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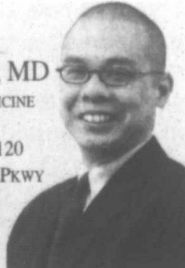
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Recharge of Ogallala Aquifer being studied in area

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

WHITE DEER -- There's been a lot of talk over the past decade about how much water is being pumped from the Ogallala Aquifer, but the Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District wants to know how much is going back into the huge underground water formation that stretches from Texas to the Dakotas.

The water district recently funded a study that looked at recharge of the aquifer in their corner of the world. They're about to launch another

study that will focus more closely on two counties and what can be done to improve recharge. Both studies are being done by the Bureau of Economic Geology at the University of Texas.

Officially known as the Reconnaissance Study of Groundwater Recharge in the Central High Plains of Texas, the first study investigated the differing land use in the district.

The results were not pretty, said C.E. Williams, general manager of the Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District.

He described the recharge of water into the aquifer as withdrawing dollars and putting in pennies.

Ten locations were drilled in six counties -- Gray, Armstrong, Donley, Hemphill, Roberts and Wheeler -- to look at recharge on dryland farms, on irrigated farms and on pastureland.

While previous studies have focused on the broad flat plains with their playa lakes, these studies are focusing on the more rugged land off the Caprock.

"The interesting thing to me was at first flush I would have figured

that probably the pasture ground was some of your better recharge area," Williams said. "It's not. It's just the opposite. Your dryland farming is the best."

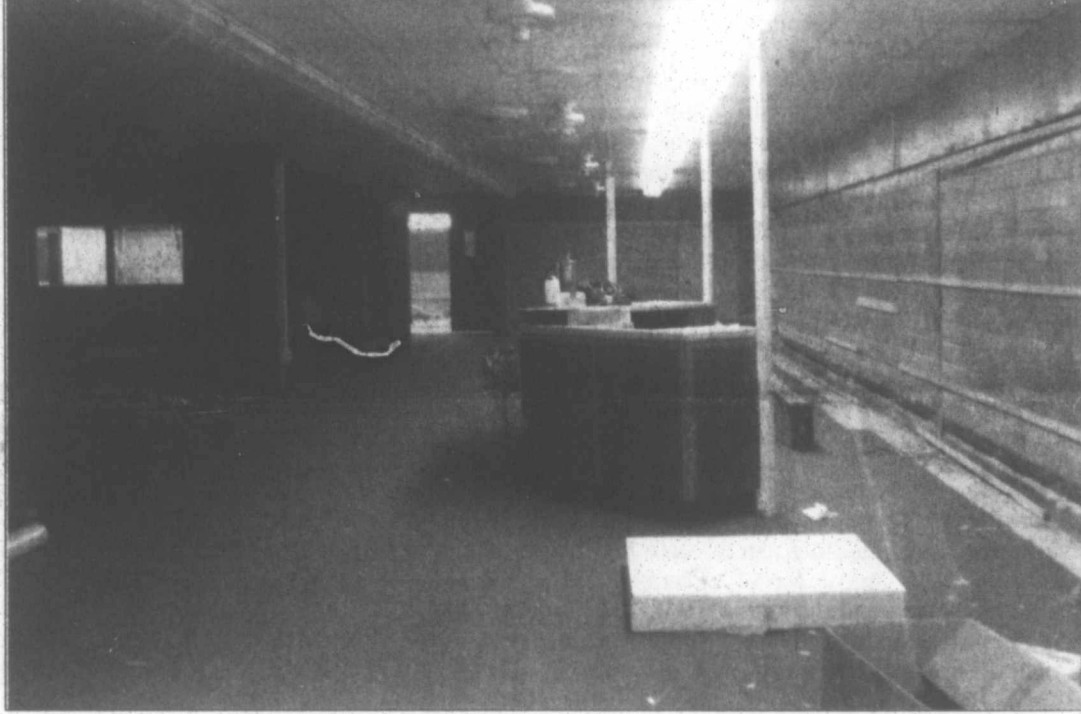
After some consideration, Williams said the conclusion is perfectly logical.

"You've got a number of months of year that dryland farmland is left fallow," Williams says. "It's plowed and lets the water infiltrate good."

Pastureland has grass year around that uses the rain before it can sink

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High school renovations



Pampa News Photo by KERRI SMITH

Renovations have begun at Pampa High School thanks to the passing of the bond election last year. The old library has been gutted and new construction will begin soon so next year's students will have a brand new library.

Suit against Cano dismissed in court

By KERRI SMITH
Staff Writer

Cano Petroleum, an independent Texas-based energy producer with properties in the mid-continent region of the United States, announced late last week that the 100th District Court in Carson County entered final judgment dismissing claims brought against them and some of their subsidiaries regarding the wildfires in the Texas Panhandle in March 2006.

Burnett Ranches, Ltd., Anne Burnett Windfohr Marion and the Burnett Trust, owners of the 6666 Ranch, filed a suit 11 days after the fire claiming that electrical lines feeding oil and gas operations of W.O.

Operating Co. caused the Borger fire, which the plaintiffs claimed burned more than 475,000 acres beginning on March 12, 2006.

The court found that the company and its subsidiaries were not negligent and also dismissed claims that sought to terminate oil and gas leases held by Marion and Texas Christian University. The plaintiffs can appeal this judgment.

Jeff Johnson, CEO of Cano Petroleum, said the court's ruling and dismissal of the case confirms their belief that this suit and other related suits have no merit.

There are seven other

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City to discuss joint elections administrator post

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

The creation of a joint elections administrator position, police pay, budget transfers and the sale of tax delinquent property will highlight the Pampa City Commission meeting Tuesday afternoon.

The commission will consider joining with Gray County, Pampa Independent School District, McLean, McLean Independent

School District, Lefors and Lefors Independent School District to create a joint elections administrator position during their meeting this week. Of the \$51,770.46 total budget for the position, Pampa's share will be \$10,354.09.

The city commission will also consider adopting an amendment to the police department's compensation plan and salary adjustments.

The estimated cost will be \$20,000 to \$25,000.

They will also consider an amendment to the budget of Hidden Hills Golf Course, raising the current contract amount \$8,000 from \$169,983 to \$177,983 to supplement staff salary due to the loss of housing by the city.

The commission will consider awarding a bid to EnviroSolve in the

amount of \$14,135 for the 2007 Household Hazardous Waste event.

The city commission will consider bids for tax delinquent properties. William Shelton bid \$1,500 for 928 S. Sumner, \$5,200 for 608 N. Sumner and \$4,600 for 709 N. Dwight. Jeremy Nicholas bid \$4,500 for 1044 and 1036 S. Hobart. Dennis and Jackie Stell bid \$2,800 for 1001

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Miami ISD revises dress code for students

By KERRI SMITH
Staff Writer

A revised dress code for the Miami Independent School District was approved by board members at their last meeting and will go into effect for the 2007-2008 school year. This new dress code will apply to all grades PreK through 12th grade.

All shirts must have sleeves and be the appropriate size and fit and must be able to be tucked into pants. Shirts, sold by a school organization, with the school logo may be worn along with shirts that have a three inch clothing brand insignia.

Pants, jeans or capris must be worn at the waist at all times, must be the appropriate size and fit and must not be baggy. For PreK - 5th grade, pants may have holes and/or patches in the knees and below. The upper grades are not allowed to wear pants with any type of hole or patch.

Shorts and skirts must be knee length or longer.

Hooded sweatshirts, hoodies, with or without pouches are not allowed in classrooms. They must be kept in the student's locker when not being worn to and from school. No logos, pictures or writing are

allowed on any sweatshirt or hoodie.

Footwear must be worn at all times and rubber flip flops and house shoes are not allowed.

Hair should be clean and well groomed and must not obstruct vision. For males, hair can not touch the bottom of the collar or the bottom of the ear. Beards, mustaches and goatees are not permitted and sideburns cannot be longer than the bottom of the ear lobe.

Headgear, revealing clothing, sunglasses and heavy chains are not allowed in any part of the school or at any school activity.

Backpacks must remain in the student's locker. No jewelry or adornment can be worn in any exposed pierced body part except the ear. Studded and spiked bracelets, chains, wallet chains or long objects hanging around the neck are not allowed. Long coats and jackets must be left in the locker.

Board members said this new revised dress code is mandatory and any students who are not following these rules will be given disciplinary consequences.

NEXT DAY FORECAST

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| Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday |
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| Partly cloudy | Partly cloudy | Mostly cloudy |

Tuesday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1p.m. Partly cloudy, with a high near 84. South wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Tuesday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 65. Southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph becoming calm.

Wednesday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high near 82. Calm wind becoming north between 5 and 10 mph.

Wednesday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 66. North northeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Thursday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 79. North northeast wind around 10 mph.

Thursday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 64. Northeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

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Court limits student speech in 'bong hits'

By MARK SHERMAN
 Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court tightened limits on student speech Monday, ruling against a high school student and his 14-foot-long "Bong Hits 4 Jesus" banner.

Schools may prohibit student expression that can be interpreted as advocating drug use, Chief Justice John Roberts wrote for the court in a 5-4 ruling.

Joseph Frederick unfurled his homemade sign on a winter morning in 2002, as the Olympic torch made its way through Juneau, Alaska, en route to the Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City.

Frederick said the banner was a nonsensical message that he first saw on a snowboard. He intended the banner to proclaim his right to say anything at all.

His principal, Deborah Morse, said the phrase was a pro-drug message that had no place at a school-sanctioned event. Frederick denied that he was advocating for drug use.

"The message on Frederick's banner is cryptic," Roberts said. "But Principal Morse thought the banner would be interpreted by those viewing it as promoting illegal drug use, and that interpretation is plainly a reasonable one."

Morse suspended the student, prompting a federal civil rights lawsuit.

Students in public schools don't have the same rights as adults, but neither do they leave their constitutional protections at the schoolhouse gate, as the court said in a landmark speech-rights ruling from the Vietnam era.

Obituaries

Services tomorrow

FROST, Louise Miller — 10 a.m. in Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel.

Louise Miller Frost, 82

Louise Miller Frost, 82, died Sunday, June 24, 2007, in Pampa.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, June 26, 2007, in Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel with Rev. Leland Lewis, pastor of the First Assembly of God, officiating.

Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery.

Mrs. Frost was born on Feb. 16, 1925, in Navarro, Texas, and she came to Pampa in 1930. She married

G. N. "Jack" Frost on April 8, 1946, at the family home west of Lefors. He preceded her in death on Jan. 29, 2000. She was a member of the First Assembly of God. She was an accomplished homemaker, seamstress, and artist.

Survivors include one daughter, LaWanda Ewing of Fort Worth; two

sons, Gary Frost of McLean and Tim Frost of Fort Worth; three grandchildren, Mark Webster and Lindsey Ewing, both of Fort Worth, and Will Garrett Frost of McLean; and three great-grandchildren, Madalynn Webster, Trenton Waldo, and Chloe Webster, all of Fort Worth. She was preceded



Frost

Henry Lee Moynihan, 50

MIAMI — Henry Lee Moynihan, 50 died Friday, June 22, 2007, in Amarillo.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Moynihan was born Nov. 8, 1956, in Houston, Missouri. He graduated from Casper High School in Casper, Wyoming. He was a member of the Civil Air Patrol there. He moved to Miami in 1976 where he became part owner of Granny's Place Café. Much of his time was dedicated to serving the community that he loved.

He was one of the founders of the Miami Volunteer EMS, and he volunteered as an EMT instructor for many years. He was a member of the Miami Volunteer Fire Department and the First Baptist Church of Miami.

He was blessed with a beautiful voice and often sang specials and wife Alta, all of Licking, Mo; Joe Huff and Danny Huff and wife Alice, all of Miami; three sisters, Ellen



Moynihan

Novella Hillman Keahey, 82

WHITE DEER — Novella Hillman Keahey, 82, died Sunday, June 24, 2007, in Pampa, Texas.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Keahey was born July 8, 1924, in Roll, Oklahoma. She attended Crawford, Oklahoma, schools. She married Altus Keahey on December 20, 1939 in Crawford. He pre-

ceded her in death in 2007.

She was a homemaker and enjoyed sewing and embroidery work. She was a babysitter for numerous children in White Deer for many years. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of White Deer.



Keahey

Survivors include one daughter, LaQueta Jamieson & husband Jim of Killingsworth, Connecticut; two sons, Larry Altus Keahey & wife Ruby of Medicine Lodge, Kansas, and James Earl Keahey of Guymon, Oklahoma; one brother, Glen

Hillman of White Deer; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a son, Dewayne Keahey in 1942.

MEMORIALS: First Baptist Church Building Fund, 411 S. Omohundro, White Deer, Texas 79097. Sign the on-line register at www.carmichael-whitley.com

Orville W. Terry, 90

Orville W. Terry, 90, died Monday, June 25, 2007, in Amarillo.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Terry was born Oct. 26, 1916, in Beckham County, Oklahoma. He married Verna East on Feb. 9, 1933. She preceded him in death in July of 1945. He later married Mary Eldridge in December of 1945, and she preceded him in death in

August of 1968.

He had been a resident of Pampa since 1948. He worked for Cabot Corp. for 4 years. He worked for Ideal Laundry for 12 years and then worked as a local car salesman, retiring in 1984. He attended Fellowship Baptist Church.



Terry

Survivors include two sons, Clarence Terry and Bill Terry, both of Pampa; one daughter, Jean Grantham of Okema, Okla.; one stepdaughter, LaVonda Brinkley of Eric, Okla.; 23 grandchildren and many great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a daughter

Joella Terry-Day in 1999; and a stepdaughter Bobbie Jean Corbit in 2005.

MEMORIALS: Fellowship Baptist Church, 622 E. Francis, Pampa, Texas 79065.

SPECIAL NOTICE: The family will receive friends at 601 Red Deer in Pampa. Sign the on-line register at www.carmichael-whitley.com

Emergency Services

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 72-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Friday, June 22

Seven traffic stops were made. A traffic complaint was received from an unreported location.

Animal control officers made stops concerning animals in the 2000 block of North Hobart, on three occasions in the 1300 block of Duncan, the 1000 block of Darby, the 800 block of South Sumner, the 800 block of South Hobart, the 1500 block of Duncan, the 1000 block of Jordan and the 1000 block of Duncan.

A welfare check was made in the 400 block of East Kingsmill.

Civil matters were reported in the police department lobby and on two occasions in the 800 block of North Nelson, where an arrest was made in connection with the incident.

Suspicious person calls were received from the 800 block of Duncan, the 200 block of West Craven and the 600 block of South Gray, where an arrest was made in connection with the incident.

A suspicious vehicle call was received from the 2800 block of Charles.

A silent/abusive 911 call was received from the 700 block of North Dwight.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 400 block of East Brown, where an arrest was made in connection with the incident.

A threat was reported in the 2400 block of Comanche.

A narcotics violation was reported in the 2800 block of Charles.

An arrest was made in connection

with an escort on Highway 60 West. Domestic disturbances were reported at the intersection of Kentucky and Sumner streets and the 1200 block of North Hobart.

Theft was reported in the 1400 block of North Hobart, the 600 block of East Frederic and on two occasions in the police department lobby.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 1400 block of North Hobart, the 600 block of North Russell and the 800 block of North Hobart.

Burglary was reported in the 700 block of East Scott.

Saturday, June 23

Eleven traffic stops were made, resulting in at least two arrests.

A traffic complaint was received from the intersection of Hobart and Kentucky streets.

A vehicle accident was reported at the intersection of Crane and Hobart streets.

Animal control officers made stops concerning animals in the 300 block of Sunset, on two occasions in the 300 block of Miami, on two occasions in the 300 block of Tignor, the 900 block of South Gray, the 400 block of South Starkweather, the 900 block of Jordan, on two occasions in the 400 block of North Wells, the 1300 block of East Frederic, the 700 block of Bradley Drive, the 600 block of Hazel, the 1100 block of Neel Road, the 1100 block of Willow and the intersection of Miami and Beryl streets.

Agency assistance was rendered in the 12100 block of East Frederic and the 1300 block of North Hobart.

Two attempts to serve papers were made.

A missing person was reported in the

800 block of West 25th. Found property was reported in the 200 block of South Frost.

A welfare check was made in the 1600 block of North Hobart.

Warrant service was attempted on one occasion and resulted in at least one arrest.

Suspicious person calls were received from the 500 block of Yeager, the 1200 block of North Hobart, the 1600 block of North Hobart and the 800 block of West Foster, where an arrest was made in connection with the incident.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 2800 block of Charles.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 300 block of East Frederic and the police department lobby.

Silent/abusive 911 call was received from the 1000 block of Clark and the 1100 block of Cinderella.

A threat was reported in the 800 block of Municipal Drive.

Telephone harassment was reported in the 2000 block of Williston.

Harassment was reported in the 600 block of West Francis.

One alarm was reported.

Theft was reported in the 700 block of Magnolia and on two occasions in the police department lobby.

Sunday, June 24

One traffic stop was made. A traffic complaint was received from the 2100 block of Williston.

Motorist assistance was rendered at the intersection of Wilks and Farley streets.

A vehicle accident was reported in

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Prisoner receiving medical attention kills officer with lawman's gun

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A prison inmate getting medical treatment at the University of Utah stole a gun from a corrections offi-

cer today and fatally shot him, authorities said. The inmate fled on foot, carjacked a Ford Explorer and went into an Arby's

where he shot and wounded at least one person, police said. He was captured in the restaurant. No shots were fired in his capture.

The prisoner was in an examination room at the campus orthopedic center, university Police Chief Scott Folsom said.

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Farley and \$5,400 for 305 Roberts. Stanley Gray bid \$251 for 525 N. Christy and \$161 for 525 N. Warren. Juan and Rosemary Cadena bid \$400 for 318 Doyle. John and Sherry Worthington bid \$500 for 514 S. Barnes.

The commission will also discuss elderly and disabled property tax ceiling, a public improvement district, a new fire contract and landfill scales during a work session.

Aquifer

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well into the ground past the root zone.

"Come an inch of rain," Williams says, "it sucks all the rain all before it gets an opportunity to migrate on down."

The study indicated that the natural recharge on rangeland is 0.15 inches per year. For dryland fields, it's 0.94.

The study so far has shown that irrigated farmland varies as to recharge.

"You have to take into account how much irriga-

tion water has been put on it," Williams said.

Ground beneath an irrigated field probably has more recharge, but a lot of that is because of the amount of water that's put on it.

Williams says researchers have to subtract the amount of irrigated water that has been put on the field in order to get a better idea of the amount of recharge that falls naturally. "There's more recharge there," he said, "but you're applying a lot of that water."

The study is designed to project natural recharge.

Unfortunately, Williams

said, in all cases it was a matter of pumping out feet of water and putting back inches.

The second project, most of which is being funded by the Texas Water Development Board, will be much more detailed, Williams said, and much more focused in Roberts and Hemphill counties.

It will look at stock tanks and water impoundments to see if recharge is higher in those locations.

"The overall goal is to figure out, number one, can we do enhanced recharge and, number two, if so, where's the best place," Williams says.

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the 1400 block of North Hobart.

Animal control officers made stops concerning animals in the 300 block of Canadian, the 1400 block of Williston, the intersection of 17th and Hamilton streets, the 2200 block of Mary Ellen, the 500 block of North Wells, the 300 block of Tignor, the 300 block of Anne, the 700 block of Deane Drive, the 500 block of North Zimmers, the 1400 block of North Sumner, the 2800 block of Charles, the 2200 block of Williston and the 1000 block of South Barnes.

A missing person was reported in the 300 block of Sunset.

A runaway was reported in the police department lobby.

Found property was reported in the 600 block of North Frost.

Agency assistance was rendered in the 200 block of North Russell.

A civil matter was reported in the 2000 block of Coffee.

Violation of a city ordinance was reported in the 1600 block of East Highway 60 and the 300 block of Sunset.

Suspicious person calls were received from the 700 block of North Dwight, the 1800 block of Alcock and the 1600 block of North Hobart.

A suspicious vehicle call was received from the 500 block of Carr.

A prowler was reported in the 800 block of North Wells.

Silent/abusive 911 calls were received from the 500 block of Montagu and the 800 block of Murphy.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 400 block of Red Deer.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 700 block of East Frederic.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 400 block of Powell.

Domestic disturbances were reported in the 800 block of North Nelson, the intersection of Foster and Russell streets, the 1000 block of South Faulkner and the 300 block of North Christy, where an arrest was made in connection with the incident.

Assault was reported in the 1000 block of North Dwight and the 1300 block of North Hobart.

Three alarms were reported.

Theft was reported in the police department lobby and the 1300 block of North Hobart.

Burglary was reported in the 1600 block of North Christy.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 300 block of Sunset.

Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle was reported in the 300 block of West Thut.

Monday, June 23

One traffic stop was made.

Animal control officers made a stop concerning an animal in the 800 block of East Foster.

A suspicious person call was received from the intersection of Barnes and Frederic streets.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1000 block of Neel Road.

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests today.

Sunday, June 24

David Salazar Gracia, 49, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for theft by check and theft of services over \$1,500 and under \$25,000.

Onghel Kwame Roland, 29, of Pampa was arrested in the 300 block of North Christy by Pampa Police Department for unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon and possession of less than two ounces of marijuana.

Brandon Lee Dorman, 17, of Lefors was arrested by GCSO for public intoxication, minor in consumption of alcohol and minor in possession of tobacco.

Robert Matt Fowler, 44, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for driving while license is suspended or revoked and driving while intoxicated, third or more offense.

Pampa Police Department reported the following accidents today.

Thursday, June 21

10:20 p.m. — A 2000 Chevrolet Impala, driven by Kenneth Jack Addington, 46, of 1344 Terrace collided with a parked 1995 Toyota 4-Runner, owned by William Mann of 515 N. Frost, in the 500 block of North Frost. No injuries were reported. Addington was cited for driving while intoxicated and leaving the scene of an accident.

Saturday, June 23

12:35 p.m. — A 2001 Ford Taurus, driven by Christopher Alan Wood, 15, of 1830 N. Nelson and a 2006 GMC Yukon, driven by Rebecca Lucille Fulton, 34, of 1608 N. Christy collided in the intersection of Crane Road and Hobart Street. Wood and Fulton were taken to Pampa Regional Medical Center by Guardian EMS Ambulance with possible injuries. Wood was cited

for no driver's license, failure to yield right of way at a stop sign, no seat belt and no insurance.

Guardian EMS reported the following calls for the weekend period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, June 23

7:29 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of Finley. No transport.

11:43 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the intersection of Randy Matson and Williston and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

12:29 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2300 block of Evergreen and transported a patient to PRMC.

2:59 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2800 block of Charles. No transport.

5:31 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to North County Road 4 and transported a patient to PRMC.

Sunday, June 24

6:13 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of Browning and transported a patient to PRMC.

8:18 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to a private residence.

9:10 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 300 block of Miami. No transport.

Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls during the weekend period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, June 23

7:37 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1200 block of South Finley on a lifting assist.

10:01 a.m. — Three units and six personnel responded to the 2800 block of Charles for a public safety program.

12:30 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 2300 block of Evergreen on a medical assist.

12:43 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the intersection of Hobart and 25th on a vehicle accident.

6:36 p.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to the 2200 block of Hamilton on a Dumpster fire.

Sunday, June 24

8:37 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1500 block of West Kentucky on a medical assist.

6:51 p.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to the 500 block of Roberta on a gas leak.

Suit

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suits with similar claims that are still pending. Johnson said his company and its subsidiaries intend to vigorously defend themselves in all of those cases.

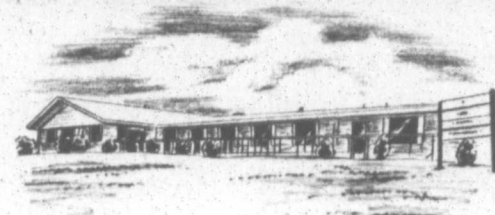
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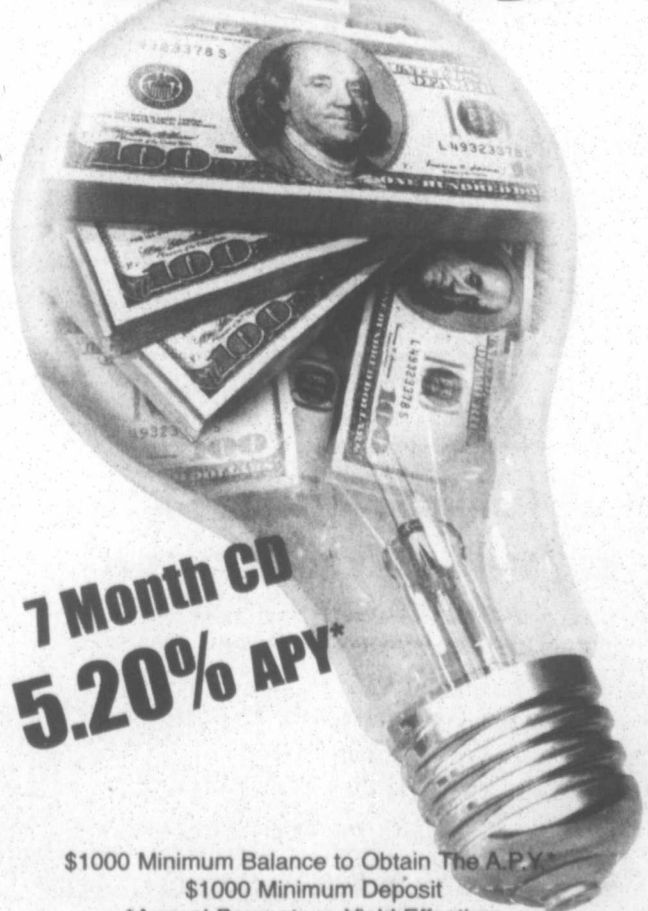
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Viewpoints

Anti-oil activity in Washington rises due to high gasoline prices

Rising gasoline prices and the global-warming issue have sparked a flurry of anti-oil activity in Washington.

Members of Congress have introduced bills that would make gas gouging a criminal offense, allows the Department of Justice to bring anti-trust suits against the member of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, seeks the breakup of the major integrated oil companies, establishes a carbon tax, implements a windfall profit tax, and on and on.

Another proposal that has the attention of Rep. John Dingell (D-Mich.), chairman of the Energy and Commerce Committee, involves a complicated system involving trading of carbon credits from industries that produce carbon-based emissions. The system is called cap and trade.

Generally, the federal government would set an overall limit on

the level of carbon dioxide emissions, and allow regulated companies — such as oil and natural gas — to trade rights to those emissions. Firms that reduced their emission could sell their allowances to firms that exceed the threshold. In effect, the system creates a market for the carbon credits, allowing the buying and selling of emission allowances.

Critics call the system a federal bureaucratic nightmare that creates economic pain for no environmental gain.

The rhetoric from Washington certainly has the attention of the major oil companies. BP announced two years ago that it will invest \$8 billion in wind, solar and hydrogen by 2015. Chevron says it will spend about \$5 billion for alternative and renewable energy between 2002 and 2009. Shell says since 2000 it has spent \$1 billion on biofuels and renewable

energy technology. ConocoPhillips will spend \$100 million on a refinery upgrade that will process animal fat into diesel.

Alex Mills

Columnist



Environmental groups have seized the opportunity given by former Vice President Al Gore's film, "An Inconvenient Truth," that spread the fear of catastrophic consequences caused by global warming. Their unified campaign presses for reductions in greenhouse gas emissions at any economic cost.

However, revelations that Mr. Gore's home in Tennessee uses 10 times the electricity of an average home and he flies around in a pri-

ate jet that uses vast quantities of fuel has put a new and different light on the issue.

Also, a new book, "Cape Wind," has been released detailing the fight by the political elite to keep windmills from being erected off Cape Cod and the islands of Nantucket and Martha's Vineyard in Massachusetts. The NIMBY (not In Martha's Vineyard) political elite, including U.S. Sen. Edward Kennedy, are advocates of renewable energy. The proposal would allow the construction of 130 wind turbines that stand 417 feet high in the federal waters of Nantucket Sound.

The turbines would provide the annual equivalent of 75 percent of the electricity used in the area. The turbines would be five miles from Kennedy's home and would be barely visible, the book stated.

Guy Darst, a former editorial page editor for the Boston Herald,

reviewed the book in The Wall Street Journal.

"It's a ripe subject, populated with the sorts of people who would be among the first to count themselves as friends of the Earth but the last to accept an environmentally friendly energy source if it meant the slightest cloud on their ocean view."

Even though their credibility has been damaged, the environmental elitists continue to support a plan that would create economic pain for other Americans, but exempts them from making simple sacrifices.

Alex Mills is President of the Texas Alliance of Energy Producers, which represents more than 3,000 members in 25 states. The opinions expressed are those of the author and do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the Texas Alliance of Energy Producers.

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, June 25, the 176th day of 2007. There are 189 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 25, 1950, war broke out in Korea as forces from the communist North invaded the South.

On this date:

In 1788, the state of Virginia ratified the U.S. Constitution.

In 1807, Napoleon I of France and Russian Czar Alexander I met near Tilsit, in northern Prussia, to discuss terms for ending war between their empires.

In 1876, Lt. Col. George A. Custer and his 7th Cavalry were wiped out by Sioux and Cheyenne Indians in the Battle of the Little Bighorn in Montana.

In 1906, architect Stanford White was shot to death atop New York's Madison Square Garden, which he had designed, by millionaire Harry K. Thaw, the jealous husband of Evelyn Nesbit. Thaw was acquitted of murder by reason of insanity.

In 1942, some 1,000 British Royal Air Force bombers raided Bremen, Germany, during World War II.

'A straight line is the shortest in morals as in mathematics.'

— Maria Edgeworth
English novelist
(1767-1849)

In 1951, the first commercial color telecast took place as CBS transmitted a 55-minute special from New York to four other cities.

In 1962, the Supreme Court, in Engel v. Vitale, ruled that recital of a state-sponsored prayer in New York State public schools was unconstitutional.

In 1967, the Beatles performed their new song "All You Need Is Love" during a live international telecast.

In 1973, former White House Counsel John W. Dean began testifying before the Senate Watergate Committee.

In 1996, a truck bomb killed 19 Americans and injured hundreds at a U.S. military housing complex in Saudi Arabia.

Ten years ago: An unmanned cargo ship crashed into Russia's Mir space station, knocking out half of the station's power and rupturing a pressurized laboratory. The Supreme Court struck down the Religious Freedom Restoration Act, designed to limit government's ability to regulate religious practices. Oceanographer Jacques-Yves Cousteau died in Paris at age 87.

Five years ago: President Bush surveyed a huge wildfire in Arizona by air and declared the region a disaster area. A federal judge in Alexandria, Va., refused to accept a no-contest plea from Zacarias Moussaoui, accused of conspiracy in the Sept. 11 attacks, and instead entered a not guilty plea on his behalf.



Jefferson Davis was a great American

We are just past the birthday of one of America's greatest statesmen, Jefferson Davis. He was a man of great ability and honor, and he served as president of the Confederate States of America. He was born on June 3, 1808.

His life would make a good movie except for the fact that today we live in politically incorrect times. Davis graduated from West Point, took his commission and served on the frontier. He fell in love with the daughter of a general, but the general, knowing the hardships of Army life, refused his permission for them to marry unless Davis would resign his commission.

This he did, and with the help of his older brother he became a planter. He and the general's daughter were married, but within three months his bride died of

malaria. Davis grieved deeply for years, and it was nearly a decade before he married again. His second wife, Varina Howell, would stay with him until his death.

Davis served in the House and the Senate and was later chosen secretary of war. He fought in the Mexican War and was wounded in the battle of Buena Vista. Though he was a strong defender of the South, he did not favor secession, but with the election of Abraham Lincoln it became unstoppable.

Davis had expected to get a commission in the Confederate Army, but the convention in Montgomery, Ala., chose him as provi-

sional president. He was surprised and only reluctantly accepted, nor was he especially successful as president. He tended to be stubborn and uncompromising and, like Andy Jackson,

sometimes allowed loyalty to friends to override his judgment. It's doubtful anyone could have

succeeded as president of a brand-new country immediately plunged into war. But Davis worked himself nearly to death trying.

After the war, he was imprisoned for two years. The South was under military occupation, and Mrs. Davis was forbidden to leave Savannah, Ga. After a drunken Northern soldier threatened her 3-year-old

with a loaded rifle, she decided to send the children to Canada to stay with friends. They were entrusted to Robert Brown.

Brown had been a slave, but considered himself part of the family and paid no attention to emancipation. On the ship heading to Canada, a white abolitionist one day began a tirade of insults directed at Davis in the hearing of Davis' children.

Brown walked over to the loudmouth and said, "Do you believe in equality?" "Yeah, of course," the abolitionist said. "Then you believe that I am your equal in every respect," Brown said. "Sure," the abolitionist said. "Then take this from an equal," and Brown, with one mighty punch, laid the man out. The captain of the ship sided with Brown and told

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Charley Reese

Columnist



Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

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The Dallas Morning News on Scooter Libby and a pardon:

Judge Reggie Walton received scores of letters from friends of Scooter Libby, pleading with the jurist to have mercy on the former top White House staffer, who was convicted of lying under oath in the Valerie Plame investigation. In their account, Mr. Libby is a faithful friend, a doting father, an avid reader, a sparkling conversationalist and so on all of which were meant to persuade the judge not to break a butterfly on a

wheel by sending Mr. Libby to jail.

They failed.

Judge Walton ruled late last week that Mr. Libby must report to prison while appealing his conviction. This is just. As the judge wrote, "I just think blue-collar criminals are entitled to the same kind of justice as white-collar criminals."

Precisely. Mr. Libby may well be a fine fellow, but even fine fellows can break the law. When President Bill Clinton lied under oath, conservatives were quick to point out that the integrity of our entire system of justice depends on witnesses telling the truth. Though many on the right believe the Plame inquiry was groundless, one

doesn't have the right to perjure oneself with impunity because one believes the investigation to be illegitimate.

President Bush is now under pressure to pardon Mr. Libby to spare him prison. He should resist. In a letter to the judge, Joseph Bottum, editor of the theological journal First Things, pleads that sending Mr. Libby to jail would cause "damage to the political health of the republic" by unjustly punishing a good man who only sought to serve his country. To the contrary, letting Mr. Libby avoid paying for his crime would only increase cynicism about elite privilege in American public life.

Judge Walton recognizes that. So should Mr. Bush.

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Unpopular war, improving economy lead to drop in black recruits

By LOLITA C. BALDOR
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The number of blacks joining the military has plunged by more than one-third since the Afghanistan and Iraq wars began. Other job prospects are soaring and relatives of potential recruits increasingly are discouraging them from joining the armed services.

According to data obtained by The Associated Press, the decline covers all four military services for active duty recruits. The drop is even more dramatic when National Guard and Reserve recruiting is included.

The findings reflect the growing unpopularity of the wars, particularly among family members and other adults who exert influence over high school and college students considering the military as a place to serve their country, further their education or build a career.

Walking past the Army recruiting station in downtown Washington, D.C., this past week, Sean Glover said he has done all he

can to talk black relatives out of joining the military.

"I don't think it's a good time. I don't support the government's efforts here and abroad," said Glover, 36. "There's other ways you can pay for college. There's other ways you can get your life together. Joining the Army, the military, comes at a very high price."

The message comes as no surprise to the Pentagon. At the Defense Department, efforts are under way to increase the size of the Army and Marine Corps so the country can better wage what the military believes will be a long battle against terrorism.

"The global war on terror has taken its toll, no question," said Curt Gilroy, the Pentagon's director of accession policy, in an Associated Press interview.

Marine Commandant Gen. James T. Conway agreed that the bloodshed in Iraq — where more than 3,540 U.S. troops have died — is the biggest deterrent for prospective recruits.

"The daily death toll that comes

out is, I think, causing people who are the influencers of young men and women in America to take a second look," he said. "So I think that's probably the single most dominant feature."

According to Pentagon data, there were nearly 51,500 new black recruits for active duty and reserves in 2001. That number fell to less than 32,000 in 2006, a 38 percent decline.

When only active duty troops are counted, the number of black recruits went from more than 31,000 in 2002 to about 23,600 in 2006, almost one-quarter fewer.

The decline is particularly stark for the Army. Blacks represented about 23 percent of the active Army's enlisted recruits in 2000, but 12.4 percent in 2006.

The decline in black recruits overall has been offset partly by an increase in Hispanic recruits and those who classify themselves as other races or nationalities.

This category could include people who consider themselves Portuguese, or of other European

descent that are not covered by the main categories of white, Asian/Pacific Islander, American Indian/Alaskan, black or Hispanic.

The active duty services largely have met recruiting targets in the past two years, while the Army, Army National Guard and Air National Guard fell short of their goals last month.

Sgt. Terry Wright, an Army recruiter in Tampa, Fla. said young people in the black community have more education and job opportunities now than when he joined the service 14 years ago.

"I go to high schools every day, and for the most part it strikes me how many of them are serious about going to college," said Wright, 32.

He acknowledged recruiters are spending more time with parents and other adults from whom potential recruits seek advice. In addition, he said recruiters are speaking more often to community and ethnic groups to encourage military service.

According to Conway, the

Marine commandant, Marine recruiters "used to spend four hours with the young recruit and four hours with those people that we would call the influencers: the parents, the pastors, the coaches, the teachers." Now, he said, they spend four hours with recruits and 14 hours with influencers.

Gilroy, the Pentagon official, said the improving economy is giving potential recruits more opportunities for better paying jobs outside the military.

But he said the growing dissatisfaction with the war among black political and community leaders, as well as parents and teachers, is a major factor, too.

"The influencers of these youth have a larger effect on African-Americans," Gilroy said. "Some have argued that, because of the makeup of African-American families and the relatively more significant roles (the families) play, moms have a greater influence on their families. And we know that moms, in general, do not support the war."

Bush urges Congress to summon 'political courage' on immigration

By JENNIFER LOVEN
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush urged lawmakers Saturday to "summon the political courage" to support his top domestic priority, an immigration overhaul that is hanging by a thread in Congress.

"We have an obligation to solve problems that have been piling up for decades," Bush said in his weekly radio address. "The status quo is unacceptable."

A fragile bipartisan compromise on immigration known as the "grand bargain" is due to come back before the Senate as early as next week. After critics sidelined the bill two weeks ago, it is being considered under an agreement to allow votes on a limited number of amendments from both Democrats and Republicans.

The measure would tighten borders and workplace enforcement, create a new guest worker program and provide pathways to legal status for most of the estimated 12 million illegal immigrants in the country.

With 19 months left in Bush's presidency, some see immigration reform as his last hope for a major domestic achievement, and Bush himself has made clear it is his main legislative priority for the year. The Democrats who won control of Congress in November also want to demonstrate that they can produce results on a problem of concern to many Americans.

But the issue splits the Republican Party. Many business groups, hungry to fill low-wage jobs, support the bill, while many social conservatives have pronounced it

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unacceptable, calling it amnesty for illegal immigrants.

So the legislation's backers — including Bush — fear that any radical changes to the compromise would derail its already tenuous chances of getting through Congress. The House has yet to draft its version.

As an incentive for those who are skeptical about the government's ability to carry out the legislation's enforcement provisions, Bush publicly signed onto a plan for \$4.4 billion in immediate funding for border security and workplace enforcement. The accelerated funding would be paid back by new fines and fees for illegal immigrants in the bill.

In his radio address, Bush stressed the bill's many enforcement provisions, which must be in place before the temporary worker program or new route for legal status becomes operational.

He also noted that, under the bill, people caught crossing the border illegally will be permanently barred from returning to the United States on a work or tourist visa, those known to have taken part in illegal gang activity can be denied admission and aliens who are dangerous criminals can be detained until another country accepts them.

"I understand that many Americans have concerns about immigration reform — especially about the federal government's ability to secure the border," Bush said. "So this bill puts the enforcement tools in place first."

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the abolitionist to keep his mouth shut for the rest of the voyage.

This illustrates a characteristic of Davis. One of his biographers said of Davis that those who got to know him loved him. That was certainly true of Brown, who remained a close friend until Davis' death. Davis finally settled in a home known as Beauvoir in Biloxi, Miss. The home and museum were heavily damaged by Hurricane Katrina, but they are being restored. While there, Davis wrote, "The Rise and Fall of the Confederate Government."

Two canards need to be disposed of, as they are quite common in these ignorant times. The South never tried to overthrow the government of the United States. The states simply withdrew from what they and most Americans in the past considered a voluntary union. Not one single Confederate, military or civilian, was ever tried for treason, and a vindictive North had plenty of opportunity to do so. Respected jurists, however, warned against it.

The war was a great tragedy, and one of the things we can learn from it is that extremist rhetoric often overcomes moderate voices.

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Nadal gets his turn to try and win on grass at Wimbledon

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) — At Wimbledon, it's Rafael Nadal's turn to try and make some history.

Only two weeks after beating top-ranked Roger Federer in a second straight French Open final, the Spaniard will get another chance to win a Grand Slam title away from Roland Garros.

"Clay, hard or on grass," the second-ranked Nadal said. "Every Grand Slam I would love to win in any surface."

Nadal reached the Wimbledon final last year but lost to Federer in four sets. The top-ranked Swiss, who is trying to win his fifth straight title at the All England Club, was to play Teimuraz Gabashvili of Russia on Monday.

But that match and all others were delayed by rain at the start of the day.

Andy Roddick, Tim Henman and Marat Safin were also to play Monday. On the women's side, two-time Wimbledon champion Serena Williams was scheduled to face Lourdes Dominguez Lino of Spain,

and French Open champion Justine Henin, third-ranked Jelena Jankovic and 1997 Wimbledon champion Martina Hingis were also expected to play.

Nadal, who faces Mardy Fish of the United States in the first round, admits that Federer is again the man to beat at Wimbledon, and part of the reason is because the 10-time Grand Slam champion gets to make the transition from clay to grass.

"It's difficult (to) adapt and change lot of things in just one week and a half," said Nadal, who played a warm-up tournament on grass at the Queen's Club but lost to Nicolas Mahut in the quarterfinals. "It's more difficult for me because if the change is to the other surface, for example, grass to clay in one week and a half, for me going to be easier, no, because clay is my surface."

If Nadal does win the title in two weeks, he'll be the first man to complete a French Open-Wimbledon double since Bjorn Borg in 1980. Borg, who did it four

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Mahan wins Travelers Championship in a playoff

CROMWELL, Conn. (AP) — Hunter Mahan was not the fan favorite when he came down the 18th fairway trying for the Travelers Championship.

That honor went to Jay Williamson, a 40-year old journeyman who had played baseball and hockey at nearby Trinity College.

Williamson, playing on a sponsor's exemption, needed the win to get back his tour card.

But after a dramatic 72nd hole Sunday, and an even more dramatic playoff hole, it was Mahan who earned his first PGA Tour victory with a 2-foot birdie putt.

"It's only natural (fans) cheer hard for guys they kind of recognize and know," Mahan said. "There's an emotional connection between that kind of player and the fans and stuff and it energizes on every shot, it makes it even better and better."

Mahan shot a 65, but was trailing

by a stroke on the final hole.

When Williamson hit a 161-yard second shot to within 12 feet, the crowd roared.

Then Mahan hit a 144-yard approach to within 7 feet.

Williamson missed a 12-footer for birdie, and the crowd groaned. Mahan put his shot in the back of the cup, pumping his fist and sending the pair back to the tee.

"I just kept plugging away," he said. "Jay gave me a little opening on 18 and I'm glad I made it."

Williamson went right after the flag again in the playoff and his second shot landed just over 7 feet away.

Mahan then hit his 134-yard approach to within 2 feet.

Williamson pushed his putt right, and could only watch as Mahan made what was almost a gimme.

"I hit it too hard and I hit it too high," Williamson said. "I'm not

proud of either putt, but I'm proud of the way I played today."

The win came a year after Mahan finished second in the same tournament, and three days after he shot a 62 on the same course to take a first-round lead.

"Knowing that you can win and actually winning are two different things," he said. "And to win the way I did is just amazing to me. To have to birdie in a playoff, especially after he hit that shot in there is mind-boggling."

Mahan had just one other top-10 finish this year, tying for fifth at the Shell Houston Open in April. But he plays this tournament well, posting one of his two career second-place finishes.

His 62 on Thursday was one shot off the course record, and his 71 on Friday was his first round out of the 60s in this tournament since he shot a 72 during the third round in 2005.

"After that 62, I felt it almost

came out of nowhere. ... I felt like I could play good here, I know I can win."

Mahan earns just over \$1 million for the win and a spot in next year's Mercedes-Benz Championship in Hawaii and the Masters.

Williamson gets \$648,000 for second. Coming into the weekend, Williamson was seventh on the Nationwide Tour money list with \$153,249 in earnings. His play here also earns him a trip to Flint, Mich., for this week's Buick Open. He was hoping to earn back his PGA Tour card with a win, but said he learned a lot from this tournament.

"I learned that I can play with these guys," Williamson said. "And I learned that I'm going to be a golfer for a while."

He said he's hoping other PGA events will now give him exemptions.

"I really feel like if I was a great putter I would have won by a lot

today," Williamson said. "But I know what I need to work on to get to that next level."

Williamson has had 279 other PGA Tour starts, and his best finish had been a tie for third in the 2003 BellSouth Classic.

This was the seventh playoff on the PGA tour this season, and the 19th in the history of this tournament.

Nick O'Hern shot a 66 Sunday to finish at 11-under, good enough for third place and Vijay Singh shot a 65 for fourth.

It was Singh's third consecutive season, behind his two victories. He said he plans to take next week off and get an MRI on a sore right elbow.

"I'll rest for a few days, and then back to business," he said.

Mahan made four consecutive birdies, starting at No. 10 and led Williamson by 2-strokes coming down the stretch.

Griffey passes McGwire; Clemens comes out of bullpen

By The Associated Press

Ken Griffey Jr. moved up on the home run chart, Roger Clemens came out of the bullpen and Josh Beckett beat Jake Peavy in marquee matchup of aces.

While several big stars were on center stage Sunday, a little-known Toronto pitcher took his shot at history, too.

Dustin McGowan's bid for the second no-hitter in Blue Jays history ended when Jeff Baker singled leading off the ninth inning, and Toronto beat the visiting Colorado Rockies 5-0 to complete a three-game sweep.

"That was the best pitched game I've seen in a long time," Rockies manager Clint Hurdle said.

Back in Seattle, Griffey capped a warm homecoming by hitting two home runs to pass Mark McGwire for seventh place on the career list in the Cincinnati Reds' 3-2 loss to the Mariners. The slugger connected twice off Miguel Batista for his 583rd

and 584th home runs, tying and then passing McGwire.

Afterward, Griffey said he wants to return to the Emerald City again — to retire as a Mariner.

"You always want to retire with the team you started with," he said. "But I've still got a few more years. So I don't think it's anytime soon."

When asked to clarify whether he'd like to play for Seattle again, Griffey said, "I don't know. That depends on a lot of things, health and everything else."

Griffey didn't specify whether he'd like to return as an active player or simply for a ceremonial contract before retiring. The 37-year-old former Seattle icon is signed with his hometown Reds through 2008. They hold a \$16.5 million option in 2009 with a \$4 million buyout.

In San Francisco, Clemens made his first regular-season relief appearance since he was a Red Sox rookie in 1984, walking Barry Bonds on five pitches before yield-

ing one run in the seventh inning of the New York Yankees' 7-2 loss to the Giants.

Clemens, who lost in Colorado on Thursday and missed a chance for his 350th win, yielded a sacrifice fly by Nate Schierholtz that raised his ERA to 5.09. But the 44-year-old right-hander also elevated his esteem in the eyes of any New York fans or teammates who might have doubted his commitment to the club.

"If the manager trusts you enough to put you in, you want to be ready," Clemens said. "I watched the last couple of days. Any chance I can give the bullpen guys a chance to rest — they've been taxed."

Of course, Clemens came out of the bullpen to earn the win for Houston in an 18-inning playoff game against Atlanta in 2005, the longest postseason game in major league history. That victory sent his hometown Astros to the NL championship series.

Portland has enviable position of choosing between 2 talents

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — E-mails arrive for Portland Trail Blazers general manager Kevin Pritchard reading simply "honk" or "honk, honk."

They come from fans weighing in on whom the Trail Blazers should take with the first pick of this week's NBA draft. Franchise officials have embraced the alluring but agonizing choice, putting up billboards around the city that ask drivers to beep their horns once for Ohio State center Greg Oden and twice for Texas forward Kevin Durant.

The Blazers did not indicate which way they were leaning heading into Thursday's draft in New York. "There is no consensus" among the team's brass, Pritchard said.

"We're not ready to make a choice right now," he said. "We owe it to this organization to make the best choice, not the immediate choice."

These teenagers who turned pro after one year in college are widely viewed as future stars who can make an immediate impact on a franchise. Each worked out for the team last week.

Portland's good fortune of landing the No. 1 pick in a year when the top of the draft is so strong has turned fans giddy after several down years led many to lose enthusiasm. An unscientific poll on the Blazers.com Web site showed Oden with 75 percent of the vote as of Sunday.

Oden would be the top pick of many teams because franchise centers are rare.

The Blazers, who already have 6-foot-9 Zach Randolph and 6-foot-11 LaMarcus Aldridge, could be one of the few in a position to favor Durant.

After getting a late start his freshman year because of a wrist injury, the 7-foot Oden led the Buckeyes in scoring (15.7) and rebounding (9.6) and topped the Big Ten in shooting percentage (.616).

Ohio State went 35-4 and won the conference's regular season and tournament titles before advancing to its first NCAA final since 1962, where the Buckeyes lost to two-time champion Florida. In the title game, Oden had 25 points and 12 rebounds.

The 6-9 Durant, The Associated Press Player of the Year, was the only player in the country to average more than 25 points and 10 rebounds.

He shot 47 percent from the field, 40 percent from 3-point range and 82 percent from the foul line. He led the Longhorns in steals and blocked shots and scored at least 30 points a Big 12-record 11 times.

Each player downplayed the significance of going No. 1.

"It would be an honor for me," Durant said. "But I'm just blessed to be in this position. I'm not going to be picky."

After his workout with Portland, Oden was asked whether he likened himself more to Shaquille O'Neal or Bill Russell. Without hesitation, he answered, "Russell."

"Ten fingers, 11 rings," he explained.

Nadal

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times, is also the last man to win five straight Wimbledon titles.

Maria Sharapova, the 2004 Wimbledon champion, doesn't worry much about making the transition to grass. Instead, it's her shoulder injury that keeps getting in the way.

"It's still not exactly where I want it to be. But I've said that in the last few weeks and I've been able to play good and steady," said Sharapova, who lost to Jankovic in the final of the DFS Classic last week and reached the semifinals at the French Open.

"My goal in Birmingham was to play as many matches as I can, and I did that," added Sharapova, who opens against Chan Yung-jan of Taiwan. "After playing that many matches in a couple days my shoulder held up well."

Defending champion Amelie Mauresmo will start her tournament against Jamea Jackson of the United States. The fourth-seeded Frenchwoman won two Grand Slam titles last year, but she missed nearly two months of action after having an appendectomy in March.

"We are probably, I don't know, four or five (who are) able to get the trophy this year," said Mauresmo, who lost in the third round at the French Open. "Yeah, I do consider myself part of these four or five."

Nadal is also confident of his chances to win the title.

"I know I'm not just a clay-court specialist," Nadal said. "If I am playing well, I can have good results in all surfaces. If I arrive to U.S. Open, for example, or here playing my best tennis, I'm going to have my best chances."

Ochoa wins first playoff at Wegmans

PITTSFORD, N.Y. (AP) — Trailing by three shots with two holes to play, Lorena Ochoa knew that nothing less than an eagle at the par-5 17th hole would rekindle her hopes at the Wegmans LPGA.

When she reached the green in two and rattled in a 12-foot putt, the pressure suddenly shifted from the world's No. 1 player to In-Kyung Kim, a South Korean rookie looking for her first win on the LPGA Tour.

Kim failed to hold on, missing a 4-foot par putt on the last regulation hole, and Ochoa then beat her in a playoff for her third victory this season and her first playoff win in five attempts.

"I just never lost my hope," Ochoa said. "Making that eagle on 17, it was very special. I will remember that ... for the rest of my life."

With the U.S. Women's Open coming up Thursday at Pine Needles in Southern Pines, N.C., the 25-year-old Mexican star said she feels the time is ripe to capture her first major title.

"I'm ready, I'm prepared," she said. "I like my chances."

Ochoa closed with a 1-over-par 73 for an 8-under 280 total on the Locust Hill course and won with a par on the second playoff hole. It was the first playoff finish at this tournament in suburban Rochester since Patty Sheehan defeated Ayako Okamoto in 1989.

Ochoa earned \$270,000 to extend her lead on the money list to \$1.52 million. That's almost a half-million dollars more than her nearest rival, Suzann Pettersen of Norway.

The 19-year-old Kim,

who shot a 72, has made steady progress this year. Her previous best finish was a tie for fourth at last month's Corning Classic. She missed the cut in four of her first six outings but stayed through the weekend in the past six, tying for 21st at the LPGA Championship two weeks ago.

"I can cry right now but I'm not going to cry for this," Kim said. "I played really tight with the No. 1 player and I'll take that experience. Next time I'm never going to let it go."

South Korean compatriot Mi Hyun Kim, an eight-time tour winner, drove her tee shot behind trees to finish with a bogey and dropped into third place at 7 under. She was one shot better than Cristi Kerr (71), a nine-time winner who led after the opening round.

Tied for fifth were Lindsey Wright (71) and defending champion Jeong Jang of South Korea, who closed with a 68.

After three rounds, Ochoa led In-Kyung Kim by one shot. She missed a half-dozen chances on the front nine, lipping out three times, and her bunker shot on No. 10 rolled 35 feet past the hole for a bogey that dropped her back into a tie.

She missed from 12 feet for bogey on No. 12 and from 5 feet for another bogey on No. 14. But she finally caught up on No. 18 when Kim had to chip out of the rough behind the green and then lipped out.

Both players made par on the first playoff hole. After wayward drives on the next hole — the par-4 10th — Ochoa sank a 3-foot par putt while Kim missed from 15

feet away.

Early this month, Ochoa let a two-shot lead slip away over the final two holes at the Ginn Tribute, handing Nicole Castrale her first LPGA Tour victory in a playoff.

Ochoa was runner-up here in her rookie year in 2003 and won in 2005 when she birdied six of the last seven holes to beat Paula Creamer by four strokes. She has 11 top-10 finishes this year, winning the Safeway International in March and the Sybase Classic in May.

Ochoa topped the 2006 money list with \$2.59 million, just \$4,632 more than Sweden's Annika Sorenstam. For the previous 11 years, either Sorenstam or Karrie Webb of Australia had ranked No. 1 in official earnings.

Biggio pushes Astros past Rangers in 10th inning

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Craig Biggio got another milestone hit, even though he's still a few shy of 3,000. This one finally put the Houston Astros ahead to stay.

Biggio's 2,996th career hit was a tiebreaking RBI double in the 10th inning, helping the Astros to a wild 12-9 victory over the Texas Rangers on Sunday night and avoid a series sweep.

Biggio finished 3-for-5 with a walk, getting the 41-year-old second baseman within four hits of becoming only the 27th player with 3,000. The double was the 658th of his career, No. 6 on the career list, and the most ever by a right-handed hitter.

"I'm not going to sugarcoat it. That was a pretty special one right there," Biggio said. "It was a big run for us right there. To come back like we did, there are a lot of heroes."

The Astros have a three-game series at Milwaukee

before returning for an 11-game homestand in Houston, where Biggio has spent his entire 20-season career. The team has made it clear that Biggio's 3,000th hit won't come on the road.

Even in the other major league park in Texas, fans were chanting "Big-gio" when he came to bat.

"I'm excited about it, the fans cheering for you. It's great, I love Texas," Biggio said. "To win this way was pretty exciting."

After the Astros' bullpen blew another save — allowing six runs in the eighth and ninth innings — Biggio's one-out hustling double scored Morgan Ensberg, who led off the 10th with a single off C.J. Wilson (0-1). Biggio came home on a single by Lance Berkman to make it 11-9.

"That was the ultimate of winning ugly," manager Phil Garner said. "The good news is our offense stepped up and did a super, super job and pulled it out for us."

Dan Wheeler (1-4) pitched two innings, allowing three home runs in a span of seven batters. Chad Qualls pitched the 10th for his second save in four chances.

Astros rookie center fielder Hunter Pence finished his first big-league series in his hometown going 4-for-6 with a homer. He scored four runs, including the last one for Houston on a grounder.

Houston relievers have blown 13 of 25 save chances, this time by giving up a four-run eighth inning after rookie starter Chris Sampson scattered five hits and allowed three runs. Sampson left with a 7-3 lead after the seventh inning, throwing 67 of 96 pitches for strikes.

Rick White allowed singles to the only two batters he faced to start the eighth before Wheeler, the closer again with Brad Lidge on the disabled list, struck out Michael Young. But Sammy

Sosa then hit a two-run single and Frank Catalanotto, a .192 hitter, hit a two-run homer to tie the game at 7.

After Loretta's two-run double in the ninth put Houston up, Wheeler gave up a homer to pinch-hitter Marlon Byrd on the first pitch in the bottom of the frame and Ian Kinsler tied the game with a two-out homer — his 14th of the season.

"We fought hard and got back in it more than once," Rangers manager Ron Washington said. "That's the way it goes sometimes."

Pence led off the ninth with a double off Eric Gagne, the Rangers closer who allowed only one run in his first 21 appearances. Pence leads all NL rookies with a .353 average (73-for-207) and 35 RBIs in his 50 games since being called up April 27. He has eight homers.

"He was one of my favorite players to watch in high school and college,"

Pence said of Gagne. "I had to put my fan sense aside and concentrate. ... It's always fun when you win, especially at the ballpark where I watched so many games as a kid."

The 24-year-old Pence, who played at Arlington High and UT-Arlington before the Astros took him in the second round of the 2004 draft, hit a solo homer in the third to give Houston a 4-0 lead.

Kenny Lofton had a two-run homer for the Rangers, who had a season-best four-game winning streak snapped but had already claimed the 2 1/2-foot tall Silver Boot Trophy that goes to the winner of the Lone Star Series. Texas won four of six games against the Astros this season.

Berkman extended his hitting streak to 11 games with his homer in the first after Biggio and Pence both had singles to start the game against Robinson Tejeda.

Montoya gets first Cup win

SONOMA, Calif. (AP) — Juan Pablo Montoya might be a NASCAR rookie, but he is a road-course master.

Not known for his patience, the Colombian driver showed plenty of it Sunday. He used his well-honed road-racing skill to save his tires, stretch his fuel to the limit, and win the Toyota/Save Mart 350 for his first NASCAR Nextel Cup victory.

Team owner Chip Ganassi, who lured Montoya back to America from Formula One, was as impressed as anyone by the win and the way Montoya did it.

"One of the nice things, working with him again, is he's matured in a way as a race driver that you could not write in a movie," said Ganassi, for whom Montoya won the 1999 CART championship and the 2000 Indianapolis 500.

"He's a lot calmer, if you can imagine that. He actually came on the radio today and said, 'It's a little too early to race these guys.' I was looking at (crew chief Donnie) Wingo and he was looking at me. Juan's a changed man, all in a positive way."

Montoya, who qualified a disappointing 32nd in the 43-car field, was the first driver to win on the Northern California road circuit starting further back than 13th.

Montoya, who jumped from Formula One to the stock car circuit late last season, got his first Cup win in his 17th start and gave Ganassi his first win in NASCAR's top series since Jamie McMurray won in October 2002.

"It's huge," Montoya said. "I would say right now it's the biggest thing I've done. In open-wheel, that's what I was meant to be winning in. In stock cars, I wasn't."

"To get our first win in our first year is huge. We know we're a little bit behind on some of the ovals, but I think this is a big boost for everybody working in the shop."

Series points leader Jeff Gordon overcame a 41st-place start to finish just behind Greg Biffle and Tony Stewart in seventh with a strategic effort in the first road race for NASCAR's new Car of Tomorrow.

Gordon, who became a father for the first time Wednesday when his daughter, Ella Sofia, was born, and Hendrick Motorsports teammate Jimmie Johnson, the reigning Cup champion, were both banned from practice and qualifying on Friday and had to start from the rear of the field after NASCAR inspectors found their cars had illegally modified front fenders.

Both drivers and their crew chiefs face more penalties from NASCAR in the next few days, but they ran hard to overcome their handicapped start Sunday. Johnson's fuel strategy didn't work as well as Gordon's and, after getting into the top 10 for a while, he finished 17th.

Montoya, whose only other NASCAR victory came earlier this year in a Busch Series race on the road course in Mexico City, passed McMurray, who now drives for Roush Fenway Racing, eight laps from the end. He easily stayed in front

of runner-up Kevin Harvick in the 110-lap event on the 1.99-mile, 12-turn course.

"I was very surprised by the level of the drivers here on the road course," Montoya said. "In Mexico, we had a really good car and the top five cars were really strong. But, behind that, it was really easy."

Montoya was running third, trailing leader McMurray and Harvick and desperately conserving fuel with 18 laps to go. But he passed Harvick on lap 92 and began to track down McMurray.

"The top 20 was really like, phew. You had to work for your money," he said. "What really paid off at the end was I was just running behind Kevin, saving the tires and trying to keep up with him. I did that for 10, 15 laps and I started pushing, I started making up ground on them and that's when everything fell into place."

The winner got past McMurray for a moment on lap 102, driving his Dodge past McMurray's Ford in the slow hairpin near the end of the circuit. But Montoya got too wide and McMurray was able to squeeze by.

The pass that counted came in turn two on lap 104, with Montoya getting under McMurray's car and passing easily. This time, he stayed out front.

"I saw he was always hugging that corner and I thought, 'This is it.' I knew I could pass him there," Montoya said.

Wingo said his calculations told him Montoya would run out about a lap short of the end.

Unlike Oden, Durant takes to the court for Sonics officials

SEATTLE (AP) — A few months ago, Texas star Kevin Durant took in a meaningless regular-season game between San Antonio and visiting Seattle, believing then that his likely NBA destination would be Memphis or Boston.

On Sunday morning, Durant spent about 45 minutes working out for SuperSonics officials, almost certain that his professional future will begin in the Pacific Northwest.

"For (Seattle) to get (the No. 2 pick) was kind of shocking. It was kind of something different," Durant said Sunday, wearing a lime-colored shirt that didn't quite match Seattle's shade of green. "Once I had seen that ... I got my mind-set ready to go to the Pacific Northwest."

Durant's workout for the Sonics came two days after he put on a sterling performance for the Portland Trail Blazers. Portland general manager Kevin Pritchard called

Durant's workout "as impressive a workout as any I've seen in here," and seemed to open the possibility that The Associated Press college player of the year from Texas could go No. 1 to the Blazers.

Durant said his audition for the Sonics was similar — focusing on ballhandling, post moves and outside shooting. He wasn't given any feedback from Sonics officials, but Durant felt it was a good showing on his part.

"I'm just trying to sell myself to Seattle as well," Durant said. "Hopefully they think my workout went well. We'll see on the 28th who picks me."

Unlike Durant's workout with the Blazers, his session with the Sonics was closed to the media. New Seattle general manager Sam Presti and other team officials weren't made available to comment. Durant said Sonics' owner Clay Bennett was in attendance.

Rangers' Padilla headed to disabled list

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Rangers right-hander Vicente Padilla is finally headed to the disabled list.

Padilla admitted Sunday to Texas pitching coach Mark Connor that he was still bothered by the right triceps problem that forced him to miss a start June 5. Padilla had an MRI exam then that showed inflammation but no serious problems, and the Rangers believe that is still the case.

The Rangers didn't make the move immediately, but will put Padilla (3-8, 6.69 ERA) on the 15-day disabled list before his scheduled start Tuesday at Detroit. They don't expect him back until at least after the All-Star break in two weeks.

Manager Ron Washington said he hasn't decided who will start in Padilla's place Tuesday.

Padilla, given a new \$33.75 million, three-year contract after winning 15 games for the Rangers last season, has allowed 42 hits and 19 earned runs (10.26 ERA) over 16 2-3 innings his last four starts. Padilla last pitched Thursday against the Chicago Cubs, when he was taken out after allowing

six straight hits to start the fifth inning.

When Padilla came to the bullpen Sunday afternoon for his off-day work, Connor sat him down and asked him what was wrong.

"He told me my elbow hurts. It's good for a couple of innings and then it tightens up and he can't get anything to come out of his arm," Connor said. "I told him I'm not watching the same guy as I was last year. Last year, he was a groundball pitcher, he struck people out, and this year he's doing neither. His command is not near what it was, his velocity fluctuates."

Padilla is the fourth starter from the Rangers' opening-day rotation to go on the DL.

Kevin Millwood (4-6, 7.31) has won consecutive starts since two DL stints for a strained left hamstring. Jamey Wright was lost for two months because of right shoulder inflammation after his first start, and Brandon McCarthy has been on the DL since June 10 because of a blister on his right middle finger.

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Understanding marks your dealings with loved ones and children. Insights will flash through your mind, helping decision-making. Tune in to your emotional level, and you will find solutions. Your sixth sense homes in on what might not be easily seen. Money and spending still require self-discipline this year. Serious thinking and more education could be part of your daily life. If you are single, you see others in a unique light. Come winter 2008, a special person heads in your direction. You choose what type of bond you would like. If you are attached, the two of you might hit a communication problem. Learning to get past this hurdle will draw you closer. **SCORPIO** is full of ideas.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have:
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ARIES (March 21-April 19)
*** Let others help; you do enough. Recognize that your need to be in charge might prevent teamwork and initiative from others. Confusion surrounds investments and important communication. Tonight: Opt for a stress-buster.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
*** Others are not up for teamwork. You might be flying solo, like it or not. Whatever is going on could be difficult to change or handle. Give yourself and others space, for now. Tonight: Listen to suggestions, and choose.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
*** Know when to part ways, as often you don't get clear signals, or you refuse to identify them. If this is the case, change gears and head in a more positive, upbeat direction. Do what you must, but then do for yourself. Tonight: Get some extra R and R.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
*** Use creativity when plans fall flat or you have to deal with a misunderstanding. Some people might feel negative. Let difficulties and misunderstandings slide. You actually might see them vanish. Tonight: Ever playful.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
*** Tone down your plans. If you can, try to take a personal day. You could be more tired and touchy than you realize. A provocative situation leads to insights and changes. Someone shades a situation rosier than it is. Tonight: Time for you.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
*** Speak your mind, and others may or may not listen. What might be going on could have little to do with you, and more with the general mood of people. Confirm appointments, return calls and don't stand on ceremony with others. Tonight: Talking up a storm, but is anyone listening?
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
*** Finances are instrumental to everyone's well-being — yours included! If you feel frustrated or put out by someone, realize your limits and what might be happening. Certainly a change in attitude might draw strong reactions, but is necessary. Tonight: Treat yourself.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
*** Claim your power and be willing to say that enough is enough. Many people seem to be working against you. Actually, personalizing events could be a mistake, whereas just understanding that others have problems too might be the ticket. Tonight: You start the ball rolling.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
*** Stepping back and clearing yourself

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Texas Baptists to launch service for immigrants

By SUZANNE GAMBOA
Associated Press Writer
WASHINGTON (AP) — Some conservatives may reject comprehensive immigration reform as amnesty, but a large group of conservatives — Baptists — say the Bible mandates they back legalization.

The Baptist General Convention of Texas and Southern Baptists Convention have adopted resolutions embracing immigrants — legal and illegal.

"You cannot deny the message of migration in the biblical story, in the Old Testament and the New Testament. God calling people into unknown lands is very central to the biblical story," said Suzii Paynter, director of the Christian Life Commission for the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

The Hispanic Baptist Convention, an arm of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, plans to unveil at its convention in Austin today a national program to aid immigrants with obtaining citizenship, legal residency and other immigration problems.

Through the program Immigrant Services and Aid Center, the Baptist General Convention of Texas will join with Buckner International, a Christian social welfare organization, to offer accredited training and other resources to churches around the country to assist immigrants.

The program won't be exclusive to Baptist congregations.

"We can't wait until everything is figured out by the government," Paynter said.

The decision to start the

program, already under way in Texas, was made after the Baptist General Convention of Texas approved a resolution acknowledging documented and undocumented immigrants are members of Baptist congregations. The convention is made up of about 5,700 congregations with about 2.2 million members.

In the same resolution, congregations affirmed the view of the Hispanic Baptist Convention that encouraged in its own resolution a few months earlier "the adoption of new legislation that unshackles the immigrant."

The decision to be a ministry focused on immigrants came after a Baptist General Convention of Texas task force wrestled for a year with the immigration issue.

On the one hand the Baptists believe the Bible mandates obedience to those in authority. But it also teaches followers to show hospitality to strangers "even the least of these."

Deuteronomy teaches God "defends the cause of the widow and loves the alien, giving him food and clothing." Leviticus preaches that "when an alien lives with you in your land, do not mistreat him. The alien living with you must be treated as one of your native born. Love him as yourself, for you were aliens in Egypt."

The Texas Baptists say they embrace an immigration plan that boosts border security, allows for temporary workers and reforms broken immigration laws. As for illegal immigrants in the country, they should be considered on a case-by-case basis and consider their "ledger of life."

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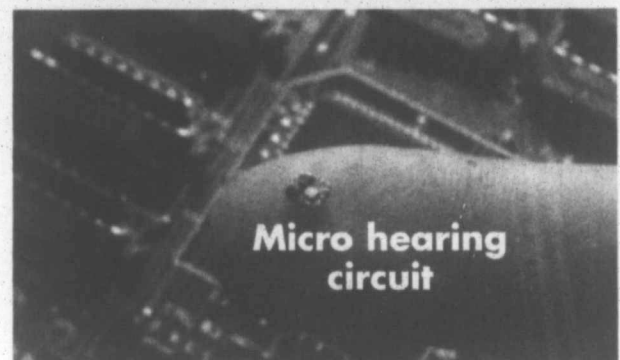
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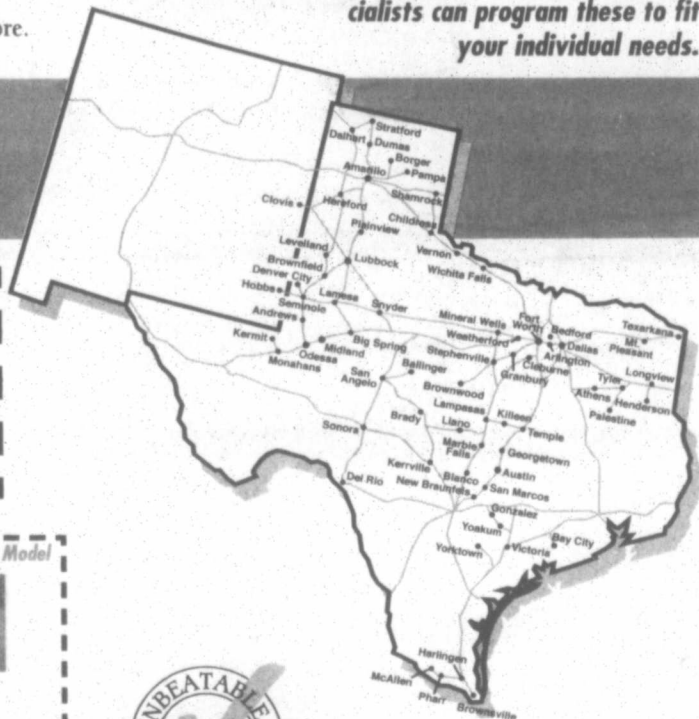
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Grant's sword draws high bid at war auction

GETTYSBURG, Pa. (AP) — A diamond-adorned sword presented to Gen. Ulysses S. Grant brought a winning bid of more than \$1.6 million Sunday in an auction of Civil War items.

The sword given to Grant, who later became the 18th president, was one of the marquee items among the 750 to be auctioned Sunday and Monday in Gettysburg, site of the 1863 tide-turning Civil War battle — by Heritage Auction Galleries of Dallas. Online and phone bidders also participated.

Another showcase item up for bid was Lt. Col. George Armstrong Custer's frayed battle flag, which was auctioned for \$896,250.

That left Grant's sword as the priciest item, going for \$1,673,000 to an unnamed bidder.

Gary Hendershott, Heritage's director of Civil War auctions, described the sword as maybe the finest from the Civil War period. "It's really a hallmark of American silversmith craftsmanship." He noted that bidders in France recently paid more than \$6.5 million for a gold-encrusted sword once owned by Napoleon.

Grant's sword was presented by citizens of Kentucky in 1864 to honor his promotion to General-in-Chief of all Union forces. The silver and gold sword contains a 28-diamond monogram and is covered with intricate designs,

including engraved battle scenes on its 33-inch blade. The sword has belonged to the Donald Tharpe Collection of American History since 1989. It remained in Grant's family until the 1960s, when it was acquired by collector Jay Altmeyer.

Custer's silk, swallow-tailed battle flag was made by his wife, Elizabeth, and carried into battle during the closing days of the all-American conflict. The banner, which features crossed cavalry sabers, was at Custer's side at Appomattox Courthouse, Va., when Gen. Robert E. Lee surrendered Confederate forces to Grant.

The flag was left at Custer's headquarters at Fort Abraham Lincoln, Dakota Territory, in 1876 when Custer and his men were wiped out at Little Big Horn by Lakota and Northern Cheyenne warriors.

Custer's flag stayed with-in his family until 1956, when it was acquired by Dr. Lawrence A. Frost, who kept it until 1990. Elizabeth Lawrence owned the flag until 2003, when it went to the collection of Thomas Minckler of New York City. Another item of note that was auctioned included a "Bonnie Blue" flag carried by the 3rd Texas State Cavalry. It drew a bid of \$47,800.

The total amount bid for the first session was more than \$5.1 million.

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