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Departments working to fund pay increase

■ **State-mandated raises are leading to the rearranging of money and budgets.**

By TIFFANY E. KINGSTON
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Non-faculty departments at Texas Tech are finding ways to fund the 4 percent state-mandated pay increase for staff members. Michael Shonrock, vice president of Student Affairs, said the state is funding 2 percent of the pay increase for departments paid with state accounts. Departments that operate using local auxiliary accounts, which

are funds provided with student service fees and outside revenue, are responsible for the entire 4 percent pay increase mandated by the state. On July 10, *The University Daily* reported that the administration will reduce all non-faculty accounts by eight percent in order to fund a non-mandated faculty merit-based pay increase and administrative terminations will be implemented. "The department itself is responsible for coming up with 2 percent of the raise, and they have flexibility over all their budgets, said Jim Brunjes, Tech's chief financial officer. Where the other 2 percent comes from is up to the department, he said. Decisions about funding the pay increase, Brunjes said, will be made at the department level.

"We didn't tell them what they need to cut," he said, "The need to decide what is their most important priority." Gloria Hale, assistant vice president of Human Resources, said the terminations are executed through an automated process. Tech employees who have not received a paycheck since May will be deleted from the payroll system. Employees that return to active employment in the fall will be reentered into the system. Mike Wilson, assistant vice president for budget, said an answer-and-question session was provided for faculty and staff in hopes of giving them a better understanding of the process. Shonrock said the Office of Student Affairs had already allocated for

3 percent of the pay-increase in next year's budget. The office will be using money from its operating budget to fund the remaining 1 percent of the pay increase. In addition to the pay increase, non-faculty departments will also be responsible for the upcoming increase in minimum wage this fall. Tech's Housing and Dining Services and the University Center are both funded with local accounts. Sam Bennett, Dining Services director, said Tech's Housing and Dining Services already allocated for the pay increase. Housing and Dining operates using local accounts and are responsible for the entire 4 percent pay increase. The increase will be funded by student Housing and Dining fees.

Tom Shubert, University Center director, said one of the disadvantages of using local accounts is the lack of state funding. On the other hand, Shubert said, departments using state accounts are losing money because of the 8 percent budget reduction and mandated pay-raise. "The UC has essentially two sources of income — generated income, which is retail sales, room rentals and Raider Express; and a portion of student services fees," he said. Shubert said a 4 percent pay increase is a lot of money. Next year the UC's salary and benefits budget will be about \$1.5 million. However, see **FUNDING**, page 2

Put a record on



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Melanie Bush, production director for KTXT, leads a group of new student DJs during an orientation session at the radio station Saturday morning. The sessions trained newcomers on the stations policies and procedures.

Mixin' it Up

Campus radio station depends on volunteers to keep the music playing

By MELISSA GUEST
STAFF WRITER

Seth Thornberry grew up listening to KTXT, and now he has a chance to experience 88.1 FM from the other side of the airwaves. As the university's radio station, KTXT recently had training for

volunteer DJs where they learned how to rock and roll over the radio. Volunteers learned everything from how to operate the Dialekt computer system to how to deal with obscene callers. Anyone enrolled at Tech can volunteer. DJs are expected to work at least one three-hour shift a week. New DJs are obligated to stick with a predeter-

mined play list, but are allowed to pick one song an hour of their liking. After six months, DJ's can co-host a show and after a year of experience are eligible to get their own specialty show. Thornberry, a senior management information systems major

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HSC dean garners national fellowship

By MELISSA GUEST
STAFF WRITER

Each year, only 20 nurses nationwide receive the honor of being selected a Robert Wood Johnson Executive Nurse Fellow. This year, Alexia Green, was one of them. Green, dean of the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center's School of Nursing, will participate in the three-year program, which includes a \$30,000 grant for a leadership project at TTUHSC. In addition, Green will participate in leadership conferences and interact with a mentor from the health care industry. Green said it was an honor to be selected and the fellowship will be a learning experience. "I hope I'll learn additional skills I didn't have when I came here," she said. "For instance, how to negotiate and advocate for your people to position yourself for growth and opportunity." The mentoring opportunity could provide a broader perspective and feedback to managing the school of nursing, Green said. "Are the things we do at this health sciences center the only way for them to be done? It's a chance to bounce ideas off of someone else and bring them back here to see if they work." The leadership project funded by the fellowship will focus on initiating the HSC Institute for Health Aging. The institute is a collaborative project between the

university and Sears Methodist to provide a long-term care center for the elderly. "The institute is an umbrella under which there will be multiple initiatives aimed at helping people age better," she said. "We hope to develop a model center that would utilize an interdisciplinary educational approach. It will combine research, education and clinical care together." Green said geriatric care is often overlooked in the education of medical students, and the institute would provide essential training needed by those students. "We can't have students graduate from here and have them never have taken care of geriatrics," Green said. Green, who just finished her two-year term as president of the Texas Nurses Association, spent this year at Tech contributing to state legislation aimed at combating the shortage of nurses in both Texas and the nation. She said unlike other states, Texas has had to turn away one-third of qualified nursing students. With new legislation and increased funding, Green said, the university is catching up with the students. "We are hiring faculty as fast as we can and enrolling students as fast as we can," she said. "It's silly for students to be turned away while there is a national shortage of nurses."

House Democrats opposing proposed redistricting plan

AUSTIN (AP) — Black and Hispanic Democrats on Monday argued that a Texas House redistricting plan proposed by Republican Attorney General John Cornyn would hurt minority representation.

The Texas Farm Bureau also took aim at Cornyn's plan in a public hearing before the Legislative Redistricting Board, which Cornyn chairs.

A Farm Bureau representative said the organization worries about the potential loss of rural leaders in the House under Cornyn's plan. That led to pointed questioning by Cornyn of the Farm Bureau spokesman and to some terse words between Cornyn and House Speaker Pete Laney, the lone Democrat on the five-member board.

"I'm just trying to keep you consistent, general," Laney said to Cornyn during a clash over their dueling House plans.

"Well, I understand, and that would be a goal we should all strive for," Cornyn shot back.

Laney has presented his own House plan, one approved by the Texas House in May and supported mostly by Democrats. It would allow

some Republican gains but would likely let him get re-elected speaker by House members in 2003.

Democrats control the House 78-72. Cornyn's plan would force more House incumbents to run against each other and would allow the GOP to win about 88 seats in the 150-member chamber.

Cornyn wants to maintain 25 districts in Harris County, while Laney's plan would drop that number to 24 and keep more representation in rural regions. Laney is a cotton farmer from Hale Center in West Texas.

The Legislature failed to approve any redistricting plans this past legislative session. So the redistricting board is doing the once-a-decade job of redrawing legislative boundaries.

Any plan likely will face court challenges.

The House proposal by Cornyn would be a setback to blacks in Dallas because it would force two veteran black lawmakers to run against each other, said Rep. Helen Giddings, D-Dallas. Under Cornyn's plan, Giddings would run against Rep. Yvonne Davis, D-Dallas.

Though another "open" district in Dallas created under the plan has a substantial black population, that new lawmaker would not have legislative seniority, which translates into power, Giddings said.

"The reality is a freshman does not have the same position, the same influence, the same privilege as a 10-year member," she said. "It's retrogression in terms of influence and power and position."

Retgression in redistricting terms refers to deterioration of minority voter influence.

Rep. Irma Rangel, D-Kingsville, also spoke in favor of Laney's plan. She said it is better for Hispanics because it gives consideration to incumbents, while Cornyn's plan dilutes the power of Hispanic voters in South Texas.

"We should be strengthening the power of the Hispanic," she said. "Don't take that away from us."

Reps. Jim Solis, D-Harlingen, and Ignacio Salinas Jr., D-San Diego, agreed that Cornyn's proposal would hinder minority representation in the Rio Grande Valley.

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from Lubbock, was originally a DJ at the station two years ago. He said with school and work, sometimes it is hard to volunteer, but he is eager to get back on the airwaves now that he has time.

"I grew up listening to it, so it's cool to be a part of it," he said.

Gene Kwan, a senior telecommunications major from Dallas, said he signed up because he one day wants to work for a radio station.

"It's good experience, because I'm interested in working in radio, even though I want to work in promotions, I still need to know how the music end works."

KTXT is Lubbock's only alternative radio station and one of the most powerful student-run radio stations in Texas, transmitting 35,000 watts of power to Lubbock

and the South Plains. The station has been in operation for more than 40 years and offers over-the-air programming 24 hours a day, 7 days a week as well as up-to-date news and sports coverage and a variety of specialty shows.

In 1999, KTXT became the first Lubbock FM station to broadcast to the Internet via live audio feed. They can be heard via the Internet at www.ktxt.net.

Amy Hockaday, a junior psychology major from Saginaw, said even though the station may not be as popular as other stations in Lubbock, she likes the fact that KTXT offers a less mainstream music selection.

"There may not be as many people listening, but the people that do get more exposure to different kinds of music," she said.

KTXT Production Director Melanie Bush said the station hires its staff the first day of every semester, and always is short-handed

during the summer.

Bush also gave some advice for the new recruits.

"Don't try to be funny. If you just heard the best joke last night, be sure and test it out on someone first."

She also warned to stay away from foul language, adding that it is one of the biggest problems new DJ's have. KTXT is regulated by the Federal Communications Commission and profanity can lead to fines for the station and the DJ responsible.

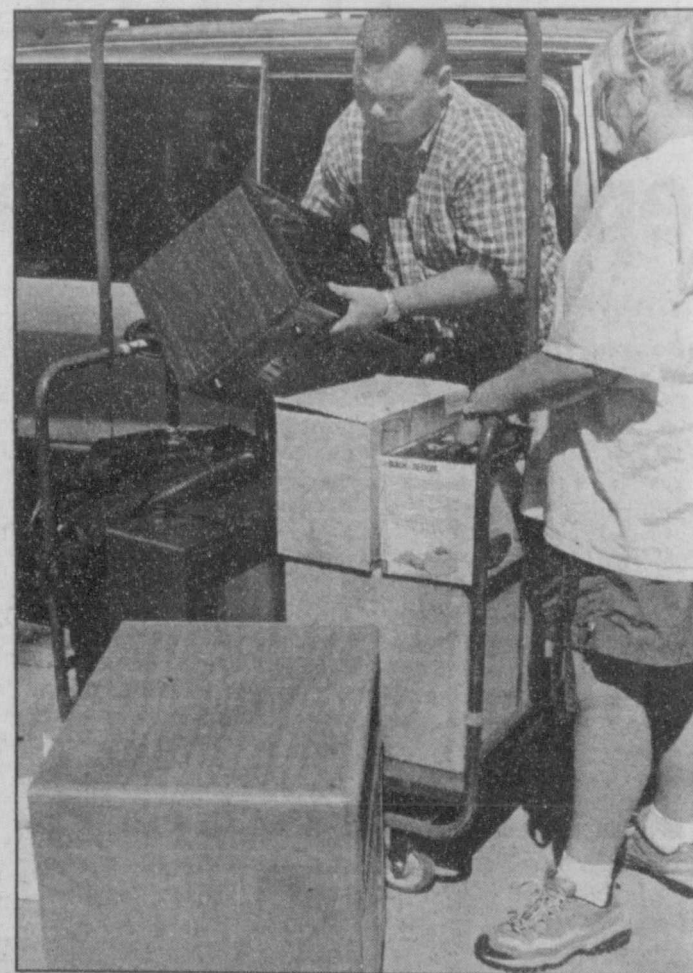
Summer is a good time to start at the station, Bush said.

"In the fall we'll have 100 people show up. Fifty will have to just be subs," Bush said.

Students wary of being broadcast through the airwaves can work for the station in other aspects, Bush said.

"A lot of people don't want to be on the air. They'll say 'I can never do that, I don't really know what to say'— but you're not supposed to say much anyway," she said.

Moving on up



Craig Swanson/THE UNIVERSITY DAILY
Graduate assistant Justin Shepherd unloads an appliance while moving Monday afternoon into Wall Gates Residence Complex. Shepherd is a recent graduate from the University of Missouri at Columbia and plans to pursue a master's degree in higher education from Texas Tech.

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despite the large amount of money needed for the pay increase, he said the funds for the pay increase will come from student services fee.

"We are not going to try and increase prices. It's going to come out of the fee money, so other funds can be used for operations," he said.

Student Publications, the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center and Student Health Services are also departments that operate using local budgets.

Jan Childress, director of Student Publications, said it is difficult to allocate for a pay increase when most of the budget is generated with advertising revenue.

Rec Center Director Joe McClean was not available for comment, because he is out of town.

Dee Jackson, administrative director for Student Health Services, said she hopes students will think the pay-increase is a positive change, because it helps maintain quality in SHS.

"Honestly, the employees are not paid as well as one might think," she said. "A clinic receptionist in Houston is paid \$12 an hour. We pay our receptionists \$8.50 an hour."

She said her physicians could be paid more, if they didn't work for the state. But, she said, they enjoy working for the university and the benefits

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UNIVERSITY CENTER DIRECTOR

Shark attacks surfer's leg on Florida coast

PENSACOLA, Fla. (AP) — A shark bit a surfer Sunday a few miles from the area where another shark nearly killed a boy earlier this month.

The 48-year-old surfer, whose name was not released, suffered puncture wounds when the shark bit him on the leg. He said he had noticed small fish and a large shadow below him before the attack, but hadn't thought anything was wrong.

He was hospitalized and listed in good condition.

Also Sunday, doctors treating

8-year-old Jessie Arbogast said the boy may not have suffered brain damage despite the severe loss of blood when he was attacked.

Jessie sometimes appears to understand what's going on around him, according to the medical team that reattached his arm after the attack by a 200-pound bull shark.

"We're proceeding with the lovely words of cautious optimism. Every day we seem to progress a little bit further," said Dr. Ian Rogers, the boy's chief surgeon, in an interview Sunday morning on NBC's "Today" show.

Dr. Juliet DeCampos said the boy, from Ocean Springs, Miss., appears to be responding to family and doctors after days of being in a light coma.

"Yesterday was the first time that one of the family members told us that he squeezed his hand in response to being asked, so that was very good news," she said.

Jessie was attacked at the Gulf Islands National Seashore July 6 as he played in knee-deep water at dusk. His arm was bitten off, and he suffered a deep wound to his right thigh.

Immigrants might be allowed to stay

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration is considering granting legal residency to millions of undocumented Mexican immigrants living in the United States.

Such amnesty would give a permanent reprieve to certain Mexicans living undercover in this country, largely in the border states. It also could be a political boon to the Republican president as he seeks Hispanic support.

There are 3 million Mexican-born people living illegally in the United States, according to a report last week by Mexico's National Population Council.

An immigration task force of top Justice and State Department officials planned to send President Bush

a report Monday on the broad outlines of U.S.-Mexican border issues. It will recommend that the United States address illegal immigration, but will stop short of offering concrete proposals, a Justice Department official said Sunday.

The task force is considering several options, including a proposal to give the illegal Mexican immigrants permanent residency, said the official, speaking on condition of anonymity. That is what Mexican President Vicente Fox has been pressing Bush for.

Major questions remain unanswered about how the administration would administer such a program. The official said issues under consideration include how quickly the immigrants could earn legal status, and

whether they would gain such status based on date of entry into the United States, or by occupation, such as farm worker.

The working group was formed after Bush and Fox met in February. Attorney General John Ashcroft and Secretary of State Colin Powell head the task force, which hopes to have recommendations for the two presidents by September, when Fox visits Bush in Washington.

Ashcroft is meeting with Mexican officials in California and Arizona later this month to discuss border issues. He and Powell also will meet with their Mexican counterparts in early August.

The preliminary report will be presented to Bush as Fox completes

a five-day visit to the United States this week. On Monday, Fox planned to meet in Detroit with auto executives and union officials.

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., said he would back the kind of amnesty move now under consideration.

"I believe that these people are living here, and it's a recognition of reality. They are working here," he said on NBC's "Meet the Press."

But Sen. Trent Lott, R-Miss., sounded a more cautious note.

"Just to summarily grant legal status to 3 million people, many of them that got here illegally and have violated the law while they're here—I'd want to make sure we do this carefully," he said on "Fox News Sunday."

Any guest-worker or amnesty pro-

gram proposed by Bush would require approval by Congress. Some Democrats also object, mindful of union fears that guest-worker and amnesty programs could drive down wages and decrease job opportunities for Americans.

Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho, introduced legislation last week to create a program that lets farm workers now working in the United States become permanent residents after working 150 days a year for four years.

Bush drew 35 percent of the Hispanic vote in November, and has continued to woo them since then. Recent Census figures indicate the number of Americans of Mexican ancestry has grown 53 percent over the last decade.

Boat collision kills 3, remains under investigation by police

VICTORIA (AP) — A boat collision that killed three people on Coletto Creek remains under investigation by state game wardens and law officers.

The two boats, which had been removed from the water following the crash, were scheduled to be re-inspected on Monday, an investigator said.

Law officers identified the victims as Victoria residents Ted McCoy, 35; his 38-year-old wife, Vicki McCoy, 38, and Todd Matthew Easley, 36. They were pronounced dead by Precinct One Justice of the Peace Emilio Vargas, who ordered autopsies in Austin.

Autopsy results are expected

this week, game Warden Jesse Garcia told The Victoria Advocate in Monday's online edition.

Three survivors of the collision were pulled from the water about an hour after the accident on Friday night. But their identities were still unavailable.

The rescues were made by Goliad County Emergency Medical Service personnel, said Peggy Fonseca, county EMS administrator.

The other boat in the collision was driven by Robert Smith of Victoria, who was not seriously injured. He contacted authorities by cellular phone soon after the collision.

VP promotes nation's energy strategy

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — President Bush warned against complacency in the face of falling gas prices Monday, as a hoarse Vice President Dick Cheney headlined a Republican roadshow promoting the national energy strategy he shaped.

"I think anytime there's not an immediate problem that's apparent to people, it's tough to convince people to think long-term," Bush told reporters in the Oval Office as he plugged the energy plan. "But it's clear there are warning signs" of a crisis, he said.

Cheney, suffering laryngitis, drafted his wife, Lynne, to deliver an energy speech to the National Association of Counties in Philadelphia. He kissed her and watched from stage right after she playfully shooed him away from the microphone, saying, "Dick, they did give you a chair."

Mrs. Cheney defended the

administration's energy policy, with a heavy emphasis on environmental protection, conservation and high-tech energy solutions.

"President Bush and the vice president do not accept the false choice between more energy and a safer environment," she said.

Her husband just weeks ago said conservation, though a "personal virtue," was not the basis of a sound energy policy. Mrs. Cheney declared, "We must become much more efficient in energy use."

She also made clear that the administration is not rethinking its rejection of a global-warming treaty known as the Kyoto Protocol. Bush's scrapping of the treaty is one of the greatest points of friction between the United States and European countries. Bush travels to Europe Wednesday.

The Kyoto treaty "would have produced little or no net benefit to the global environment, while imposing massive job losses on the American economy," she said.

The Bush administration unveiled its energy strategy in May, but is still trying to spur action in the Senate, which has since turned over to Democratic control and is unlikely to address energy legislation before September. Several energy bills are advancing in the House with two committees expected to move legislation this week.

One bill promotes clean coal technology, calls for a modest increase in fuel economy for sport-utility vehicles and requires new energy savings by federal agencies. Another bill would allow drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska, which Bush has advocated.

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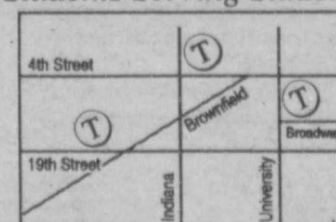
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OPINIONS & IDEAS

[COLUMN]

'Traffic' gives insight into America's drug war

After recently watching the pseudo-documentary drug film "Traffic," America's war on drugs became clear to me. The drug war is fought on two fronts, and America is always on the losing end.



Katie Harris

The movie raised an interesting question about which front America should focus on when fighting toward limiting its harmful effects. Whether we should fight the supply or fight the demand.

Despite much effort the United States failed in stopping the supply of drugs. Though many individuals are caught smuggling drugs, the United States does not have the resources to keep up with drug trafficking.

The Office of National Drug Control Policy reports that the U.S. government allocated \$19.2 billion in 2001 for the war on drugs, and 26 percent is towards stopping the incoming drug supply. The ONDCP also reports that Americans spent \$63.2 billion for illegal drugs in 1999.

The U.S. budget is chump change when compared to the money drug traffickers have available to get drugs across the border. Manpower is also a factor.

The U.S. government has limited manpower to fight the war on drugs, while drug organizations have informants and smugglers across the globe. Corruption in the governments of Central and South America also creates an obstacle for the nation. The supply front is next to impossible to win. The United States does not have the money nor the manpower to wage a war against the drug organizations and cartels south of the border.

The demand for illegal drugs in America is a problem possibly more pressing than stopping the supply. More than 75 percent of the 2001 budget for the war on drugs is not to stop the supply, but the demand.

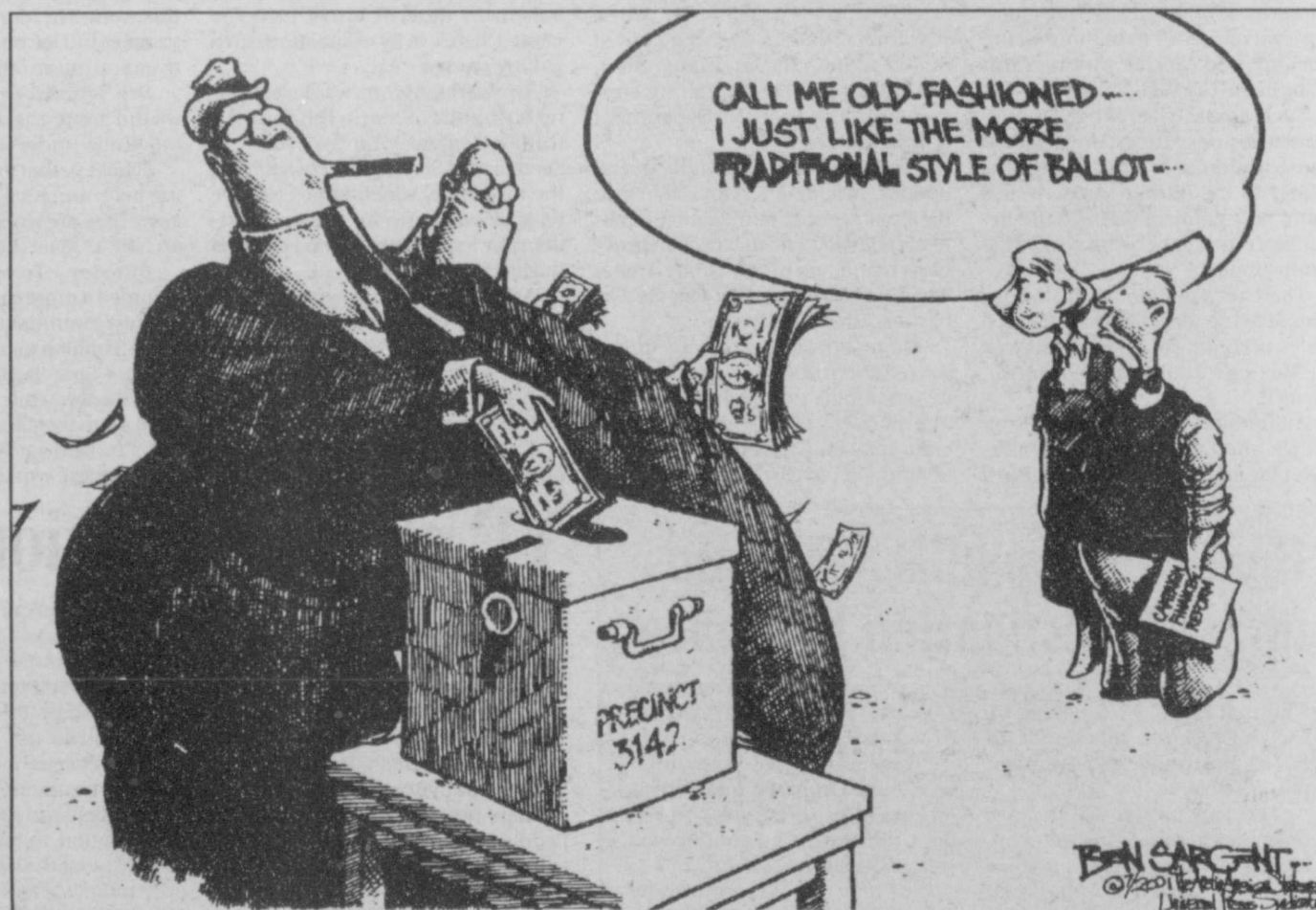
In 1999, the National Household Survey on Drug Abuse estimated that 14.8 million Americans used an illicit drug within one month of the survey, and four million claimed to be hardcore users. Drugs are the cause of much of the gang activity, prostitution, and crime in America. No age group, race, class or gender is immune to drug use in this country.

Drugs are not Mexico's problem, the inner cities' problem or an addict's problem. Drugs are everyone's problem. The United States has started to look away from its borders, and has finally begun realizing that drug use in America is America's problem. America continues to fight, however, hoping the war on drugs is one it can win. Countries like the Netherlands, however, realize it is too difficult to stop the supply and instead focus on treatment for the demand, and in many cases tolerate drug usage.

It is difficult to stop the supply when the demand is so great. It is that demand that is really the enemy of America's war on drugs. As Micheal Douglas's character says in the movie: "If there is a war on drugs, then many of our family members are the enemy. And I don't know how you wage war on your own family."

America will keep fighting a war against the supply, and in the meantime we can only offer help and understanding to the demand.

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Drinking age is right where it should be

What would happen if all 50 of the states in the United States made the decision tomorrow to change the legal drinking age to 18?

First of all, I would think that they had lost their minds. Although many people will disagree with what I am about to say, I think that when they said that you have to be 21 to purchase alcoholic beverages, they were right.



Damion Davis

I have many friends that are younger than the legal drinking age and they still manage to get their alcohol. I think that it is funny when a party is thrown and there are minors there. If someone yells that the police were coming they run and hide in the restroom or the bedroom so no one will see them. And the whole

time they are in there I am sure they would be thinking, "What if they catch me in here, my mom will be so mad?" Well, at that time they do not think that underage drinking is so cool.

There are many people everywhere that have felt the ramifications of drinking illegally. Drinking and driving is a serious offense. Yet, day after day people continue to get stopped for this offense.

As the numbers of underage drinkers go up, the number of DWIs and fatalities also are on the rise. Many people would argue that if the drinking age were lowered then there would be fewer traffic violations. But this I believe to be a fabrication.

I do not think there would be less violations, I think children would just start to drink at a younger age.

I have heard part of the argument. Some people state that over seas, in England and France, they let their children drink with them.

That is nice and everything, but if you want to be French or British then move

there. This is America and there are not many laws that state we can't do something or place limits on what we can do. So, we could be nice citizens and follow the rules we do have. These rules were made for safety reasons. Everyone wants to be safe and protected and this is what the founders of this country thought when they established a drinking age.

So, in conclusion, I am not as jaded as a lot of other people so I know that many people who read this article and are underage are still going to drink anyway. I am not saying that I agree with this or condone it in anyway, but if you are going to do it, do it right.

Make sure that if you are drunk, you don't drive. Have someone there that can be a designated driver and can make sure that you get home safely.

A party stops being a party after the first death.

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NEWS DIGEST

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FOUR DEAD, ONE MISSING AFTER MINIVAN PLUNGES INTO RIVER

BAYTOWN (AP) — At least four people, including a man and a teenager from Georgia, died Sunday night and a fifth person was missing after a minivan left Interstate 10 and flipped into the San Jacinto River, Harris County sheriff's officials said. Two people were rescued.

Backpacks, tennis shoes, soda cans and books littered a highway overpass and river bank as bleak reminders of a family outing before tragedy struck the seven minivan occupants.

A 36-year-old man and three children died in the crash, which occurred at 6:55 p.m. between Houston and Baytown, Harris County investigators said. The van sank in about 24 feet of water. A search for another 36-year-old man was called off for the night.

The dead children ranged in age from 7 to 15, authorities said.

Two people, a 56-year-old woman driving the minivan and her 11-year-old grandson, were rescued and were reported in good condition at Ben Taub Hospital in Houston.

"Her statement to me was that the vehicle started shimmying, then it lost control and rolled over," said Deputy Rodolfo Zepeda.

He said the woman was pulled from the water by two bystanders. The boy was thrown from the vehicle before it sank.

"The van hit the side of the guardrail and tumbled over and it hit the water. Everyone started screaming and hollering," Keith Fisher, 33, of Houston told the *Houston Chronicle*. "I jumped in and grabbed the woman."

The driver, who investigators said was a grandmother from Riverdale, Ga., yelled to rescuers that her "babies" were trapped inside the van as it sank upside down. The woman reportedly was returning to Georgia after a visit to her daughter in Houston.

Fisher and his wife, Samantha, were fishing and crabbing at the water's edge.

He said a man inside the van was screaming "Help me, help me," but no one was able to save him.

"I wish I could have done more. But I tried my best," Fisher said. "She was pulling me under, too. That took all the energy I had right there."

Witnesses told the newspaper that the van rolled as many as three or four times before tumbling over the guardrail on the I-10 bridge and into the river, where it sank almost immediately.

FORMER CITY COUNCILMAN WORKS TO BRING OLYMPICS TO HOUSTON

HOUSTON (AP) — John Kelley never got to the Olympics as a boxer, so he took on another dream: Bring the Olympics to Houston.

The former Houston city councilman is listed as "founder" on the Houston 2012 Foundation roster. He was a pioneer in taking the early steps that led to the arrival of the U.S. Olympic Committee to consider Houston as host of the 2012 Olympics.

"When I was young, I wanted to be an Olympian and I almost made it," Kelley said. "When I was a city councilman, I started thinking of ways to help the city and this was one of them. It would be a dream come true for me."

Kelley's early work helped lay the groundwork for Houston 2012 Foundation chairman George DeMontrond III to get the project rolling.

The Houston organizers were set Monday to welcome the USOC to begin touring the venues that would be available for the Olympics. It's a moment Kelley has long anticipated.

As chairman of the Houston International Sports Committee, Kelley helped attract USOC events to the city, including the 2000 USOC Media Summit, hosting athletes and media prior to the Sydney Olympics.

"In every city there is a guy who has the dream," said Bob Condon, director of media services for the USOC. "In Dallas it is Grady Hicks and in Houston it starts with John Kelley."

"John has been there for us. He was involved in two very important events for us in Houston and both events were exceptional."

The Houston International Sports Committee brought the World Championship of Boxing to Houston in 1999, but Kelley believes the Media Summit last year was the biggest help in attracting attention to the city for the Olympics.

RULING IN FAVOR OF ABORTION PROTESTORS, JUDGE OVERRULES CITY

WICHITA, Kan. (AP) — A judge overruled the city Monday and said abortion opponents can hold marches this week outside the clinic of one of the few doctors in the nation to perform late-term abortions.

The ruling came as hundreds of demonstrators, in town for a renewal of the Summer of Mercy anti-abortion protests that crippled Wichita a decade ago, took to the streets to demand an end to abortion. They read Bible verses over a loudspeaker as they marched through downtown with a police escort.

Judge Thomas Marten ruled that the city improperly denied the demonstrators' group, Operation Save America, a parade permit for marches near the clinic of Dr. George Tiller.

Tiller's clinic was bombed in 1985 and he was shot and wounded in 1993, two years after the first Summer of Mercy in Wichita. During those 1991 protests, anti-abortion demonstrators besieged Tiller's clinic.

Marten said the group would be allowed to parade for one hour twice a day during this week's demonstrations.

City officials said the group was denied a parade permit for safety reasons, but Marten said the move violated the demonstrators' First Amendment rights.

The abortion opponents also challenged the constitutionality of a municipal court order imposing stiffer bail of \$2,000 for nonresidents arrested at the clinic this week. But Marten ruled that the higher bail is not a problem since it applies to people on both sides of the abortion debate.

In 1991, the first Summer of Mercy — led by firebrand Randall Terry and Operation Rescue — ended with 2,700 people arrested in more than 45 days of protests.

[NATION]

NEW REPORT SAYS HISPANICS STILL FACING A GAP IN OPPORTUNITIES

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Despite a 58 percent growth in their population in the United States in the 1990s, Hispanics still live in segregated neighborhoods and are less likely than non-Hispanic whites to own homes, save money or have health insurance, a new report says.

The report outlines gaps in opportunities for Hispanics and proposes an agenda for local, state and national leaders to correct inequities in homeownership, education, job opportunities and health care.

The report was released Monday at the National Council of La Raza's annual conference, which started Saturday and runs through Wednesday.

The conference brings together government officials, business and community leaders to discuss policy issues.

More than highlighting Hispanics' growing numbers, La Raza wants to show people "what's really important is how we are doing," said Sonia Perez, the report's author. "The time of ignoring Latinos as a population is over."

The nation's Hispanic population grew from 22.4 million in 1990 to 35.3 million in 2000, census data show. It's also a young population: more than a third of Hispanics are under 18.

"We have more power, more visibility," Noel Orengo of Milwaukee said at the conference. "Our cultures are more visible, not in any superficial way like food or dance, but values, education for Hispanics."

While growth has occurred in states with historically large Hispanic populations, such as California, New York and Florida, it's also taken place in the Midwest.

[WORLD]

RUSSIA AND CHINA SIGN TREATY, BUCKING A 50-YEAR-OLD TREND

MOSCOW (AP) — Russia and China signed their first friendship treaty in more than a half century on Monday, promising to "remain friends forever" while stressing their partnership was not a military alliance aimed against third countries.

Russian President Vladimir Putin and his Chinese counterpart Jiang Zemin also reiterated their opposition to Washington's plans to deploy a missile defense shield, but their careful language suggested both were looking for a way out of confrontation with the United States.

The Bush administration said the new friendship pact posed no particular threat to the United States.

"They have a long border in the region, and it's important for them to get along," State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said Monday in Washington.

Jiang's arrival Sunday followed the United States' successful test of a missile interceptor — a step forward in Washington's quest to build a missile defense system.

Neither Jiang nor Putin commented on the test, or on the Pentagon's plans to start building a new missile defense test range in Alaska.

But in a statement, the two leaders reasserted that the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty, signed by the Soviet Union and the United States in 1972, was a "cornerstone of strategic stability" that must be preserved.

The post-Soviet friendship treaty signed Monday is the first since 1950, when Joseph Stalin and Mao Tse-tung created a Soviet-Chinese alliance — a friendship that slid into rivalry and then hostility in the 1960s.

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'Legally Blonde' beats out its box office competitors

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Reese Witherspoon's law-school comedy "Legally Blonde" debuted as the weekend's No. 1 film, taking in \$20.4 million.

The heist caper "The Score," starring Robert De Niro, Edward Norton and Marlon Brando, opened in second place with \$19 million.

The weekend's other big new movie, the sci-fi adventure "Final Fantasy: The Spirits Within," premiered at No. 4 with \$11.4 million. The film has taken in \$19 million since opening Wednesday.

The top 20 movies at North American theaters Friday through Sunday, followed by distribution studio, gross, number of theater locations, average receipts per location, total gross and number of weeks in release, as compiled Monday by Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc. and ACNielsen EDI Inc.:

1. "Legally Blonde," MGM, \$20.4 million, 2,620 locations, \$7,778 average, \$20.4 million, one week.
2. "The Score," Paramount, \$19 million, 2,129 locations, \$8,933 average, \$19 million, one week.
3. "Cats & Dogs," Warner Bros., \$12 million, 3,040 locations, \$3,958 average, \$58.9 million, two weeks.
4. "Final Fantasy: The Spirits Within," Sony, \$11.4 million, 2,649 locations, \$4,307 average, \$19 million, one week.
5. "Scary Movie 2," Miramax, \$9.6 million, 3,220 locations, \$2,967 average, \$53 million, two weeks.
6. "The Fast and the Furious," Universal, \$8.1 million, 2,899 locations, \$2,790 average, \$115.6 million, four weeks.
7. "Dr. Dolittle 2," Fox, \$7.5 million, 2,829 locations, \$2,645 average, \$84.7 million, four weeks.
8. "Kiss of the Dragon," Fox, \$6 million, 2,100 locations, \$2,862 average, \$24.1 million, two weeks.
9. "A.I. Artificial Intelligence," Warner Bros., \$5.2 million, 2,830 locations, \$1,843 average, \$70.1 million, three weeks.
10. "Lara Croft: Tomb Raider," Paramount, \$3.9 million, 2,164 locations, \$1,794 average, \$122.5 million, five weeks.
11. "Shrek," DreamWorks, \$3.6 million, 1,767 locations, \$2,040 average, \$247.3 million, nine weeks.
12. "Atlantis: The Lost Empire," Disney, \$2.6 million, 1,702 locations, \$1,517 average, \$74.7 million, six weeks.
13. "Baby Boy," Sony, \$2.1 million, 1,014 locations, \$2,080 average, \$24.7 million, three weeks.
14. "Pearl Harbor," Disney, \$2 million, 1,210 locations, \$1,627 average, \$190.1 million, eight weeks.
15. "crazy/beautiful," Disney, \$1.2 million, 1,242 locations, \$953 average, \$15.2 million, three weeks.
16. "Swordfish," Warner Bros., \$1 million, 902 locations, \$1,114 average, \$67.7 million, six weeks.
17. "Moulin Rouge," Fox, \$753,303, 492 locations, \$1,531 average, \$52.5 million, nine weeks.
18. "Sexy Beast," Fox Searchlight, \$503,863, 179 locations, \$2,815 average, \$3.9 million, five weeks.
19. "The Mummy Returns," Universal, \$459,575, 593 locations, \$775 average, \$200.2 million, 11 weeks.
20. "Memento," Newmarket, \$321,596, 190 locations, \$1,693 average, \$23 million, 18 weeks.

Downey Jr. strikes plea bargain

INDIO, Calif. (AP) — Robert Downey Jr. pleaded no contest Monday to two cocaine-related charges in a plea bargain that will keep the actor out of jail.

Under the deal, reached under California's new policy of stressing cure over punishment in drug cases, Downey was sentenced to one year in a live-in rehabilitation program and three years of probation. He will have to pay a series of fines and was ordered to comply with a set of regulations including random drug testing.

The actor, nominated for an Oscar for the film "Chaplin" and for an Emmy just last week for "Ally McBeal," pleaded no contest to one count of possessing cocaine and one count of being under the influence. A third charge was dropped.

Superior Court Judge Randall White explained the terms of the deal and warned Downey he could go to prison for up to four years if he violated the terms of the deal.

Asked if he understood the terms, Downey replied: "I'm well aware, Your Honor."

Downey, 36, was arrested at Merv Griffin's Resort Hotel and Givenchy Spa in Palm Springs last November. Authorities allegedly found the drugs in his hotel room after receiving an anonymous call.

Downey checked into a Malibu drug rehabilitation center after he was arrested yet again in April, this

time in Culver City, and tests showed he had traces of cocaine in his system.

The arrest cost him his "Ally McBeal" role, but prosecutors decided to handle it simply as a parole violation. No charges will be filed.

The deal to settle the Palm Springs charge was struck under Proposition 36, which California voters approved last year. It removes the threat of prison for drug offenders unless they are charged three more times with drug violations or repeatedly fail to cooperate in treatment.

"This is not a gift of the court," White told Downey. "This is going to be hard work. It can provide a tremendous benefit to you and to the public as well. But you are going to have to work at it."

Outside court, defense attorney James Epstein said Downey is in good spirits, and grateful that "the state of California is now treating his problem as an illness and not a crime."

His attorneys said Downey could undertake acting jobs while in rehab but at present wants to concentrate on his recovery. Any such jobs would have to be approved by authorities and carefully supervised.

Deputy District Attorney Tamara Capone said she was pleased with the outcome, too.

"We got the conviction. That was the most important thing," she said.

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Judge Randall White
SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE

"Under the new law, I can't be that aggressive."

Downey's legal troubles date back to 1996 when he was stopped for speeding and authorities found cocaine, heroin and a pistol in his vehicle. A month later he was found passed out in a neighbor's home and was hospitalized at a substance-abuse treatment center.

Three days later, he was arrested for leaving the center.

In August 1999, Downey was sentenced to three years in prison for violating his probation by missing scheduled drug tests. He was released a year later on \$5,000 bail.

Former Post publisher sustains head injury

■ **Katherine Graham was hospitalized after tumbling on a concrete walkway in Sun Valley, Idaho.**

BOISE, Idaho (AP) — Katharine Graham, who helped build *The Washington Post* into one of country's top newspapers, was unconscious and in critical condition Monday with a head injury after tumbling on a concrete walkway.

The 84-year-old chairman of the executive committee of *The Washington Post* Co. was in Sun Valley to attend a business conference and fell Saturday afternoon on a path outside a condominium, said Chip Knight, spokesman for the *Post* company.

Graham underwent surgery late Saturday and remained in critical condition Monday at the St. Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise, hospital spokeswoman Amy Miller said.

"When she fell she was immediately unconscious and remains unconscious at this time," Miller said

Monday.

At the family's request, no additional details about her injuries were disclosed.

Graham's son Donald E. Graham, chairman of the *Post* company, was with his mother, along with daughter Elizabeth "Lally" Weymouth. The family members were not granting interviews.

Katharine Graham arrived in Sun Valley on Tuesday, Knight said. The gathering, the Allen & Co. Annual Conference, is held for business, communications and entertainment executives. The meeting began Tuesday and ended Saturday night.

Graham took over the *Post* company in 1963 after the suicide of her husband, Philip Graham.

She built the paper her father, Eugene Meyer, had bought at bankruptcy auction into a media empire that ranked on the Fortune 500 list by the time she turned over the reins to her son in 1991.

From a business standpoint, she built the *Post* company into a profitable conglomerate of newspaper, magazine, broadcast and cable properties, including *Newsweek*.

In 1974, she was the first woman elected to The Associated Press board of directors, serving the maximum nine years. She also was chairman of the American Newspaper Publishers Association from 1980 through 1982. That group later became part of the Newspaper Association of America.

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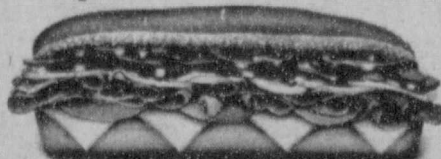
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McGriff rejects trade to Chicago Cubs

CHICAGO (AP) — Fred McGriff is staying with Tampa Bay. At least for now.

McGriff invoked his no-trade clause Monday, scrapping a trade that would have sent him to the Chicago Cubs.

"It was just family and friends, being at home," said McGriff, who was in Atlanta for the Devil Rays' game against the Braves. "It's tough, it's tempting, but sometimes you have to think about people other than just yourself."

But the first baseman hasn't ruled out being traded before the July 31 deadline.

"That's the nature of the business," McGriff said. "You

can't ever say never. Nobody knows what's going to happen."

Devil Rays general manager Chuck LaMar agreed, saying that McGriff could change his mind later in the season.

"It's a major decision, and he just did not feel completely ready to make a decision to move as of today," LaMar said on a conference call. "As a week or two goes on, he may become more comfortable with idea of leaving his family and leaving Tampa Bay and going to play somewhere else."

Cubs president and general manager Andy MacPhail was to address the media before the Cubs' night game against the Kansas City Royals.

The Devil Rays, the worst team in baseball, had reached a deal with the NL Central-leading Cubs last week that would have sent McGriff to Chicago for two prospects. The Cubs also were expected to pick up a \$6.75 million option for next season.

But McGriff, a Tampa native who has two small children, had to approve the deal because of a no-trade clause in his contract.

"There's a chance he will be traded before the trade deadline," LaMar said. "There's still a chance he would be open to the idea of a trade to the Chicago Cubs. He just was not ready to do it today at 12 o'clock."

McGriff also is enjoying one of his most productive seasons, hitting .329 with 18 homers and 59 RBIs. He homered twice Sunday and drove in four runs against the Braves.

"This goes on in baseball all the time where a player has a no-trade ... and they decline that deal," LaMar said.

"It's just the first time our club has been in this position."

That and the fact the deal seemed like such a no-brainer. With one word, McGriff could have gone from a team that was 29-63 before Monday's game in Atlanta to a pennant race.

But he's said all along he

likes being close to his family.

"I've got a nice little family," he said Sunday. "I'm very happy."

The deal was also a good one for both teams. Though the Cubs began Monday with the NL's best record, their offense has been streaky with Rondell White, Todd Hundley and Bill Mueller hurt.

McGriff, one of only two players to hit 200 homers in both the AL and NL, would give the lineup some added pop.

It also would give added protection to Sammy Sosa, who has already drawn a career-high 22 intentional walks this season.

The Devil Rays, meanwhile, are trying to shed their high-priced veterans for prospects. Already this season they have released Vinny Castilla (\$7 million) and Gerald Williams (\$3 million).

Among active Tampa Bay players, McGriff has the second-highest salary, earning \$6.5 million this year.

Greg Vaughn makes \$8.25 million.

"On one hand, as a general manager, you're honored to have Fred McGriff on your club. On the flipside of it, we have a situation where we need to move payroll," LaMar said. "It truly is a Catch-22. And that's not Fred's fault."

Belgian woman claims title of Olympic president

MOSCOW (AP) — Jacques Rogge wasted no time in showing how different his Olympic presidency will be.

The Belgian surgeon and sailor won a landslide victory Monday to succeed Juan Antonio Samaranch as president of the International Olympic Committee, and then acted swiftly to break with its scandal-scarred and elitist image.

Within hours of his election, Rogge said he wanted to stay in the

athletes' village at next year's Winter Games in Salt Lake City.

"I think it's the best place to be in the Olympic Games," Rogge said at a news conference. "It's a wonderful atmosphere. I hope to be able to do that."

Rogge said he would meet Tuesday with Salt Lake City organizing chief Mitt Romney to ask if there was room in the village dorms at the University of Utah.

"I hope he will make a room available for me," Rogge said.

Romney quickly agreed to save space for Rogge.

"It's a wonderful gesture and symbol of his commitment to the athletes," he said. "We'll make the room. If he wants to stay in the village, he'll get a place."

IOC members and officials normally live in luxurious hotels at the Olympics, with Samaranch renowned for staying in top-of-the-line suites with private elevator service and other perks.

Rogge's gesture dramatically underlined his intent to give the IOC a more down-to-earth image, and it was in line with his own unpretentious style and pristine reputation.

He was elected on the second of four possible rounds of secret balloting to claim the most powerful post in international sports.

He defeated Kim Un-yong of South Korea, Dick Pound of Canada, Pal Schmitt of Hungary and Anita DeFrantz of the United States.

PGA Tour signs television deals

NEW YORK (AP) — In deals driven in part by Tiger Woods' popularity, the PGA Tour agreed to new TV packages that increase its take by hundreds of millions of dollars.

The contracts with ABC, CBS, NBC, ESPN, USA and The Golf Channel, announced Monday, run from 2003-06 and are worth about \$850 million, according to two industry sources, speaking on condition of anonymity.

That figure represents an increase of about 45 percent from the tour's four-year television packages negotiated in 1997 and running from 1999-02.

Everyone involved has Woods to thank, at least in part. Television ratings rise at least 50 percent on average when he plays, and can double when he's in contention.

There aren't major changes in the golf schedules for ABC, CBS and NBC, although each network does lose and gain tournaments.

Under the new setup, ABC will average 18 events each year, CBS 17 and NBC five.

Everybody pretty much kept their schedule intact," CBS Sports president Sean McManus said. "I think it's a fair financial deal for us and the tour."

On cable, the biggest mover was USA, which more than doubled its golf coverage by jumping from 15 tournaments this year to 33 per year over the length of the deal.

ESPN drops from 18 to 14 events but adds quality by gaining The Players Championship and Memorial.

The Golf Channel, which is airing a dozen tournaments in 2001, won't have any PGA Tour events but does get exclusive rights to the Buy.com Tour.

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