waters, and Gray County Sheriff's Deputy Heath Cates.

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LANDOWNERS

is attorney for the landowners in the class action lawsuit. In a statement released by Sheets, the lawyer said the state misled landowners as to the location of the boundary between their land and the Canadian River and relied on theories that it knew or should have known were incorrect. The defendants are accused of trespass, fraud and conversion. "More than 300 separate landowners may be entitled to not only remove the State and its lessees from their property, but also to receive profits derived from the State's wrongful activities," Sheets said. The defendants are accused of trespass, fraud and conversion. The suit states, "By improperly extending the boundary of the riverbed, the state and its mineral lessee, Huber, have encroached upon the adjacent lands. Each class member has a common interest in

establishing the invalidity of the method of a prior survey conducted by Huber, but represented to be an official State survey, in the State of Texas." The suit further stated "The State pretended that this ersatz survey properly established the boundary of the river along eight miles of land adjacent to the Canadian Riverbed east of the Sanford Dam as the river meanders past the property of the Class Representatives and other class members." A declaratory judgment is being sought invalidating both the method of this survey and the boundary and the boundary marked by this survey. The suit also stated the present boundary between the riverbed and the adjacent land is based on the gradient survey method, and that a properly conducted gradient boundary survey will establish that the present day boundary is at or near the flowing water of the Canadian River. Also at issue is whether the defendants have refused to pay and properly account for hydrocarbons produced from the subsurface mineral estate properly belonging to the adjacent owners.

Census: Minorities still struggling to keep up with whites in home ownership

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — Clarence McCarthy feels a burst of pride whenever he comes home. He owns it. "Any man's dream is to own his own home and not have to pay rent," said McCarthy, a black firefighter who bought his house a decade ago. "It's a big difference when your son or daughter can walk out into your own back yard and play kickball or softball rather than having to play on a concrete slab." Though McCarthy is part of a wave of growing minority homeowners, latest census figures from several states show a gap in homeownership continues to exist along racial lines. Homeownership rates for blacks in Alabama went up about 1 percentage point to 57.6 percent over the last 10 years, the U.S. Census Bureau reported Wednesday. Over that same period, home ownership among whites rose more than 3 percentage points to 77.8 percent, widening the gap. "Things are better today than they were 10 years ago, there's no question about that," said Hilary Shelton, executive director of the Washington bureau of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. "But that has to be looked at relatively — we still have a long way to go to achieve parity."

declines in minority homeownership rates, though the actual number of such homeowners increased. In Illinois, 46 percent of homes headed by minorities were owned last year, up from about 40 percent in 1990. In addition to those states, the latest wave of census data includes Connecticut, Delaware, Kansas, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New York and Ohio. Nationally, recent government surveys have shown homeownership rates increased for blacks from 43 percent in 1994 to 48 percent in 1999, and from 41 percent to 46 percent for Hispanics. The 2000 Census numbers seem to confirm this increase in minority homeownership, particularly in states with large urban centers and established minority communities. Still, the desire of policy-makers to have equal rates for homeownership across racial categories largely remains unfulfilled. In Alabama, some offered explanations ranging from racism to poor credit skills to economic disparities. Since 1970, the number of Alabama homes owned by blacks has more than doubled, but the rate of home ownership by blacks has increased by only about 7 percent, growing at about the same rate as that of whites.

A national breakdown of homeownership by race and ethnicity was not yet available, but a snapshot appeared Wednesday in the data released for 15 states and the District of Columbia. Indiana and Vermont saw slight

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FATHER

But Wednesday wasn't about a trial, charges or whether postpartum depression may have led Andrea Yates to allegedly kill her children. Wednesday was about the children. It was about the first time Noah beat his dad in a game of HORSE, the joy little Mary brought to a house full of boys and the love that the siblings showed each other and those who came to know them. "I am just trying to focus on the fact that they are safe and nothing can ever hurt them again," said Terry Arnold, who co-owns a bookstore where Yates bought supplies to home school her children. "I don't think I've ever prayed this much in my life." Joanne Juren, who owns the bookstore with Arnold, said the Yates' children were precious and favorite customers. "They were just little stair steps," Juren said of the children. "They were all so well-behaved. They were just the perfect little children. I told Andrea the last time she was here that if we had a gold star to give for the best children we would give it to

hers. Andrea just beamed." Arnold agreed: "Joanne and I liked the children so much that we would argue over who would get to play with them." But now, there's no playing at the one-story brick home that sits on a corner lot in far southeast Houston. An adult sized basketball hoop sits next to a child-sized hoop in the driveway just in front of the fence where a travel trailer is parked. A push toy remains toppled over in the backyard, not far from where the mother's wind chime collection hangs next to a wind sock. Besides the front yard memorial, from all outward appearances, things are normal, or at least that's what Arnold thought until she heard the news last week. "To know that somebody that seemed so normal killed their own children is very hard to deal with," she said. "I liked them so much. I try not to even imagine, but it is hard not to think about it." "She was just so genuinely loving with her children," Arnold said of Andrea Yates. "There was a real open, honest affection there. You looked at them and thought, 'This is a really great family.'"

Girl mauled by dog released from hospital

TYLER, Texas (AP) — An 8-year-old girl attacked by a pit bull was recovering from teeth marks and gashes in her head Wednesday after the dog clasped her skull in its jaws and refused to let go. Jazzmine Bircher was subdued and spoke little about the experience Tuesday. She sat on the floor while her mother worked to style Jazzmine's hair away from the teeth marks on the young girl's head. Shamrock, a 3-year-old pit bull, attacked Jazzmine shortly before 2 p.m. Monday, according to police. Jazzmine spent much of Monday night at East Texas Medical Center being treated for dog bites on her head, face, arm and side. Police Officer James Meredith came to Jazzmine's aid despite the danger of having the dog possibly

attack him. "He saved her life," Sheila Bircher, Jazzmine's mother, told the Tyler Morning-Telegraph in Wednesday's editions. Jazzmine, who is about 4 1/2 feet tall and weighs about 70 pounds, said she had no idea what prompted the attack. "I was just rubbing him," she said. "He just grabbed me and threw me to the ground." Meredith said he got to where the dog was mauling Jazzmine and he grabbed the dog by the collar. "I got out my baton and hit him on the head twice before he let go of her," Meredith said. "Then he still wanted to go after her again. He never turned on me, he just stayed focused on the little girl."

Reworded question may have caused undercount of some Hispanic groups

NEW YORK (AP) — City officials say the Census Bureau significantly underestimated the size of several Hispanic groups, including Dominicans and Colombians, according to news reports. The problem became apparent Tuesday as the bureau began to release the first detailed data from the 2000 census on Hispanics and Asians in New York. City demographers say a rewording of a census question may have caused the lower-than-expected numbers for some Hispanic subgroups, and an inflated figure for the generic "other Hispanic" category. The numbers released Tuesday put the official count of Dominicans in the city at 406,806 — nearly 150,000 less than what is suggested by figures on immigration, births and deaths, city officials say. The city's Colombian population, which officials had estimated would rise by 35,000, was found to have dropped by more than 7,000. The New York Times reported in Wednesday editions. Joseph Salvo, director of the population division of the City Planning Department, said a change in a question on the census form may have skewed the

numbers. Census questionnaires in both 2000 and 1990 contained check boxes for Mexicans, Puerto Ricans and Cubans, and asked other Hispanics to check a box for "other Spanish/Hispanic/Latino" and write in the name of their specific group. But the 1990 form included examples for the write-in groups — such as Colombian and Dominican — while the 2000 questionnaire made no suggestions. Salvo said the lack of examples may have prompted people to answer with a generic response. The number counted as part of the generic "other Hispanic" category jumped to 401,108 in the 2000 census, from 115,541 in 1990. The 2000 census measured New York's Hispanic population as 2,160,554, out of a city population of 8,008,278. On the Net: New York City Department of City Planning: <http://www.nyc.gov/html/dcp/home.html> Census Bureau: <http://www.census.gov/>

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Q Why are kids so vulnerable? How do you explain this paralyzing social fear at an age when they are notoriously gutsy? There is very little else that scares them. Teen-agers drive their cars like maniacs, and the boys make great combat soldiers. Why is it that an 18-year-old can be trained to attack an enemy gun emplacement or run through a mine field, and yet he panics in the noisy company of his peers? Why are they so frightened of each other?

A I believe the answer is related to the nature of power and how it influences human behavior. Adolescent society is based on the exercise of raw force. That is the heart and soul of its value system. it comes in various forms.

For girls, there is no greater social dominance than physical beauty. A truly gorgeous young woman is so powerful that even the boys are often terrified of her. She rules in a high school like a queen on her throne, and in fact, she is usually given some honor with references to royalty in its name (homecoming queen, homecoming princess, all-school queen, etc.). The way she uses this status to intimidate her subjects is in itself a fascinating study in adolescent behavior.

Boys derive power from physical attractiveness too, but also from athletic accomplishment in certain prescribed sports. Those that carry the greatest status are usually skilled in sports that exhibit sheer physical strength (football) or size (basketball).

Do you remember what the world of adolescence was like for you? Do you recall the power games that were played -- the highly competitive and hostile environment into which you walked every day? Can you still feel the apprehension you experienced when a popular (powerful) student called you a creep, or a jerk, or put his big hand in your face and pushed you out of the way? He wore a football jersey, which reminded you that the entire team would eat you alive if you should be so foolish as to fight back.

Does the memory of the junior-senior prom still come to mind occasionally, when you were either turned down by the girl you loved or were not asked by the boy of your dreams? Have you ever had the campus heroes make fun of the one flaw you most wanted to hide, and then threaten to mangle you on the way home from school?

Perhaps you never went through these stressful encounters. Maybe you were one of the powerful elite who oppressed the rest of us. But your son or daughter could be on the receiving end of the flak. A few years ago I talked to a mother whose seventh-grade daughter was getting butchered at school each day. She said the girl awakened an hour before she had to get up each morning and lay there thinking about how she could get through her day without being humiliated.

Typically, power games are more physical for adolescent males than females. The bullies literally force their will on those who are weaker. That is what I remember most clearly from my own high school years. I had a number of fights during that era just to preserve my turf. The name of the game was power! And not much has changed for today's teenagers.

Q What are the most common causes of depression in women?

A I asked that question of more than 10,000 women who completed a questionnaire titled "Source of Depression in Women." The most frequently reported concern was low self-esteem. More than 50 percent of an initial test group placed this problem at the top of the list, and 80 percent put it in the top five.

These were primarily young, healthy women with seemingly happy marriages, which should have produced greater contentedness. Nevertheless, the majority struggled with feelings of inadequacy and a lack of confidence. That finding is rather typical of American women in all age categories and in various economic strata.

Dr. Dobson is president of the nonprofit organization Focus on the Family, P.O. Box 444, Colorado Springs, CO. 80903; or www.family.org Questions and answers are excerpted from "Solid Answers," published by Tyndale House.

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FREEDOM MUSEUM

Freedom Museum, USA, 600 N. Hobart is open from 12-4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday. Revolutionary War to Kosovo. All branches of service are represented. For more information, call 669-6066.

LAS PAMPAS WATER GARDEN AND KOI SOCIETY
Las Pampas Water Garden and Koi Society meets at 7 p.m. the second Monday of each month at First Landmark Building in the Pampa Mall. For more information, contact Sharron Andrew at 665-6138 or Loyd Waters 665-6466.

TRALEE CRISIS CENTER

Tralee Crisis Center support groups for victims of family violence — both women and children — meet every Thursday evening. For more information about adult support groups, call 669-1788, and to inquire about children's support groups, 669-1131.

GIRL SCOUTS

Pampa Girl Scouts meets at 7 p.m. the first Thursday of each month at Pampa Girl Scout House on Kingsmill.

PANHANDLE PIECEMAKERS QUILT GUILD

Panhandle Piecemakers Quilt Guild meets at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Thursday of each month at Pampa Senior Citizens Center.

PLANNED PARENTHOOD

Planned Parenthood of Amarillo and the Texas Panhandle is changing its hours. It is now open from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 408 W. Kingsmill Ave., #175-A, in Pampa. For more information or for an appointment, call 665-2291. Planned Parenthood is a not-for-profit health care organization serving women and men in 17 offices covering 26 counties in the panhandle.

HIGH PLAINS EPILEPSY ASSOCIATION

High Plains Epilepsy Association of Amarillo, funded in part by Pampa United Way, will have a licensed social worker in Pampa from 9:30-12 noon the second Tuesday of each month at Pampa Community Building, 200 N. Ballard. The program assists people with epilepsy and their families. To make an appointment, contact the Amarillo office at 1-800-806-7236.

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP

The local Alzheimer's Support Group meets regularly at 7 p.m. the first Thursday of each month at Shepard's Crook Nursing Agency, 916 N. Crest. For more information, call Dauna Wilkinson, 665-0356.

PAMPA GARDEN CLUB

Pampa Garden Club meets at 2 p.m. the second Monday of each month from September through May. Meeting location changes monthly.

TEXCARE PARTNERSHIP

Texcare Partnership is the New Children's Health Insurance campaign developed especially for Texas families with uninsured children, birth through age 18. The following health insurance programs are available: Children's Health Insurance Program, Medicaid and Texas Healthy Kids Corp. For more information, call 1-800-647-6558 or 1-888-892-2273.

PAMPA PILOTS ASSOCIATION

Pampa Pilots Association meets at 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at the Airport Lounge.

BOOKMARK CONTEST

Lovett Memorial Library is sponsoring a bookmark contest. Entry forms are available at the library. The two winning bookmarks will be printed and used by the library the next year.

BEEF AMBASSADOR CONTEST

Top O' Texas CattleWomen is seeking youth between the ages of 15-19 to compete for the Beef Ambassador Award. For more information, contact Amy Brainard at (806) 323-6397.

CLASS OF 1961

Pampa High School Class of 1961 will hold its 40th class reunion this year. Anyone interested in helping plan and organize the event should contact Zip Swaney at 665-5532.

HARRINGTON HOUSE

The 2001 tour season for Harrington House, 1600 S. Polk, Amarillo, is in full swing. Built in 1914 by cattlemen John and Pat Landergin, the house was acquired in 1940 and preserved by Don and Sybil Harrington. The hour-long tours are conducted from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, April through mid-December. There is no admission fee. For more information call (806) 374-5490.

ARC SWIM LESSONS

Gray County Chapter of the American Red Cross will sponsor swim lessons June 4 through Aug. 3 at M.K. Brown Outdoor Pool. The classes will include Levels I, II, III, IV and V and will be offered in four sessions: June 4-15, June 18-29, July 9-20 and July 23-Aug. 3. Cost is \$35 and all fees are due prior to the session. Participants are encouraged to register now. For more information or to enroll, contact the local ARC office, 108 N. Russell, at 669-7121.

PPQG

Panhandle Piecemakers Quilt Guild will meet at 6:30 p.m., June 28 at Pampa Senior Citizens Center. Visitors are welcome. For more information, call (806) 779-2115.

GRAY COUNTY ANNIVERSARY MEETING

The 100th Anniversary of Gray County Celebration Committee will meet at 5 p.m., Thursday, June 28 in the Conference Room of Pampa Chamber of Commerce. The meeting is free and open to the public and volunteers are welcome.

NRHC

National Ranching Heritage Center in Lubbock will be the site of a concert and dance featuring Red Steagall and the Boys in the Bunkhouse from 8-11 p.m., Saturday, June 30. Tickets are \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door. For more information, call (806) 742-0497 ext. 222.

MEEK REUNION

The Meek Family Reunion will be held June 30 on the grounds of

Old Mobeetie Jail in Mobeetie. Registration will begin at 9 a.m. Participants must RSVP for the noon meal by June 7. Family stories should be mailed to Mike Childers at 2700 Acorn Lane, Sand Springs, OK 74063; (918) 245-0174; e-mail nwwchilderslane.com.

FPC GED

Frank Phillips College in Borger will administer a GED exam at 7:30 a.m., July 5 in Room L15 of the Library Building. Cost of the test is \$60. For more information, call 1-800-687-2056 or 275-5311, ext. 751.

WATER GARDEN TOUR

The Fourth Annual Las Pampas Koi and Water Garden Tour is slated from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., July 21 in Pampa. Admission is \$5 per person. Children under 10 accompanied by an adult are free. Advance tickets may be purchased at Watson's Lazy S. Feed and Garden Center, Culberson-Stowers or Pondering Thoughts. For more information, contact Loyd Waters at 665-1665 or 665-6466.

COUNTY CENTENNIAL LOGO CONTEST

Gray County Centennial Logo Contest is currently seeking entries. Deadline is Sept. 15, 2001. Submit design on separate sheet of paper and include name, address, day and evening phone numbers. Mail to Madeline Gawthrop, Route 2, Box 74A, Pampa, TX 79065. For more information, call 665-6345. No entries will be returned without a SASE.

RSVP ADVISORY COUNCIL

An exciting opportunity is on the horizon for a Pampa-area resident who: 1) Would like to volunteer his/her services for the betterment of their community; and 2) can travel to Amarillo once a month to attend scheduled meetings after 5 p.m. Retired and Senior Volunteer Program, or RSVP, a national organization with an office in Amarillo, has an opening for an Advisory Council position to represent the Pampa community. Pampa has been represented since 1992, and a lot of positive things have been done, including increased volunteer participation and the addition of more volunteer stations (locations where the volunteers work). Gray Co. is but one of 11 counties served by RSVP's Amarillo office, and representation from our own area is important. The Advisory Council term would be for two years, starting at the end of March, and is not limited to someone who is 55-years-old or older. Interested in senior volunteerism? Interested in improving Pampa's social services? For more information or to receive an application, call Amarillo RSVP Director Nova Neuhaus toll-free at 1-877-373-8389.

ARBOR DAY FOUNDATION

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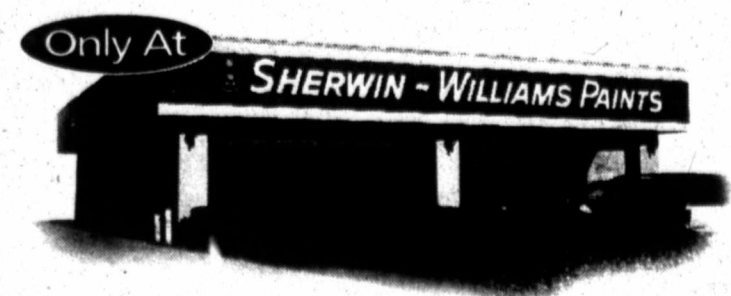
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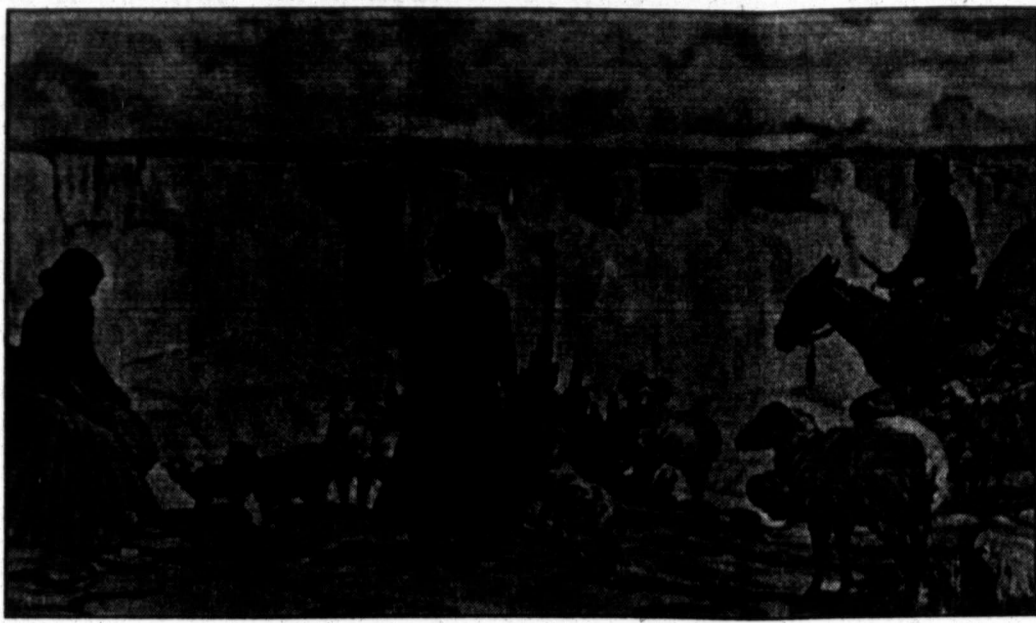
PPHM to showcase work of H.D. Bugbee

CANYON — On June 30, 2001, the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum at Canyon will begin exhibiting "Those Who Came Before Us: The Indian Murals of H.D. Bugbee," which Bugbee painted in the early 1950s. The exhibition will include Bugbee's original 13 murals for the Museum's then-Indian Hall, plus three Indian dance murals he added to cycle later, and sketches and studies (some made in the 1920s) for the murals.

Much like Charles M. Russell, Bugbee's idol who depicted life on the northern Great Plains in the late 1800s and early 1900s, Bugbee portrayed historic and then-contemporary Southern Plains life including cowboys, American Indians and flora and fauna of the region.

At the suggestion of his cousin, cattleman T.S. Bugbee, Harold Dow Bugbee came to the Texas Panhandle from Lexington, Mass., in 1914 with his parents. He studied at Texas A&M College in 1917 and the Cumming School of Art in Des Moines, Iowa, in 1920.

Advised by cattlemen Frank Collinson and Charles Goodnight, Bugbee rendered the landscape and wildlife of the Texas Panhandle, as well as nostalgic paintings of Indians and cowboys. Each fall, until the late 1930s, the artist traveled to Taos to paint with his fellow artists "Buck" Dunton, Frank Hoffman, Leon Gaspard and Ralph Meyers, often packing into the mountains to paint with either Meyers or Dunton.



(Special photo)

Beginning this coming Saturday, Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum in Canyon will feature artist H.D. Bugbee in an exhibit entitled "Those Who Came Before Us: The Indian Murals of H.D. Bugbee." The exhibit will run through Sept. 15. Above: "Canyon de Chelly" by Bugbee, graphite on paper (ca. 1954).

By the mid-1920s, galleries in Denver, Chicago, Kansas City and New York handled Bugbee's work. With the Depression and decreasing picture sales, in 1933 Bugbee turned to magazine illustration, a practice he maintained for some 18 years.

He did pen-and-ink illustrations for "Ranch Romances," "Western Stories," "Country Gentleman" and "Field and Stream," among others. Additionally, Bugbee also illustrated a number of significant books on Western history includ-

ing J. Evetts Haley's "Charles Goodnight: Cowman and Plainsman," Willie N. Lewis's "Between Sun and Sod" and S. Omar Barker's "Songs of the Saddleman" and others. He also continued to make easel paintings.

Under President Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal, Bugbee painted the first of five murals for the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum's Pioneer Hall in 1934. He later painted additional murals for the Old Tascosa Room in the Herring Hotel; Amarillo Army Air Field (which now hang at the Smithsonian's American Art Museum); and set of murals on Native American life for the Museum.

Bugbee exhibited at the Tri-State Fair at Amarillo annually, the Fort Worth Frontier Centennial Exposition in 1936, the Greater Texas and Pan-American Exposition at Dallas in 1937, and in the annual West Texas art exhibitions at Fort Worth. He also had numerous solo exhibitions in Texas, including 1930 venues at Amarillo and Clarendon, and exhibited at Taos. In 1952, Bugbee became the first curator of Art at Panhandle-Plains, a position he held until his death. Over 250 Bugbee works — drawings, paintings, and sculpture — are part of the Society's art collection.

The exhibition will run through Sept. 15, 2001, in the Harrington Exhibit Gallery and reproductions of Bugbee's work will be available in the Museum Store.

Negotiators reach deal on charity legislation

WASHINGTON (AP) —

Charities that want to run social service programs with government money will have to let participants opt out of any religious aspects of their programs, GOP negotiators agreed, allowing stalled legislation to move forward in the House.

That was one of a handful of new protections separating church and state that House Republicans and the Bush administration agreed to Tuesday as they settled differences over legislation allowing religious charities to compete for government money in 10 social service programs.

President Bush has outlined his vision for the legislation on several occasions, though his administration had never detailed precisely how the law should be written. Some of his advisers were loathe to support the bill introduced into the House, fearing it did not include enough safeguards to win support of Democrats or, possibly, to pass constitutional muster in the courts.

Those concerns were shared by Judiciary Committee Chairman James Sensenbrenner, R-Wis., who refused to move the legislation until they were addressed.

Sensenbrenner's concerns were "driving everyone kind of crazy," said Rep. Mark Souder, R-Ind., a longtime supporter of giving government money to religious charities. But they were important, he said.

"It's better to err on the side of caution than to plunge head and not be able to get a bill passed or get sued on our weak link," said Souder.

Now, with the agreement in hand, the Judiciary Committee is expected to consider the revised bill on Thursday.

At issue were protections both for participants in religious social-service programs and for churches that might offer programs using government money.

Under the agreement, participants in social-service programs will be allowed to sit out any religious aspects, a concession by conservatives, according to officials on Capitol Hill and in the Bush administration who spoke on condition of anonymity.

In addition, House Republicans have agreed to make it clear that if group takes money directly from the government, it must keep its religious programming or proselytizing separate from its secular, government-funded programming, an administration official said.

Churches will be encouraged to set up separate, nonprofit organizations to run their government programs in order to keep tax dollars separate from private church money. If they set up separate organizations, their church accounts will be protected from financial audits or lawsuits that arise from the government programs, the officials said.

These separate organizations may still be religious in nature — they will just be distinct from the church or synagogue.

Finally, religious charities that get government money will be allowed to consider religion when they hire staff. But they won't be allowed to consider someone's religious practices, as the House bill backed by Reps. J.C. Watts, R-Okla., and Tony Hall, D-Ohio, called for.

The deal essentially puts most of the key Republicans on the same page and allows the legislation to come before the committee and ultimately the House floor. But it is still likely to be opposed by most Democrats and outside groups, who were not part of the negotiations.

The agreement came at an afternoon meeting Tuesday between White House Chief of Staff Andrew Card, Sensenbrenner, and the top four GOP leaders in the House: Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., Reps. Richard Armitage and Tom Delay, both R-Texas, and Watts.

The White House had hoped that the House would approve the bill before next week's July 4 recess, but that's no longer feasible. Leaders now hope for a floor vote by the end of summer.

Meanwhile, the legislation has not even been introduced in the Senate, where the most likely Democratic sponsor, Sen. Joe Lieberman of Connecticut, has voiced serious concerns.

"It sounds like they're moving in the right direction," said Lieberman's spokesman, Dan Gerstein. But he said a bill cannot pass the Senate without Democrats involved. "For this to work it has to be bipartisan. They've still got some negotiating to do."

House hands Bush setback on Mexico trade

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush suffered an embarrassing setback in his drive for freer trade with Mexico with a House vote to limit Mexican truckers' access to U.S. roads. But lawmakers predicted the restrictions will be eased before becoming law.

In a move that surprised the Teamsters union and business interests on either side of the issue, the House voted 285-143 on Tuesday to bar the Transportation Department from issuing safety permits that would let Mexican trucks operate throughout the United States.

The Senate has yet to vote on the issue.

As part of the 8-year-old North

American Free Trade Agreement, Bush had announced plans to let Mexican trucks begin making deliveries throughout this country starting next January. They currently are restricted to a narrow commercial zone just north of the Mexican border.

The vote was a blow to a president who as former Texas governor has long pushed for closer commercial ties to Mexico and who is a staunch advocate of freer trade. And it came on the very day that Mexican President Vicente Fox told executives and directors of The Associated Press that the slumping U.S. economy was hurting Mexico's hopes for prosperity. He also spoke of the close, cooperative relationship he has with Bush.

"We're going to work with Congress to ensure the final bill is consistent with our obligations under NAFTA and to ensure all U.S. safety standards are met," said White House spokeswoman

Claire Buchan. She called Tuesday's vote "the first step in the process."

Making Bush's defeat even more stinging was that 82 Republicans joined 201 Democrats and two independents in voting to restrict the Mexican trucks.

The amendment was proposed by Rep. Martin Sabo, D-Minn., after the House voted 219-205 against his offer of a milder provision that would have required Mexican trucking companies and their vehicles to be inspected before the trucks enter the United States.

Bush has proposed permitting Mexican companies that say they comply with U.S. safety standards to operate here for 18 months while their claims are verified.

"This was a strong message to the administration that the public and Congress feel very strong about the safety issues involved," Sabo said.

Even so, he predicted the provision "will be modified" before Congress completes it, perhaps requiring the inspections he initially favored.

House Majority Leader Dick Armitage, R-Texas, agreed, saying of the vote: "I don't think that that's a big deal."

He attributed the vote — in which 38 percent of Republicans supported Sabo — to pressure from labor. "A lot of people were probably feeling they could be friendly to the Teamsters," he said.

The union, which endorsed Democratic presidential candidate Al Gore last year, has 1.4 million members, including 120,000 in the freight industry.

The issue pitted the Teamsters and some traffic safety groups against the American Trucking Association, representing trucking companies, and the businesses that ship goods with them.

Under NAFTA, Mexican trucks were to have full access to U.S. roads by January 2000. Citing

safety concerns and feeling pressure from organized labor, the Clinton administration blocked that from happening. But a NAFTA arbitration panel ruled in February that the United States was violating the treaty. Bush had pledged to honor the free-trade agreement.

The truck-safety fight came as the House approved a \$59.1 billion transportation bill for the 2002 budget year, which begins Oct. 1.

Final passage was by 426-1, with only Rep. Ron Paul, R-Texas, voting no.

The bill had included an additional \$88 million the administration requested, for a total of \$120 million, for extra border inspectors and facilities, but it was removed for technical reasons.

The House also voted 219-202 along partisan lines to uphold a provision ordering local officials to rename the Metrorail station at northern Virginia's Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport for the former president.

'Desert People' ask for citizenship

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — Rep. Ed Pastor intends to ask Congress to give U.S. citizenship to members of the Tohono O'odham Nation, in part to splice a split dating from the mid-1800s.

The 24,000-member Indian tribe that once claimed land stretching across northern Mexico to the Gulf of California now lives half in Arizona and half in the neighboring Mexican state of Sonora.

Pastor, an Arizona Democrat, said he will introduce a bill this week that would amend federal immigration laws to make 8,400 Tohono O'odham members U.S. citizens.

Under the amendment, a tribal membership card would serve as proof of citizenship or as a birth certificate.

"The congressman needs to go over the bill's wording with Tribal Vice Chairman Henry Ramon before he moves forward," Pastor press secretary Maura Saavedra told The Arizona Daily Star. Saavedra said Pastor and Ramon were to meet Wednesday.

If the act is amended, enrolled tribal members could freely cross the border for work, religious ceremonies, medical appointments and relatives.

For decades, the U.S. government allowed such crossings. Things began to change about 15 years ago with new immigration laws and with beefed-up drug enforcement along the border.

Part of the problem, tribal officials say, is that most of about 8,400 Tohono O'odham members on both sides of the border have no birth certificates to prove citizenship.

Tribal representatives began lobbying federal lawmakers for the citizenship cause earlier this month. One of them was Mary Narcho, 58, who works for the tribe as a contract specialist.

"I was born at home," Narcho explained. "I don't have a birth certificate, and I am having problems obtaining a delayed birth certificate because I need three witnesses to my birth. My mother is alive, but my two aunts are dead."

Those affected by the amended citizenship act would include 7,000 Tohono O'odham members who:

—Were born in the United States but do not have documents to obtain birth certificates.

—Were born in Mexico but now live illegally in the United States.

—Were born in Mexico of parents who are U.S. citizens but whose parents cannot prove it.

The act also would help about 1,400 other members who were born in Mexico and still live there.

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U.S. support of Lori Berenson neutral as to her innocence

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States will say it hopes Lori Berenson's appeal will be heard soon in Peru. It will say humanitarian considerations should be taken into account. It won't say she is innocent of charges of collaborating with leftist guerrillas.

"I don't know how anybody could look at the evidence and arrive at a different conclusion than she knew more than she's admitting to," said Dennis Jett, U.S. ambassador to Lima from 1996-1999.

U.S. officials say it is not their role to judge the innocence or guilt of Berenson, convicted for a second time last week in Peru, this time by a civilian court. The first conviction, by a military court, was for treason. The second conviction was on lesser charges.

The 31-year-old New Yorker was sentenced to 20 years after a three-judge panel found that she helped the Tupac Amaru Revolutionary Movement plan a thwarted takeover of Congress by gathering intelligence with a top rebel commander's wife. She also was accused of renting a house that served as the group's hide-out. She was acquitted of being a member of the rebel group.

A secret military court had convicted her of treason in 1996 without giving her a chance to confront her accusers. She was sentenced to life in prison and served five years in harsh mountain prisons. That conviction was annulled in August, leading to the civilian trial.

U.S. officials repeatedly denounced the first trial as unfair and called for her case to be moved to civilian courts. But saying the trial was unfair isn't the same as saying she was innocent.

Berenson, a former secretary to a Salvadoran rebel leader, admitted living in the house but said she didn't know her roommates were guerrillas. She claimed to be a journalist but had never been published. When arrested, a guerrilla leader's wife was with her as a photographer.

Arturo Valenzuela, a former high-level National Security Council official, said the circumstances of Berenson's arrest suggest she was somehow involved with the guerrillas.

"I don't think that anyone I talked to in the U.S. government doubted that," he said. "The question is whether her involvement or her association with these people really merited the kind of criminal charges that were brought against her."

Berenson and her supporters have denounced the latest verdict, claiming it was politically motivated, that the judges were biased and that witnesses were coerced.

State Department spokesman Philip Reeker last week said the new trial was "free of the most egregious flaws in the military trial." He declined further comment on the legal process, saying it would be addressed in appeals.

He also noted, "We haven't taken a position on her guilt or innocence in the process."

Both President Bush and Secretary of State Colin Powell discussed Berenson's case with Peruvian President-elect Alejandro Toledo during his visit Tuesday to Washington. Neither asked for a pardon or amnesty.

In addition to the rule of law, Bush asked that humanitarian factors be taken into consideration in a final resolution of the case, said White House spokeswoman Mary Ellen Countryman.

Gail Taylor, coordinator of the Committee to Free Lori Berenson, said she is not concerned that the U.S. government hasn't supported Berenson's claims of innocence.

"They're playing it cautious," said Taylor, whose group is led by Berenson's parents.

She said Jett and other former officials who question Berenson's innocence may be unaware of developments that support her case. "I think maybe if he were ambassador now, he would have a different opinion about it," Taylor said.

Senate to debate patients' lawsuit limits

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate is set to debate proposed changes to a patients' rights bill that would limit the ability of patients to sue small-business owners and health plans.

Democrats are trying to pass a bill that guarantees medical treatments for patients in HMOs and other employer sponsored health plans. It also would allow for appeals, and lawsuits, if a patient is injured or killed by a health plan's decision to deny coverage.

The White House has opposed the bill, even issuing a veto threat. Proposed Republican changes up for debate Wednesday include one that would protect health plans from being sued over treatments that have been explicitly excluded from a coverage contract.

For instance, if a plan expressly says it will not pay for organ transplants or some other procedure, the patient cannot use that denial as a basis for legal action.

The measure is supported by Sens. Don Nickles, R-Okla., and Ben Nelson, D-Neb., a centrist Democrat who's been courted by both Democratic leaders and the White House.

The purpose "is to ensure that patients receive the care they have

been promised — not to ensure that patients receive care not promised," supporters said in a statement.

Another proposal would shield small-business owners from lawsuits.

On Tuesday, Senate advocates defeated a proposed ban on lawsuits against employers, prevailing over Republican predictions that businesses would cancel insurance rather than risk legal liability.

"The clear momentum is with us in the Senate," said Sen. John Edwards, D-N.C., a chief sponsor of the patients' rights bill.

The measure also was backed Tuesday by the Richard Corlin, the American Medical Association's new president. Speaking to reporters in Phoenix, he said allowing doctors, not HMOs, to determine what treatment is necessary is a basic patients' protection, as is the right to sue health plans.

"I don't want to treat my patients with the least expensive treatment available," said Corlin, a gastroenterologist from Santa Monica, Calif. "I won't put cost above all other considerations."

In the Senate, the liability issue has emerged as a leading point of contention, particularly since several years of fierce political debate have produced broad agreement on the type of protections patients should be offered.

Sen. Olympia Snowe, R-Maine, said an emerging proposal would allow some employer lawsuits.

Edwards said such an agreement could be reached Wednesday, and possibly offered as an amendment, when debate resumes. He said it could keep at least a dozen senators from voting for the kind of wholesale changes sought by the White House.

Meanwhile, House Republicans warmed to the idea of lawsuits, putting forward a measure that would allow people to sue HMOs in state courts — where damage awards tend to be larger — under limited circumstances. President Bush is expected to endorse the House measure Wednesday.

House GOP leaders hope to attract enough support for the measure to prevent passage of legislation patterned after the pending Senate bill. House action is not expected until after Congress returns from a July Fourth recess.

So far, Republican opponents have won one change to the Senate bill.

Sen. Kit Bond, R-Mo., persuaded his colleagues to amend the bill so that the lawsuit provision would be canceled if federal research ever proves that the patients' rights legislation caused at least 1 million people to lose their health insurance.

Federal Reserve expected to issue another rate cut

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal Reserve policy-makers are prepared to administer another bracing tonic to an ailing economy that's showing some signs of improvement: a sixth interest rate cut. But private economists are divided over what they believe is the right dosage.

Economists also are hopeful that the interest-rate cuts coupled with President Bush's signature on a \$1.35 trillion tax relief bill would give a boost to economic growth in the coming months.

They predicted that the Fed's chief policy-making group, the Federal Open Market Committee, would cut interest rates for a sixth time this year at its meeting Wednesday. An afternoon announcement of the decision was expected.

But the economists were unsure whether the committee would order a sixth half-point rate cut, or a more moderate quarter-point move.

Regardless of the size of the expected cut, Lynn Reaser, chief economist at Banc of America Capital Management, says it could be the last. "The economy should in fact start to show signs of stabilizing during the next two months as the interest rate cuts and tax cuts take hold," she said.

As a rough rule of thumb, the Fed's interest-rate cuts take between six and nine months to make their way through the economy. Its first rate cut was on Jan. 3, so that reduction wouldn't show up in economic activity until July at the earliest.

Tax-cut refund checks are expected to begin arriving in mailboxes next month and if people spend some of that money, as economists predict, that would perk up economic growth, too.

Wells Fargo's chief economist Sung Won Sohn also believes the Fed's credit-easing campaign could be coming to an end.

"Why not cut by half a point and be done with it. That is my expectation," Sohn said, adding that a smaller quarter-point move would likely disappoint Wall Street, sending stocks lower. "I don't think the Fed wants to be in that position."

But economist Clifford Waldman of Waldman Associates believes that risks to the U.S. economy, including economic turmoil overseas, increases the odds of future Fed rate cuts.

"Problems remain ... whether half-point or a quarter-point cut on Wednesday, I don't think it will be the last one," Waldman said.

The Fed's five cuts this year have pushed the federal funds rate, the interest that banks charge each other, from 6.5 percent down to 4 percent. The move has been matched by commercial banks, which have lowered their prime lending rate, the benchmark for millions of consumer and business loans, from 9.5 percent down to a seven-year low of 7 percent.

The Fed's decision Wednesday will depend on what carries greater weight: recent glimmers that the economy is starting to emerge from its yearlong funk, or concerns that the recovery could still be derailed if Americans suddenly grow worried about their job prospects and stop spending.

Keeping an Eye on Texas

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New Neighbors' Modesty Raises Temperature of Hot Tub Guests

DEAR ABBY: We installed a hot tub several years ago. We are always naked when we use it. However, when we entertain guests, we let them know in advance that it is their choice whether to wear bathing suits or not. If they opt to wear suits, we ask if they care if we or other guests are naked. Most guests opt to soak in the nude; those who don't have no problem with others being naked.

Recently we invited new neighbors to our house for a welcoming party with other neighbors. They informed us they would be uncomfortable if other guests were nude. We have no problem with this — after all, we have plenty of opportunity to enjoy our spa naked — but some of our neighbors did. They felt put out that after years spent enjoying our hot tub in the buff, they now had to cover up.

This has created dissension in the neighborhood, and our efforts to be respectful of others is backfiring. Have you any suggestions on how we can resolve this?

DOIN' WHAT COMES NATURALLY

DEAR DOIN': Yes. Don't let your straitlaced new neighbors throw cold water on your hot tub tradition. Entertain them separately so your less-inhibited neighbors can enjoy all the therapeutic benefits of soaking in their birthday suits without anyone pointing fingers. I'm sure everyone would prefer it.

Dear Abby

Is written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips.

some house rules. One of them has to do with overnight guests.

The rule is simple: If a family member or friend asks to spend the night, each of us must check with the others before agreeing. We do this in case there is a conflict and out of respect for each other.

Last week, my sister, "Lisa," who lives out of town, called to ask me if she could spend the night. I told her I needed to check with my wife and son, but I didn't think it would be a problem. Lisa was appalled and insulted that I would have to check with my wife and son before "allowing" her to stay. In her wildest dreams, she couldn't imagine ever having to check with her husband and kids. After she hung up, she told a bunch of her friends about it. She told me they, too, were flabbergasted that I would say such a thing to my sister.

Abby, my wife, son and I have had no conflicts since we established that rule. Should I have gone ahead and told Lisa it was OK to stay without

checking first? (By the way, my wife and son had no problem with my sister staying with us.)

LITTLE BRO IN NEW JERSEY
DEAR LITTLE BRO: No. You did the right thing. Your marriage is a true partnership, and you're teaching your son consideration for others. There would be far less conflict in most families if more people communicated as effectively as you do. Your sister owes all of you an apology.

DEAR ABBY: I live in a four-unit apartment complex in a lovely neighborhood. A young couple occupies the unit directly above mine. Although the apartments provide some privacy, I have a hard time ignoring the couple upstairs when they reach the highest peak of their passion.

SLEEP-DEPRIVED IN SCENECTADY, N.Y.

DEAR SLEEP-DEPRIVED: The next time it happens, consider dropping a subtle hint. Play "Love Is a Many Splendored Thing" on your stereo and turn up the volume. It may not work the first time, but after a while they'll get the message.

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Crossword Puzzle

By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- 1 Swift offshoot horse
 - 5 Carson's predecessor
 - 9 "C'est —!"
 - 11 "Gay" city
 - 12 Loses weight
 - 13 Ghana port
 - 14 Historic time
 - 15 Braid, perhaps
 - 17 Daily grind
 - 19 Reservoir maker
 - 20 German poet
 - 21 Crooner Tormé
 - 22 Story with a point
 - 24 Favorite
 - 26 Some nobles
 - 29 Jazz instrument
 - 30 Jazz fans
 - 32 Like some miniseries start
 - 34 Course
 - 35 Computer key
 - 36 Green shade
 - 38 Peculiar
 - 39 Had a longing
- DOWN**
- 1 Change
 - 2 Enthusiastic
 - 3 Fly high
 - 4 Storage site
 - 5 Treaty
 - 6 Gaming center
 - 7 Reception aid
 - 8 Kingdom
 - 10 Sevilla's nation
 - 11 Book unit
 - 16 It's brewed at freezing temperatures
 - 18 Schism
 - 21 Soldier for hire
 - 23 Computer choice
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Marmaduke

CHIRP CHIRP CHIRP

"He refuses to go back in his house until I remove the cricket."

The Family Circus

6-27

"After I do some hammering, I'm gonna try some pliering."

For Better or For Worse

YEAH, WE CAN STRIP THE COLOR OUT AN' PUT IN PURPLE STREAKS!

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AAAH!

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Garfield

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YEAH! LET'S GO THERE!

I HATE YOU ALL

Beetle Bailey

I SAW YOUR WINDOW OPEN, SIR, AND THOUGHT I COULD HAVE A FEW WORDS WITH YOU.

WHEN IS MY AIR CONDITIONER GOING TO BE FIXED?!

WORK WALKER

SLAM!

Marvin

HOW DO YOU GET ALONG WITH YOUR PARENTS, MARVIN?

PRETTY WELL, JORDAN.

I CONSIDER THEM BOTH TO BE WORTHY ADVERSARIES

B.C.

WHAT IS THE MOST EXPENSIVE CANAL CREATED BY MAN?

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SPORTS

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HOCKEY

DENVER (AP) — After 22 seasons in the NHL, Ray Bourque announced his retirement 17 days after hoisting the Stanley Cup with tears streaming down his face.

Bourque, 40, the highest-scoring defenseman in NHL history, was a five-time winner of the Norris Trophy as the league's best defenseman and played in a record 19 consecutive All-Star games.

He played for 21 seasons in Boston, but requested a trade to a contender in March 2000 in hopes of winning the Stanley Cup. He finally got it when the Colorado Avalanche beat the New Jersey Devils in Game 7 on June 9.

Although Bourque's stint in Colorado lasted just 15 months, his No. 77 jersey will be retired and will hang from the rafters of Pepsi Center.

Bourque's jersey is the first to be retired in the six-year history of the Avalanche and the fifth in the history of the franchise, which originated as the Quebec Nordiques.

On Tuesday night, Bruins president Harry Sinden said that the team will also retire Bourque's number next season.

BASEBALL

JOHNSON CITY, Tenn. (AP) — Rick Ankiel, trying to regain his major league form, struck out 14 and walked none in six innings for the Johnson City Cardinals of the Appalachian League.

Ankiel, the wild left-hander who was sent down by the St. Louis Cardinals, allowed only two hits. He left with a two-run lead, but Johnson City lost 3-2 to Princeton.

Ankiel was plagued with wildness in last year's playoffs, and the problem carried over to this season. Many of his pitches sailed to the backstop, forcing the Cardinals to send him to the minors.

Before being demoted, Ankiel was 1-2 with a 7.13 ERA in six starts for St. Louis.

FOOTBALL

CASTLE ROCK, Colo. (AP) — A doctor knew he was providing diet pills for Denver Broncos linebacker Bill Romanowski when he wrote prescriptions for other people, Romanowski's lawyer told jurors.

Romanowski, 35, is accused of obtaining the appetite suppressant phentermine from prescriptions written for his wife, Julie, and a family friend during the 1998 season.

Defense lawyer Harvey Steinberg argued that Dr. Randall Snook knew the pills were for Romanowski and was trying to shield the athlete from attention.

Julie Romanowski is charged with eight counts of illegally obtaining diet pills and one count of conspiracy. Her trial is scheduled Aug. 14.

Snook pleaded guilty to providing the pills and was sentenced to 18 months' probation.

SOCCER

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) — Fresh concerns surfaced about holding the Americas Cup soccer tournament in war-torn Colombia following the abduction of a top soccer official and reported kidnap threats against star Argentine players.

The latest incidents follow a wave of urban bombings last month that prompted emergency consultations among top South American soccer officials. Police are accusing guerrillas in the abduction Monday of Hernan Mejia, 66, the first vice president of the Colombian Soccer Federation and an Americas Cup organizer.

Mejia was one of 20 people seized at a rural roadblock near the western city of Pereira. Officials are blaming the rebel Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia.

First Bank SW team wraps up perfect year

Bankers claim 9-10 tournament crown

PAMPA — First Bank Southwest won four straight games to claim the City Tournament championship this season at Optimist Park.

The Bank finished its 9-10 year-old league season with a combined record of 18-0.

In the first tournament game, the Bank defeated Lefors 21-5. John Luke Covalt, Hayden Skinner and Reid Bradley combined to pitch a no-hitter, giving

up nine walks and striking out nine. Heath Skinner led the Bank at the plate by going 4 for 4 with two inside-the-park home runs, a double and a single. He also scored four runs.

Brett Powell also scored four times on two singles and two walks.

Hayden Skinner scored three runs on a triple and two walks.

Cragar Swarb and Bryce Harrah also each had a hit for the Bank.

The second game saw the Bankers facing Dean's Pharmacy. The Bank came out on top by the score of 14-5. Brett Powell, Heath Skinner and John Luke Covalt pitched for the Bank, giving up three hits, walking eight and striking out seven. Brett Powell had the lone hit for the Bank to go with 20 walks. Madison Wilson, Mitchell Killgo and Nick Riley each had a hit for Dean's.

In the third game, the Bankers defeated Celanese 15-3 in three and a half innings. Brett Powell and Hayden Skinner each pitched two innings, giving up just one hit, while striking

out 10 and walking seven. Brett Powell and John Luke Covalt led the Bank at the plate by scoring three runs, and each getting one hit.

Hayden Skinner had a single and Reid Bradley a double to round out the hitting for the Bank.

Craig Conner had a double for Celanese.

The final game pitted the Bank against Operating Company.

The Bank scored seven runs in the top of the sixth inning to take a 13-6 win. Brett Powell pitched four strong innings, giving up two runs on just one hit, two walks and eight strikeouts. John Luke Covalt pitched one

inning, giving up four runs on two hits while walking three and striking out one. Heath Skinner pitched the sixth inning, giving up one hit while striking out two and not allowing a run.

Hayden Skinner, Brett Powell and John Luke Covalt each had three hits, including a double by Powell and a triple by Skinner. Heath Skinner had two hits, including a triple.

Jonathan Anguiano, Geraldo Domingues, Scott Langford and Robert Douglas each had a hit for the Operating Company.

Celanese was third in the tournament and Dean's Pharmacy fourth.

Red Cross scramble



Teams entered in the Gray County American Red Cross Golf Scramble are set to go at Hidden Hills. The scramble raised an estimated \$2,000 for the Red Cross. Next year's scramble will be held on April 20.

Pirates' manager steals base against Brewers

By The Associated Press

Lloyd McClendon didn't steal many bases during his playing days. Now, no base is safe from the Pittsburgh Pirates manager.

McClendon ran onto the field after Jason Kendall was called out at first on a close play in the seventh inning of a 7-6, 12-inning victory over the Milwaukee Brewers.

The Pirates manager briefly argued with first-base umpire Rick Reed, threw his cap toward second base, then yanked the first-base bag out of the ground in protest and carried it into the Pirates dugout.

"I told him he wasn't using it, so I thought I'd take it," said McClendon, who stole just 15 bases during an eight-year playing career.

From a creativity standpoint, you have to give him a 10," said Kevin Young, who had three hits and drove in three runs. "That's something you'll see on TV for years."

Said Brian Giles: "That was one of the great snaps of all time."

In other NL games, it was: Atlanta 4, Philadelphia 11 in 11 innings; Chicago 4, New York 2; Florida 3, Montreal 0; Cincinnati 10, St. Louis 9; San Diego 11, Colorado 3; Houston 10, Arizona 7; and Los Angeles 14, San Francisco 8.

McClendon, who was upset because Abraham Nunez and Kendall were called out on close plays at first a few innings apart, also was reacting to what he suggested was a lack of respect for his team by the umpires.

"It seems like they make calls nonchalant," McClendon said. "It's like it doesn't matter with us if they get the call right or wrong."

But the Pirates went on to steal a win from the Brewers.

Down to their last out and trailing by two, the Pirates rallied to tie it in the 11th on Aramis Ramirez's two-run homer. They won an inning later on Young's

leadoff double, a groundout and rookie Rob Mackowiak's RBI single off reliever Ray King (0-1).

Milwaukee had taken a 6-4 lead on consecutive homers three pitches apart by Tyler Houston and Devon White off Mike Williams, only to watch King surrender Ramirez's tying homer.

"We were coming off a three-game sweep of the Cubs, we come in with all this momentum and we lose two in a row. It's tough," said reliever Curtis Leskanic.

Omar Olivares (3-7) pitched a scoreless 12th for the victory. **Braves 4, Phillies 1, 11 innings**

Rico Brogna hit a go-ahead sacrifice fly in the 11th and surging Atlanta won its fifth straight.

Visiting Atlanta pulled within a half-game of the NL East-leading Phillies. The Braves are 15-8 in June and have gained 7 1/2 games on the slumping Phillies during the span.

The Braves have not lost since trading closer John Rocker last Friday.

Mike Remlinger (3-1) pitched a scoreless 10th for the win, and Jose Cabrera worked the 11th for his first save. Wayne Gomes (4-3) took the loss.

Cubs 4, Mets 2

Jon Lieber allowed two runs, and Gary Matthews Jr. sparked a seventh-inning rally with a two-run double as Chicago beat New York.

Robin Ventura hit a solo homer and Timo Perez had an RBI double, but it wasn't enough as the visiting Mets lost their sixth in a row and dropped to 11 games below .500, their worst mark since 1996.

Lieber (9-4) won his third straight start, and Tom Gordon struck out the side in the ninth for his 13th save.

Kevin Appier (4-8) lost his third straight start.

Marlins 3, Expos 0
Brad Penny pitched one-hit ball for eight innings, striking out a team-record 13 as Florida beat Montreal.

Rangers come up big in 11th inning

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — All-Star catcher Ivan Rodriguez has always been able to improvise.

On a play that looked like a pitchout to both managers, but wasn't, Rodriguez helped prevent a potential go-ahead run by Anaheim on Tuesday night. Rick Helling and two relievers blanked the Angels the rest of the way until the Texas Rangers used a seven-run 11th inning to beat them 8-1.

Garret Anderson led off the sixth with a double, then tagged up and took third on Tim Salmon's fly to center. Orlando Palmeiro got the sign to try a safety squeeze, but Helling's pitch was high and away and Anderson was trapped too far off third. Rodriguez tagged him out in the ensuing rundown.

"The pitchout was huge," Texas manager Jerry Narron said. "Give

Pudge all the credit. He called it on his own. That was the play of the game."

Angels manager Mike Scioscia said, "To say that was a big play is an understatement. They guessed right, but that's baseball."

Helling insisted it wasn't a pitchout, however.

"Pudge called for a breaking ball first, and I shook him off for a fastball," the right-hander explained. "Then when I came up to get set, he was set up way off the plate — and I just assumed that meant he wanted me to miss off the plate, if I missed anywhere."

"Then I think he saw Garret creeping down the line, because he popped up right away. And as soon as I saw him pop up, I just tried to throw it to his glove."

Another bunt did in the Angels

in the seventh. Texas first baseman Rafael Palmeiro caught rookie Larry Barnes' bunt in the air and flipped to second baseman Mike Young, who alertly covered first to retire Jorge Fabregas and complete the double play.

"That was a combination of a poor bunt and poor baserunning," Scioscia said. "We've been getting our bunts down, but tonight we couldn't execute at crucial times. And we paid the price."

Mark Lukasiewicz (1-2) was charged with all seven runs in the 11th after five scoreless innings by the Angels' bullpen.

"I don't think anybody likes to have an outing like that," the left-hander said. "I made some good pitches, but I couldn't get any breaks. Everything they hit found a hole."

Commission proposes limits on college sports

By GINA HOLLAND
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Colleges with low athlete graduation rates should be banned from postseason play, a commission said Tuesday in chiding universities for an emphasis on winning.

Player uniforms also would be stripped of corporate logos and a new coalition created to promote tougher academic standards under the plan by the Knight Foundation Commission on Intercollegiate Athletics.

"We're not in the entertainment business, nor are we a minor league for professional sports," said the Rev. Theodore Hesburgh, president emeritus of Notre Dame and commission co-chairman.

He said 34 percent of basketball players at the largest colleges finish school and the graduation rate is 48 percent

for football players.

"Your school is not worthy to be the champion of the country if you're not educating your kids," Hesburgh said.

The commission wants colleges to graduate at least half the students who play in each sport.

Teams with rates lower than that would be barred from conference championships and other postseason games.

NCAA President Cedric Dempsey said he had reservations about the threshold and that, instead, athletes should be required to maintain rates similar to those of other college students.

Dempsey said most of the other commission recommendations tracked ideas the NCAA had been considering or has endorsed, including a prohibition against college sports betting in Nevada.

Bryce Jordan, president emeritus of Penn State, said

college sports has gotten more commercial since 1989, when the commission was established to study reforms.

"In some institutions, you win at any cost," said Jordan, whose name is on the basketball arena at Penn State.

He said die-hard fans may be angry at new restrictions, but many others want changes.

The NCAA adopted some commission-proposed reforms in 1996. Hodding Carter III, president of the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation, a journalism

consortium that sponsors the commission, said despite those, "you have big money washing out good sense."

The commission proposed the establishment of a group to be called the Coalition of Presidents, which would work with the NCAA board of directors.

The commission also recommended a new distribution formula for television revenue from the men's NCAA Division I basketball tournament that does not take into account victories

and the establishment of a watchdog group to monitor the largest of college sports programs.

The commission considered, but did not propose, a prohibition against basketball players dropping out of college to join the NBA. The commission instead recommended that the NBA and NFL set up minor leagues.

The plan was released one day before the NBA draft. Several of the top prospects are high school graduates who opted to skip college.

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REASON YOU DON'T SEE MUCH LEFT-ARM BENDING AMONG MODERN TOUR PLAYERS IS THE DIFFICULTY OF ACHIEVING A CONSISTENT SWING PATH WHEN THE ARC CONTROLLING THE LEFT ARM "GIVES" GOING BACK. THEN MUST STRAIGHTEN THE SAME AMOUNT COMING DOWN.

BEST POLICY FOR MOST GOLFER'S IS A STRAIGHT-OUT-NOT-STIFF LEFT-ARM FROM THE TAKEAWAY WELL INTO THE FOLLOW-THROUGH.



BASIC TO ATTAINING IT ARE A RIM LEFT-HAND GRIP AND A ONE-PIECE MOVEMENT AWAY FROM THE BALL WITH ALL BODY PARTS WORKING IN UNISON.

Williams turns in another dominating performance

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) — Serena Williams turned in her second straight overwhelming performance, reaching Wimbledon's third round Wednesday by beating Barbara Rittner 6-4, 6-0 on the coolest day of the tournament.

After two days of unseasonably warm temperatures, the London weather returned to normal and so did the performance of Virginia Ruano Pascual. The world's 83rd-ranked player, who upset top-ranked Martina Hingis in the first round, lost to Lina Krasnoroutskaya 6-3, 7-6 (3).

Williams, seeded fifth, lost her serve in the opening game and was tied 3-3 after six games. Then she regained her stroke and won nine of the last 10 games over her German rival.

She was nearly as dominant as in her first victory, 6-1, 6-0 over Rita Kuti Kis of Hungary. Williams has lost only five of 29 games.

Rittner failed to get by the second round for the eighth time in 10 Wimbledon.

Krasnoroutskaya of Russia, just 17 but ranked 37th, took the last four tiebreaker points. Ruano Pascual's brief stay in the spotlight ended with her forehead service return into the net.

On Monday, Spain's Ruano Pascual ousted Hingis 6-4, 6-2 and declared her victory "unbelievable." Hingis announced she had tendinitis in her lower back.

Krasnoroutskaya began playing tennis at age 3 and was the world's top-ranked junior in 1999.

In another early match Wednesday, 28th-seeded Lisa Raymond of the United States beat Karen Cross of Britain 6-0, 6-1.

On the men's side, it's the same old story for Andre Agassi and Pat Rafter as they aim for another semifinal showdown. They just hope the ending changes.

If it does, Pete Sampras' amazing mastery of the All England Club's grass courts — seven titles in the last eight years — will have taken an odd bounce.

If it doesn't, Agassi and Rafter might not get another shot at the championship at their advanced tennis ages.

"There's a good chance it will be my last year" on the tour, Rafter, 28, said Tuesday. "I'm sort of pretty excited to have a bit of a life and see if I like it or not."

Agassi has no such plans, but he is 31.

"I don't know how my career's going to end or, really, when it's going to end," he said. "I can say that I hope it ends at the time when I just can't really do it anymore, can't win anymore."

He and Rafter, seeded second and third, still can win Wimbledon this year, but are in the same half of the draw and can't meet in the final. Their only chance to play top-seeded Sampras would be in the final, and he's won the last four Wimbledon.

"He's very tough to beat here," Agassi said, smiling at his huge understatement.

In Tuesday's first round, Agassi beat Peter Wessels of the Netherlands, 7-6 (1), 6-4, 6-4, and Rafter topped Daniel Vacek of the Czech Republic, 6-2, 7-6 (7), 6-3.

Sampras, 29, already made it to the second round by winning Monday.

The Wimbledon lives of Sampras, Agassi and Rafter have

been intertwined in a strange coincidence that brings them together when the tournament approaches its climax.

In 1999, Agassi beat Rafter in the semifinals only to lose to Sampras in the final. Last year, it was Rafter's turn to beat Agassi in the semis, but Sampras knocked off the Australian for the championship.

"I was nervous. I choked," Rafter said. "I think I now know that I have a good chance of winning. Last year gave me that little bit extra confidence."

He and Agassi joined an impressive list of Sampras' victims at Centre Court with the championship on the line: Boris Becker, Jim Courier, Goran Ivanisevic and Cedric Pioline.

In fact, starting with his 1993 trip to the title, Sampras is 54-1 at Wimbledon. His only loss came in the 1996 quarterfinals to Richard Krajicek, who went on to hoist the championship trophy.

The last champion before Sampras began his domination was Agassi, the 1992 winner over Ivanisevic. Even then, Sampras was on his way; he made it to the semifinals against Ivanisevic.

He's 60-5 at Wimbledon and was impressive in his opening match Monday.

"Pete seemed just to do everything that he needed to do," Agassi said. "What a shocker, huh?"

Tuesday's crowd of 41,320, the largest in Wimbledon's 115-year history, saw no surprises among the top players, certainly none like Monday's loss by top-seeded Martina Hingis.

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National League At A Glance

By The Associated Press

All Times EDT

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Tuesday's Sports Transactions

Table with columns: League, Player, Transaction.

Garces on the 15-day disabled list.

Recalled RHP Sun Woo Kim from Pawtucket of the International League.

CLEVELAND INDIANS—Activated 1B-OF W/ J. Cordero from the 15-day disabled list.

Optioned RHP David Riske to Buffalo of the International League.

KANSAS CITY ROYALS—Called up RHP Jeff Austin from Omaha of the PCL.

Optioned C Hector Ortiz to Omaha.

OAKLAND ATHLETICS—Recalled C Greg Myers from Sacramento of the PCL.

Placed 1B-OF Mario Valdez on the 60-day disabled list.

TEXAS RANGERS—Sold the contract of RHP Brian Sikorski to Chiba Lotte of the Japanese Pacific League.

TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Placed 2B Homer Bush on the 15-day disabled list.

Purchased the contract of RHP Brian Bowles from Syracuse of the International League.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

CHICAGO CUBS—Recalled OF Roosevelt Brown from Iowa of the PCL.

Optioned INF Julio Zuleta to Iowa.

HOUSTON ASTROS—Agreed to terms with OF Charlon Jamerson and LHP Russel Roflheck.

MILWAUKEE BREWERS—Activated RHP Paul Rigdon from the 15-day disabled list.

Optioned OF Alex Sanchez to Indianapolis of the International League.

MONTREAL EXPOS—Activated RHP Mike Thurman from the 15-day disabled list.

NEW YORK METS—Activated OF Jay Payton from the 15-day disabled list.

Assigned OF Alex Escobar to Norfolk of the International League.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

BOSTON CELTICS—Exercised their 2001-02 option on C Mark Blount.

PHILADELPHIA 76ERS—Acquired a second-round pick in the 2001 NBA draft, 37th overall, from the Los Angeles Clippers for cash.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

CHICAGO BEARS—Signed S Michael Dumas. Waived S Shawn Wooden.

CINCINNATI BENGALS—Waived OL Anthony Byrd.

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS—Agreed to terms with G Chris Napole on a two-year contract.

NEW YORK JETS—Signed RB Maurice Clark.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

ATLANTA THRASHERS—Named Tim Bothwell and Steve Weeks assistant coaches.

BUFFALO SABRES—Exercised their 2001-02 option on C Stu Barnes. Agreed to terms with D James Patrick on a one-year contract.

COLORADO AVALANCHE—Announced the retirement of J Bourque.

NEW YORK RANGERS—Signed G Scott Meyer.

VANCOUVER CANUCKS—Released G Bob Essensa.

Negative report on intercollegiate athletics barely causes a ripple

By JIM LITKE AP Sports Writer

Ten years ago, some dogooders peeked below the surface of big-time college sports and came up gasping for air. This year, at considerable cost, they did it again. Their conclusion: The stench is worse.

No kidding.

College sports has been a cesspool long enough that the release of a report Tuesday by the Knight Foundation Commission on Intercollegiate Athletics barely caused a ripple. The commission found the same skeletons — academic cheating, corruption and commercialization — only there were many more of them. The only headline-grabbing material boiled down to a few recommendations for reform:

Schools with graduation rates below 50 percent would be barred from conference championships and postseason play. No corporate logos on uniforms. Encourage the NBA and NFL to start their own minor leagues. Hold university presidents' feet to the fire of public and peer review.

No sooner had the commission wrapped up its news conference in Washington, D.C., than snickering about "pointy heads on the warpath" began in college athletic departments around the country. But don't bet who gets the last laugh — yet.

"If nothing happens within three months to a year," said Hodding Carter III, president and chief executive officer of the foundation, "then I

believe it won't be more than another piece of paper."

Some people would use the same phrase to describe the 1991 report the Knight Commission called a landmark. It turned out to be a landmark, all right. No sooner was it printed than every problem it mentioned got worse in what the new report calls "a financial arms race" that the original report did not see coming.

During the 1990s, the amount of money schools spent on facilities, staff and especially coaches soared like the Dow. More schools trying to break into the bigtime took greater risks. The number of arrests, scandals and investigations went up, up, up. Accountability went down. What made it more painful was that the central proposal in the 1991 report — that university presidents take control of the NCAA — was achieved soon after it came out.

The presidents weren't really ready for reform, at least not individually. Too many still schmoozed influential boosters, kowtowed to coaches or let themselves be bullied by athletic directors.

Carter said that's where this plan improves on the original. Instead of making any one president take a stance, it proposes a coalition of them announce a cease-fire in the arms race and begin enacting the reforms together. He said that coalition could be in place sooner than most people think, and more effective than anyone dares imagine.

"Besides there being strength in unity," Carter said, "the reality is if you decide to

hang together, it's less likely you'll hang at all."

Make no mistake. The Knight report concludes that if college sports can't live honorably within the universities, then the universities should get out of the entertainment business.

"We're proud of what the NCAA has done. It's a start. But at the end of the day, it's not sports organizations that have to change, but the larger institution in which they rest, and that's the university itself," Carter said.

"And who makes the choices for that university, names its values or acquiesces in their subversion?" he paused. "The presidents."

OK. So sometimes it does sound like pointy heads on the warpath.

But consider this example: The University of Arizona, a good school with great sports programs, had what athletic department officials called a banner fiscal year in 1999-00. The men's basketball team, a perennial national power, went to the NCAA tournament and brought in \$9.5 million. The football program went to a bowl and kicked in \$11.1 million. Those sums provided most of the \$28 million the athletic department took in and paid out to run all 18 Wildcats sports teams.

On Tuesday, department officials totaled up gifts to the sports programs this year, and juiced by a runner-up finish in the national championship basketball game, donors forked over another \$8 million. Read those numbers and it seems preposterous that cash-strapped university

presidents would ever just say no to bigtime sports. Except ...

Except Arizona's operating budget for the 1999-00 fiscal year was roughly \$1 billion. And all donations to the school over the same period totaled \$354 million. Looked at that way, the school's sports programs barely seem worth the trouble.

Of course, some people will

argue the school's image is so closely tied to the success of its teams that putting a price tag on sports is impossible.

Not Carter. He says the need to compete in bigtime sports is costing universities their souls and achieving little more than providing pro football and basketball with cheap talent and the TV networks with very profitable program-

ming.

"As a guy who picks up the sports page first, I love pro sports," he said, "just not in college."

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NBC to show Salt Lake Games on tape delay on West Coast

By HOWARD FENDRICH AP Sports Writer

When NBC aired the Sydney Olympics on tape with a significant delay, there was an easy explanation: Australia is 15 hours ahead of the East Coast.

Utah doesn't quite present the same time gap, yet 15-20 percent of the United States will have to wait to see what happens at the Salt Lake City Olympics in February.

Agreeing to a request by affiliates, NBC will broadcast the 2002 Winter Games on tape delay on the West Coast.

The typical main daily block of coverage of these Olympics — some live, some on tape — will air from 8-11:30 p.m. on the East Coast, which is 5-8:30 p.m. on the West Coast. In hopes of having more viewers in front of their TV sets in California, Washington, Oregon and Nevada, the network is going to broadcast each day's show from 7:30-11 p.m. there.

The affiliates and network had been discussing the tape option for the West Coast since January, mindful of the poor

ratings for last year's Sydney Olympics.

All events in Sydney (except one basketball game) were shown on tape, some delayed as long as 24 hours.

The prime-time average rating for 17 days of Sydney telecasts was 36 percent lower than in 1996 — and the worst for any Olympics since the 1960s. More significantly, ratings were well below what sponsors were promised, prompting NBC to run extra commercials.

The decision to turn to tape again was announced Monday, and was followed by criticism from NBC Sports chairman Dick Ebersol.

"I am emphatic that delaying our prime-time Salt Lake coverage is a mistake, which is exactly what I told the affiliate board when they first brought this issue to my attention earlier this year," he said in a statement. "We have each debated this issue passionately for months. I understand their position, but I simply don't agree with it."

It's a strikingly different position from the one taken by Ebersol before the Sydney Games, when he said: "If you

have hundreds of millions of dollars on the table — in the case of Sydney, \$705 million in rights fees and \$100 million in production costs — you have to put this on to reach the widest possible audience. You HAVE to."

As it is, a portion of NBC's coverage from Salt Lake City already was slated to be on tape. Plus, Ebersol's sports division has been known to show other events on tape, including Jennifer Capriati's victory at the French Open last month.

Affiliates, though, help pay for Olympic TV rights fees, which are \$545 million for Salt Lake as part of the \$3.5 billion going to the IOC for five Olympics through 2008. And they want to be able to attract more viewers with later starting times for telecasts.

"It's a mistake in his mind; I don't think it's a mistake in the viewer's mind," Jack Sander, executive VP of Belo Corp. and chair of the NBC affiliate board, said Tuesday. "I respect Dick Ebersol, but we've got to serve our communities and reach the people when they're available to be reached."

Major League relief pitchers must play beat the clock

NEW YORK (AP) — More relief pitchers could be making John Rocker-like sprints to the mound from bullpens.

The commissioner's office has issued a new edict, putting a two-minute limit on warm-up tosses when relievers come in during an inning.

"Another reason why baseball is shooting itself in the foot," New York Yankees manager Joe Torre said Tuesday.

Pitchers are limited to eight warm-up tosses at the start of an inning or when they relieve, with several exceptions: the

first inning, or if they replaced an injured pitcher or following a rain delay.

Starting June 18, umpires were told relievers had two minutes to get in their eight tosses when they relieved during an inning, with the clock starting when they stepped into fair territory.

At the start of an inning, the warm-up limit is 1:40, unless the game is on national television, in which case they get two minutes.

"The umpires have been instructed to tell the pitcher he's got one more pitch at that

moment," said Ralph Nelson, vice president of umpires in the commissioner's office. "The umpires have been given the discretion that if that pitcher's had one or two warm-up pitches at that time, to let him go longer."

On Tuesday night, Cleveland manager Charlie Manuel got into a discussion with plate umpire Jeff Nelson, who enforced the rule on Bob Wickman.

An inning later, Nelson cut short Rocker's tosses, prompting a conversation with catcher Einar Diaz.

"It's the first time it's been enforced on us," Manuel said.

Torre was annoyed because the rule affected Yankees reliever Jay Witasick on Monday night.

In his first appearance since New York acquired him from San Diego, Witasick relieved with a 6-2 lead in the sixth inning and let Cleveland tie the game, then got the win when pinch-hitter Tino Martinez homered.

Witasick, who reported to the Yankees shortly before game-time, got to the mound and was introduced to his new team-

mates by Derek Jeter. Torre spent some time talking to his new pitcher, and after three warm-up tosses, plate umpire Derryl Cousins told Witasick, "One more."

"The catcher had never caught me before," Witasick said. "We had things to discuss."

Nelson said the move to rush relievers was made as part of baseball's renewed effort to speed games. Thus far, the average time of a nine-inning game is 2:55 this season, down just two minutes from last year.

"I can see why they would

have something like that," Witasick said. "On the flip side, I probably would have liked to have thrown more warm-up pitches, especially for the first time on the field here."

Texas reliever Pat Mahomes found out about the new rule the hard way. Last week, he was stopped after just six warm-up pitches.

"I didn't even know they had put it in," he said. "The umpire goes, 'One more pitch.' Then the next day, the pitching coach told us about it. I don't see what the big deal is."

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Interactive television brings privacy concerns

■ A cable industry representative said Tuesday that a 1984 federal law puts their industry under more scrutiny. The law requires cable providers to tell viewers what information they're collecting and give consumers the chance to opt out.

By D. IAN HOPPER
AP Technology Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Privacy advocates warn that the gee-whiz technology behind the upcoming interactive television could also be used to invade your privacy.

Jeff Chester, executive director of the Center for Digital Democracy, said that Internet privacy pales in comparison to how much a television can gather about viewers.

"This is a device that people use regularly for seven to eight hours," Chester said. "This is not a PC, this is a piece of furniture. People rely on it."

Most television watchers haven't seen interactive television yet, but a host of companies are pushing to bring it to the living room. It could include Web access, video on demand, shopping and targeted advertising based on what's known about the viewer.

With those features come an unprecedented power to collect

customer data, from how often you use the remote control to which commercials you skip to how long you linger over an episode of "Baywatch."

Market research firm Carmel Group estimates that there will be 61.5 million interactive television users by the end of 2006.

A cable industry representative said Tuesday that a 1984 federal law puts their industry under more scrutiny. The law requires cable providers to tell viewers what information they're collecting and give consumers the chance to opt out.

"The fact that we've been dealing with that for the past 15 years actually gives us a heightened sensitivity and expertise to the issue," said Mark Smith of the National Cable and Telecommunications Association. "No other industry has been dealing with this stuff like we have."

The law doesn't cover satellite companies or devices like TiVo or Microsoft's UltimateTV, which use a phone line to con-

nect with a central network. Earlier this year, TiVo said that it collected detailed information about its subscribers, like when they pressed the volume buttons on their remotes, but has stopped the practice.

The Association for Interactive Media, which represents interactive TV companies, is trying to keep lawmakers from passing laws that require a viewer's permission first.

AIM spent \$18,000 to lobby Washington in 1999, according to the most recent available information from the Center for Responsive Politics. AIM's parent group, the Direct Marketing Association, spent \$360,000 in lobbying efforts that year and \$1 million the year before.

"We're trying to make sure that everyone knows that this group is working on this," AIM's executive director Ben Isaacson said. "We want to give self-regulation as much of an opportunity as possible."

NCTA hasn't yet taken a position yet on whether viewers should have to volunteer to be tracked or have to opt out of tracking.

The report identifies the top players in the burgeoning industry, including AT&T, Microsoft and Scientific Atlanta, which makes digital cable boxes.

One of those companies, ACTV, has software that will let advertisers target consumers after learning everything it can about them.

The company's statement to the Securities and Exchange Commission reads, "We collect and store personal information from users of our One To One TV and HyperTV applications and plan to use such information to develop our businesses and generate revenues."

"Their vision for it is that anything is for sale," Chester said of the interactive companies. "These are unconscionable practices."

An ACTV spokeswoman said company executives would not be available to comment for this story.

Chester said he is aware that there have been few successes in pushing for Internet privacy laws but that Congress isn't

aware of how powerful their televisions will become.

"It's clearly an uphill battle here in imposing meaningful safeguards," he said. "But the problem is simply getting out of hand. Today it's the PC, tomorrow it's the TV, and next it'll probably be the toaster reporting back about you."

On the Net:
Association for Interactive Media: <http://www.interactivehq.org>
Center for Digital Democracy: <http://www.democraticmedia.org/>
WatchPoint Media: <http://www.watchpoint-media.com>

Sharon, Bush disagree over violence

WASHINGTON (AP) —

Disagreements over key issues marked the second meeting in three months between President Bush and Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, just before Secretary of State Colin Powell left for the Middle East to try to shore up a shaky cease-fire.

Israelis expected the Bush-Sharon meeting Tuesday to underline U.S. backing for Israel's stand in a bloody, nine-month-long conflict with the Palestinians. Bush has yet to invite Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat to the White House.

However, differences over the extent to which Mideast violence can be controlled and a demand by an international commission for a halt to construction in the settlements marred the display of unity.

Bush pressed Sharon to move ahead with peace moves, but Sharon insisted that there must be a "total cessation of violence" before subsequent phases of the commission plan could begin. The commission, headed by former Sen. George Mitchell, called for a cease-fire, a cooling-off period, confidence-building measures and finally, resumption of peace negotiations.

A cease-fire negotiated by CIA director George Tenet formally took effect two weeks ago, but as far as Sharon is concerned, it has not begun because Palestinian violence continues. The Israelis say there have been dozens of gunfire and bombing attacks during the period.

The Palestinians charge that Israel is to blame for the ongoing conflict, because Israel has not removed roadblocks and travel restrictions in the West Bank and Gaza and is thereby crippling the Palestinian economy.

Also, the Palestinians are furious over attacks by settlers, who themselves are frequent targets of Palestinian gunmen. The Palestinians charge that the settlers are acting with the approval of the Israeli military when they enter villages, damage property and attack people in reprisal raids.

Spelling out his demands for the first time, Sharon said there had to be 10 days of total calm even before the cooling-off period could begin, and that must last at least six weeks. If there were no acts of violence, a period of three to four months of confidence-building measures would follow, he said.

The settlements issue is part of the confidence-building phase. Mitchell's report calls for a total freeze in construction, but in his talk with Bush, Sharon said he explained why that is impossible. In an interview late Tuesday, Sharon said the day-to-day needs of the settlers must be met. Also, he said, he ruled out a freeze "so that the Palestinians won't think that we are predetermining the fate of the settlements." He said the issue must be discussed in peace talks.

Sharon told Israel's army radio that the "different stand" on settlements by the U.S. government "does not hurt relations between the countries." To the contrary, it said it was good to get the issue squarely on the table. "Everything is clear and understood," he said. "I think it's very important because relations are built on trust and in my opinion this is most important thing between countries."

About 200,000 Israelis live in 144 settlements in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. The Palestinians, calling them illegal encroachment on their land, demand that all of them be removed. The United States has labeled the settlements obstacles to peace.

Top O' Texas Rodeo pageant



(Community Camera photo)

(Left-right) Admiring a tiara included in the Miss Rodeo Top O' Texas Teen pageant prize package are Miss Rodeo Top O' Texas Teen contestant Marissa Payton of Borger and Neil and Mary Fulton of Bob Clements, Inc. Bob Clements, Inc., is sponsoring the Miss Rodeo Top O' Texas tiara this year. Advance rodeo tickets are available from any of the pageant contestants as well as Luncheon and Style Show tickets.

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Agreement reached on AIDS declaration at U.N. conference

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Delegates at a U.N. AIDS conference headed into the final day of a historic global gathering with an agreement on a plan to fight HIV and AIDS for years to come. Weeks of wrangling ended late Tuesday when Western nations agreed to drop language specifically naming groups vulnerable to the disease — including gays and prostitutes — because it was offensive to some Muslim nations. As diplomats wrapped up negotiations in New York, a key U.S. congressional committee in Washington agreed to add more than \$1.3 billion into the global campaign to halt the killer disease. The agreement between Republicans and Democrats on the House International Relations Committee, expected to be approved by the full panel Wednesday, was the first indication of the U.S. financial commitment to the war against AIDS.

Macedonia shakes with riots after U.S. troops escort Albanian fighters

SKOPJE, Macedonia (AP) — Macedonia's president said the Balkan country could have been brought to civil war through rioting triggered by the U.S.-assisted NATO evacuation of ethnic Albanian rebels. President Boris Trajkovski's comment came a day after a convoy of about 20 U.S.-contracted buses, protected by 81 U.S. troops and armed Humvees, transported ethnic Albanian fighters and civilians from a suburb of Macedonia's capital to a mostly ethnic Albanian village to the north. The move sparked rioting and shooting in the capital, Skopje, by thousands of Macedonian Slavs who demanded harsher action against the rebels and an end to outside intervention. In Washington, Bush administration officials said the decision to use American troops to protect the convoy did not indicate a widening U.S. involvement. A Pentagon spokesman, Rear Adm. Craig Quigley, said no shots were fired at the convoy and its evacuation of the rebels defused what he called a dangerous situation.

Former Yugoslav leader Milosevic to hear extradition order

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) — Yugoslavia intensified efforts to extradite Slobodan Milosevic on Wednesday, with a Belgrade judge heading to prison to read him the extradition order that would send him to the U.N. war crimes tribunal for trial, Milosevic's attorney said. If extradited, Milosevic would be the first former head of state to face a war crimes trial in front of the tribunal established in 1992 in The Hague, Netherlands. The extradition order and international war crimes indictment were to be read to Milosevic in the presence of his defense team at the Central Prison in the Yugoslav capital, Belgrade, said Veselin Cerovic, one of Milosevic's attorneys. Milosevic then will have the opportunity to respond, Cerovic said. Milosevic has been in prison since April 1 while allegations of

abuse of power and corruption are investigated. He is sought by the U.N. tribunal based in The Hague, Netherlands, for alleged involvement in atrocities committed in Kosovo during the crackdown on the province's ethnic Albanian population. The crackdown ended two years ago, after NATO's 78-day bombing campaign.

Peru's captured spy-master offers secret video-tapes

LIMA, Peru (AP) — Vladimiro Montesinos, Peru's ex-spy chief who was rooted out from a Venezuelan hide-out, offered to turn over some 30,000 potentially explosive videos to judges in exchange for favorable treatment, his lawyer confirmed Wednesday. Montesinos, who has made a desperate bid to avoid transfer to Lima's maximum-security naval prison, made the comment casually Monday as he was introduced to the six anti-corruption judges who will sort out many charges against him, said Patricia Hurtado, his court-appointed lawyer. Peru Monitor, a Lima-based English-language monthly newsletter, reported Wednesday that Montesinos — in handcuffs and wearing a bulletproof vest — said to anti-corruption Judge Magaly Basones, "Do you want to see more videos? I've got 30,000."

Rumsfeld to propose cutting B-1 bomber force by one-third

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a break with its Cold War past, the Pentagon is proposing cuts in the Air Force's fleet of B-1B Lancers, the sleek bomber originally built to penetrate Soviet air defenses in the event of nuclear war. Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld included the cost-saving step in the administration's amended 2002 defense budget, which is to be submitted Wednesday to Congress. Two senior defense officials discussed the B-1B decision Tuesday on condition of anonymity after word leaked to members of Congress whose states and districts would be affected by the cuts. The defense officials portrayed Rumsfeld's decision as an effort to seek greater efficiencies in a military that is still struggling to make the transition from Cold War roles and missions.

Former Philippines president arraigned on criminal charge

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — Joseph Estrada on Wednesday became the first former Philippine president to be arraigned on criminal charges, with thousands of riot police on alert to head off possible unrest. In the latest episode in a political drama surrounding the downfall of the once-immensely popular leader, he refused to enter a plea to the perjury charge. The court entered a plea of innocence for Estrada. Estrada, ousted from office in January by mass protests, is accused of misdeclaring his assets in 1999. He also is to be arraigned in two weeks for the capital offense of plunder for allegedly taking millions of dollars in kickbacks and payoffs during 31 months in office.

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