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STATE
State to appeal ruling on direct wine imports
HOUSTON (AP) — A federal judge has lifted an injunction that temporarily allowed Texans to bypass retailers and buy wines directly from out-of-state wineries.
U.S. District Judge Melinda Harmon suspended the injunction Thursday to give the state time to appeal a ruling she made last month on a lawsuit filed by three Houston wine collectors.
The suit challenged a state law that bans Texans from direct wine imports.

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School board OKs \$20 mil. budget

Tax rate set at \$1.554 per \$100 valuation

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
EDITOR

In a 6-to-1 vote last night, board members approved the Pampa Independent School District's proposed \$20.4 million budget and \$1.554 tax rate for the upcoming year.

Dr. Jay Johnson, former school board president, cast the lone dissenting vote for both the budget and tax rate after presenting school administrators and other board members three pages of possible ways to cut expenses through changing the high school's class scheduling.

Johnson expressed disappointment that school officials had not looked more deeply into the cost savings he suggested in earlier budget sessions.

Even with the measures taken for this year's budget, Johnson commented, "I still think we're on track for a train wreck if we don't take care and tighten our belt even more. Facility needs, transportation needs, teacher pay increase — that's all going to be there next year."



(Pampa News photo by Dee Dee Laramore)

Pampa school board members, Lance DeFever, left, and Bill Jones, center, review the 2002-2003 district's budget as Mark McVay, assistant superintendent - finance, far right, explains the addition of \$657,702 in revenue through an Option 4 agreement with Plano ISD.

Superintendent Dr. Dawson Orr recommended that Johnson's research be considered at the Sept. 19 meeting. "Really, this is exactly the right time to do this," said Board Member John Curry concerning Johnson's proposal. "We always come up with something later on when it's hard to do

something about it."
"I'm sure there's mistakes in this," Johnson said of his paper.
"I want to use this as a basis for dialogue," Orr responded. "I'm not looking for errors."
Mark McVay, assistant superintendent for finance, presented a final revision of the 2002-2003 Pampa ISD budget which includes revenue from an Option 4 agreement with Plano ISD of \$657,702.

Through this state-approved agreement, in which Pampa ISD sells part of its weighted average daily attendance (WADA) to Plano, Pampa will receive an additional \$657,702.

McVay explained that the state requires that half of the money be spent on "innovative programs." Pampa ISD plans to use approximately \$330,000 on Pampa Middle School curriculum, training and hardware, he said.

The remaining funds will comprise the budget's \$297,400 surplus, McVay said, for a total of \$20,700,599 revenue over \$20,403,199 in expenses.

Dr. Orr pointed out that the budget includes a 1.4 percent salary increase, funds for needed building repairs and the purchase of a bus, van, and two used pickups.

Board members also approved an amendment to the 2001-2002 budget presented by McVay.

The amendment involves account transfers to reflect actual expenditures and shows a \$350,000 increase in tax revenues and \$230,000 decrease in state revenues.

"We're expecting to come in with a surplus by the end of the year," McVay said.

(See BUDGET, Page 4)

License check yields stolen van, seized drugs, and three arrests

By NANCY YOUNG
MANAGING EDITOR

Running a police check on the license plate of a stolen van parked at a Pampa residence resulted in a drug bust and three arrests Thursday evening.
Gray County Chief Deputy Kelly Rushing said this morning that a license plate check on a van parked at 1044 S. Christy determined that the vehicle had been stolen from Amarillo.

Upon investigating, Ricky

Carl Clark, 40, and Melissa Ann Clark, 33, occupants of the residence on South Christy, were also found to be in possession of a controlled substance. Both were arrested and taken to Gray County Jail.

After sheriff's officers and officers with the Panhandle Regional Narcotics Trafficking Task Force obtained a search warrant for the residence, law enforcement personnel discovered what they believed to be components of a methamphetamine lab.

Pampa Fire Department personnel were called to the scene twice Thursday afternoon to neutralize hazardous materials, according to fire department reports.

Rocky DeWayne Harris, 38, Berger, was also arrested at the scene for unlawful possession of firearms by a felon. Rushing said he was in possession of a semi-automatic pistol.

Harris and the Clark couple awaited a bond hearing at press time today. Deputies are continuing their investigation.



(Photo by Seth Davidson)

Deanna Oberheu, interpretive specialist for Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Caprock Canyons State Park, reviews plans for a \$2.8 million visitor center.

Time to dig out the hazardous wastes!

It's time to start digging out all those hazardous recyclables, such as motor oil, paint, antifreeze and the like in order to take them to the annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day on Sept. 14.

Once again the event is being sponsored by the City of Pampa, Celanese, Clean Pampa, and the Top O' Texas Hazardous Waste Committee.

The event is designed for Pampa residents and is free. It is not for commercial businesses.

It takes place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Community Recycling Center at Hobart Street Park.

Residents are asked to transport all products in their original containers and do not consolidate them. Make sure the containers are properly sealed and don't leak. When transporting the containers put them in the trunk or back of a vehicle.
(See WASTES, Page 4)

RC&D group focusing on rural development

By SETH DAVIDSON
FOR THE NEWS

LIPSCOMB — The board of the North Rolling Plains Resource Conservation and Development Council, led by John Crowell, coordinator, held its quarterly meeting at the Wolf Creek Heritage Museum in Lipscomb to discuss regional rural community development issues.

Remelle Farrar of Canadian-Hemphill Economic Development gave a presentation on current issues facing rural Texas.

Farrar pointed out that a recent rural economic recovery grant from the Economic Development Administration revealed a gap between perceptions and reality about economic activity in rural areas.

Although most rural residents perceive agriculture and petroleum as the dominant economic forces, she said that, in reality, the major revenue generators are government and social services.

Likewise, she said that although economic development tends to focus on manufacturing and traditional industry, it is the provision of small-scale businesses such as grocery stores, gas stations, cafes, and mom-and-pop busi-

nesses that make up the most significant and cost-effective start-up businesses.

Farrar indicated that a long-term relationship between the FDV and the Prairie States Coalition, an organization that focuses on needs of rural communities, is critical for stabilizing the outmigration of youth and industry.

Board members also heard a presentation about low cost web site development, and discussed the pros and cons of developing a web site in-house versus outsourcing.

Deanna Oberheu, interpretive specialist at Caprock Canyons State Park, reviewed plans to develop a \$2.8 million visitor center.

Marcia Purvis, project manager with Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in Austin, reviewed the center's floor plan and highlighted eco-friendly design aspects such as rainwater collection, native plant landscaping, and irrigation with wastewater.

The board also heard a report from Phil Barefield of Quitaque about the status of the Texas Plains Heritage Trail. Currently, 52 Panhandle counties are applying for funding under a grant program by the Texas Historical Commission.

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OBITUARIES

DARRYL DEAN DOYLE
1960-2002

Darryl Dean Doyle, 41, of Pampa, died Thursday, Aug. 29, 2002, at Amarillo. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m., Saturday in Fairview Cemetery with the Rev. Lynn Hancock, pastor of Briarwood Full Gospel Church, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Doyle was born Oct. 5, 1960, at Borger. A lifelong Pampa resident, he graduated from Pampa High School in 1978 and worked as a

roughneck in the oilfield for several years.

Survivors include his mother, Betty Kitchens of Pampa; three brothers, Sammy Doyle, Mark Doyle, and Tony Doyle, all of Pampa; and three sisters, Emily Doyle of Fritch, Shauna Kitchens, and Veronica Kitchens, both of Pampa.

The family requests memorials be to Briarwood Full Gospel Church, 1800 W. Harvester, Pampa, TX 79065.

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SERVICES TOMORROW

DOYLE, Darryl Dean — Graveside services, 10 a.m., Fairview Cemetery, Pampa.

Indictments target three education board members

AUSTIN (AP) — Two members of the State Board of Education and one former member have been charged with violating the state's open meetings laws after an 18-month grand jury investigation.

A Travis County grand jury on Thursday indicted board members David Bradley, R-Beaumont, and Joe Bernal, D-San Antonio, and former board member Bob Offutt, R-San Antonio, on two Class B misdemeanor charges, the Austin American-Statesman reported in Friday's editions.

The charges stem from a lunch the three had at a popular New York-style deli in August 2000 with three financial advisers.

The three advisers — Joe Alderete, Russell Stein and Brian Borowski — were also indicted Thursday. All six are charged with conspiring to circumvent the Texas Open Meetings Act and holding a closed meeting.

A Class B misdemeanor is punishable by a fine of up to \$500 and six months in jail. None of the six was available to the newspaper for comment late Thursday.

In interviews last week, Bradley suggested that Travis County Attorney Ken Oden's investigation was politically motivated.

Rusty Hardin, a Houston lawyer representing Bradley, denied the indictments and vowed "to wrap this case around Ken Oden's neck."

At the time of the lunch, the three board members were on the board's finance committee and would have constituted a quorum of the board.

Hardin confirmed that the men ate at Katz's Deli and Bar that day but denied that the lunch was an illegal meeting. He said a meeting must be closed to the public to violate the law.

"How can you have a closed meeting in a public restaurant, where other members of the public are present?" Hardin said. "They were not conducting official business at that meeting, or that lunch."

Bernal has denied seeing any work material at the lunch and said the tables were situated in a

way that would have made doing business nearly impossible.

The grand jury will continue to hear testimony regarding potential conflicts of interest and improper use of influence regarding investment decisions at the \$17.4 billion Permanent School Fund.

"This does not signal the end of this investigation," Oden said. "It is a much broader investigation than the open meetings question."

Three Texas Education Agency employees saw one board member dining with a financial adviser, and the other two members dining with other advisers at a nearby table, according to a report by the House General Investigating Committee, a bipartisan group of lawmakers which is still looking into the issue.

The agency employees were quoted in the House report saying they saw documents on both tables pertaining to the hiring of money managers and that "there was much movement" between the tables. They also reported seeing members reviewing reports.

Later that day, the full finance committee screened applicants vying for consultant positions to invest a portion of the school fund. The full 15-member board ultimately awarded contracts to manage \$3 billion in taxpayer money based in part on the committee's recommendations.

Oden's investigation into the matter started in fall 2000.

The Travis County district attorney's office also investigated the management of the Permanent School Fund. Gregg Cox, an attorney with the office's public integrity unit, said the investigation ended this summer with no indictments.

Oden said the open meetings charges came one day before the statute of limitations would have run out on the alleged violations. He said he didn't seek an indictment sooner because an investigation into other issues surrounding the board members was ongoing.

Court issues surprise decision on mudflats

BROWNSVILLE, Texas (AP) — The Texas Supreme Court has ruled against the state, giving ownership of 35,000 acres of oil-producing mudflats in the Laguna Madre to a charitable foundation.

The court's 6-3 decision Thursday reverses an original opinion by former Justice Al Gonzales, surprising Land Commissioner David Dewhurst and representatives of the John G. and Maria Stella Kenedy Memorial Foundation.

Dewhurst called the decision shocking and said it would deprive Texas school

children of oil and gas royalties that should be going to fund public schools. The Brownsville Herald reported in its Friday editions.

"This new opinion has an adverse impact on our school children and gives income used for public education to the Kenedy Foundation. We will request a rehearing on this important case."

Richard Leshin, counsel for the foundation, said the court ruling came as a "very pleasant surprise."

He said Corpus Christi-based BNP Petroleum would

be directly affected by the ruling as the company has expensive oil and gas leases with the state that are now "null and void."

The case involves a long-running battle over whether the Laguna Madre boundary should be determined by mean average high-tide calculations or vegetation lines for property originally conveyed by Spain and Mexico in civil law grants.

The foundation argued that the state should adhere to a 1958 Supreme Court decision that determined the Laguna Madre boundary using high-tide calculations, which extended its title to part of Kenedy Ranch into the mudflats of the Laguna Madre.

The state argued the property line should be where vegetation starts, at the end of the mudflats on Kenedy County land.

The Kenedy Foundation first attempted to gain control of the mudflats in 1995. A Travis County jury and the 3rd District Court of Appeals ruled in the state's favor.

The Supreme Court's initial decision, in 2000, affirmed the court of appeals' decision for the state.

The General Land Office calculates that since the case went to court seven years ago more than \$1.5 billion in revenues from the mudflats have been put into an escrow account pending an outcome.

Before that, state revenues from the mudflats were dedicated to the Permanent School Fund, which generates more than \$700 million annually for public schools.

ON RECORD

POLICE

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

Thursday, Aug. 29

David Tyree Robinson, 20, 1630 N. Sumner, was arrested on capias pro-fine warrants for unregistered motor vehicle, disorderly conduct-noise, and no license plates.

A report of a violation of a protective order was reported in the 200 block of Brown.

A criminal trespass of a habitation was reported in the 800 block of Locust.

A forgery in the amount of \$140 was reported in the 1400 block of North Hobart.

A report was received in the 400 block of Jupiter of two 16-year-old males being assault-

ed. Injuries were minor, according to police reports.

Officers responded to a call to assist medical personnel at Pampa Regional Medical Center.

A theft over \$50 and under \$500 was reported in the 1000 block of Crane. A red tool box was reported stolen.

A report of a criminal trespass was taken in the 700 block of Zimmers.

One saddle was reported stolen in a burglary of a building in the 1400 block of West Alcock. The saddle was valued at approximately \$500.

A criminal mischief was reported in the 1000 block of East Foster. A door was reported to have received \$200 damages.

A theft of a license plate was reported in the 400 block of Hazel.

AMBULANCE

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

Thursday, Aug. 29

10:25 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center (PRMC). One patient was transported to Veteran's Administration Medical Center in Amarillo.

10:47 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to the 100 block of South Russell.

7:05 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of West 25th. One patient was transported to PRMC.

FIRE

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

Thursday, Aug. 29

9:58 a.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a standby for LifeStar helicopter at One Medical Plaza.

2:46 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters assisted Pampa Police Department by neutralizing hazardous materials in the 1000 block of South Christy.

3:35 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters returned to the 1000 block of South Christy to assist PPD with neutralizing more hazardous materials.

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Corn	4.94	Puritan	NA
Soybeans	4.59		
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BP	46.37 -0.53	CVX	76.45 +0.38
Celanese	19.75 +0.75	Wal-Mart	53.60 +0.40
Cabot Corp.	24.19 +0.24	ORF	19.51 +0.52
Cabot Oil Gas	22.77 +0.14	NS Group	6.38 -0.24
Coca Cola	51.13 +0.73	New York Gold	313.45
		Silver	4.53
		West Texas Crude	28.92

SHERIFF

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

Thursday, Aug. 29

Ricky Carl Clark, 40, 1044 S. Christy, was arrested for possession of a controlled substance, a felony.

Melissa Ann Clark, 33, 1044 S. Christy, was arrested for possession of a controlled substance, a felony.

Rocky DeWayne Harris, 38, Borger, was arrested for possession of a firearm by a felon.

Juan Ruiz Garcia, 29, P.O. Box 1281, was arrested for displaying a fictitious registration.

Rogelio Valenzuela, 33, 1041 Cinderella, was arrested by Department of Public Safety troopers for driving while intoxicated, first offense.

WEATHER FOCUS

PAMPA

Today's forecast calls for partly cloudy skies, a slight chance of thunderstorms, highs in the upper 80s, southeast winds 10 to 15 mph, and a 20 percent chance of precipitation. Tonight should be partly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms, lows in the middle 60s, south-east winds 5 to 10 mph, and a 20 percent chance of precipitation. Saturday, partly cloudy. Highs

around 90. South winds 10 to 15 mph. Saturday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the middle 60s. South winds 15 to 20 mph. Sunday, partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 90s. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph. Sunday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the middle 60s. Labor Day, partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 90s. Monday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 60s.

STATEWIDE

Highs across Texas on Friday were expected to range from the mid-70s to around 100.

In the Dallas area, mostly sunny skies were expected with highs in the lower 90s.

In the Hill Country and south central Texas, isolated afternoon showers or thunderstorms were expected mainly in the east with highs in the 90s.

In deep South Texas, mostly clear skies were expected with patchy morning fog becoming partly cloudy by midday with a slight chance of afternoon showers and thunderstorms. Highs should be from 90 at the coast to 103 in the west.

In the panhandle, mostly cloudy skies were expected in the morning then becoming partly

cloudy with scattered thunderstorms northeast this morning. Otherwise there was a slight chance of thunderstorms all sections. Highs should be in the middle to upper 80s.

In the Concho Valley and Edwards Plateau areas, mostly sunny skies were expected with highs from 90 to 95.

In far West Texas, partly cloudy skies were expected with isolated late afternoon thunderstorms. Highs were expected in the mid-90s.

In the Guadalupe Mountains and Big Bend area, partly cloudy skies were expected with a slight chance of thunderstorms and highs from the mid-70s in the mountains to around 102 near the Rio Grande.

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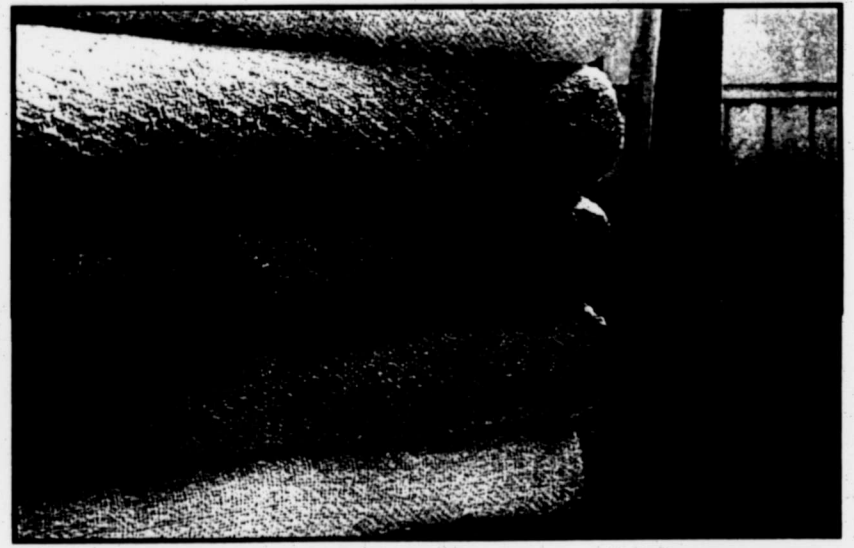
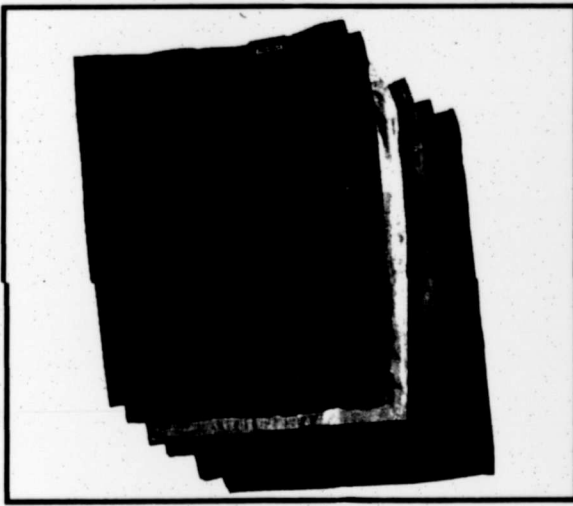
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BUDGET

After a lengthy discussion, board members unanimously approved Pampa High School Choir's request to travel to England next spring. They also approved the PHS band's request to attend a competition in San Antonio.

"This is truly a once in a lifetime choir experience," said Wanetta Hill, assistant director, in presenting the request. She spoke to the board in place of Director Fred Mays who had traveled to Austin on business.

The choir plans a nine-day trip to London, England, at a cost of \$1,334 per student. A highlight of the trip will be a performing in St. Paul's Cathedral, the largest cathedral in London, as well as two additional cathedrals. Also planned are visits to historic sites in London, Stratford-upon-Avon (Shakespeare's birthplace), Coventry, Chester and Warwick.

"I do recognize that this is a trip of major proportions that will require a lot of work for all concerned," Mays and Hill said in a letter to Principal John Kendall. "We are striving to offer our students a once-in-a-lifetime experience both musically and educationally."

"I've been hearing negative feedback from the community," said Board President Lee Porter. "In fact, I got a call just before coming up here."

Porter said the business owner felt the trip would take more than \$100,000 from the community. He said the business owner felt inundated by students and organizations requesting money for different projects.

"We don't encourage (the students) to go to businesses unless they have a connection with the business," Hill explained.

Funds are raised through the choir's annual car wash, Hole-In-One, and other fund raisers, she said.

Board Member Bill Jones worried about all

the other costs associated with the trip.

Curry estimated that adding about \$400 for additional expenses would be "ample."

"If parents decide to (pay for the trip) that would be \$290 a month and you have six months to do it. Even then it's not inconceivable," he said.

"I went on one of those trips when I was in high school for Boy Scouts and, yes, it was a trip of a lifetime and worth every dollar," he said.

Hill said that in an initial survey of students and parents, most were interested in attending the trip. The quote from U.S. Integrity Travel was based on at least 90 persons going, she said. PHS Choir has 182 members, she said.

In other action Thursday, the board approved new policies on electronic mail and records management, and an amendment to employment requirements and restrictions policy for paraprofessionals.

They also approved a two-year waiver for two early release days each year for Pampa High School.

At the request of Dr. Tim Powers, assistant superintendent, the board agreed to charge a monthly fee of \$15 per student and \$20 per family to provide bus transportation for students who don't qualify to ride a school bus. Students can ride if space is available on a first-come, first-serve basis, Powers explained.

The board accepted McVay's proposal to increase the district's medical and dental flexible benefit expense reimbursement plan from \$3,000 to \$5,000 and approved the hiring of Jill Miller as a fourth grade teacher at Travis Elementary.

Evan Smith, Pampa Middle School principal, submitted the current procedure for alternative assignments (Opt-Out), and Dr. Orr reviewed district and campus planning activities for the coming year with the board.

U.N.: Al-Qaida in hiding, but still capable of attack

UNITED NATIONS (AP)

The global campaign against terror has pushed al-Qaida underground but hasn't stopped the flow of money and fresh recruits to carry out new attacks, a U.N. draft report says.

Nearly a year after al-Qaida attacked the United States on Sept. 11, the terrorist network has established cells in at least 40 countries and is well entrenched in Europe, the Middle East, North Africa, and many parts of Asia, the report released Thursday says.

The network has developed operational links with other militant Islamic groups, gained new recruits, and found new ways to channel millions of dollars and a variety of weapons to its supporters, it said.

"Al-Qaida, despite the successful inroads made against it over recent months is, by all accounts 'alive and well' and poised to strike again how, when and where it chooses,"

the report said.

The draft report was prepared by an expert group authorized by the U.N. Security Council to monitor U.N. sanctions.

Under a council resolution adopted unanimously in January, all nations must freeze the finances and impose arms embargoes and travel bans on individuals and groups associated with Osama bin Laden, al-Qaida, and the Taliban — wherever they are in the world.

A total of 234 individuals and groups are currently on the U.N. list of those whose assets should be frozen, but the report criticizes many countries for failing to add suspected al-Qaida members, and some European countries for hesitating to freeze assets. It cited 43 individuals who should be on the list, but aren't.

The United States and Italy said Thursday they want 11 other individuals and 14 organizations with alleged ties to al-Qaida put on the list. Italy's

Economic Ministry said in a statement that "many of the individuals on the list are formally under investigation in Italy and some of them have already been convicted for terrorist and al-Qaida-related crimes."

The draft report, which will be presented next week to the Security Council committee monitoring sanctions, said sanctions and other measures adopted by the international community have had "a marked impact" on al-Qaida, causing it to go underground, "to reposition its assets and resources, and to seek new recruits."

But the terrorist network continues "to pose a significant international threat," in part because of its loose worldwide structure, its ability to work with — and within — Islamic groups in militant countries, its backing from extremists inspired by bin Laden, and its continuing financial and logistical, it said.

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WASTES

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Items to bring include paint, solvents, varnish, tires, pesticides, herbicides, drain opener, oven cleaner, stain removers, polish, hobby supplies, pool chemicals, transmission and brake fluids, motor oil, antifreeze, acids, batteries,

photographic chemicals, products labeled "CAUTION," "WARNING" or "POISON."

Regular recyclables, including No. 1 and 2 plastics, glass, aluminum and paper will be accepted, too.

As far as tires are concerned, the limit is three tires per vehicle and, again, no commercial or retail shops

are allowed.

Items not to bring include explosives, radioactive materials, dioxins or waste generated by businesses or farms, container larger than one gallon, except for motor oil and paint, compressed gas cylinders and waste reactives.

For more information call 663-4464.

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RURAL

Barefield reported that the northern 26 Panhandle counties have a high level support at the county level, and that the trail should bring in significant tourism revenue if the grant application is approved.

Quenna Terry, education and communications specialist with the Natural Resource Conservation Service office in Lubbock,

reported on the RC&D's receipt of a \$15,000 grant under the USDA's Environmental Quality Incentive Program. She said a portion of those funds would be used to enhance awareness and create publicity materials for promoting education about resource conservation.

(Seth Davidson can be reached by e-mail at seth@wildsteps.com. His website is www.wildsteps.com)

Skakel sentenced to 20 years to life

NORWALK, Conn. (AP) — Michael Skakel said he could not apologize for a crime he didn't commit as he was sentenced to 20 years to life in the 1975 killing of his teenage neighbor.

Skakel, convicted of bludgeoning Martha Moxley with a golf club, tearfully proclaimed his innocence and spoke of his own suffering and that of Jesus Christ before the sentence was handed down.

"I would love to be able to

say I did this crime so the Moxley family could have rest and peace, but I can't," said Skakel, the nephew of Ethel Kennedy. "To do that would be a lie."

Standing in a steady drizzle outside the courthouse, Martha's brother, John Moxley, said that after the sentence, he felt numb.

"Twenty years to life — it's just difficult to compare that to what life would have been like with Martha," he said. "There's

no celebration. There's no party to go to."

Norwalk Superior Court Judge John F. Kavanewsky Jr. said he was imposing a substantial sentence because of the brutality of the crime and because Skakel was unrepentant.

"The defendant has been living a lie about his guilt," the judge said. "This defendant has accepted no responsibility, he has expressed no personal remorse."

Skakel, 41, was convicted in June of killing Martha when they were neighbors in Greenwich. He plans to appeal.

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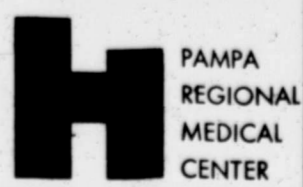


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Senate committee members complying with FBI requests

WASHINGTON (AP) — Most members of a Senate committee investigating the Sept. 11 attacks have agreed to provide the FBI with details of their contacts with reporters as part of an investigation into leaks of classified information.

Contacted Thursday by The Associated Press, the offices of 13 of the 17 Senate Judiciary Committee members said they were complying with the FBI request. No office said it wasn't. In the other four offices, information wasn't available because the senator was traveling.

The FBI is trying to determine who leaked details of conversations intercepted by the National Security Agency that were discussed June 18 at the House and Senate intelligence committees' closed-door inquiry.

Details of the Arabic intercepts on Sept. 10 — the day before the September 2001 terror attacks — were initially broadcast by CNN the day after the closed hearing. The committees had requested the FBI investigation.

Sen. Bob Graham, D-Fla., the committee's chairman, has instructed his staff to compile the material requested, his spokesman, Paul Anderson, said.

Anderson said Graham supported the FBI investigation because the leak of classified information violated the law. The FBI also could examine whether the leaks may have come from outside Congress, he said. An internal investigation might not be able to do so.

Graham "has said that he has nothing to hide," Anderson said.

But Paul McMasters of Freedom Forum's First Amendment Center said the FBI investigation could go beyond the leaks and uncover unrelated communications between lawmakers and journalists.

"That's where this problem comes in," he said.

Freedom Forum is an Arlington, Va.-based foundation dedicated to press freedom.

Caesar Andrews, president of Associated Press Managing Editors, said the request for information about press contacts "creates a mood of fear and dread among those people who should be helping to put the U.S. efforts in context."

"I think it's more the climate that's created when there's a sense of overly aggressive efforts to clamp down on information," said Andrews, editor of Gannett News Service.

"Obviously it's an issue that ultimately has a chilling effect on the flow of information from official sources to the public," said Douglas Clifton, editor of The Plain Dealer in Cleveland and chairman of the American Society of Newspaper Editors' Freedom of Information Committee.

The FBI investigation comes as the Justice Department seeks to block public disclosure by Congress of the results of its investigation of Zacarias Moussaoui, the only person charged in the United States in connection with the Sept. 11 attacks.

In court papers unsealed Thursday in Alexandria, Va., prosecutors said they didn't object to plans by the House and Senate intelligence committees to disclose what the government knows about the planning and execution of the attacks or what was known about two of the 19 Sept. 11 hijackers who met with al-Qaida operatives in Malaysia in January 2000, shortly before they came to the United States.

But the government said planned hearings next month into the FBI's investigation of Moussaoui while he was in custody before the attacks could jeopardize his trial, now set for January. Lawyers for the committees said the hearings would not delve into Moussaoui's guilt or innocence.

Ohio man violates same date laws he lobbied lawmakers to approve

AKRON, Ohio (AP) — A man who had lobbied for stronger rape laws was convicted of violating them by forcibly impregnating his then 16-year-old stepdaughter with a syringe.

After deliberating for just over 2 1/2 hours, jurors found John Goff guilty Thursday of two counts of rape, two counts of sexual battery and one count of endangering children. He could receive up to 35 years in prison at his Oct. 8 sentencing.

Goff, 41, of Stow, frowned and looked at his family as the verdict was read. Goff's sister, Lynne Cain, said, "I love you," as he was led away in handcuffs.

Goff was convicted of breaking the laws he and his

wife campaigned for in the 1990s after a man accused of molesting his stepdaughter was acquitted.

Lawmakers toughened the law in 1996 to include penetration with any object as a component of rape. Previously, only sexual intercourse was considered rape.

Paternity tests showed that Goff fathered his stepdaughter's baby. The boy, born in 1999, is in foster care.

Goff's wife, 43-year-old Narda Goff, was convicted in March of helping Goff impregnate her daughter with a syringe of his semen and was sentenced to three years in prison. She refused to testify against her husband.

Narda Goff's attorney argued during trial that her daughter willingly allowed the insemination because the mother wanted to give her husband a child. Narda Goff had a hysterectomy.

The stepdaughter testified on Monday that she agreed to inseminate herself — but only because Goff, an auxiliary police officer and former Marine, put a gun to her head and threatened to kill her mother if she didn't comply.

Assistant Summit County Prosecutor Brian LoPrinzi said the circumstances of how the stepdaughter, who turns 20 on Friday, became pregnant are "not only immoral but illegal and disgusting." The victim has been diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder and depression and has attempted suicide.

"She knew he was violent and abusive. She didn't want to do it but she didn't even know it was wrong," LoPrinzi said. "They asked her, a girl with a fourth-grade education, to do the unthinkable without explaining any of the ramifications of having a child."

The Goffs home-schooled the girl after the fourth grade.

In closing statements Thursday, defense lawyer Tim Ivey argued that Goff did not commit a crime because his stepdaughter agreed to carry his child.

Boeing union says workers not ready to walk-out yet

SEATTLE (AP) — The threat of a walkout at Boeing Co. has been averted for now.

Boeing's largest union said Thursday its members will continue working when their contract expires Sunday at midnight, despite Boeing's refusal to reopen negotiations.

The concession was in response to a request by federal mediators. Boeing said the company has already made its "best and final" offer and employees are welcome to return to work under the terms of the existing contract.

Union members in Washington state, Portland, Ore., and Wichita, Kan., voted Thursday on whether to authorize a strike. But the union said it would not count the ballots for now, pending further instructions from its international headquarters.

The union still considers a strike an option, said Dick Schneider, the machinists' chief negotiator.

The Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service on Thursday asked negotiators to meet at its headquarters in Washington, D.C., next Wednesday.

Director Peter Hurtgen also asked the two sides to voluntarily extend the contract and continue talks. The union agreed, but Boeing refused to continue negotiations.

"The Boeing negotiating team has done everything

possible and within reason to craft an offer that is fair, competitive and respectful," the company said.

Union members casting votes said they were confused about what to do once the contract expires.

"It's like they're saying, we want to force you to strike," said Sandra Nichols, a janitorial worker for 14 years.

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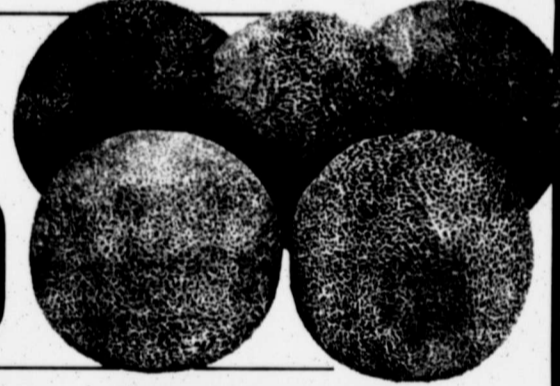
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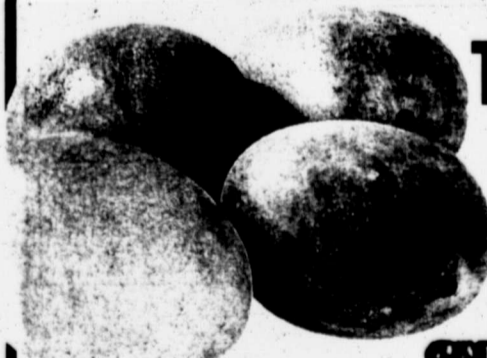
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Pastors find support to overcome pulpit pitfalls

By BRETT HOFFMAN
FORT WORTH STAR-TELEGRAM

FORT WORTH — The Rev. Tim Thomas' 16-year pastoral career seemed to unravel quickly.

As Thomas became increasingly frustrated with his United Methodist congregation's stagnant growth, persistent personal problems were troubling him, too.

In August 2000, Thomas underwent painful hip surgery. A month later, his 24-year marriage ended, and his relationship with his three teenage children was strained. He was losing his long struggle with depression, and he had unprovoked outbursts of anger.

Thomas took an indefinite leave of absence from his church in October 2000. The next month, he and his Everman congregation agreed it was best that he resign.

He considered leaving the ministry, too.

Thomas, like many clergy, suffered from spiritual and emotional burnout. Although high-profile sexual scandals capture the headlines, it's the emotional pitfalls of depression, marital strain and job frustration that derail most ministers.

Denominations and church-affiliated ministries have begun to offer services to keep wounded ministers in the profession or help them heal before they leave for another church, taking their cache of problems with them.

Ministers are often offered money for counseling, spiritual retreats and seminars; health insurance that covers

psychiatric treatment and medication; mentors; toll-free hot lines that offer professional help; and Internet sites with articles on preventing common clergy pitfalls.

A survey by the Southern Baptist Convention, the nation's largest Protestant denomination, has found that depression is the biggest problem among Southern Baptist ministers. Divorce and separation are ranked second, and marital problems third. The survey said church conflict and sexual misconduct, such as infidelity and addiction to pornography, followed.

When the Assemblies of God General Council analyzed two years of clergy contacts on its toll-free hot line — which receives about 300 calls per month — marital difficulty was the leading problem, followed by sexual issues, parent-child conflicts, pastor-church discord, depression, vocational crises and financial pressure.

The Rev. Dallas Speight of Nashville, Tenn., who organizes leader retreats for Southern Baptists, said not all clergy seek help.

"Ministers isolate themselves, and I think that it's partially not knowing how to be real and genuine," Speight said. "If they are struggling in an area, they don't want anyone to know, and that leads to depression."

Mass exodus

Renowned Evangelist James Robison of Euless, who has befriended many troubled ministers, said: "The church needs to project the image that it's the safest place that a minister can go."

New Beginnings Christian Center, a Pentecostal/charismatic church in Portland, Ore., has made the restoration of ministers part of its mission. Last year, the church spent more than \$500,000 to help about 600 clergy and their spouses attend an interdenominational, weeklong conference there on ministers in crisis.

Larry Huch, the senior pastor at New Beginnings, cited an admonition from the apostle Paul to the Galatians as a reason for the outreach: "If a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness."

Huch said, "If a pastor falls, the church just dumps him, and it damages his livelihood and family."

A Southern Baptist Convention survey of more than 900 pastors showed that 45 percent of its ministers who lost their jobs in 2000 did not return to the pulpit.

Many mainline denominations have gathered veteran pastors who are trained to help congregations that have lost their pastors to refocus and create a healthy environment for the next leader.

The Ministry Development Center of the Southwest in Arlington, which serves several mainline denominations, evaluates ministers and develops treatment plans for them.

A healing network

Thomas' depression, dismissal and estrangement from his family prompted John Lukert, his supervisor, to place him on indefinite leave and draw up a recovery plan. Thomas received professional

counseling, was prescribed anti-depressants and met regularly with two mentoring ministers.

The denomination also covered some of Thomas' costs for a three-week, intensive therapy program. "They helped me deal with anger issues," Thomas said.

He attended worship services with no responsibility to lead. His only ministry was to the homeless, which helped his self-esteem, Thomas said.

Lukert and Thomas' friends encouraged him to remain in the ministry.

The Everman congregation also proved generous even though "the natural response of many churches is to get extremely defensive and protective, especially within their finances," Lukert said.

Thomas was allowed to remain in the Everman parsonage and received a full-time salary for four months, said Shirley Wright, the church's financial officer.

"It was the Christian thing to do," Wright said.

Thomas donated money from his expense account to the church to help pay temporary ministers who led the congregation.

Meanwhile, Lukert met with leaders of two small Fort Worth congregations that had been led by student pastors, informed them of Thomas' history and asked them to hire Thomas. The churches agreed, and, after a psychological evaluation determined that he was fit to work, Thomas returned to the pulpit in January 2001.

Meanwhile, Everman hired a new pastor, the Rev. Travis

Summerlin.

From January 2001 through June, Thomas led 9 a.m. Sunday worship services at Wichita Avenue Methodist Church and traveled nine miles to conduct 11 a.m. services at Grace United Methodist Church, where he spent most of his time.

He also lived near his former wife, and they shared responsibilities for taking care of their children.

In May, Thomas remarried, and in mid-June, he and his

new wife, Cindy, moved to Whitney, where he was appointed senior pastor at King Memorial United Methodist Church.

"I once read that the church is the only place that shoots its wounded," Thomas said. "But I'd have to say that my church helps bind up wounds, provides health care and helps get you back on your feet."

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CHURCH BRIEFS

'Families in Focus' topic of classes

First Assembly of God will begin a class "Families in Focus" at 7 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 12, at the Family Life Center, 521 S. Russell.

Classes will meet each Thursday evening, starting with a study titled "Parenting: The Early Years." A time of fellowship and games will follow each lesson.

Childcare will be furnished for parents with children, infant through age 3.

For more information, call 665-5941 or 662-1445.

Women's Bible group to study Exodus

Ladies' Thursday Bible Study will begin a study of the Book of Exodus at 9:30 a.m., Thursday, Sept. 5.

The group plans to meet in Room 101 of First Baptist Church, 203 N. West. For more information, call the church office at 669-1155.

Amarillo church to present musical Sept. 8

AMARILLO — "Lift Up Your Eyes," a musical of hope, will be presented at 5 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 8, at Paramount Terrace Christian Church, 4000 Mays.

Performed by the Paramount Terrace Christian Church Worship Choir, "Lift Up Your eyes," is offered as a memorial honoring those who suffered loss during the tragic events of Sept. 11.

Throughout the day on Sunday, Sept. 8, the church's worship services will be transformed into memorial worship honoring all who serve or have served in the fire department, law enforcement, emergency services, and the military. The evening musical completes a day of memorial and honor.

Admission is free and childcare and Sunday School classes for children are provided. For more information, call the Music Department at (806) 353-6615.

Highland Baptist hosts prayer time

Thursday Prayer Time is 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Highland Baptist Church, 1301 N. Banks. Focal point time is 12:15 p.m.

For additional information, call 669-6509 or 669-6618.

Methodist task force asks for salary increase for Native American clergy

TULSA, Okla. (AP) — A task force on boosting American Indian involvement in the United Methodist Church is lobbying for higher salaries for clergy in Indian congregations.

Since ministers in those communities often don't earn enough, many seek appointments to non-Indian assignments, according to the 19-member task force of the denomination's Native American Comprehensive Plan.

The average annual salary and benefits package for United Methodist ministers is just under \$43,000. The Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference compensation package is about \$24,000.

Many of the Indian congregations are in poor areas and lack the financial resources to increase clergy salaries.

The low pay also discourages young Indians from becoming ministers, the task force said at its Aug. 15-18 meeting.

Remember the value of fervant prayer

The United States has set her Constitution above the Bible, making laws to keep the 10 commandments out of the school saying, "Children might read them, meditate on them and begin to act upon them." I had to read that statement in more than one article before I could bring myself to believe that it came from a Supreme Court Justice. The lack of Bible laws and standards has brought in bad morals like a flood, still the Constitution of the U.S. calls for less and less public mention of Jesus Christ and God's laws.

When Jesus was saying that he did not come to destroy the law, He then said, "Till heaven and earth shall pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled." (Matt. 5:18)

In Psalms 9:17, we read, "The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all nations that forget God."

God sent the flood of Noah's day because he could not tolerate the wickedness of the people any longer.

How much further can North America go away from God before His cup of wrath is full?

Saint Peter said, "The day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, and the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up." (2 Pet. 3:10) Although this degree of judgment is not next on God's agenda, it will come at a time when God's cup of wrath is full.

North America made it legal to murder babies that are nearly completely born. Crimes are committed so fast by so many people that we can't build jails fast enough and large enough to hold the criminals. Peace officers are saying, "We do not know how to get control of the situation."

Has America forgotten that in 1904 there was such a revival of righteousness in Wales that many peace officers lost their jobs because there was so little need for them? Has America forgotten that in Denver, Colo., there were such prayer meetings at noon time in 1905 that business places signed an agreement not to open their stores for an hour and a half? Does America not remember that Portland, Ore., had almost the same kind of prayer revival in 1905?

In July and August of 2000, I conducted cottage prayer

Minister's Musings

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meetings in my house saying, "It's time for us to pray harder for our nation." Also with hopes that it would help a little to turn our nation around, I wrote a "Minister's Musing" article to The Pampa News which was published on March 9, 2001, in which I warned that God would still send judgments on people or nations for transgressing His laws. Then I asked, "Will it be a foreign army coming against the U.S.?"

I followed with other questions about earthquakes, fire, and on and on. After referring to America's sing of legalizing liquor, I called on America to prepare to face your God. From March 9 to Sept. 11, same year, is only six months and two days until the twin towers came down in N.Y.

America, this was some of God's judgments for murdering innocent babies, committing homosexual sins, legalizing alcoholic liquor, telling lies, stealing and all other kinds of sins.

America, please wake up. The judgments that god is going to send are to be dreaded. (Isa. 8:13, Num. 12:8, Rom. 11:22)

Is it really true that America does not know what to do? If so, then too many preachers are preaching bad doctrines allowing that new converts may go on committing sins as before. The atonement that Jesus Christ made for sin is not weak and unable to deliver from the power of the Devil. Where sin did abound, grace did much more abound. The blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth us from all sin. The drunkard quits his drinking, the liar quits his lying, the murderer quits his murdering, the cussing quits his cussing because his heart is clean.

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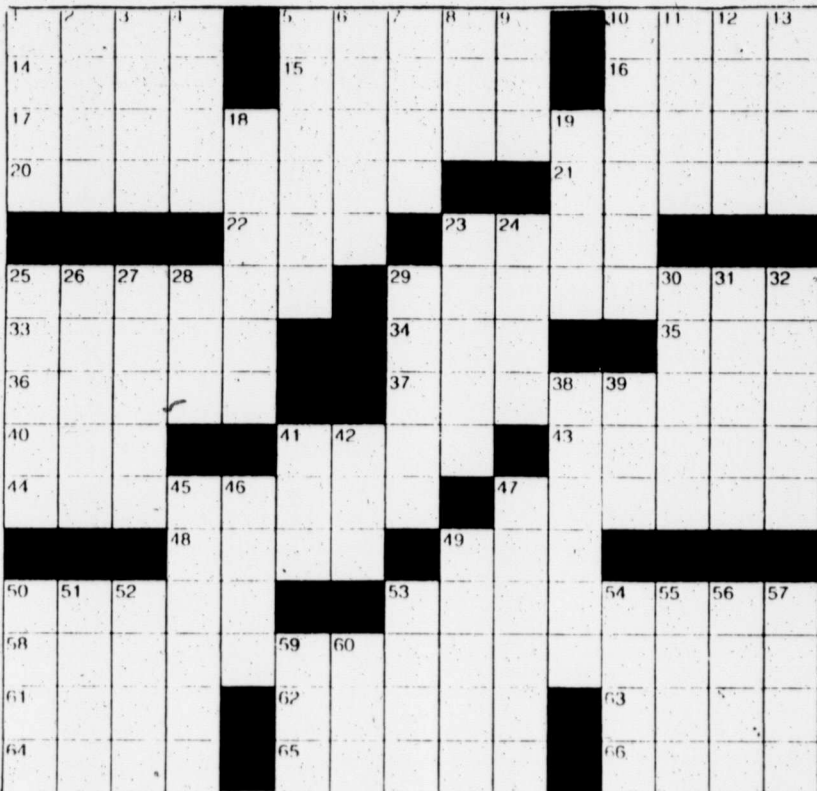
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- 3. Belongs to famous computer
- 4. Plethoric
- 5. Lessens
- 6. Keepsake
- 7. Tilled
- 8. Not new
- 9. Ocean
- 10. Car wheels
- 11. Birthplace of Constantine
- 12. Spread over
- 13. Changed state
- 18. Merchants
- 19. Displaces
- 23. Passover feast and ceremony
- 24. Bark
- 25. ___ Claus
- 26. Housemaids
- 27. Infections
- 28. Color property
- 29. Grew
- 30. Sir ___ Newton
- 31. British critic
- 32. Cracked
- 38. Bovine
- 39. Egg cells
- 41. America
- 42. Pose
- 45. Punish
- 46. Separate
- 47. Ascended
- 49. Arthur Conan ___, author
- 50. Greenish blue
- 51. Biu-Mandara
- 52. Habitation
- 53. Sound
- 54. Epic poem
- 55. Lean-fleshed fish
- 56. Algonquian
- 57. British School
- 59. Ethiopia
- 60. Greek letter

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Bert ___, Oz lion
- 5. Greek mountain
- 10. Civil rights college org.
- 14. Jai ___, sport
- 15. Mathematician
- 16. Of the pia mater
- 17. Underdone dessert
- 20. Forced out
- 21. Rounded
- 22. Knowing
- 23. An infection of the sebaceous gland of the eyelid
- 25. Bands
- 29. Designate
- 33. Intimacy
- 34. Automatic data processing
- 35. Small coin (French)
- 36. Nostrils
- 37. Seashore
- 40. One and only
- 41. Selfish person
- 43. Stop! (nautical)
- 44. Slayer
- 47. ___ Keach, actor
- 48. Type of trench
- 49. Write
- 50. More competent
- 53. Change integrity
- 58. Accountant's concern
- 61. Acid
- 62. Peg
- 63. Spread made chiefly from vegetable oils
- 64. Swiss river
- 65. Had in mind
- 66. Went through



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Japanese prime minister planning trip to North Korea

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TOKYO (AP) — Japan's prime minister will make an unprecedented visit to North Korea next month, meeting the leader of the secretive communist nation in hopes of healing one of Asia's deepest historic rifts.

In a sudden announcement, Junichiro Koizumi said Friday he will visit Pyongyang,

North Korea's capital, on Sept. 17 for the summit with leader Kim Jong Il. He was to return to Japan the same day.

"I want to discuss directly with him the possibility of restarting efforts to normalize our relations," Koizumi said. "If the leaders don't talk, we can't move forward even one step."

Japan, which ruled the Korean Peninsula as a colony from 1910-1945, has no diplomatic ties with the North and animosity between the two nations runs deep.

Koizumi's decision comes amid signs of a thaw between South Korea and North Korea — including an agreement Friday to reconnect severed road and rail links as early as this year in return for large-scale donations of food and fertilizer to North Korea.

The United States is also considering sending a special envoy to North Korea.

Kim met this month with Russian President Vladimir Putin in Russia. The most recent leader to visit North Korea was Indonesian President Megawati Sukarnoputri in March.

In January, President Bush singled out North Korea as part of an "axis of evil" that fosters international terrorism. Koizumi stressed he had discussed the visit over the phone with both Bush and South Korean President Kim Dae-jung before making his decision.

Seok Tong-young, spokesman of South Korea's Foreign Ministry, said Seoul welcomed the news of Koizumi's visit.

"Our government has been emphasizing that the best way to ensure peace and stability on the Korean Peninsula and Northeast Asia is for countries concerned to try to resolve problems through dialogue in

concert with our government's engagement policy toward North Korea," he said.

Japan's chief Cabinet secretary Yasuo Fukuda, said Tokyo sees normalizing relations with North Korea as a "historical duty."

North Korea's state-run media on Friday also announced Koizumi's plans to meet with Kim.

"It is expected that his visit to Pyongyang will mark an important occasion in settling the issues between the two countries and normalizing bilateral relations," the Korean Central News Agency quoted a Foreign Ministry spokesman as saying.

Fukuda acknowledged many obstacles must be cleared before formal ties can be established.

Recently, however, the two countries have tried to move a bit closer.

Japan's Foreign Minister

Yoriko Kawaguchi met her North Korean counterpart, Paek Nam Sun, in July and senior officials from both sides met in Pyongyang this month to discuss the possibility of establishing diplomatic relations. It was the first such meeting in two years.

The talks brought a rare exchange of letters between Koizumi and Kim. Koizumi's letter, passed through the delegations, said Japan was sincere in wanting to tackle issues blocking normalization talks and expected the same from North Korea.

At a banquet with the visiting Japanese mission, Kim replied, "It is a very encouraging message and I thank you."

North Korea has repeatedly demanded Japan more fully atone for its militarist past, and has strongly criticized Tokyo's postwar military alliance with the United States. Japan also served as a base for U.S. troops

fighting North Korea during the 1950-53 Korean War.

In 1998, North Korea rattled nerves in Asia by firing a rocket that flew over Japan and landed in the Pacific. Relations deteriorated further when a suspected North Korean spy ship was sunk in December 2001 by Japan's coast guard after ignoring orders to stop.

Japan has also said allegations that North Korean agents kidnapped at least 11 Japanese citizens must be resolved before diplomatic ties can be established. Japan says the people were abducted in the 1970s and 1980s and forced to train North Korean spies in the Japanese language and culture.

"It will certainly be a topic of discussion," Koizumi said, calling the alleged abductions a "serious issue."

North Korea has denied the abduction allegations, but promised to continue to search for "missing persons."

Hijacker nabbed overseas

STOCKHOLM, Sweden (AP) — Police on Friday accused a man of planning to hijack a plane after a handgun was found in his carry-on luggage as he prepared to board a flight from Sweden to England.

The suspect, a 29-year-old Swedish citizen, was in a group of people headed to an Islamic conference in Birmingham, England, according to police in Vaesteraas, 60 miles northwest of the capital, Stockholm.

Security officers found the weapon in a toiletries bag when they scanned the man's hand luggage on Thursday, police spokesman Ulf Palm said.

Palm earlier said the man was a native of Tunisia, but police determined that he was born in Sweden to parents believed to be from the North African nation.

"We believe he was going to hijack the plane," Palm said, adding that authorities were investigating possible terrorist links. "We can't rule that out and that is something we're looking into."

Authorities said the suspect, a resident of Stockholm, had prior convictions of theft and assault but declined to give details about a possible motive or the weapon pending the investigation.

Police were holding the suspect on a preliminary charge of planning to hijack a plane. A hearing will be held in a few days to determine if the man should be kept in custody while prosecutors decide whether to file formal charges.

A charge of planning to hijack a plane could carry a sentence of six months to life in prison, depending on severity, Palm said.

Palm said the suspect was booked on a flight from Vaesteraas to Stansted airport outside London on Ryanair, a discount airline based in Ireland.

The other members of the group — 18 adults and two children — were questioned for several hours at police headquarters but were released and were not suspected of any crime, Palm said.

Several passengers who already had boarded the plane were evacuated while police searched the cabin and luggage compartment.

North Korea agrees to reconnect rail line to South

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — North Korea has agreed to reconnect severed road and rail links with South Korea this year in return for food and fertilizer, a joint statement said Friday.

The agreement wrapped up three days of inter-Korean economic talks that ended in Seoul on Friday — the latest step toward reconciliation on the divided peninsula.

If plans go smoothly, the first road connection would be completed as early as November and the first railway before year's end.

Opening road and rail links would be a significant breakthrough in relations between the two rivals, which are separated by the world's most heavily armed border. The 1950-53 Korean War between South Korea and the communist north ended in an armistice, not in a peace treaty.

But the Koreans have a history of reaching big agreements that later fall through when tensions flare. Plans to build a railway and a parallel road across the western sector of the border were originally included in an agreement reached at a historic inter-Korean summit in the summer of 2000.

South Korea completed work on its side of the border, but North Korea stopped construction early last year amid tension with the United

States, Seoul's main ally, according to South Korean officials.

The latest initiative comes as North Korea's isolated communist regime is moving again to reach out to the rest of the world, including the United States and Japan.

The United States is considering sending a special envoy to North Korea, and Japanese officials held talks in the northern capital, Pyongyang, this week to discuss normalizing relations between those nations. Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi plans to make an unprecedented visit to North Korea in September.

In return for the North Korean agreement on the rail and road projects, South Korea will give North Korea 400,000 tons of rice and 100,000 tons of fertilizer, Friday's statement said.

The two Koreas will simultaneously restart work on reconnecting a railway and parallel road through the western sector of the border on Sept. 18, it said. They will aim to complete the railway by year's end and the road by the spring of 2003.

The Koreans also will simultaneously begin work in September on reconnecting a second railway and another road through the eastern sec-

tor of the border, the statement said.

It could take years to reconnect the eastern rail line, Seoul officials said. The two sides will aim to reconnect the eastern road by the end of November and will replace it with a new road within a year.

The statement said that military officials will meet before Sept. 18 to work out details on implementing the agreement. South Korean officials said the timing of those talks was the last stumbling block in the negotiations.

Military cooperation is essential for the rail project, because the tracks would run through the mine-strewn 2 1/2-mile-wide demilitarized zone that separates the two Koreas. Nearly 2 million troops are deployed on both sides of the border.

South Korea will supply North Korea with needed material and equipment for the rail and road projects, the statement said.

The agreement also revived a proposal to build an industrial park in Kaesong, a North Korean border city, where South Korea plans to relocate labor-intensive plants such as shoe factories.

The statement said North Korea agreed to allow South Korean contractors to start building the industrial park this year.

Report: Pakistan officials say bin Laden likely dead

LONDON (AP) — Pakistan's security officials believe Osama bin Laden was probably killed in a U.S. air strike on al Qaeda's mountain fortress in eastern Afghanistan last year, a British newspaper reported Friday.

Senior Pakistani officials said bin Laden was unlikely to have survived the intense U.S. air bombardment of the al Qaida Tora Bora camp in December, The Financial Times of London reported from Islamabad.

In a story posted on its Web site, the newspaper said some analysts believe the accused mastermind of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on the United States suffered from a serious kidney ailment at that time.

"Our assessment remains that Osama bin Laden, who was not too well when last year's terrorist attacks happened, could not have survived the attacks on Tora Bora," an unidentified senior Pakistani official told the newspaper.

"Even if he didn't get hit fatally, it was impossible for him to have survived, literally

surrounded by scores of hostile troops with no possibility of receiving regular medical care," the official was quoted as saying.

Pakistani President Gen. Pervez Musharraf has said for months that he believes bin Laden is dead but has offered no proof. However, several former Taliban figures have said they believe bin Laden slipped out of Tora Bora before the heaviest U.S. attacks.

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written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

Unhappy Wife Must Realize Abuse Is not Part of Love

DEAR ABBY: I am a 31-year-old mother of three. I have been married for 11 years and need your advice. I love my husband, "Rick," but I am not happy.

My husband has always gone out on weekends and disappears for hours during the week. When I ask Rick where he has been, he says, "Just riding around," or "I don't know." He blames me for every single thing that goes wrong in his life and complains about everything I do for him. Rick calls me unthinkable names in front of the children. He has also hit me many times.

I want to leave him. I have tried many times, but every time I leave him, I get severely depressed and begin to miss him very much.

The last time I left Rick I ended up in the hospital with a bleeding ulcer. What can I do to stay away from him and not lose my mind? Where can I go for help, and who can I lean on for support? I am deeply unhappy and becoming cold and bitter.

DESPERATE IN ARKANSAS

DEAR DESPERATE: You may think you "love" Rick, but you have described a verbal and physical abuser who also may not be faithful. He has been so successful in chipping away at your self-esteem, he has convinced you that you need him and that tolerating abuse is part of love. Nothing could be further from the truth.

Pack your bags and exit the marriage. The minute the door is closed behind you, ask your doctor for a referral to a licensed counselor to help you rebuild your spirit and your life.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 13-year-old who weighs 140 pounds and stands 5 feet tall. I feel self-conscious about my body, and hate it when people make comments about my weight.

My brother constantly calls me "fattie" and other rude names. For example, if I turn down an offer for ice cream in front of him, he'll say something like, "Wow! That's a miracle!"

His behavior really hurts, and although I've talked to my parents about it, they haven't done anything to stop him.

I feel ready to work on losing weight, but don't know where to begin. Is there anything I can say to my brother to shut him up? I'll make good use of any suggestions you have.

TIRED OF FEELING FAT IN WASHINGTON STATE

DEAR FEELING FAT: Speak to your parents about your desire to adopt healthier eating habits, and ask them to make an appointment with your doctor so you can begin an approved program of diet and exercise.

Next, tell them again how hurtful and humiliating your brother's negative comments

are. He may think they're funny, and he needs to be told otherwise. Ridicule never helped anyone solve a problem. Show them this letter and tell them who wrote it. I wish you the best of luck.

DEAR ABBY: I'm confused about something. Would you please explain the difference between an atheist and an agnostic? Some people say agnostics are atheists with no guts. Thanks!

WONDERING IN CHICAGO

DEAR WONDERING: I'm sure whoever said it was only trying to be funny. Webster's Collegiate Dictionary (Tenth Edition) defines an agnostic as "one who is not committed to believing in either the existence or the non-existence of God or a god." In other words, an agnostic is someone who says, "I'll make a firm decision when I have proof."

An atheist is one who actively disbelieves in the existence of a deity. He's a person who has already made up his mind.

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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SPORTS

TOT tourney tees off Saturday in Pampa

PAMPA — Freddie Espericueta from the University of North Texas returns to defend his title at the Top Of Texas Tournament, which starts Saturday at the Pampa Country Club. Espericueta shot a competitive course record of 61 in the third round of last year's tournament on his way to a four-round total of 269. Espericueta will be challenged by other collegiate golfers from Texas Tech, Cameron, West Texas A&M, North Texas and other schools.

Pampa golfers Dan Nicolet (1996 TOT champion) and Doug McFatrige are capable of dethroning Espericueta.

The tournament consists of both stroke and match play divisions with the championship flight starting the final round on Monday at 1:30 p.m.

- Past Top of Texas Champions**
- 1938: Dale Storie, Borger
 - 1939: Frank Foxhall, Memphis
 - 1940: O.B. Smith, Memphis
 - 1941-44: No tournament
 - 1945: C.G. McGinnis, Pampa
 - 1946: Billy Holmes, Shamrock
 - 1947: Billy Cole, Quanah
 - 1948: Jack Garrett, Plainview
 - 1949: Billy Houck, Borger
 - 1950: Grover Austin Jr., Pampa
 - 1951: Jack Williams, Plainview
 - 1952: Johnny Thornton, San Antonio
 - 1953: Rex Baxter, Amarillo
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 - 1955: Don Kaplan, Borger
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 - 1957: Jim Russell, Amarillo
 - 1958: Don Prigmore, Pampa
 - 1959: Roland Adams, Lubbock
 - 1960: Don Seamster, Borger
 - 1961: Les Howard, Pampa

- 1962: Charles Coody, Stamford
- 1963: John Farquhar, Amarillo
- 1964: Bobby Greenville, Cookeville, Tenn.
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- 1967: Bobby Greenville, Cookeville, Tenn.
- 1968: John Farquhar, Amarillo
- 1969: Richard Ellis, Pampa
- 1970: John Shepperson, Odessa
- 1971: Lloyd Moody, Tulsa, Okla.
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- 1973: Jody Richardson, Borger
- 1974: Dickie Weston, Pampa
- 1975: Britt Harrison, Beaumont
- 1976: Barry Frost, Amarillo
- 1977: Jim Haren, Borger
- 1978: Ladd Larsen, Tulsa, Okla.
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- 1984: Steve Russell, Amarillo
- 1985: E.J. Pfister, Buffalo, N.Y.
- 1986: Clint Deeds, Pampa
- 1987: Randall Strickland, Jacksboro, Tenn.
- 1988: Mike Winfrey, Lubbock
- 1989: Craig Hainline, Wichita, Kan.
- 1990: Scott Deserrano, Stillwater, Okla.
- 1991: Jaxon Brigman, Stillwater, Okla.
- 1992: James Bischof, Stillwater, Okla.
- 1993: Bryan Guetz, Laketon, Colo.
- 1994: Kyle Kelting, Amarillo
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- 1996: Dan Nicolet, Pampa
- 1997: Les Phillips, Borger
- 1998: Phil Everson, Pampa
- 1999: Michael Pruitt, Idalou
- 2000: Phil Everson, Pampa
- 2001: Freddie Espericueta, Edinburg

NOTEBOOK

BASKETBALL

PAMPA — The Harvester Basketball Booster Club will hold an organizational meeting at 7:30 Tuesday night in the Ready Room at the PHS athletic building.

FOOTBALL

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Dallas Cowboys linebacker Markus Steele was taken off the field on a stretcher Thursday night after straining his neck while making a tackle.

Steele was moving his legs and team officials said he had feeling in all his extremities after the injury in the third quarter of Dallas' game against Jacksonville. He was taken off the field for precautionary X-rays.

The injury came as Steele, a second-year player out of Southern Cal, tumbled over Jaguars running back Stacey Mack and his neck rolled awkwardly and appeared to jam into his left shoulder.

BASEBALL

HOUSTON (AP) — Orlando Merced gave the Houston Astros pitching staff all the help it needed, which wasn't much.

Merced went 3-for-4 with an RBI double and threw out two runners from right field as Pete Munro and three relievers combined for a four-hitter in Houston's 5-0 win over the San Diego Padres on Thursday.

Merced is getting a chance to start in right field because Richard Hidalgo is on the injury list.

"I have to take every opportunity like it's the last one, regardless of whether there is a strike or not — that's been the key for me lately," Merced said. "That simplifies it for me and makes it easier."

Munro (5-2) and relievers Pedro Borbon, Tom Gordon and Octavio Dotel helped the Astros get their ninth shutout of the season — all at Minute Maid Park — and their third in their last eight home games.

"When you've got guys like Dotel and (Billy) Wagner, your only job is to get to the eighth inning," Borbon said. "That picks us all up. It kind of snowballs our confidence."

The victory moved the Astros within 2 1/2 games of the NL Central-leading St. Louis Cardinals.

There were a few reminders in the crowd of 22,485 that a possible strike loomed before Friday night's home game against the Los Angeles Dodgers.

One sign in the upper deck in left field read, "If You Strike, So Will We."

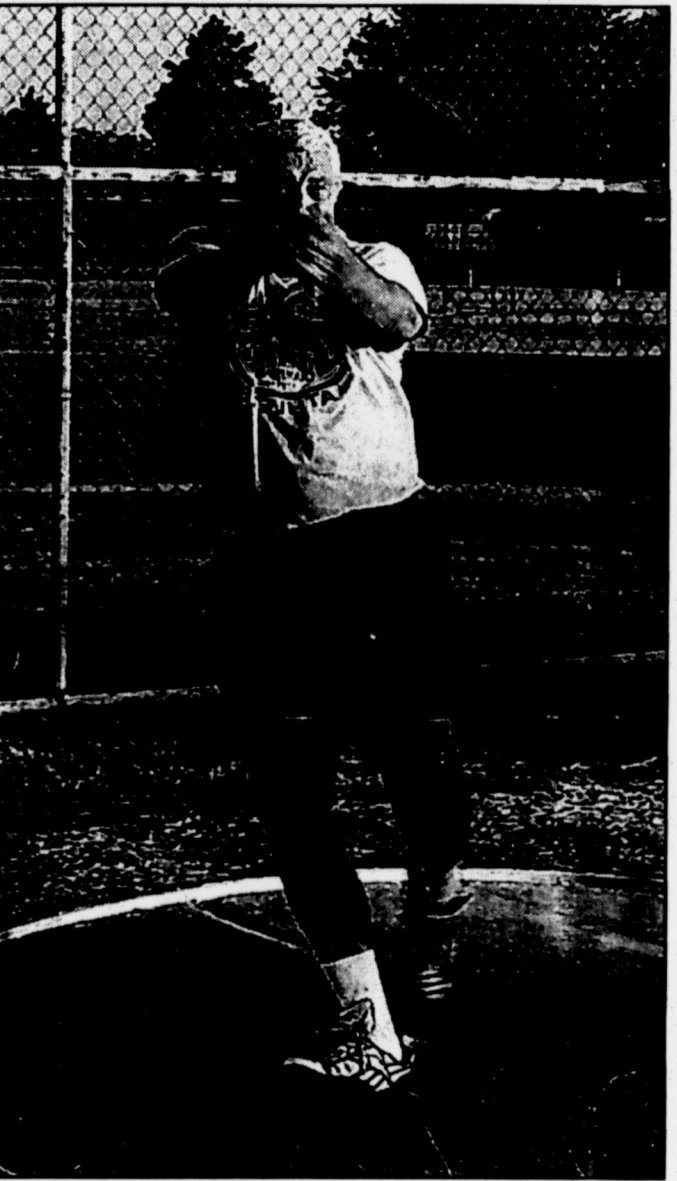
The Astros obtained Gordon from the Chicago Cubs last week.

"He's been around a lot of years," Dotel said. "He knows how to pitch."

With the Astros leading 2-0, Lance Berkman hit a solo homer in the sixth inning. It was his 37th of the season and boosted his NL RBI lead to 108.

Munro pitched five innings to win his third straight decision. He allowed four hits, struck out four and didn't walk a batter.

Hall of famer



(Pampa News photo)

Pampa schoolteacher Wendell Palmer, shown working out for a recent Masters track and field meet, will be installed into the Texas Senior Games Hall of Fame this weekend in Lubbock. Palmer owns 14 world records and seven world records, mostly in the discus, since he started competing in Masters meets in 1975.

Baseball strike may be averted

NEW YORK (AP) — After a round of all-night negotiations, baseball appeared to be moving toward a settlement Friday that would avert a strike later in the day.

Commissioner Bud Selig and union head Donald Fehr attended a morning bargaining session — an indication that negotiations could be wrapping up. Lawyers representing teams and players said they were confident the sides could reach an agreement later in the day, though they cautioned a deal had not yet been struck.

As part of a settlement, owners were willing to agree not to contract teams through the 2006 season, a management official said on the condition he not be identified. Owners attempted to fold the Montreal Expos and Minnesota Twins after last season but were stopped by Minnesota courts.

As the hours dwindled, lawyers shuttled between the commissioner's office and union headquarters, crunching numbers and exchanging revised proposals.

Two lawyers from each side bargained until 2 a.m. before the sides broke for caucuses. Players gave owners a proposal during a 20-minute meeting that began at 4 a.m., and owners responded with a counteroffer about 6:30 a.m. The union returned with a response at 9:15 a.m.

"They are down to microcosms," the management official said.

There was no set time for the start of a strike, which would be the sport's ninth work stoppage since 1972. The first of the day's 15 games would be St.

Louis at Chicago, scheduled to begin at 3:20 p.m. EDT. Long before noon, game preparations were under way there, with workers outside the ballpark setting up traffic cones. Three ticket windows outside Wrigley Field were open.

Boston Red Sox players were told to wait at Fenway Park when they gathered at 7:30 a.m. for a charter flight to Cleveland.

"We have no specific timetable right now," interim general manager Mike Port said. "We want to know before we take another step that, hopefully, there will be a resolution."

Fans tossed about a half-dozen foul balls back onto the field during Anaheim's 6-1 win over the Devil Rays, the last game played Thursday night. Many of the 18,820 fans chanted "Don't Strike, Don't Strike" during the seventh-inning stretch, and when the game ended, some of them threw debris on the field.

The walkout threatens the final 31 days and 438 games of the regular season, and imperils the World Series — canceled by a strike in 1994 for the first time in 90 years. If a strike drags into mid-September, the postseason would be in jeopardy.

Anaheim wasn't the only place where fans vented their frustrations.

"Both sides are being awfully greedy, considering what is happening economically in this country," said Mary Anne Curran, a fan at the Pirates-Braves game in Pittsburgh. "I find it disgusting they can't find a happy medium when they're

talking about millions of dollars."

The White House wasn't getting involved.

"The owners and players need to keep in mind not only what a strike would do to the future of baseball, but also what it would do to America during a time of national unity and national spirit," White House spokesman Scott McClellan said.

At the Arlington, Texas, ballpark President Bush helped build as a controlling owner, the clubhouse was filled with boxes for players' belongings.

"It doesn't sound real good from what I've heard in the last few hours," said Rangers shortstop Alex Rodriguez, who would lose the most of any player, \$114,754 a day. "You just have to prepare yourself for the very worst."

One hardline owner hoped an agreement would reform baseball's economics. "We want a deal that will return competitive balance and stop fiscal insanity," San Diego's John Moores said in Houston.

The old contract expired after the World Series last November, and talks for a new deal began in January. Players, fearful owners would lock them out after the postseason, decided to force a confrontation late in the season, when more revenue is at stake.

The key argument involves levels of increased revenue sharing and the luxury tax. Selig, upset in recent years by the domination of the New York Yankees and other wealthy teams, wants to increase the amount of locally generated revenue teams share from 20 percent to 36 percent.

Carter, Cowboys enjoy success against Jaguars

By **EDDIE PELLIS**
AP Sports Writer

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Tom Coughlin says his quarterback isn't playing with confidence. Mark Brunell says he's got all the confidence in the world.

Once again, the Jacksonville Jaguars aren't on the same page. By now, that should come as no surprise.

While Brunell and his fellow first stringers were inept again Thursday night, Quincy Carter and the Dallas Cowboys enjoyed their final taste of preseason success with a 28-25 victory over the Jaguars.

"I'm very pleased with the win," Cowboys coach Dave Campo said. "I think that's something our guys are starting to get the feel for."

Playing the first half, Carter ran for one score and threw for 136 yards, including a lucky deflection that resulted in a 35-yard completion to Jermaine Copeland to set up the first touchdown.

Dallas (3-1) led 21-2 at halftime. Meanwhile, Brunell and his first-team offense closed the preseason without a touchdown — a stat that only begins to describe the scope of the troubles. In 17 drives Brunell has started over four

games, the Jaguars (1-3) have produced one field goal and 16 punts.

Coughlin put the blame for this one on Brunell, not his slew of new receivers playing in place of Keenan McCardell, who left for Tampa Bay, and holdout Jimmy Smith.

"The receivers were in position tonight to make some plays, but it just didn't happen," Coughlin said. "We're obviously at the end of the preseason, and some questions prevail. I believe somehow, some way, Mark's going to snap out of this and play with his normal confidence and fire."

Brunell said confidence isn't the problem.

"Preseason games don't determine whether you're confident or not confident," Brunell said. "I'm very confident. And I'm confident we can turn it around. We've been down before, we've had tough times, we've turned it around. I think we can do it again."

Jaguars backup running back Stacey Mack got going in the third quarter to make it close. He scored a 61-yard touchdown against the Dallas reserves, and had another 5-yard touchdown to pull the Jaguars to 21-16.

Mack finished with 100 yards on 12 carries, but it wasn't enough. Soon after John Henderson sacked Chad

Hutchinson in the end zone to make it 21-18, the Jaguars turned the ball over and Dallas scored on a 7-yard pass from Hutchinson to Copeland.

The Jaguars scored a touchdown to pull within three with 1:57 left, but the Cowboys recovered an onside kick to end Jacksonville's chances.

With several starting positions and roster spots on the line, a few Cowboys stood out.

Antonio Bryant caught four passes for 41 yards and showed he could be a capable replacement for the injured Raghieb Ismail. Rookie Woody Dantzler returned a punt 34 yards and a kickoff 57 yards; he also muffed one punt.

Ennis Haywood had a 36-yard run to set up Dallas' final touchdown. Kicker Billy Cundiff made field goals of 29 and 42 yards after having a 44-yard attempt partially blocked by Henderson.

Campo sounded most excited about Carter, who completed 11 of 22 passes and avoided big mistakes all preseason.

"I thought he handled himself pretty well," Campo said. "There are some things he can get better at. He's a young quarterback. Hopefully, we'll have an opportunity for him to grow

during the season."

On the Jacksonville side, defensive tackle Marcus Stroud made two big plays in the first quarter, but later left with an ankle injury. Henderson had three deflected passes to go with his safety and blocked kick.

Jacksonville's Fred Taylor rushed seven times for 7 yards, his poorest outing of the preseason.

Olympics could lose three sports

LAUSANNE, Switzerland (AP) — The last sport dropped from the Olympics was polo in 1936. Baseball, softball and modern pentathlon could be next.

The IOC executive board is considering a recommendation to remove the three for the 2008 Beijing Games.

Golf and rugby could join the Olympic program, provided the top athletes in each take part. A third, the Chinese martial art wushu, also is under consideration.

If the executive board approves the proposals, the final decision will come at an IOC meeting in Mexico in November. Since the IOC refuses to increase the number of Olympic sports above the current level of 28, golf and rugby could be admitted only if others are dropped.

"I believe the proposal is a strong warning — a shot

across the bows of these federations that we think there is a problem there," IOC president Jacques Rogge said.

A request to reinstate polo in 2008 was among those rejected Thursday. Thirteen other sports were turned down, including ballroom dancing, surfing, bowling, billiards, squash, water skiing and racquetball.

An IOC report said widespread participation in baseball and softball is limited to a handful of countries. The sports also require expensive and specific venues that would be white elephants in most countries after the Olympics, it says.

Modern pentathlon consists of fencing, swimming, shooting, horseback riding and running, and the report said participation was limited because of the expense.

Cutting sports requires a majority of the assembly of more than 120 IOC members.

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SCOREBOARD

BASEBALL National League At A Glance. American League At A Glance. Wednesday's Games. Thursday's Games. Friday's Games. Saturday's Games. Sunday's Games. FOOTBALL Texas High School scores Thursday Night. Austin Crockett 30, Austin Lanier 16.

Angels win before rowdy fans

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — The fans at baseball's final game before the deadline voiced their demands: "Don't Strike! Don't Strike!" The normally laid-back Anaheim stadium crowd turned rowdy in the late innings Thursday night during the Angels' 6-1 victory over Tampa Bay.

topped New York 7-4 and Texas downed Baltimore 9-6. The players' union had set a strike date for Friday if no agreement was reached with the owners. While the Angels and Devil Rays finished up, negotiations continued in the morning hours in New York.

in another. Anaheim jumped on Tanyon Sturtze (3-14) for four runs in the first inning, including a two-run double by Glaus. Consecutive doubles by Anderson and Glaus in the third gave Anaheim a 5-1 lead. Mariners 2, Twins 0. Desi Relaford homered to break a scoreless tie in the eighth inning at the Metrodome, and Seattle beat Minnesota.

No. 23-ranked Texas A&M ready to play a football game

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — Texas A&M coach R.C. Slocum knows it's time to play a game. "After going through a long spring training, running all over all summer and then two-a-days, you are always anxious to get out," Slocum said.

so much you can do before you need to get out and play." The No. 23 Aggies open their 12-game season Saturday night against Louisiana-Lafayette, for which Ricky Bustle makes his head coaching debut after spending 13 of the last 14 years as an assistant at Virginia Tech.

year-old senior quarterback, is expected to start even though he had soreness in his arm a couple of different times during preseason workouts. Slocum described the problem as inflammation around the elbow. "First of all, Mark is 26 and has thrown a lot of balls. He's not as young as the normal college player," Slocum said.

that problem before. He was sore, got better and then starting throwing again and it reoccurred." After getting a longer break, Farris practiced this week without any overbearing pain. Sophomore Dustin Long, who played most of the first-team snaps in a scrimmage last weekend, is listed as the No. 2 quarterback.

Even though Slocum doesn't have a problem playing freshmen, he hasn't made a decision yet on the status of quarterback Reggie McNeal from Lufkin, the state's top-rated high school recruit last winter. "Reggie has had a good camp, up to a point he developed a sore arm and missed some work. That slowed him down some," Slocum said.

Horoscope BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, Sept. 1, 2002: You will be unusually direct this year, though you will get the results you desire. Work and/or a boss could be difficult, demanding most of your time. You have what it takes to meet requests. Do it, and you'll get the kind of results you want. Network and expand your circle of associates and friends. Popularity comes naturally this year. If you are single, you will meet someone special. Take your time deciding exactly what you want here. Commitments will be favored in late 2003. If you're attached, your relationship will blossom because of your extra efforts. The two of you will fulfill one of your long-term dreams. Have fun with your CANCER.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Use the morning for personal matters. Later on, you become the star of the party. Let go of seriousness and hop into the action. A discussion could be so vocal that some might view this chat as a fight. Lighten up your style. Tonight: Just smile. This Week: Settling down could be difficult, as you carry on as if there is no tomorrow. Just don't allow that attitude to hit your checkbook. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Use the early part of your day for a prolonged and serious discussion. You might need some time off from all the celebration. Vanish with a good book or a special loved one with whom you can relax. Re-energize in the next day or so. Remember what you have ahead of you. Tonight: Try quiet. This Week: You're the leader, and others are the followers. Take needed action, if you want anything to happen at all. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Let others carry some of the responsibility. You don't have to do everything for everyone. Join friends. Where you are, the fun is. Enjoy all the hoopla and partying. Avoid getting into a competitive situation with a friend or loved one. Tonight: Cheer the party on. This Week: Lie back right now. Your mind could be overactive. Your observations tell you a lot. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You might need to come home and/or assume some responsibility. Lighten up with others, allowing for more openness. Don't make a big deal out of fulfilling someone's request. Your graciousness could make a big difference in the long run. Tonight: A must show. This Week: Be the lead quarterback and run with the ball. Don't worry, you'll make a touchdown. Note all the cheerleaders around you. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Your abilities come through as you bring family and friends together. You also might want to go out of your way to visit with others for a close friend. Don't forget someone who might not immediately be surrounding you. Tonight: With friends. This Week: Your lead proves important to others this week. You might be overwhelmed by all the news and happenings. You can do it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Though you're a naturally gregarious person, clearly a loved one wants your time and attention. Be smart and juggle plans, even if you disappoint a friend or two. Be sure to bring your loved one to an important gathering. Tonight: Togetherness works. This Week: Do research. Follow through and find experts. The more armed you are with facts, the greater the likelihood of success. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Let go of responsibility. Hop in with others, getting into the holiday mood. Don't make a big deal out of anything right now; rather, just play around and have a good time. Don't forget a loved one at a distance. A call can make all the difference. Tonight: Where the action is. This Week: Others push your buttons to get information. An agreement you thought you had could prove to be a different story altogether. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You cannot continue in the same manner. Slow down and take your time. Someone might not appreciate holding down the fort. Join in. You will feel good about yourself and a special person in your life. Tonight: Nurture someone close to you. This Week: Others seek you out all week long. You hold the cards and the ability to say no or yes. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) A friend or loved one makes an overture. Be smart. Take this opportunity, or you might be upset with yourself later. Don't stand on ceremony; rather, flow with each moment. Add more fun, romance and spice in general. Tonight: You might go till the wee hours. This Week: All work and no play doesn't make you happy. As you're burning the midnight oil, remember recent days past. BORN TODAY Singer Gloria Estefan (1957), actress Lily Tomlin (1939), singer Conway Twitty (1933) Jacqueline Bigar is on the Internet at http://www.jacquelinebigar.com. © 2002 by King Features Syndicate Inc.

Beem celebrates PGA Championship, again

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — Rich Beem was celebrating winning the PGA Championship — again. On Thursday the Golf Channel was at the El Paso Country Club to record Beem hanging out with people he's known since he worked in the pro shop there. Beem said he was among "500 of my best friends."

through tours and tournaments. A year earlier, as a PGA Tour rookie, he burst on the scene with a win at the Kemper Open. Beem figured the course success would continue. Then he hit a slump. "After '99, he didn't quite understand how hard it would be to stay out there," Cameron Doan, the ex-El Paso Country Club golf pro who serves as Beem's coach and now works in Dallas, told the El Paso Times for its Friday editions. "He spent the next year learning the hard way."

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Spending up in July

WASHINGTON (AP) — Consumers, the mainstay of the economy, splurged in July, increasing their spending by 1 percent, the largest advance in nine months, the government reported Friday.

Free-financing, especially on cars, discounted merchandise and other incentives motivated shoppers to spend. Warm weather in some parts of the country also induced people to hit the malls.

While the increase in consumer spending, reported by the Commerce Department, provided a dose of good news for the struggling economic recovery, another figure in Friday's report seemed less encouraging.

Americans' incomes, which includes wages, interest and government benefits, were flat in July, reflecting the stagnant jobs market. Wages and salaries actually dipped by 0.2 percent.

Income growth is the fuel for consumer spending, which accounts for two-thirds of all economic activity in the United States.

The income picture was weaker than the 0.2 percent increase many analysts were predicting. But the spending side was stronger than the 0.7 percent advance that was forecast.

Consumer spending in July went up twice as fast as the 0.5 percent increase posted in the previous month. But the flat reading on incomes contrasted sharply with the 0.7 percent advance seen in June.

July's spending increase was the largest since October, while the showing on incomes was the weakest since October.

The shape of the recovery ultimately will be determined by consumers and the willingness or reluctance of businesses to spend and invest in the months ahead.

So far, eroding consumer confidence, the roller-coaster stock market and a stagnant job market haven't caused consumers to dramatically scale back spending. That's because those potentially negative factors have been offset by positive ones, including rising home values, low interest rates and a refinancing boom that has left people with extra cash.

Retail sales were solid in July, helped out by free-financing for cars, and home sales for the month were strong.

While more recent back-to-school sales have been sluggish, that should be offset by what economists expect will be robust auto sales for August.

Friday's report showed that consumers ratcheted up spending on big-ticket "durable" goods, including cars and appliances, by 3.7 percent in July, following a 1.6 percent increase in June.

'Enlighten' program to target senior girls

Senior 2003 female Pampa High School students will soon be involved in the young women's leadership program "Enlighten!" The daylong seminar is slated Sept. 4 at M.K. Brown Auditorium.

Laura Johnson Allen has designed "Enlighten!" specifically for senior girls in high school.

"The daylong seminar is dedicated to giving girls the confidence and skills necessary to follow in the footsteps of today's female leaders, or to use these tools to blaze their own trails," Allen says. "Today, female graduates must be equipped with more than a diploma."

On September 4, "Enlighten" will show participants how developing effective studying and time management skills, setting goals, and making a positive, professional impression can open doors for their futures.

"Enlighten" will also illustrate the successful results that come from a positive self-image, proper health,

IMF: Brazilian loan set for final approval

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The International Monetary Fund says it is ready to give final approval next week to the largest loan in the agency's history — \$30 billion for Brazil.

But the agency is giving no estimate on when it will be able to wrap up lengthy negotiations with Argentina for new IMF loans that country badly needs to cope with a deepening economic crisis.

The disparity of IMF support for South America's two largest economies tracks the views of the Bush administration, which endorses the economic program being pursued by Brazil but has been warning Argentine President Eduardo Duhalde that his government must do more to implement an economic reform program that could qualify for new IMF support.

Thomas Dawson, director of external affairs for the IMF, told reporters in Washington on Thursday that the agency's 24-member executive board was expected to give final approval for the new support for Brazil at a meeting on Sept. 6.

Dawson praised the handling of the

economy by the government of President Fernando Henrique Cardoso, noting that the Brazilian currency, after plunging sharply earlier in the year, had stabilized in recent weeks and the government was also having more success in financial markets in issuing new bonds to finance its sizable debt.

"The markets seem to have digested the news of broad international support for Brazil," Dawson said. "I think we are much in the position we had hoped to be when we announced the program" on Aug. 7.

However, Dawson was less upbeat in his assessment of where negotiations stand with Argentina, which has been trying for eight months to win IMF backing for new loans to help the country emerge from the worst economic crisis in its history.

Dawson said the IMF was dispatching another team of economists to Buenos Aires next week. But he cautioned that so much remained to be done to qualify for new loans that he could not give a timetable for when the discussions could be concluded.

Calling the economic problems facing Argentina "widespread," Dawson said, "Clearly, there are issues remain-

ing." In Buenos Aires, Duhalde complained Thursday that politicians campaigning to succeed him in elections scheduled for March 2003 were undermining his effort to capture new IMF support.

Duhalde said while the candidates "should want an accord with the International Monetary Fund ... their lips are saying something else."

Dawson said currently there was no political consensus in Argentina on the best approach to jump-start the nation's economy, which has been jolted by the largest government default on foreign debt in history, a botched currency devaluation and the collapse of the country's banking system.

While Dawson said the IMF believed Duhalde's government had been able to stabilize the country's budget situation, he said a number of problems remained including restraining inflation, shoring up the battered banking sector and ensuring that the country's laws provide equal treatment for domestic and foreign investors.

The new IMF support for Brazil received the backing of the Bush administration even though many members of Bush's economic team,

led by Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill, had vowed not to support the type of large-scale IMF bailout packages that the Clinton administration had backed to deal with the 1997-98 Asian crisis.

However, the Bush team switched its position after the economic troubles in Argentina began to threaten to destabilize financial markets in Brazil and a number of other Latin American countries.

O'Neill came out in support of the new loans for Brazil, seeing the IMF effort as necessary to reward a country the administration believes is pursuing appropriate economic policies. But administration officials have continued to insist that Argentina must go further to institute economic reforms in order to receive more IMF assistance. For two other countries, Ecuador and Colombia, Dawson indicated on Thursday that the IMF hoped to reward their economic reforms with further support.

Dawson said the IMF expected to begin negotiations with Colombia in the next few weeks on a new loan package and he said discussions with Ecuador were close to reaching agreement on new IMF support.

Study: Black wealth growing yet below other Americans

WASHINGTON (AP) — Black Americans are earning more than ever, but a lack of investment experience and conflicting attitudes toward saving money stand in the way of accumulating wealth, consumer advocates and experts say.

"Most times a black family that makes a good household income gets trapped into accumulating the symbols of success, rather than recycling

those assets to generate more assets," said Dale Bryant, 34, owner of The Bryant Group investment house in New York.

"I set up a company to help wage earners, and most do not make it because of their attitudes toward money," said Bryant, who worked for high-end clients at Lehman Brothers before starting his own firm in 1996 for black investors. "I have many

clients with household incomes over \$150,000, struggling to save \$200 per month."

Debra L. Lee, president of Black Entertainment Television, said having extra money to save is uncharted territory for many black Americans.

"This may be the first generation of black Americans who are able to accumulate wealth," Lee said. "The com-

munity just needs to focus on it more."

Whatever the reason, a report released Thursday found that black household incomes are growing faster than assets for those households.

The Consumer Federation of America report found that median household wealth among blacks grew 321 percent between 1989 and 1998, from \$3,680 in 1989 to

\$15,500. However, that still was less than a quarter of the \$71,700 accumulated by the typical American household.

According to the Census Bureau, the median income of black households rose from \$18,083 in 1989 to \$25,351 in 1998. The dollar amounts are adjusted for inflation.

The consumer group, Bank of America Foundation and BET.com, an arm of Black Entertainment Television, are starting "Black America Saves" to help wage-earners pursue savings and investment plans.

The program will offer free financial planning advice and information.

Clear path seen for Phillips Petroleum-Conoco merger

WASHINGTON (AP) — The \$15.1 billion merger of Phillips Petroleum Co. and Conoco Inc. is close to receiving approval from federal antitrust regulators, a person familiar with the deal said.

The combined company — named ConocoPhillips — would become the country's top refiner and a gas retailing giant, with about 17,000 filling stations nationwide.

The companies announced the deal in November and the Federal Trade Commission could approve it within days, the source said Thursday, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Phillips spokesman Sam Falcona and Conoco spokesman Carlton Adams declined to comment, as did an FTC spokesman.

If the merger goes through, the FTC is expected to require the companies to sell some gas stations and refineries in the West to ensure competition.

Company officials have said that Bartlesville, Okla.-based Phillips is selling its

Woods Cross refinery near Salt Lake City and 25 gasoline stations in Utah and southern Wyoming.

Houston-based Conoco is unloading its 60,000-barrel-a-day refinery in Commerce City, Colo., the company said.

The deal would create the world's sixth-largest oil and gas company. In the United States, ConocoPhillips would be No. 3 behind Exxon Mobil Corp. and ChevronTexaco Corp. The new company would be based in Houston.

Conoco sells gasoline, diesel fuel, and other petroleum products at 5,000 outlets in the United States, while Phillips sells fuel at more than 12,000 stations under brands such as Phillips 66, Circle K, and 76.

Shareholders approved the deal in March.

Phillips shareholders will get one share of ConocoPhillips stock for each Phillips share they own while Conoco shareholders will get 4677 shares of the new stock for each of their shares. That means Phillips shareholders

will end up with a 57 percent stake in the new company and Conoco shareholders will own 43 percent.

The 16-member board will have eight members each

from Phillips and Conoco. Conoco chairman Archie Dunham is to be chairman until 2004, when Phillips chairman Jim Mulva, who will be CEO, takes over.



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