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Public works law fails to create needed jobs

WASHINGTON (AP) — A massive federal public works law enacted in 1991 is helping restore America's transportation system but has not lived up to advance billing as a job-creator and has other growing pains, an Associated Press survey shows.

Across America, vast stretches of highways are being repaved and scores of bridges replaced.

In two years, the law has helped pay for new bus yards in California, bicycle storage lockers in Ohio, park-and-ride lots in New York and a pedestrian overpass spanning Las Vegas' famed casino strip.

But an AP survey of two dozen states shows many projects put on hold because the federal government has provided only about 85 percent, or nearly \$41 billion, of the \$48 billion Congress originally promised for 1992 and 1993. The law has four more years to run.

The economic stimulus package President Clinton sought this year would have restored the missing funding for 1993. The package was

filibustered to death by Senate Republicans in April.

Transportation Secretary Federico Pena, a strong supporter of the legislation, said, "We've got to recognize it's time to invest in America" or "we will have a country in the year 2000 we may not like."

Officially called the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991, it was signed into law by President Bush who predicted it would generate 4 million jobs by 1997.

That goal apparently will not be realized.

If all the states were the same size and slated to get the same amount of money, that would average out to about 80,000 jobs per state.

Even the largest states say they will fall short of the average.

Officials in California, one of the bill's biggest benefactors, attribute only 11,000 new jobs to the spending and predict another 37,500 over the final four years of the bill.

In New York, some 36,000 jobs were created and saved last year by

spending under the bill. In Florida, some 50,000 new jobs are expected over the six years.

"I can't say it will create 4 million jobs. But it will create tens of thousands," said Jerry Donaldson of the Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety, which represents consumers and insurance companies.

"It was not conceived as a jobs bill," added Jim Lewis, spokesman for The Road Information Program, a highway research and trade group.

"That became the political good news. But it is a sound means of investing in our economy. It is not fluff. It is not pork."

Many states say the lack of full funding is slowing the work.

Generally, the government picks up 80 percent of highway project costs while states pay the rest. The federal money comes from a 14-cent-a-gallon tax motorists pay at the gasoline pump.

Faced with a growing deficit, Congress decided not to give the states the full amount it promised for the program's first two years.

Jury hearing Hauck sexual assault trial

By CHERYL BERZANSKIS
Lifestyles Editor

A three-year-long series of events alleged to have begun with an argument over the volume of a television set has culminated in the aggravated sexual assault trial of David Kane Hauck.

Law enforcement officials allege that Hauck, 22, sexually assaulted a woman "using physical force and violence causing serious injury" during a late night argument on June 11, 1990 in McLean.

A five-woman, seven-man jury Monday heard opening arguments in 223rd District Court from District Attorney John Mann, who maintained that Hauck, during an argument over the volume of a television set when he was trying to fall asleep, used a broken chair leg to penetrate the vagina of the victim, then continued to beat her severely, causing facial lacerations and a skull fracture.

Witnesses testified to discovering the victim in a fetal position in a blood spattered room. She was transported by McLean Ambulance Service first to Coronado

Hospital and later to North West Texas Hospital.

"It was pretty messy," said former Gray County deputy Wayne Carter.

Carter, now a 31st District Court bailiff, was one of the first law officers on the scene at the McLean home where the victim was discovered.

During testimony, Carter stated that he obtained a statement from Hauck on June 13, 1990. He told the jury that he informed Hauck of his Miranda rights, including having Hauck initial the list of Miranda instructions.

When asked by Qlo Crum, attorney for Hauck, whether most people understand the Miranda warnings, Carter said, "Yes, I believe they do understand those rights."

Crum objected to the introduction of the statement, stating he believed the statement was not given voluntarily. He also noted that Hauck functions at the level of about a sixth grader. Senior Judge Grainer McIlhenny allowed introduction of the statement, which detailed Hauck's account of the assault.

Carter testified that in a statement given by Hauck on June 12, 1990, shortly after the victim's discovery, Hauck had asked to talk privately with then McLean constable Jim McDonald and he had no part in taking that statement. Crum noted that the two statements differ in regards to the details they cover. The statement of June 12 makes no mention of sexual assault. The statement of June 13 covers that aspect, Crum pointed out.

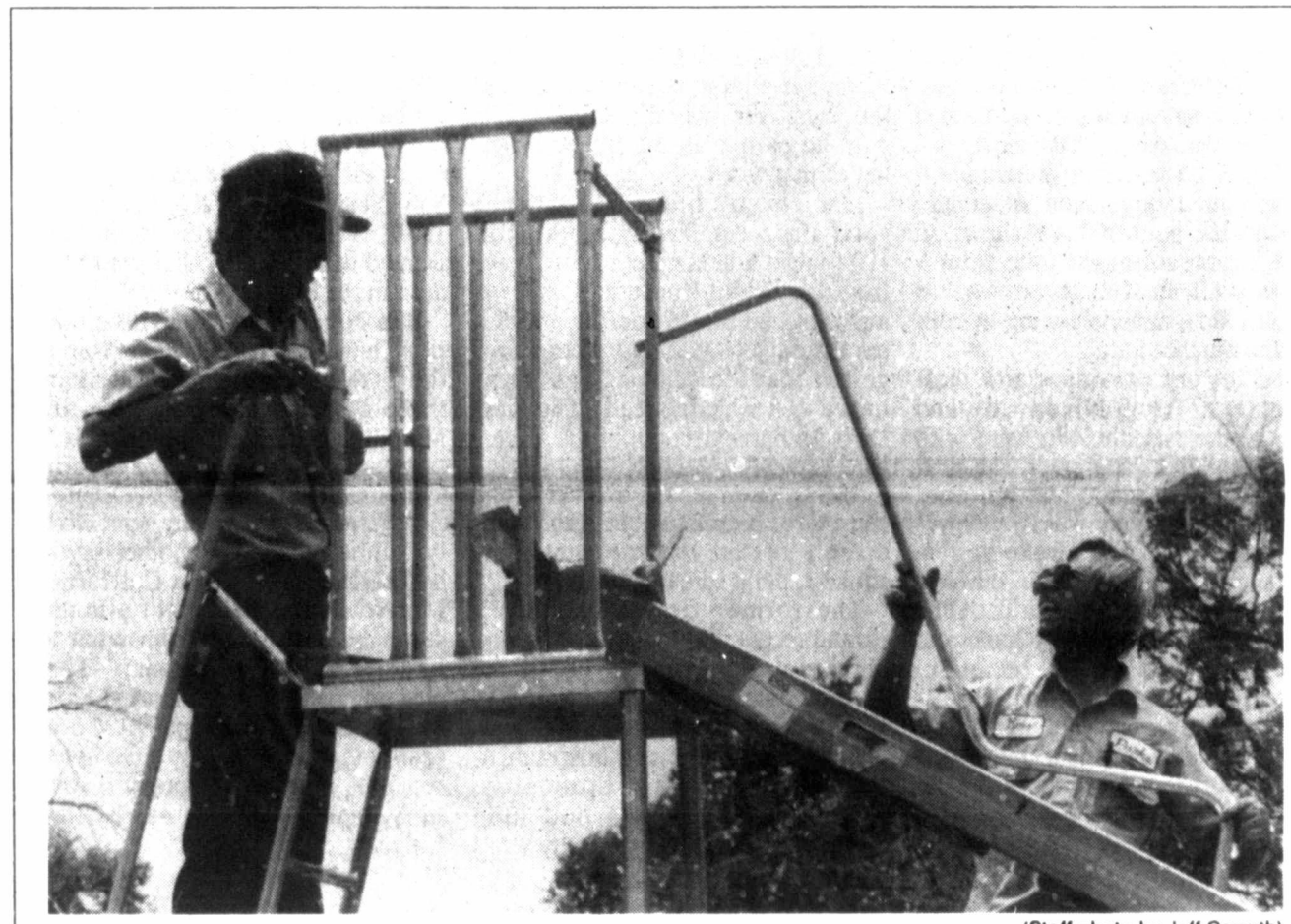
During further questioning, Crum asked Carter whether he told an investigator for Crum's office that he felt unsure about Hauck's involvement in the event.

"Were you concerned that (the victim's) father knew more than he was telling?" Crum asked.

Carter replied, "Yes."

With that kind of violence going on in a house, Carter said, he felt that it could have been overheard by others present. The victim's bedroom and that of her father are separated by a stud wall with sheet rock on each side, he said.

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(Staff photo by Jeff Carruth)

Mike Balay, left, and Geno Shuck install a new slide Friday in Octavus Park.

\$1 can buy happiness

By JEFF CARRUTH
Staff Writer

And who says a dollar, let alone 75 cents, won't buy much anymore?

Crews with the Parks Department have begun installing new equipment in the city's parks thanks to voluntary \$1 donations collected through water bill receipts.

The money is collected through donations included on the city water bills, with the donations of \$1 going towards city improvement projects. For each dollar collected, 75 cents goes to the Parks Department, 15 cents goes to Clean Pampa Inc. and 10 cents goes toward holiday decorations.

Over the next few months, 13 of the city's parks will see new playground equipment, barbecue grills, picnic tables, water fountains and benches. All of the equipment has been purchased and should be in place by the end of the year.

Octavus Park, located north of the Marcus Sanders Municipal

Pool, was the site of the first installation Friday when crews set up a new slide. The park also received a buck-a-bout, which is a four-seat, spring-loaded ride.

The most improvements are going to Lions Club Park, located south of U.S. 60 between Reid and Finley streets. The city will install a set of soccer goals, a water fountain, a buck-a-bout, a swing set and a modular playground set there.

The Parks Department has received money from water bill donations for three and half years. Money from the first 18 months of the program went to revitalizing a previously dormant sprinkler repair and installation project. Before the project, only 30 percent of the sprinkler systems were functional. Currently, over two-thirds of the system is in operation.

"The parks are greening up and looking pretty," said Reed Kirkpatrick, parks director for the city.

Beyond the sprinkler repair project, Kirkpatrick said the city want-

ed to do something more visible in the parks.

"We wanted some things that are very visible, like the installation of playground equipment, so people can see where their donations are going," he said.

Kirkpatrick also said the improvements are evenly distributed across the city, and he thanked those who have donated.

"This program is spread all across the park system and not in any particular area. And the citizens of Pampa have been very generous in providing this extra money. It's enabling us to do things that normally we wouldn't have been able to do because of budget constraints," he said.

The donation program has brought in \$163,553 over 43 months since its inception in November 1989.

Kirkpatrick plans to continue refurbishment and improvement operations in the parks with future donations.

China's emigres chase dream

BEIJING (AP) — Dreams are made and broken every day at No. 2 East Beautiful Water Street.

At the curb in front of the U.S. Embassy there, more than 100 neatly dressed Chinese line up most weekday mornings, visa applications in hand.

Like many applicants, Xia Ran, 26, was rejected last year. Now she's back for a second try, with a new sponsor and new paperwork to try to convince the Americans she will not overstay her visa if she's allowed to study physics in Texas.

But in the 12 intervening months, tens of thousands of her countrymen have skipped the formalities to enter the United States illegally and — the part that makes no sense to most Chinese — been allowed to stay.

"They should send them right back, then they won't try again," said Chen Zutian, who wants to visit her newly engaged daughter in San Jose, Calif.

She fears this past month's surge of Chinese trying to enter by boat, exemplified by hundreds of smuggled immigrants splashing into the cold Atlantic off New York City and

being put ashore under San Francisco's Golden Gate Bridge, could frighten Americans into closing the door to all Chinese.

Chinese authorities also want the United States to send the illegal immigrants back, arguing that's the only way to discourage the flow. For now, once the illegal Chinese reach the United States, they are virtually home-free: they apply for political asylum, are released and vanish.

The visa applicants, who tend to be well-educated, have little empathy with the boat people, many of whom are farmers or laborers. The boat people don't speak English, and their sponsors are commonly crime gangs that force them into years of servitude in the United States to pay off their passage.

With all their differences, however, the groups share two qualities: Their lives in China aren't so bad, but they want a better life and they want it now.

Together, they make up the largest outpouring of people from China in decades. Almost 5 million Chinese traveled abroad legally last year for

business and pleasure, a record high, according to the Chinese government. Meanwhile, perhaps 100,000 left illegally, most headed for the United States, according to U.S. estimates.

Many plan to return home in time, covered with academic glory or laden with wealth, using their U.S. experience to put them a step ahead of their 1.2 billion countrymen.

The boatloads of Chinese grabbing recent attention have all come from Fujian, a coastal province across from Taiwan that historically has been an exit point for Chinese emigration. But the Chinese crammed into holds of rusting cargo ships for 2- or 3-month voyages are only the most dramatic portion of the human wave.

The vast majority of those who leave China with fake passports and visas travel by plane. Western diplomats say Chinese with bogus documents are caught almost daily at airports around the world. The boat phenomenon seems to have resulted partly from tighter airport controls and partly from growing involvement by Hong Kong-based crime syndicates.



(AP Photo)

Chinese citizens collect documents at the visa application window of the U.S. embassy in Beijing on Tuesday, June 8.

European Community leaders end summit, call for job stimulus

COPENHAGEN, Denmark (AP) — Faced with a deepening recession, European Community leaders today ordered a new strategy for spurring economic growth by channeling billions of dollars into transportation and other public works.

Bowing to British pressure, they also agreed to scrutinize high welfare costs that have helped drive up employers' costs, making European goods less competitive with American and Japanese products.

In a communique after their two-day biannual summit, leaders of the 12-nation bloc said they were deeply

concerned about "the grave dangers" of millions of people remaining unemployed for long periods.

They ordered aides to draw up specific measures by the end of the year for creating new jobs and restoring Europe's competitiveness on world markets.

They also called for reduction in interest rates, which "will be essential for economic recovery, and in order to promote investment in Europe."

European interest rates have been driven up by the cost of Germany's absorption of eastern Germany. Other EC nations are forced to keep

their interest rates high too or face currency devaluations.

Language in a draft statement would have reassured workers that any attempt to create more jobs and boost economic competitiveness would not "call into question the social protection of the citizens."

But that statement was dropped from the final communique, leaving open the possibility of exploring savings suggested by British Prime Minister John Major, such as reducing expensive workers' benefits and easing burdensome restrictions on employers.

On Monday, Major warned his

colleagues that their economies, many already in a slump, risked falling far behind the United States and Japan. "We must compete or we shall contract," he said.

Other leaders had objected to any effort to reduce generous health, jobless and pension benefits.

Danish Foreign Minister Niels Helveg Petersen warned angrily against imitating the U.S. model, which offers less social benefits. "What we see in the United States are very, very serious defects ... with social problems, crime and hopelessness in large urban areas," he said.

The EC's executive agency last week predicted the community's economy would contract by 0.5 percent this year, shoving next year's unemployment rate near 12 percent, or 18 million workers.

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- TV's — Haw
- WWII area
- Attempter
- Shade tree
- Annual gathering
- Book of maps
- Bird's home
- Egg-shaped
- Author of Picnic
- Psychologist — Ellis
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- That woman
- French for "summer"
- Less old
- How sweet
- Foam
- Author Anais
- Faroe Islands whirlwind
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- Greeting
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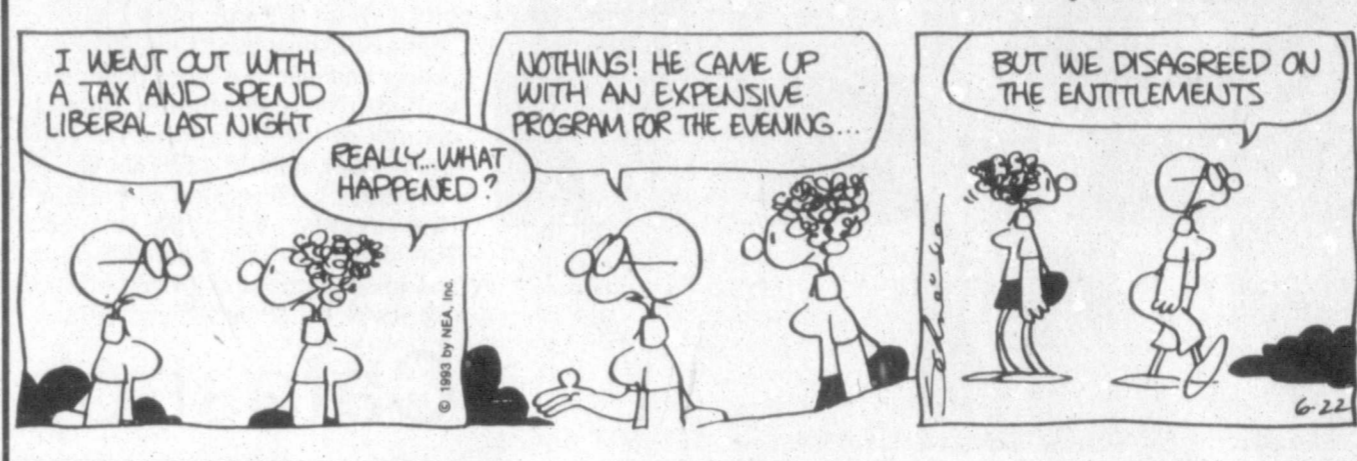
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Astro-Graph

by bernice bede osol

CANCER (June 21-July 22) A sure-fire way to have others come down hard on your ideas today is to first find fault with theirs. Don't be the one who introduces controversy in the relationship.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Be prudent and cautious in your commercial affairs today. If you make impulsive judgments, they could create a loss, regardless of whether you're buying or selling.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Be your own person today, but try to do so without offending others. There's a chance you might be so self-involved, you won't be cognizant of their needs.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Don't let your ego put you in a position today where you may feel compelled to do something you really don't know how to do. If you're honest up front this could be avoided.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Someone as strong willed as yourself might try to be the dominating force in your peer group today. A collision is likely if you oppose this individual.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Today you might have difficulty distinguishing between those who are in your corner and those who oppose you. Poor judgment lessens your chances for success.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Usually you're better equipped to deal with large ideas than you are to deal with little ones. Today, however, grandiose schemes could lead to your undoing.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) You are in a cycle where it might prove unwise to invest in situations or people about whom you know little. There could even be potential problems in areas where you know what you're doing.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Persons with whom you'll be involved today won't like it if you take them or what they do for you for granted. This is a volatile area, so be careful.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Any important assignments you've neglected early in the week might start popping up to haunt you beginning today. Don't pretend they don't exist.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Try to keep your involvements with friends today as low keyed and uncomplicated as possible. Complex arrangements might be destined to fail.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) It won't be an accurate measurement to compare the achievements of an outsider against those of kin. Your presentation could be prejudice towards any non-family members.

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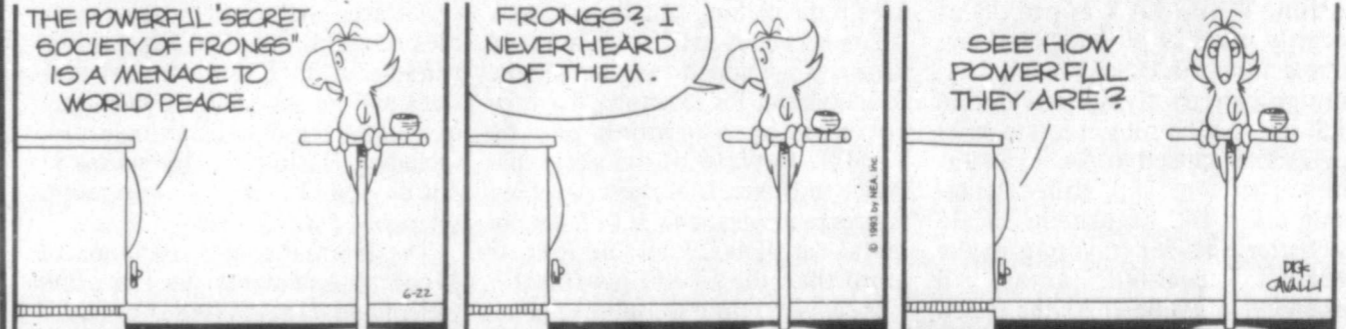
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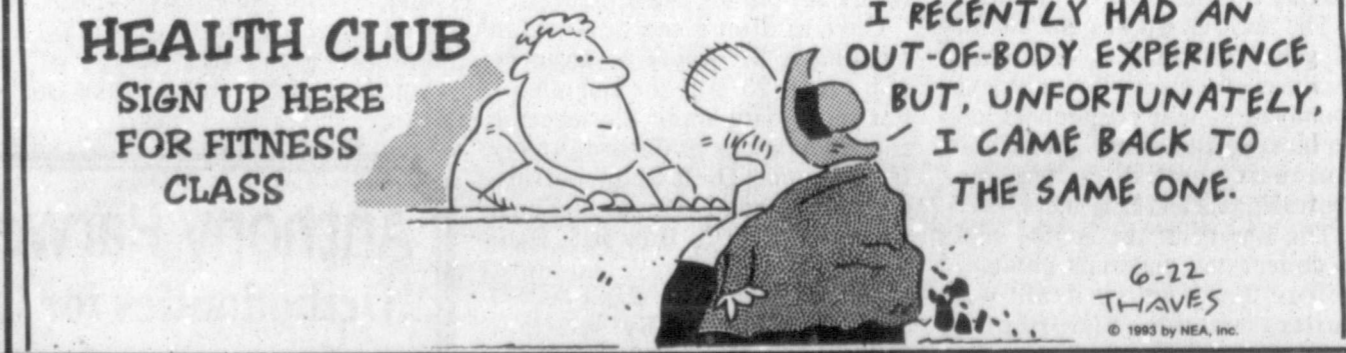
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Sports

Nine men's seeds win Wimbledon openers

Tomahawk chop serve works for defending champion

By DAVID CRARY
Associated Press Writer

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) — With the attention focused on established grass-court stars, Jim Courier is right where he wants to be — out of the Wimbledon spotlight.

The world's second-ranked player, devastating on other surfaces, won his first-round match as handily as any of the top contenders but left no doubt he enjoys his status here as a relative outsider.

"I'm certainly not going to complain about it," he said of the low-key media coverage he has received.

"I do like to slide in and out, and the less kind of commotion, the better. Particularly going into a big tournament, it's better."

Courier, seeded third, was among nine men's seeds winning their opening matches Monday. Only 15th-seeded Czech Karel Novacek was upset.

The bookmakers' favorite, second-seeded Stefan Edberg, and No.

7 seed Ivan Lendl needed four sets to beat obscure qualifiers. Lendl had lost in the first round of the past two Grand Slams.

Three younger, power-serving players cruised to straight-sets wins: No. 6 Michael Stich of Germany, No. 9 Richard Krajicek of the Netherlands, and No. 13 Wayne Ferreira of South Africa.

Defending champion Andre Agassi, seeded eighth, won for the first time since early April, when he was sidelined by wrist and elbow problems.

Could he win the title again? "That's what I'm here for," he said. "I think these first few are the most crucial for me. ... I did it last year, so I think, yes, I can."

Courier was less bold when asked if he could add a Wimbledon crown to his four Australian and French Open titles.

"Ask me in about five rounds, if I get there," he said after beating Italy's Gianluca Pozzi. "Wimbledon, for me, is not my natural surface. It's a crap shoot, really. I have

to go out there and just take my chances, much more than any other surface."

Perhaps the player most at home at Wimbledon, three-time champion Boris Becker, moved into action Tuesday in an all-German battle with one of the tour's rising young stars, Marc Goellner.

Ranked 37th in the world, Goellner has a powerful serve and a Becker-inspired nickname — "Baby Boom Boom."

Top-seeded Pete Sampras, given a one-day delay because of a sore shoulder, was to open against Australian Neil Borwick.

The two top seeded women appeared headed for easy victories in their first-round matches, also against Australians.

Steffi Graf, seeking her fifth Wimbledon title, faced Kirrily Sharpe, a qualifier ranked 231st, and second-seeded Martina Navratilova, seeking her 10th title, faced Michelle Jaggard-Lai, ranked 89th.

Agassi used a new serving style which cut down on his backswing in

order to ease the strain on his arm. It produced 10 aces, more than he had in any of his seven victories en route to the title last year.

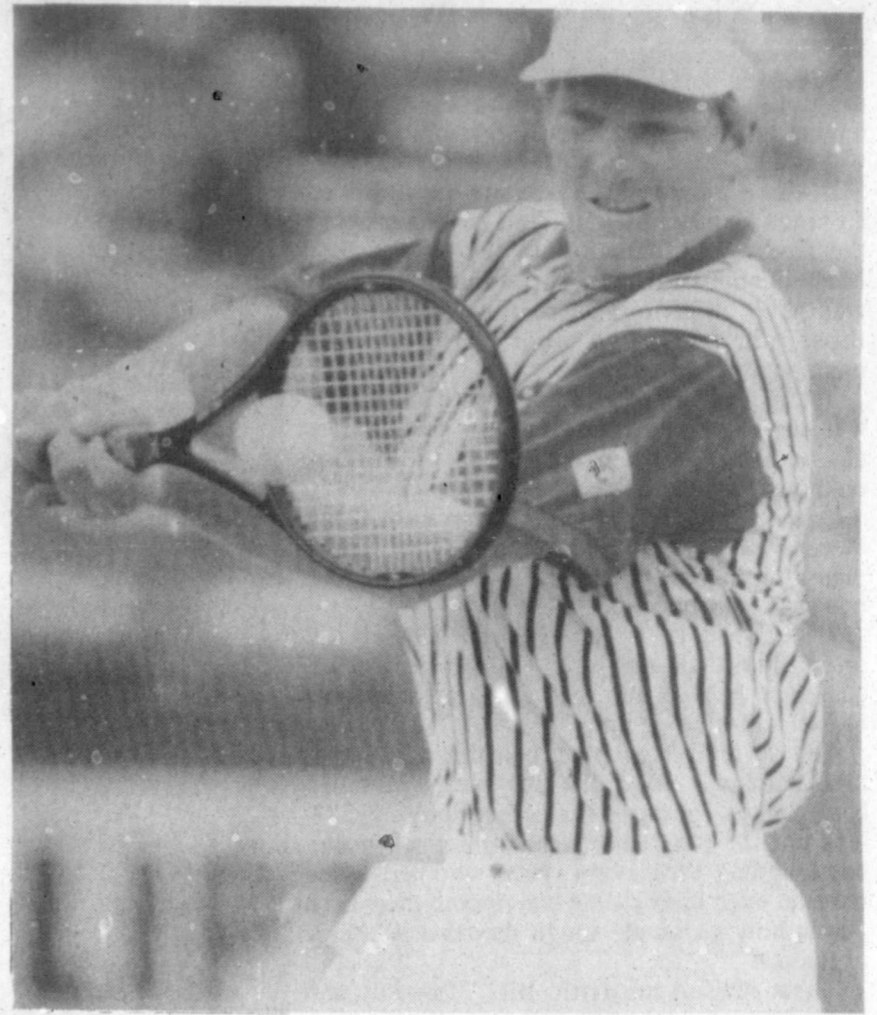
But Stich, considered one of the top contenders this year, noted that Agassi's victim, Bernd Karbacher of Germany, had been weakened by bronchitis.

"He played a guy who had a virus for two weeks ... so I don't think that was a real test for him regarding his form," Stich said.

"He's not as good as he was last year," Karbacher said. "But I think he has a pretty good draw now, and these kind of players, they get better every round they play."

While the attention focused on the favorites, some lesser-known players waged epic struggles.

In one striking upset, Sebastian Lareau of Canada, a qualifier ranked only 179th in the world, rallied to beat 36th-ranked Jonas Svensson of Sweden 2-6, 4-6, 7-6 (7-4), 7-6 (9-7), 10-8.



Third-seeded Jim Courier, above, won his opening round match Monday at Wimbledon. (AP photo)

Three teams deadlocked for first in AL West as halfway mark approaches

By BEN WALKER
AP Baseball Writer

Before the season began, no one could seem to settle on who was the favorite in the AL West. As the halfway mark approaches, it's easy to see why.

The Kansas City Royals, picked by some to win the division after making several major moves, are 35-32.

The Chicago White Sox, thought to be a team in waiting this year, are 35-32.

The California Angels, considered a longshot with so many young players, are 35-32.

All three clubs wound up tied for first place Monday night after California won at Kansas City 4-3 and Chicago defeated Texas 7-6.

"We've seen everybody in the division now," said Chuck Finley, the winning pitcher for California. "We've seen everybody twice. We've been talking about it and we don't see anybody running away with it."

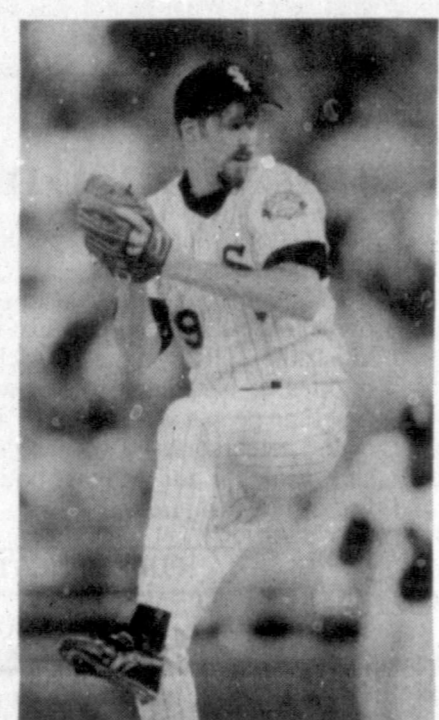
"Nobody is playing really well. I don't know if we've seen everybody when they're playing bad or what, but we just don't see anybody running away with it."

Finley (8-5) won his third straight decision. He allowed two runs in six innings and Steve Frey got four outs for his eighth save.

Chili Davis hit a two-run double in the first inning and Greg Myers homered in the second off Hipolito Pichardo (4-4).

Gary Gaetti, cut by California earlier this month and signed by Kansas City, played his first game for the Royals. He went 2-for-4 and drove in one run and scored one.

Greg Gagne of the Royals was thrown out at the plate in the fourth



White Sox pitcher Jack McDowell won his 11th game Monday.

inning and thrown out of the game by umpire Derryl Cousins. Gagne came up arguing and it appeared that the momentum of his slide carried him into Cousins. Gagne put his hand on Cousins' chest to stop himself and was tossed.

The Houston Astros wish they could have appealed, too.

Ramon Martinez, who appealed his league-imposed five-game suspension earlier in the day, pitched a two-hitter and rookie Mike Piazza drove in five runs as the Los Angeles Dodgers beat the visiting Astros 7-0 Monday night.

Martinez (6-4) recorded his 12th career shutout and second this season.

He was suspended by NL president Bill White earlier in the day for hitting Charlie Hayes of the Colorado Rockies with a pitch on June 15 at Denver, sparking a bench-clearing brawl.

"It was his decision," Martinez said. "I appealed, and we'll see what's going to happen. This has never happened to me before. I didn't worry about it when I came here. I just had to concentrate on the game and pitch my game."

Piazza broke a scoreless tie in the fifth inning with a three-run homer off Mark Portugal (5-3). He added a two-run single in the eighth and now has 15 homers and 51 RBIs.

"I'm just trying not to think about it (his numbers)," Piazza said. "I'm just going out there and trying to continue the things I've been doing."

Elsewhere in the NL it was Chicago 5, Pittsburgh 1; St. Louis 4, Florida 3; New York 8, Montreal 3;

Atlanta 8, Philadelphia 1; Colorado 5, Cincinnati 4 in 10 innings; and San Francisco 2, San Diego 1.

Braves 8, Phillies 1

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Sid Bream had four hits and drove in three runs as the Atlanta Braves beat the Philadelphia Phillies 8-1 Monday night for their third straight victory.

Baseball

Greg Maddux (7-5) gave up seven hits and one run in eight innings for the victory before Mike Stanton finished.

Curt Schilling (8-2) lasted only 2 1-3 innings for the Phillies, giving up eight hits and five runs as the Braves snapped the Phillies' three-game winning streak.

The start of the game was delayed 2 hours and 7 minutes by rain.

The Braves took a 4-0 lead in the second with five hits, including a pair of doubles and Deion Sanders' two-run triple. Terry Pendleton opened things with a double, extending his hitting streak to 11 games, and scored on Bream's one-out double.

Mark Lemke singled home Bream, advanced to second on Maddux's single and both scored when Sanders tripled.

They boosted it to 5-0 in the third, chasing Schilling, on Bream's RBI single. Bream added another run-scoring single in the fifth.

The Phillies scored in the seventh on John Kruk's double and an RBI single by Jim Eisenreich, extending his hitting streak to 11 games.

Two more singles loaded the

bases, but pinch-hitter Rickey Jordan hit into an inning ending double play.

The Braves added two runs in the eighth on RBI singles by Lemke and Maddux.

White Sox 7, Rangers 6

CHICAGO (AP) — Jack McDowell was angry, which is not unusual.

This time, he was angry at himself after getting his major league-leading 11th victory Monday night by pitching the Chicago White Sox past the Texas Rangers 7-6.

Home runs by Frank Thomas and Robin Ventura helped McDowell (11-4) and the White Sox take a 7-2 lead. Then, McDowell's throwing error helped the Rangers score four runs in the seventh inning.

"It wasn't super, but it was the kind of game you're supposed to win," McDowell said. "I didn't have super stuff but I didn't throw that poorly."

He was, however, charged with an error when he fielded a bunt and threw past third base to set up Texas' big inning.

"It was a bang-bang play," McDowell said.

"I should have caught it but I got my legs crossed up," said Ventura.

The victory, coupled with California's triumph over Kansas City, left the White Sox in a first-place tie in the AL West with Kansas City and California.

Carlton Fisk of the White Sox played his 2,225th game as a catcher, tying the major league record held by Bob Boone. Fisk is expected to break the mark Tuesday night with a start against Texas.

Thomas hit a three-run homer, his 13th, capping a four-run second

inning. Ventura hit his 12th off Kevin Brown (5-6) in the fifth inning.

McDowell was staked to an early six-run lead. He gave up solo home runs to Rafael Palmeiro, his 11th, in the fourth and Gary Redus, his second, in the fifth.

Roberto Hernandez, the fifth Chicago pitcher, worked the ninth for his 12th save.

McDowell got into trouble of his own making in the seventh. Doug Strange singled, Redus walked and Mario Diaz hit an RBI single.

David Hulse bunted and when McDowell threw the ball down the left-field line on attempted force at third, Redus and Diaz scored and Hulse went to second.

Scott Radinsky relieved and gave up a run-scoring single to Palmiero. Terry Leach came in and got Juan Gonzalez to hit into an inning-ending double play.

It was the fourth straight win for McDowell, who gave up eight hits, struck out two and walked one.

Chicago scored twice in the first. Joey Cora walked and scored on a double by Ventura, who scored on a single by George Bell.

Fisk was hit by a pitch in the second inning, went to third on a single by Ozzie Guillen and scored as Tim Lincecum grounded out. Cora also was hit by a pitch before Thomas homered.

"The mistakes we make go out of the ballpark," Texas manager Kevin Kennedy said. "That's the way it has gone all season. When the other teams make mistakes, we line out or something."

Reebok features Cowboys' Smith

DALLAS (AP) — Coming soon to a movie theater near you: Dallas Cowboys running back Emmitt Smith and his new line of Reebok footwear.

Smith, winner of the last two NFL rushing titles, is featured in a commercial for Reebok's Preseason collection. The spot will be seen on 4,200 movie screens in more than 120 markets, Reebok officials said.

The shoe company is spending \$7 million to promote Smith and Chicago White Sox first baseman Frank Thomas in two separate black-and-white ads meant to give viewers the feel of being part of the action in a professional game.

"Things move so fast in this game. It seems like you never get to know people. Hi, I'm Emmitt. Nice to meet you," Smith says as he bowls through a defender.

Smith's commercial debuted last weekend at showings of The Last Action Hero, starring Arnold Schwarzenegger. Smith's ad will remain in theaters for three more weeks.

But it may be a while before Smith gets to promote the shoes on his main stage.

The defending Super Bowl champs haven't signed Smith for the upcoming season, though they need him more than ever now that quarterback Troy Aikman underwent back surgery last weekend.

Smith also is featured in the Reebok Preseason Workout Guide, a 12-page booklet developed for athletes and coaches preparing for outdoor team sports.

A nation's stamp of approval

An AP SportSpecial
By HAL BOCK
AP Sports Writer

Joe Louis Barrow Jr.'s eyes light up with love everytime he tells another story about the father whose name he carries so proudly, a father he shared with America.

"My father was a special man," he said. "I am proud and privileged to have been his son."

His country honors the memory of Joe Louis today when the U.S. Postal Service issues a commemorative stamp of him on the 55th anniversary of his second fight against Max Schmeling. The ceremony takes place in Detroit, in the arena named for Louis.

"The stamp is one more recognition of my father, not as just a boxing hero, but an American hero who made a difference in people's lives," Barrow said.

Joe Louis did that — perhaps never so emphatically as he did 55 years ago in Yankee Stadium against Max Schmeling.

Louis-Schmeling II was not just any old heavyweight championship fight. Its impact was tied to the tenor of the times.

In 1938, the world was on the brink of war, a conflict that would inevitably involve Germany and America. And here were two heavyweights, a German and an American, conducting their own private preliminary in a boxing ring.

It was a match of good vs. evil,

Louis carrying the hopes of a nation badly in need of a boost after struggling through the Depression, Schmeling representing a nation already rattling its sabers throughout Europe.

Louis, beaten in their first meeting, vowed vengeance and got it with a stunning first-round knockout that remains one of the most dramatic title fights ever.

Years later, Barrow talked with a Polish survivor of a Holocaust concentration camp.

"He told me that my father's victory over Schmeling had given him the will to live," Barrow said. "It was evidence to him that Germans were not invincible."

"I was humbled by his story."

America, too, exulted in Louis' victory and admired its champion for his sacrifice when he put his career on hold and enlisted in the Army during the war to fight dozens of exhibitions.

He was an American hero — with limitations.

Joe Louis, remember, happened to be black. And at that time in history, it meant he could fight for America in the ring and out, just as long as he didn't stay in certain hotels or eat in certain restaurants.

"Ironic, isn't it?" Barrow said.

For a long time, Louis shrugged off the snubs, sometimes even using them in practical jokes on members of his entourage. At least once, though, they got to him.

In 1952, the year after his brilliant career ended, Louis, a golf

addict, was invited to play in the San Diego Open. Only after the invitation was issued did the PGA remind sponsors of the rule which, at that time, barred non-whites from playing its tournaments.

When the touchy situation was presented to Louis, he refused to withdraw. "He said, 'Let them tell me to my face that I can't play,'" Barrow said.

No one would. Louis was granted a sponsor's exemption and permitted to compete as an amateur, making him the first African-American to play in a PGA tournament, sort of the Jackie Robinson of golf.

There was a strong, quiet presence about Louis that made him special. "He was a unique American who touched people at a time when the country needed a lift," Barrow said. "For black Americans, he was a source of hope in a segregated America. For white Americans, he was a statement that we can survive and make it, that the Depression didn't defeat us."

That's why, when Louis' name came up for consideration, there was little debate about honoring him with a stamp. Unlike Elvis, it was easy for the Postal Service to decide which Joe Louis it would use for its stamp.

"It is the young one," his son said, "in his classic boxing pose."

Looking exactly the way Max Schmeling saw him across the ring, 55 years ago Tuesday.

Sports scene

SOFTBALL

The city of Pampa is now offering a fall teen softball league for both men and women, ages 16 to 21.

There will be three divisions, — men's and women's and co-ed.

Signups are today through June 28.

For more information, contact Rick at 669-5770.

PHYSICALS

Physical examinations for Pampa athletes from the 7th through 12th grades will be held throughout the summer.

The physicals are for both male and female athletes and will be held from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday in Dr. Keith Black's office at Northcrest Medical Building.

Pampa athletic trainer Stuart Smith said no fee will be charged and he urged 7th and 9th graders to have their physicals completed as soon as possible.

FOOTBALL

IRVING (AP) — In less than two months, Hugh Millen has gone from being out of the picture for the NFL's worst team to the starter on the Super Bowl champs.

Millen, whom the rebuilding New England Patriots sent Dallas in April for a middle-round 1994 draft choice, likely will be under center when the Cowboys begin their title defense next season.

He'll replace Super Bowl MVP Troy Aikman, who's out for as long as 12 weeks following back surgery to repair a herniated disk in his lower back.

Millen, 29, may have faced pressure in the pocket with the Patriots, but the tension likely will be even greater when the season opens Sept. 6 against Washington.

He could have the job for a while, too, because doctors say Aikman's rehabilitation may keep him on the sidelines through the first couple weeks of the season.

The Cowboys could have had a proven success to replace Aikman, but they allowed Steve Buerlein to become an unrestricted free agent.

Buerlein, who led the Cowboys into the playoffs two seasons ago when Aikman suffered another major injury, signed with the Phoenix Cardinals in hopes of becoming a full-time starter.

Once Buerlein left, the Cowboys went shopping for another veteran to back up the injury-prone Aikman and on April 26 they landed Millen.

"We knew we had to have a second guy," offensive coordinator Norv Turner said. "I think we anticipated Hugh might spell Troy in the fourth quarter of the 10th game, not now."

Millen is joined on the Cowboys' depth chart by second-year player Jason Garrett and rookies Brad Bretz and Michael Payton. None of that trio ever has attempted a pass in a regular-season NFL game.

"My confidence is that the one season I started in this league and was healthy, I was the MVP of the team," said Millen, who in 1991 led the Patriots to victories against Buffalo, Houston and Minnesota.

Federal officials ponder what's driving medical bills up so fast

By CHRISTOPHER CONNELL
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WASHINGTON (AP) — Ross H. Arnett III knows the Medicare program inside out and can rattle off billion-dollar budget figures without blinking.

But when the federal official is asked what drives medical costs up so fast, he thinks back to the bill his mother-in-law got from a Pennsylvania hospital after her husband was felled by a massive heart attack.

"He had been stone cold dead for two hours by the time he reached the hospital, and they still gave him \$6,000 worth of care," said Arnett, director of the Office of National Health Statistics. "We give people every last treatment no matter what the cost-benefit ratio."

Decades of double-digit annual growth in the nation's medical bill has finally forced Arnett and other Americans to pay heed to where their health dollars are going.

The nation will spend \$912 billion this year, 14.6 percent of its gross domestic product, on health care. That covers everything: aspirin, heart transplants, nursing homes, dental checkups, everything.

The bill was up from \$832 billion last year and \$675 billion in 1990. Back in 1965, when Medicare was launched, Americans spent just \$42 billion on health care, or 5.9 percent of the gross domestic product.

This cost spiral, more than the plight of the nation's 37 million uninsured, has compelled President Clinton to put health care among his domestic priorities.

"All of our efforts to strengthen the economy will fail unless we also take ... bold steps to reform our health care system," Clinton told Congress Feb. 17.

Polls show that many Americans believe the problem could be solved if doctors and drug companies, hospitals and insurers would stop raising their fees so rapidly.

But most experts agree it is not greed but technology that fans the fires of medical inflation.

And they point out that most consumers have third-party insurance

cushioning them from the bills, and most doctors are rewarded for ordering more tests and procedures. Fear of malpractice lawsuits also spurs doctors to do more rather than less.

"Technology in medicine is not like technology in industry," said Dr. James S. Todd, executive vice president of the American Medical Association (AMA). "If you put a robot on an assembly line, you've saved money. If you put an MRI (magnetic resonance imagery machine) in a hospital, you've added 10 people to the payroll."

A recent AMA study blames the cost spiral in part on Americans' being "overinsured." The doctors' lobby noted that health insurance is a tax-free fringe benefit for most workers and many consumers pay only 20 percent of health costs out of pocket.

That spurs demand far "beyond what it would be if consumers faced the true cost of services," the AMA said.

Dr. William B. Schwartz, a physi-

cian-economist and professor of medicine at the University of Southern California, said the polio vaccine that put iron lungs into storage was a rare advance that saved money.

"Most of the things we do add enormously to expenses," said Schwartz. "Take hip replacements. Before we treated it with aspirin and a walker. Now we do a hip replacement operation costing \$20,000 or \$25,000."

"We have wonderful new things that are both effective and expensive

replacing old treatments that were both ineffective and cheap," he said. "We're victims of our own success."

Dr. Arnold S. Relman, the retired editor of *The New England Journal of Medicine*, laments that medicine has changed from a largely non-profit social service to an entrepreneurial industry driven by profits.

"Medicine for the most part now is practiced as if it were a business," he said. "Hospital administrators talk about their market share and cash flow, and the government calls

them providers." Henry Aaron, director of economic studies for the Brookings Institution, said that even new technology that reduces the cost of a procedure can wind up costing more.

"Lithotripters turn kidney stones to sand," said Aaron. "That's less expensive than kidney surgery, but since it's not invasive you use the lithotripter for cases in which the symptoms are a lot less acute than would be necessary to justify surgery. "Technology keeps adding 3, 4, 5

percent to health care spending each year," said Aaron.


Marilyn Moon, a health economist with the Urban Institute, agreed.

"The new technology tends to add on, not replace, the old technology," she said. "You do an X-ray first, then a CT scan and then an MRI. You're doing all three."

No end is in sight. Barring a change, the Congressional Budget Office expects health spending to hit \$1 trillion next year and \$1.6 trillion by the year 2000.

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