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Texas CRP acreage falls short of signup

**By Michelle Mittelstadt
Associated Press Writer**
WASHINGTON (AP) - Nearly 1.8 million acres of Texas farmland have been enrolled in a conservation program designed to keep sensitive land fallow, an amount some 1.4 million acres shy of what Texas producers had sought to include in the redesigned program.

Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman announced Thursday that 16.1 million acres nationally have been enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program, with new emphasis placed on environmentally sensitive land.

"We set out to enroll land that would yield the highest environmental benefits, keep productive cropland growing food and fiber, and be fair to taxpayers in providing the most environmental bang for the buck," Glickman told reporters.

Producers will be notified beginning next week if their land has

been accepted for new 10-year contracts, under which they substitute grass or tree cover for crops.

Rep. Larry Combest, the Lubbock Republican who chairs the House agriculture subcommittee with CRP oversight, expressed disappointment that more acreage wasn't enrolled.

"It's quite a bit less than I had hoped that it would be," he said.

So did Rep. Mac Thornberry, R-Clarendon, whose Panhandle district includes a large chunk of the CRP acreage.

"If the purpose of this program is to conserve erodible land, then why are they taking out from enrollment some of the most highly erodible land in the country?" Thornberry asked.

"What's even more confusing is the fact that Congress has given the administration authority to enroll 36 million acres in CRP, yet the administration is now enrolling only 16 million acres."

Glickman promised another sign-up this fall for farmers who didn't make the cut. Producers can increase their chances by lowering their payment requests and by offering only their most environmentally sensitive lands, he said.

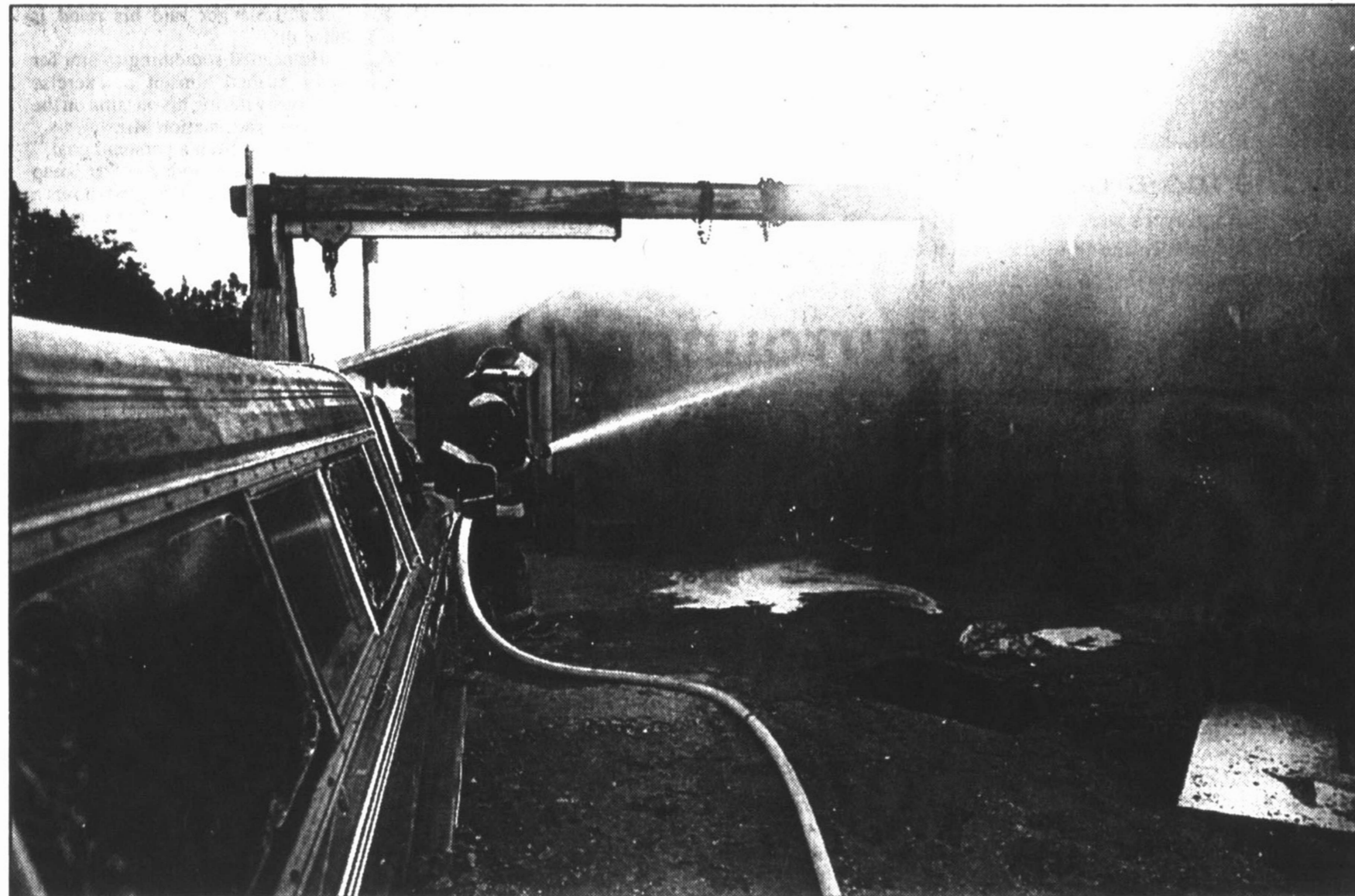
While Agriculture Department officials had promised the retooled program wouldn't result in a massive land shift, Combest said: "There's no question but what there was a substantial shift to Louisiana and some other states that got land well beyond what was expired."

During the new sign-up, Texas producers offered 3.2 million acres and the Agriculture Department accepted nearly 1.8 million acres. No state had more acreage rejected than Texas, where CRP land is concentrated mainly in the Panhandle and South Plains.

By contrast, more than 2 million of the 2.1 million acres offered by North Dakota farmers was accepted, and 1.6 million of the 1.8 million acres submitted by Kansas producers.

The rejected land is mostly productive cropland that should be returned to production, Glickman said. "The CRP is not a supply management program," he said.

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Photos by Mauri Montgomery

Fire scene

Hereford volunteer firefighters were called to the scene of a structure fire at 210 Boston Street at 8:14 p.m. Thursday. The fire was apparently started in the kitchen stove. Firefighters worked for two hours to extinguish the flames. Then, a second

fire started in the house at 12:01 a.m. Firefighters worked for three hours to battle the blaze, which is under investigation. In the upper photo, Octavia Lamas, resident of the house, is consoled by unidentified neighbors as she watches the fire.

Witness denies identifying McVeigh

**By PAUL QUEARY
Associated Press Writer**
DENVER (AP) - A woman who lost two children, her mother and a leg in the Oklahoma City bombing testified today that she saw a white man get out of a Ryder truck outside the federal building moments before the blast.

The testimony from Daina Bradley stunned the defense, because she had previously said two men came out of the truck and the only one she could

describe was olive-skinned and bore no resemblance to Timothy McVeigh.

Ms. Bradley, who went to the building on April 19, 1995, with family members to change her son's Social Security card, recalled the driver of the truck only as a white man. She said she couldn't say for sure whether that man was McVeigh.

"He got out and walked away very quickly," Ms. Bradley said.

"They went two different directions, is that correct?" said

McVeigh attorney Cheryl Ramsey.

Ms. Ramsey then took Ms. Bradley through several pretrial interviews with both defense and prosecution attorneys in which Ms. Bradley never mentioned the white man on the driver's side.

"I don't remember half the things I said," Ms. Bradley said.

She also conceded that last Friday was the first time she had ever said anyone got out of the driver's side of the truck.

"You have never said that Timothy McVeigh was the person who got out of the truck, have you," Ms. Ramsey said.

"No," she said.

Ms. Bradley then put her head down and clasped her hands in front of her face. She was given a break to talk with her attorney. McVeigh stared intently at her.

Previously, she told FBI agents the man she could describe resembled the sketch of John Doe No. 2, who investigators have since acknowledged depicts a man not involved in the bombing.

"I recall telling them it was an olive complexion man with short hair, curly, clean cut," she said. "He had on a blue Starter jacket, blue jeans, tennis shoes and a white hat with purple flames."

In the opening of their case Thursday, McVeigh's attorneys tried

to suggest an unaccounted-for severed leg belonged to the real bomber.

"We have one left leg which we don't know where it belongs," said Oklahoma State Medical Examiner Fred Jordan, who described the task of matching 98 body parts to the 168 bodies from the bombing.

Thomas Marshall, the former chief pathologist for violence-torn Northern Ireland, testified that the leg likely belonged to someone who was near the bomb when it went off, a "169th victim."

Marshall also said it was telling that no missing person's report was filed about someone near or in the bombed building. "If nobody misses them, then it reinforces the suggestion that the deceased is involved in the bombing."

McVeigh, a 29-year-old Gulf War veteran, could get the death penalty if convicted on murder and conspiracy charges in the April 19, 1995, blast, the deadliest act of terrorism on U.S. soil.

Nine witnesses were packed in the first day to attack the reliability of the prosecution's circumstantial evidence.

A Chinese food delivery man testified that it wasn't McVeigh who answered the door at a Kansas motel where McVeigh was checked in under his own name in the days leading up to the blast.

248 diplomas slated for HHS Class of '97

Hereford High School graduating seniors - 248 strong - in their maroon caps and gowns will march into Whiteface Stadium for commencement exercises at 7 p.m. Friday.

In case of inclement weather, commencement exercises will be moved to the Hereford Junior High School Varsity Gym.

The HHS Mighty Maroon Band, with Senior Drum Major Ryan Noland, will perform the national anthem.

The band directors are Don Summersgill, Tammy Summersgill, Mike Bryant, Elise Allen, Christy Henson and Cindy Rogers.

Then, the band will perform the professional of graduates.

Senior Class President Rob Reinauer will give the invocation.

Kari Barrett will give the salutatory address, then Reinauer

will give the valedictory address.

HHS Interim Principal will present a special award to the highest honor graduate.

Interim Superintendent Nena Veazey will present the Class of 1997 for graduation.

Board President Dave Charest will award the diplomas to the graduates.

The band will perform the school song and the recessional.

The senior song is "Tonight Tonight" by the Smashing Pumpkins.

The senior flower is the white rose, and the senior colors are hunter green, blue and silver.

The senior motto is "I shall only walk this way once. Any good therefore that I can do, let me do it now. For I shall not walk this way again."

Conference committee moves to compromise on property tax law

**By JUAN B. ELIZONDO Jr.
Associated Press Writer**
AUSTIN (AP) - A House-Senate committee has moved closer to a compromise in its effort to resolve differences between two vastly different plans meant to lower local school property taxes.

The committee, which abruptly ended a meeting Tuesday and canceled a meeting Wednesday, considered a compromise proposal on a statewide business property tax Thursday but did not vote on it. The tax, approved by the House but rejected by the Senate, is a major sticking point between the plans.

"I think you see the potential for it," Rep. Paul Sadler, D-Henderson, chairman of the committee, said of the compromise idea.

The proposal would leave all property subject to local school taxes for maintenance and operation and for school debt. In addition, business property would face a limited statewide tax for maintenance and operation.

That would reduce, but not eliminate, the number of school districts required to share their tax revenues with other districts that have little business property to tax, according to Rep. Scott Hochberg, D-Houston, a member of the committee who helped draft the proposed compromise.

Under the House bill, school districts would no longer tax business property for school operation and

maintenance. Instead, the state would tax business property and redistribute the money to the state's 1,044 school districts.

The Senate rejected that idea. Senators said it would replace the current Robin Hood system, in which 91 school districts share their tax revenue, with a much larger Robin Hood system, forcing all districts to share their business property tax income.

The Senate left the taxing authority with local districts but changed parts of the system to force cuts to the tax rates.

Both plans would allow local districts to continue taxing residential property for maintenance and operation and all property for school debt. The compromise does not change that idea.

Under example figures not backed by either the House or Senate, the average residential school property tax of \$1.40 per \$100 in property value would be cut by about 50 cents if the House and Senate could agree to a 35-cent statewide business property tax, \$2.1 billion in new and expanded state taxes and the use of \$1 billion left over from the last state budget.

Business property would see lower cuts under that scenario, which lawmakers called only an example of the proposal's potential for cutting taxes.

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Alligator holds up planes

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) - Several private planes were forced into brief holding patterns after someone spotted an alligator on the runway at Corpus Christi International Airport.

A pilot spotted the 4 1/2-foot gator about 4 p.m. Thursday and radioed the sighting in to the air traffic control tower, said Sgt. Raleigh Frazier of the airport public safety department.

The call prompted laughter and another call to airport security, which prompted several surprised officers to get out for a closer look, Frazier said.

"We called animal control and they told us it was a little more than they could handle," Frazier said. "So we called the Texas Parks and Wildlife and they sent out two rangers."

The rangers chased the reptile into the grass beside the airstrip and caught it in a noose, Frazier said. After hog-tying it, they wrestled it into a pickup and carted it to a less-populated area.

"I'm not sure which river they brought it to, but I'm sure they took it far away from civilization," Frazier said.

"I'm not sure how far that thing had to go to get here, but I don't think there's enough water for it to live anywhere near the airport."

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Lifestyles

Today in History

By The Associated Press
Today is Friday, May 23, the 143rd day of 1997. There are 222 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On May 23, 1934, bank robbers Bonnie Parker and Clyde Barrow were shot to death in a police ambush as they were driving a stolen Ford Deluxe along a road in Bienville Parish, La.

On this date:
In 1430, Joan of Arc was captured by the Burgundians, who sold her to the English.

In 1533, the marriage of England's King Henry VIII to Catherine of Aragon was declared null and void.

In 1701, Captain William Kidd was hanged in London after he was convicted of piracy and murder.

In 1788, South Carolina became the eighth state to ratify the U. S. Constitution.

In 1873, Canada's North West Mounted Police force was established.

In 1895, the New York Public Library had its origins with an agreement combining the city's existing Astor and Lenox libraries.

In 1915, Italy declared war on Austria-Hungary in World War I.

In 1937, industrialist John D. Rockefeller died in Ormond Beach, Fla.

In 1940, Tommy Dorsey and His Orchestra, the Pied Pipers and featured soloist Frank Sinatra recorded "I'll Never Smile Again" in New York for RCA.

In 1945, Nazi official Heinrich Himmler committed suicide while imprisoned in Luneburg, Germany.

In 1960, Israel announced it had captured former Nazi official Adolf

Eichmann in Argentina.
In 1994, funeral services were held at Arlington National Cemetery for former first lady Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis.

Ten years ago: Rescue workers and survivors searched through the rubble of a killer tornado in Saragosa, Texas, that had claimed 30 lives. Texas Gov. Bill Clements expressed his sorrow, and pledged all possible help.

Five years ago: The United States and four former Soviet republics signed an agreement in Lisbon, Portugal, to implement the START missile-reduction treaty that had been agreed to by the Soviet Union prior to its dissolution.

One year ago: The House approved, by a vote of 281-144, election-year legislation to raise the minimum wage by 90 cents an hour.

Today's Birthdays: Bandleader Artie Shaw is 87. Actress Betty Garrett is 78. Pianist Alicia de Larrocha is 74. Singer Rosemary Clooney is 69. Actress Barbara Barrie is 66. Actress Joan Collins is 64. Actor Charles Kimbrough is 60. Rhythm-and-blues singer General Johnson (Chairmen of the Board) is 54. Actress Lauren Chapin is 52. Boxer Marvin Hagler is 45. Actor-comedian Drew Carey is 39. Country singer Shelley West is 39. Rock musician Phil Selway (Radiohead) is 30. Singer Lorenzo is 25. Singer Maxwell is 24. Singer Jewel is 23.

Thought for Today: "He who cannot rest, cannot work; he who cannot let go, cannot hold on; he who cannot find footing, cannot go forward." - Henry Emerson Fosdick, American clergyman (1878-1969).



Club member honored

Sylvia Khuri was honored with a silver trivet recently as L'Allegran of the Year. This recognition is given to a member of L'Allegra Study Club who has performed outstanding service to the club and to the community.

Ceremonial walk will honor cancer survivors

There will be a ceremonial "Survivor's Walk" at 6 p.m. June 6 to begin the American Cancer Society's "Relay for Life."

"The Survivor's Walk will be one lap around the track at Whiteface Stadium and walkers will consist of cancer survivors and cancer sufferers," said Kee Ruland, organizer for the Survivor's Walk. "I am a 19-year cancer survivor and I'm very excited about this."

There will also be a brief memorial service to honor those lost to this

terrible disease. During the ceremony, lighted luminary candles will line the track.

For a \$5 donation, the name of a loved one can be added on the luminaries.

Any cancer sufferer or cancer survivor who would like to participate in the Survivor's Walk or anyone who would like to honor a loved one with a luminary donation, call Ruland at 364-0857 and leave a message.

Hospital Notes

Report from Hereford Regional Medical Center on May 23:
Admitted: Bernice Waits.
Discharged: None.

Hints from Heloise

Dear Heloise: Recently, while waxing my truck, I accidentally got wax on the black trim. After the wax had dried, I tried to buff it off the trim and it wouldn't come off. It left a white film. Is there anything that will remove it? — Don M., Cibolo, Texas

Here's a homestyle solution that should do away with that film.

Simply combine 2 parts water to 1 part household sudsy ammonia. Next, using a clean white cloth and wearing gloves, dip the cloth in the solution and wring it out very well. Wipe over the white film, being sure not to let any of the solution get on the painted surface of the truck or you could remove some of the wax finish. Continue wiping until the film is gone, rinse with water and dry.

Then, just apply your favorite com-

mercial product specifically made to restore and protect the black trim. Hope this helps!

Our thanks to Art Nellen of the Car Care Council for his help with this question. — Heloise

BIRD FEEDER

Dear Heloise: Bird-lovers behold! Before you discard that old basket, set it out with birdseed inside. It will delight our feathered friends.

Pick a basket which is tightly woven but will still let water drain. Then, wedge it in branches of an evergreen tree or bush. — Scott Laraway, Ghent, N.Y.

Josserand is PPHS officer

Officers and trustees for 1997-1998 were elected at the Panhandle-Plains Historical Society's 76th Annual Business Meeting recently.

W.A. (Billy) Atterbury of Amarillo was elected president for the coming year. Other officers include Nancy Josserand, Hereford, president-elect and Carr Vincent, Canyon, treasurer.

New board members are Pam Barnes and Gene Edwards, both of Amarillo.

The Panhandle-Plains Historical Society provides funding for the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum in cooperation with the State of Texas. Membership in the Society is available at several levels. For membership information, please call 806-656-2244.

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Sports

Bobcats shock Tech in tourney

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) - Brad Eubanks' single in the top of the 11th inning scored Chad Spear as Southwest Texas shocked top-seeded Texas Tech 7-6 in the opening round of the NCAA Central Baseball Regional.

Southwest Texas (37-24) advances in the double-elimination tournament to play Nevada at 3 p.m. Friday. The Red Raiders were to play Southwest Missouri State in an elimination game at 11 a.m. Friday.

The Big 12 champion Red Raiders (46-13) scored four runs in the first inning and led 6-1 after two. They also squandered bases-loaded opportunities in the eighth and 10th innings.

Southwest Texas, champions of the Southland Conference tournament, chipped away at the Tech lead with a pair of runs in the sixth inning and three more in the seventh.

Tech's Brad Ralston (3-3) retired two batters to start the 11th but walked Spear. Bobcats pitcher Scott Linebrink reached base when Tech third baseman Brandon Buckley booted a grounder, and Spear moved to second. Eubanks followed with the game-winning hit.

The Red Raiders' Keith Ginter got a one-out walk in the bottom of the 11th. Shane Langen then laid down a sacrifice bunt but reached base on a bad throw by Spear, the Bobcats' catcher.

Then, with Tech runners on first and second, Linebrink struck out two of the Red Raiders' best hitters, Joe Dillon and Josh Bard.

Earlier in the game, the Red Raiders looked like they'd have an easy time with the sixth-seeded Bobcats.

Dillon's two-run homer in the second gave Tech its 6-1 lead. But the Red Raiders would be shut out the rest of the way on two hits by Fikac and Linebrink (9-4). At one point, they retired 16 straight Tech batters.

The Red Raiders had their chances, however, loading the bases on walks and errors in both the eighth and 10th innings without scoring.

Rice 5, SW Missouri State 2
LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) - Jeff Nichols allowed seven hits and two runs in 8 2-3 innings Thursday as Rice defeated Southwest Missouri State in the opening round of the NCAA Central Regional tournament.

Rice (44-14) started their scoring early as Owl Lance Berkman hit a solo homer in the first inning. The Owls' Jacob Baker, who finished 2-for-4, later scored Bubba Crosby on an RBI single in the fourth.

Losing pitcher Rob Garola (9-5) held off most of the Rice attack until the bottom of the sixth. Three singles by Rice hitters led to three runs and a 5-1 lead.

The Bears, champs of the Missouri Valley Conference tournament, scored another run in the seventh off Nichols (10-2), but that was it. Rice closer Matt Anderson struck out Matt Cepicky with two men on to end a last-gasp threat.

Rice, the Western Athletic Conference tournament champion, will play fellow first-round winner Clemson on Saturday.

Clemson 13, Nevada 9
LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) - Kirk Bultmann went 3-for-5 Thursday and helped key an eight-run eighth inning in Clemson's comeback victory over

Nevada in the first round of the NCAA Central Regional tournament.

Bultmann collected one of six Clemson hits in the eighth as the Tigers (41-21) chipped back from a 9-6 deficit.

Nevada (38-20) couldn't retaliate in the ninth against reliever Scott Clackum.

Nevada itself rallied after going into the sixth inning down 4-1. Big West Conference player of the year Andy Dominique hit a pair of two-run homers in the seventh to vault the Wolfpack ahead.

Five singles and a double and a dropped double-play ball contributed to the downfall of losing pitcher Scott Albin (1-2). Clemson didn't score more than one run on any play during its big inning.

Clemson's Jeff Parsonn (2-0) picked up the victory, the Tigers' seventh straight in the opening round of an NCAA regional.

Fresno St. 2, Texas A&M 1
STANFORD, Calif. (AP) - Jeff Weaver pitched a three-hitter and set an NCAA post-season record with 21 strikeouts as Fresno State beat Texas A&M 2-1 Thursday in the first round of the NCAA West Regional.

Weaver (11-5), a sophomore right-hander, broke the NCAA post-season record of 20 strikeouts by Ohio State's Steve Arlin in a 15-inning game in 1965. The previous record for a nine-inning game was 19, by Arizona State's Eddie Bane in 1973.

Weaver, a member of the 1996 U.S. Olympic team, stranded the tying and winning runs at third and second base in the ninth inning as Texas A&M's Rich Petru failed on a two-strike suicide squeeze attempt.

Matt Blank (7-4) pitched a complete-game eight hitter for third-seeded Texas A & M (39-21) and allowed no earned runs. The Aggies play Friday against the loser of Thursday night's game between Stanford and Northeastern. The tournament is double-elimination.

Lunn leading Corning golf

CORNING, N.Y. (AP) - Ten months ago, playing on the LPGA tour meant virtually nothing to Mardi Lunn. Her father had just died, her game was a mess and her life was a wreck.

Lunn moped around for months feeling sorry for herself before tour veteran Jane Geddes pulled her aside two weeks ago. The pep talk basically went like this: Get yourself together before you lose golf.

Winds gusted to 25 mph and temperatures were in the 50s along the hilly, 6,062-yard course at Corning Country Club.

Not coincidentally, the top four leading players Thursday played on the all-weather European tour before joining the LPGA. Caroline Pierce and Helen Alfredsson were a shot back at 70. The winner will receive \$97,500.

Tammie Green, Carin Hj Koch and Michele Redman were two shots behind at 71. Defending champion Rosie Jones was in a group at 72.

Sports Briefs

MEDIA

NEW YORK (AP) - Sportscaster Marv Albert criticized Virginia authorities for a "lack of due process" in bringing sex and assault charges against him, and he again proclaimed his innocence.

He intends to work Saturday's NBA playoff game between the Chicago Bulls and Miami Heat.

The veteran NBC announcer took no questions and left immediately after his statement.

BASEBALL

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) - New York Yankees pitcher Dwight Gooden admitted that he had a fight with a Texas taxi driver last week in a dispute over an unpaid fare after a ride from a topless bar to the team hotel.

Yellow Cab Co. driver Ziauddin Hakim, 44, told police he was beaten after following Gooden into a Marriott hotel near The Ballpark in Arlington and riding up to the fourth floor with the pitcher.

Police refuse to confirm that Gooden is the suspect but said they were investigating Hakim's complaints. No charges have been filed.

BASKETBALL

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Bill Fitch signed a two-year contract extension with the Los Angeles Clippers, which will keep him around through the 1999-2000 season.

Fitch, 65, guided the Clippers to the playoffs this season for the first time in four years and just the third time since 1976. The team was swept in the first round by Utah, the regular-season Western Conference champion.

TENNIS

ST. POELTEN, Austria (AP) - Top-seeded Thomas Muster was beaten by No. 7 Patrick Rafter of Australia 6-3, 7-6 (7-0) in the quarterfinals of the Raiffeisen Grand Prix, leaving Muster winless on clay this year.

In other matches, Dominik Hrbaty of Slovakia defeated Karim Alami of Morocco and Marcelo Filippini of Uruguay beat Tomas Nydahl of Sweden.

STRASBOURG, France (AP) - Steffi Graf beat Sandrine Testud of France 3-6, 6-2, 6-1, setting up a semifinal showdown with Amanda Coetzer at the Strasbourg Open.

Faxon leads Colonial golf; Tiger four strokes behind

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) - Tiger Wood's quest for a PGA Tour "triple" is off to an uncertain start, but he insists he likes his chances entering today's second round of the MasterCard Colonial.

"I feel I'm in good shape," the 21-year-old sensation said Thursday after a 3-under-par 67 left him four shots behind leader Brad Faxon and also trailing a dozen others.

"Any score under par is a good score here. ... I feel I'm right there for the weekend."

With victories in the Masters and the Byron Nelson Classic in his last two outings, he could become the first player since Nick Price to win three times in consecutive starts.

That was in 1993, when Woods was winning his third U.S. Junior Amateur championship and a year before he won the first of three U.S. Amateur titles.

But Faxon, after flirting with a 2-stroke penalty, plundered the proud old Colonial Country Club course, firing a bogey-free, 7-under-par 63 for a 1-shot lead.

Thinking his tee time was 11:45, he came within seconds of duplicating Wednesday's misadventure when he showed up half a minute late to the first tee box.

"Add two," a PGA official said then.

Thursday, Faxon's caddy rescued him.

"We gotta go," John Burke said. "We're off at 11:40."

Faxon glanced at his watch. It was 11:38. He raced up a hill and escaped the penalty.

"How stupid is that?" he said with a laugh.

Attacking the soft, vulnerable greens and seizing on a rare day without Texas winds, Faxon carved

up "Hogan's Alley" and took a stroke lead over Justin Leonard, Paul Goydos and Jim Furyk at 64.

Another shot back at 65 were David Duval, Brian Henninger and Bob Tway.

While Faxon was tying the tournament record for the low opening round, a total of 52 players were breaking par for only the second time in Colonial's 51-year history.

But the story was, as usual, Woods, who has won three times in eight appearances this year and is the leading money winner with \$1,290,350.

"I didn't really play all that well," he said. "I drove it well, but my iron shots weren't good. I had to be cautious with my putting because I had a lot of 20-30 footers."

"I'm happy just to get in with a 67."

Although Tiger had the lion's share of a crowd estimated at 45,000, his gallery was neither as large nor as loud as those at the Nelson. But his followers were every bit as adoring, cheering his every shot. He responded with his familiar toothy smile.

"When I was growing up watching tournaments on TV, I saw players do that and I thought that was really neat," he said. "I want to do what I can to make people feel good."

Neither Woods nor his colleagues expected the brutal assault on Colonial to continue.

"I think you'll see a harder golf course as the week goes on," Faxon predicted.

Said Tiger: "If the wind starts blowing, I think you'll see some scores back up."

Rockets complain about Utah's pick-and-roll play

HOUSTON (AP) - The pick-and-roll is Utah's signature play, but the Houston Rockets say it's a borderline forgery.

Going into tonight's Game 3 of the Western Conference finals, the Rockets are complaining bitterly about what they claim are illegal moving picks being set by Utah's players. The Jazz lead the series 2-0.

"Guys have been crying about their picks for years, and the refs have been letting them get away with it," Charles Barkley said.

According to the rule book, players setting picks are required to stand still. If they don't, an offensive foul is supposed to be called.

But it's one of those NBA rules (see palming, traveling, 3-second violation) that isn't always called, and the Rockets let it frustrate them when their complaints weren't being heeded in Game 2.

Houston coach Rudy Tomjanovich sent his team captains to speak to the referees about moving picks prior to Game 2. Seattle coach George Karl had the same complaint in last year's conference finals.

"Look, I'm not going to sit up here and whine about this stuff. It's part of basketball," Tomjanovich said. "It's a factor we addressed in

a professional way, but it was like talking to a wall."

The moving pick complaints came after the Jazz's 104-92 victory Wednesday night.

The Rockets know tonight's game is a must-win, especially since no team in NBA history has ever come back from an 0-3 deficit to win a series.

"In a seven-game series the better team always wins. That's a fact," Barkley said. "I've been up 2-0 many times, then all of a sudden it's 2-2. Unless we lose one of these two (home) games, I'm not going to panic."

No NBA team relies as much on the pick-and-roll play as Utah does, and the Jazz run several variations of it.

"Their small guys set picks, and they move on those picks," Tomjanovich said. "Our guys are trying to get around it, and it's very hard to get over a pick when people are moving."

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Ribbon-cutting for healthcare center

Hereford physicians Gerald Payne, Duffy McBrayer, Stephen Lawlis and Bruce Clarke (center, left to right) cut the ribbon on the new St. Mary's Family Healthcare Center during a ceremony conducted Thursday by Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce

Hustlers. An open house and tour preceded the event. The facility is located at 125 W. Park Ave. and will offer comprehensive primary and preventive care and features 24 exam rooms, four special procedure rooms and x-ray capabilities.

Kelly Flinn clams up after general discharge; family describes her as completely exhausted

By HELEN O'NEILL
AP National Writer
MINOT AIR FORCE BASE, N.D.
(AP) - Kelly Flinn says she lost her heart and then her dream.

The dazzling young "bomber baron," a rising star proudly featured in Air Force promotional films, won't fly bomber jets again. The nation's first and only female B-52 pilot will leave the Air Force in a general discharge rather than face a court-martial on charges of adultery, lying and disobedience.

But the future for the 26-year-old first lieutenant is far from bleak. Her celebrity status is already attracting talk of book deals and movies. Her lawyer says Flinn has received offers to fly for commercial airlines.

Flinn has been a "baron" - the nickname of the 23rd bomb squadron proudly embossed in yellow on the tips of the B-52 jets. She said it was all she ever wanted to be.

After the decision Thursday, she wasn't talking.

"She's physically and emotionally exhausted," her brother, Don Flinn Jr., said at a Thursday night news conference at the base. "She's been abused in her relationship. She's been abused in the system."

While her family lashed out at the military and at the man they say took advantage of Flinn, Air Force brass privately said she got off lightly. They point to other officers of the same rank, stationed at the same base, who have gone to prison for similar offenses. Flinn faced up to nine years and six months in prison.

In announcing her decision to deny

an honorable discharge and give Flinn a general discharge, Air Force Secretary Sheila Widnall said Flinn's "lack of integrity," and her "disobedience to orders" were more serious than the adultery charges.

"It is primarily those allegations that made an honorable discharge unacceptable," Widnall said.

Widnall's announcement capped a week of political posturing and negotiations aimed at allowing both sides to avoid the embarrassing spectacle of a court-martial that could take on the qualities of a soap opera.

In tearful television interviews, Flinn had insisted she would go through with a court-martial if she was offered anything less than an honorable discharge. It was her dream to fly bomber jets, she said, and she would fight for her dream.

But the pressure mounted as intimate details about her private life were revealed, particularly her affair with Marc Zigo, a civilian soccer coach she called her first love.

On front pages and TV updates, the nation learned how their affair began just days after he arrived at the base with his 19-year-old wife, Airman Gayla Zigo. It learned how Gayla Zigo begged the Air Force for help after discovering love letters Flinn wrote to her husband - and how Flinn ignored orders to end the relationship.

Flinn, who is single, has said Marc Zigo told her he was legally separated and talked about marrying her.

Marc Zigo, however, said Flinn got off easy. He admitted lying to both women and apologized for

hurting his ex-wife. However, he said Flinn should have known better.

"At no time was a gun to Lieutenant Flinn's head," Zigo said.

More details would have come out at a court-martial, including Flinn's other offenses - lying to superiors about her relationship with Zigo and her brief fling with an enlisted man.

"Lt. Flinn recognized that no one was ultimately going to win in a trial," said her lawyer, Frank Spinner. "It would be sort of like a civil war - a lot of blood spilled by people who care about each other."

But the bloodletting had already begun. In recent days, members of Congress criticized the Pentagon, claiming Flinn was being prosecuted because she was a woman. Air Force figures show that 60 men and 7 women were prosecuted on adultery charges last year.

U.S. Rep. Sam Johnson, R-Texas, a decorated fighter pilot, said Widnall's decision was too lenient.

"I supported the secretary of the Air Force in her original decision to court-martial. Today, I am disappointed in her decision to change that," Johnson said. "It appears to me that (Widnall) has caved to political pressure from the Senate."

A general discharge is a relatively mild form of discipline. Widnall said Flinn would not be allowed to fly in the reserves and would be required to pay back about \$18,000 for part of her Air Force Academy education.

Spinner said his client planned to apply for a waiver so she can fly for the National Guard. He said she also could apply to have her general discharge upgraded to an honorable discharge.

"Not next week, not next month, but maybe in the next year," Spinner said.

Flinn's resignation will take effect in about 10 days, but Spinner said she probably would not return to the base.

"The Air Force has lost a pioneer," he said. "And at what a price."

Wascally wabbit stamps on sale

BURBANK, Calif. (AP) - What's debuting nationwide, doc?

A U.S. postage stamp featuring Bugs Bunny goes on sale across the country today. Some collectors are decrying use of the wascally wabbit as blatant commercialism and a dumbing-down of the philatelic tradition.

"It's impossible for me to see that this is anything but a crass commercial campaign that takes away from the higher purpose of the stamp program," said Kathleen Wunderly, education director for the stamp collector group American Philatelic Society in State College, Pa.

Postal officials have no doubt that the 265 million Bugs stamps will be hot commodities.

The hare-raising unveiling took place Thursday at Warner Bros. studios, which markets Bugs Bunny toys and other products. First day sales were confined to the Tour Office at Warner Bros. and the Burbank Post Office.

"Bugs Bunny's timeless and ageless humor has entertained audiences worldwide over the years," Postmaster General Marvin Runyon said.

The stamp shows a toothy Bugs Bunny leaning on a mailbox and clutching a carrot with "USA" floating nearby in cloud-style letters over 32, the number of pennies it takes to buy a stamp.

"Bugs Bunny is one of the most

recognizable icons in the world, probably third to Elvis and Coca-Cola. He is a part of Americana," said stamp collector John Andrews of San Antonio.

"It's allowing Warner Bros. access to postal venues," Wunderly said, griping that "no commercial enterprise is one of the postal rules."

Postal Service spokesman Barry Zeihl said the Bugs Bunny stamp was within guidelines, adding, "The nature of America today is commercial."

The idea came from Warner Bros., but postal officials were already considering such a stamp out of concern that stamp collecting was growing less popular among children, Zeihl said.

Sabuh Honarchin, 9, of Burbank attended the unveiling with classmates: "We'll send our friends more mail and I've already started a stamp collection."

Postal officials had discussed stamps bearing Disney characters with the Walt Disney Co. Disney wanted royalties, which the Postal Service was not willing to pay, Zeihl said.



Tobacco negotiators, state lawyers appear to be near agreement

NEW YORK (AP) - Negotiators for tobacco makers and state attorneys general suing the industry appear to be nearing agreement on the contentious issue of liability and other issues.

The proposed liability settlement would sharply restrict current smokers from bringing lawsuits and make it virtually impossible for future smokers to be compensated for lung cancer and other tobacco-related illnesses, The Wall Street Journal reported today.

The newspaper cited people close to the talks whom it did not identify.

Those claiming diseases from secondhand smoke also would be severely restricted from suing.

Representatives from industry leaders Philip Morris Cos. and RJR Nabisco Holdings Co. have been negotiating with lawyers for the states, individual smokers and public health officials for the past two months.

The industry traditionally has opposed settling lawsuits against those with smoking-related ailments and has refused to concede that smoking causes disease.

Under the current proposal, smokers seeking to sue would be required first to try and quit smoking, some by joining a smoking cessation program, the Journal said. Those who fail to try and quit by 2005 would forfeit their right to sue.

And those ruled eligible to sue would be barred from collecting punitive damages, but they could receive unlimited compensatory

damages, the newspaper said.

People who take up smoking after 2000 would have an even tougher time recouping from the industry. They would only be able to sue companies for violating Food and Drug Administration rules for contaminating cigarettes or causing diseases not currently linked to smoking.

The two sides also are discussing the creation of a settlement fund that is larger than the \$300 billion over 25 years that originally was considered.

"We're making progress but there are a lot of unresolved issues, such as regulatory control over tobacco products," said J. Philip Carlton, a negotiator for the tobacco industry.

The two sides also are discussing accepting FDA authority to regulate cigarettes, including cutting levels of cancer-causing tar and nicotine, the addictive component in cigarettes. That accord would only be possible if government officials did not ban cigarettes or eliminate nicotine completely, The New York Times reported today.

"We feel that we have made good progress," Mississippi Attorney General Michael Moore told The Times.

Any agreement on limiting the industry's liability must first be approved by Congress.

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Opposition leaders protest Kabila's Cabinet ministers

By TINA SUSMAN
Associated Press Writer
KINSHASA, Congo (AP) - Laurent Kabila consolidated power in his own hands today, scrapping the post of prime minister and snubbing the man who led years of peaceful protests against dictator Mobutu Sese Seko.

The move angered opposition activists who had wanted their leader, Etienne Tshisekedi, to be named prime minister, a job from which he was twice ousted by Mobutu. They reacted by staging a loud march through the capital, denouncing Kabila as another dictator.

"We cannot fill a hole by creating another hole," said protester Papi Kongolo. "We are going to struggle for our liberty, even if our blood is shed."
Mobutu, who last week fled the country he had ruled for nearly 32 years, was on another plane today, heading for the Moroccan capital of Rabat.

Propped up by his wife and accompanied by 56 followers, the ailing strongman left the west African country of Togo in the presidential jet of Togo's leader, an old friend. His eventual destination for life in exile was thought to be France.

Six days after declaring himself president, Kabila named a partial list of Cabinet ministers today, most of them from his rebel alliance that rolled across the country in an eight-month rebellion. He included some other political groups, but refused to take Tshisekedi, the country's most prominent opposition leader.

The new information minister, Raphael Ghenda, said Kabila would rule without a vice president or a prime minister and would also retain control of the military.

"It's a presidential system," Ghenda said.
Seven of the 13 Cabinet ministers

chosen came from Kabila's Alliance of Democratic Forces for the Liberation of Congo, and the rest came from other political groups, including two from Tshisekedi's party. None came from parties formerly allied with Mobutu.

"We were open to any tendency except Mobutu's followers, those who terrorized and oppressed our people," said Gaetan Kakudji, a top Alliance official. "We've forgiven, but we can't forget what the oppressors did."

At today's march, the protesters criticized the two men from Tshisekedi's party who accepted Cabinet positions as "betrayers" who were duped into giving Kabila's rebel-dominated government legitimacy.

"Etienne, Etienne, it's your name that chased out Mobutu, it also will chase out Kabila," they chanted, marching from Tshisekedi's home toward the prime minister's residence.

There was no comment from Tshisekedi. While he enjoys wide popular support, Tshisekedi's demand to hold only the most powerful position in government was likely behind his failure to be included.

"The reason why there is no Tshisekedi is political," Kakudji said.

During the rebellion, local newspapers reported that Tshisekedi had refused to go to Kabila, insisting the rebel leader come to him instead.

Kakudji made no mention of a date for elections promised by Kabila and made clear that the Alliance was not willing to share the credit for finally ending Mobutu's dictatorship.

"What happened today is the outcome of the struggle led by the Alliance. We've liberated the country from dictatorship. No other people, no other force, succeeded in doing that," he said.

Tshisekedi's aides have argued

that they softened Mobutu through years of non-violent resistance, including a series of hugely successful strikes.

Belgium said it would start withdrawing its 750 paratroopers in Brazzaville, across the river from Kinshasa, following the relatively peaceful rebel takeover of Congo. Belgium, like the United States, had troops on standby to evacuate foreign nationals if necessary.

Pentagon spokesman Lt. Cmdr. James Graybeal said there had been no decision about pulling out the 2,000 American troops.

In eastern Congo, the United Nations has been flying home plane loads of malnourished, sickly Rwandan Hutus who came into the country in 1994.

The airlift has been increasingly overshadowed by reports that mostly Tutsi Alliance forces are killing the Hutu refugees.

Earlier this week, the French aid group Doctors Without Borders said at least 190,000 Rwandan refugees were still unaccounted for in Congo.

Names in the News

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP) - Dudley Moore's estranged wife filed a \$5 million lawsuit against the entertainer, claiming he terrorized her with beatings and verbal abuse during their five years together.

Nicole Moore, 32, claims in the action filed last week that the actor-pianist chased her around the house, hit her, spit in her face, grabbed her by the neck, pushed her against a wall and once choked her.

Moore, 61, married his fourth wife on April 16, 1994. He filed for divorce on June 11, 1996, but the action has not been finalized.

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