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STATE

Senate sets tentative redistricting hearing

HOUSTON (AP) — The Texas Senate is moving ahead with plans to take up congressional redistricting. A redistricting plan failed to come up for a vote in the House after Democrats there fled the state, breaking a quorum and avoiding a House floor debate. Now, the Senate Jurisprudence Committee, chaired by Sen. Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock, has scheduled hearings in Dallas County, Houston, Laredo, McAllen and San Angelo, starting Saturday.

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Water rate hike passes first reading

BY DAVID BOWSER
STAFF WRITER

Pampa City Commission will meet at 9 a.m., Tuesday, July 1, in their chambers in City Hall for the second and final reading of an ordinance that will increase water rates this summer.

At their regularly scheduled meeting last night at City Hall, commissioners heard the first reading of the ordinance that will raise water rates from July through September.

City Manager Mitch Grant told commissioners Tuesday night during their work ses-

sion that the temporary hike in water rates was necessary because of an increase in the rate the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority is charging the city and because of equipment that has to be replaced or repaired in the city's wastewater system.

John Horst, the city's finance director, said he estimates a cost of \$50,420 for emergency repairs to the city's wastewater treatment plant, including a clarifier, bearings for the rotors and possible replacement of two pumps and motors.

Richard Morris, the city's public works director, said the clarifier that has been down for a week was installed in 1965. He warned that the city's other clarifier of the same vintage is running at full capacity or beyond.

Horst said some of the cost could be covered by existing funds since the water treatment plant is presently under budget.

"This is a direct cost that wasn't in the budget," Grant said.

The cost of replacement and repair work at the waste water treatment plant along with the increased charges by CRMWA necessitate the fee
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(Pampa News photo)
John Horst, director of finance for the City of Pampa, explains his projections.

City OKs sculpture plans

R.L. Franklin wants to put two statues up at Lovett Memorial Library.

Tuesday night, his project received the blessing of the Pampa City Commission.

Franklin approached the library board with a proposal to put one statue on the lawn in front of the library honoring Virginia Green, Betty Henderson, Louise Franklin, Annie Thut Buckler and other women of the Panhandle who have contributed to the community.

He also wants to put a second sculpture in the library's southwest reading garden.

Dr. Ed Cooley of the library board told the city commission during their work session Tuesday evening that the board
(See SCULPTURES, Page 3)

British demand surrender of soldiers' killers

BY BASSEM MROUE
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

MAJAR AL-KABIR, Iraq (AP) — British forces gave civilian leaders in this town 48 hours to hand over gunmen who killed six military policemen after a violent demonstration that left four Iraqi civilians dead, a municipal official said Wednesday.

The ultimatum came a day after Iraqi gunmen — enraged by the deaths of their countrymen at the hands of British soldiers — killed two British military policemen during the demonstration and then stormed a police station, killing four more, local police and witnesses said.

"We hope that we'll be able to bring those who are guilty of these attacks to justice," L. Paul Bremer, the top U.S. official in Iraq, told reporters in Baghdad on Wednesday.

British forces gave Major Al-Kabir leaders 48 hours to hand over gunmen who killed six military policemen after a violent demonstration that left four Iraqi civilians dead.

British military officials could not comment on the Iraqi version of events at the police station. That same day, another ambush wounded eight British troops, three of them seriously. At least four Iraqis were killed and 15 injured in the clashes.

British military officials seeking the surrender of the military policemen's killers met with seven members of the city's administrative council in nearby Amarah on Wednesday, said Qassem Nimeh, an official in the mayor's office in Majar al-Kabir.

British military spokesman would

not confirm that an ultimatum was issued. However, local religious officials blared the ultimatum from loudspeakers atop cars in the city.

The violent demonstration — the second in two days — apparently was sparked by soldiers' searches for heavy weapons in villagers' homes, said Abu Zahraa, a 30-year-old local vendor.

"This angered the people because they went into women's rooms," Zahraa said. "The people considered it an invasion of privacy."

A four-hour demonstration at the mayor's office was followed by a two-

18-month undercover operation.

"Anybody else who wants to pick up a new case will be dealt with similarly," Chapman said. "I didn't adopt them. I just admonished them."

In releasing Jackson and 11 others convicted in the Tulia drug busts, Chapman urged the 12 defendants to avoid run-ins with the law.

Their release was made possible when Gov. Rick Perry signed into law a bill that allowed 14 of the 38 who were still imprisoned to be freed while the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals considers their cases.

One of the two remaining defendants has not been released because his case is still pending on direct appeal. A 14th person was not released because of a hold on a drug charge in a neighboring county.

Chapman has recommended the appellate court overturn the convictions of 38 people prosecuted in the drug sting conducted by Coleman and order new trials. A special prosecutor appointed to handle the cases has said there will be no new trials.

Perry has also asked the Texas Board of Pardons and Parole to review the cases.

Coleman was indicted in April on perjury charges stemming from testimony he gave during evidentiary hearings. Chapman presided over in Tulia in March.

Jackson, who was arrested after allegedly fleeing from authorities, apparently was in
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(Photo by David Bowser)

TULIA (June 16, 2003) - Christopher Eugene Jackson leaves Swisher County Courthouse with his 12-year-old daughter, Bridgette, after Johnson was released pending appeal on drug charges in connection with a July 23, 1999, drug sting in Tulia.

Judge wants jailed Tulia defendant back in prison

BY BETSY BLANEY
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

Retired state District Judge Ron Chapman on Tuesday ordered arrest warrants and increased bond to \$3 million for one of the 12 Tulia drug defendants freed by the judge last week.

Christopher Eugene Jackson was arrested four days after his release in Swisher County after he allegedly punched a police officer in Pampa. He has been charged with assault of a police officer, evading arrest and public intoxication.

Jackson, 31, remained in the Gray County Jail on Wednesday morning in lieu of \$5,000 bail. Gray County Sheriff Don Copeland said today he had not spoken with anyone regarding Jackson making bond or being transferred to any other agency.

The arrest warrants effectively put a hold on Jackson being released, Chapman said. If Jackson posts bond in Gray County, Swisher County authorities will take custody of him and return him to prison, Chapman said.

After hearing of the arrest, Chapman ordered Jackson's \$70,000 personal recognizance bonds that he signed off on last week revoked. He also ordered Swisher County clerk Brenda Hudson to issue surety bonds of \$1 million each on the three cases for which Jackson was convicted of selling cocaine to now-indicted undercover agent Tom Coleman during his

hour gun battle at the police station. Demonstrators threw rocks and about a dozen British troops fired back with rubber bullets before switching to live ammunition, witnesses said.

But British Army Lt. Col. Ronnie McCourt told Sky News-TV the attack at Majar al-Kabir was unprovoked.

"The six military policemen who were trying to retrain the local police were murdered, as far as we're aware, in the police station," McCourt said Wednesday in Basra. "The enemies of peace have claimed that the United Kingdom forces are conducting violent searches of Arab homes and have not respected property. This is simply not true."

The violence at Majar al-Kabir, a town about 180 miles southeast of Baghdad, came in a mostly Shiite region that had seen no substantial
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Shattered Dreams scholarship



(Courtesy photo)

Members of the Shattered Dreams Planning Committee present Tamra Henthorn, a recent Pampa High School graduate and Shattered Dreams participant, with a college scholarship. Shattered Dreams, a drunk driving prevention program, was held at Pampa High School on May 14 and 15. The program received a grant from the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission which enabled PHS to make the scholarship available to all senior Shattered Dreams participants. A drawing was held at the Senior All Night Party. Pictured are, from left: Tony Hernandez, Colby Brown, Tamra Henthorn, Lesley Gershmel, Faustina Curry, Trevlyn Pitner, and Monica Roden.

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IRAQ

attacks against U.S. or British forces since the war ended. British troops in the area had felt so secure that they had stopped wearing helmets and flak jackets.

British Prime Minister Tony Blair told lawmakers that the region around Amarah was tense because British soldiers had tried to disarm locals who routinely carried weapons, including machine guns.

"In this particular province ... there is a background to do with attempts by British forces to make sure that the local pop-

ulation, who regularly carried machine guns and small firearms, were disarmed," the prime minister said. "There have been problems in relation to that and that may form part of the background to it."

Blair also warned that supporters of Saddam's Baath Party remained active, especially in the central and western parts of Iraq, where at least 18 U.S. soldiers have been killed in attacks since May 1.

The violence sparked a review of Britain's forces in southern Iraq, with Defense Secretary Geoff Hoon saying Wednesday that Britain could send more soldiers to Iraq and require them to resume wearing helmets and body armor — like their American counterparts.

"My absolute priority is the safety and security of British forces. Already, an urgent review is under way to ensure their safety," Hoon told British Broadcasting Corp. radio. "Depending on the results of that review ... we have significant forces available should it be necessary. Many thousands, certainly."

According to Nimh, the

local official, the British did not say how they would respond if the attackers were not handed over before the 48-hour deadline.

A second incident on Tuesday also involved a fierce firefight between Iraqis and British troops occupying southern Iraq. That gun battle wounded eight British soldiers, three of them seriously.

Witnesses differed on where the four Iraqi civilians were killed. Some said British soldiers killed all four during the demonstration. Another account said two unarmed protesters were killed during the demonstration and two other civilians were killed in the gun battle at the police station.

After the demonstration, angry townspeople fetched weapons from their homes and converged on the police station, said Abbas Faddhel, an Iraqi policeman in the town.

One British soldier was shot and killed at the station's doorway; the other three were slain after Iraqi gunmen stormed the station and cornered them in a single room, said Salam Mohammed, 30.

WATER

increase, he said.

Horst said that the additional cost being imposed on Pampa by CRMWA is projected to be \$23,830. CRMWA is charging \$0.0368 for lake water and \$0.1322 for ground water from their Roberts County well field.

Commissioner Jeff McCormick indicated that he was unhappy about the increased charges by CRMWA.

"We're paying more and more," he said.

"I hate to see us have to do this," Commissioner Bob Dixon said, "but it sure seems inevitable."

In their public meeting, the first reading of the ordinance passed on a 2-1 vote, with McCormick voting against it. Dixon and Commissioner Faustina Curry voted for it. Mayor Lonny Robbins and Commissioner Jeff Andrews were absent.

Horst said the additional cost to residents will amount to 25 cents per 1,000 gallons.

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The commissioners also approved on first reading a city ordinance amending this year's operating budget. The amendment would transfer funds to pay for new software in connection with the new accounting and reporting system being instituted by Pampa and other cities across the state.

Horst said the new software is expected to pay for itself over about a three-year period.

The \$6,976 will pay for software licensing, training and maintenance.

Commissioners also approved a bid to purchase two recycling trailers with detachable bins. Of the \$31,230 to be spent on the trailers, \$30,000 comes from a state grant, Morris said.

"Our recycling program continues to grow," Morris said. "What's recycled doesn't go into the land fill."

In other business, the commission accepted a bid of \$850 from M.G. Hillman on a tax delinquent property at 420 Lowry. Valued at \$25,220 with \$10,963 in

taxes against it, the property will have to be brought up to the minimum housing standard before the deed is conveyed to Hillman, according to Danny Winborne, Pampa's building code officer.

A bid of \$100 from Ronnie K. Parsley was accepted on properties in the 300 block of South Ballard.

In addition to the bid, Parsley has agreed to clear the lots, install fencing and other improvements. The land is valued at \$34,550 but has \$20,551 in taxes against it.

"The whole objective of this is to put land back on the tax rolls," Curry said.

The commission appointed McCormick to meet with Gray County officials concerning the city's firefighting contract with the county but took no action to appoint anyone to the PEDC board.

They also directed the city manager to negotiate lease terms on the old U.S. Bus building at 822 E. Foster. A company has expressed interest in using the building as a warehouse.

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SCULPTURES

recommended both proposals.

"Those are wonderful gifts," Cooley said.

Initially planning for only one sculpture, Franklin, working with Michael Grauer, art curator of the Panhandle Plains Museum, identified 28 sculptors and invited them to submit proposals earlier this spring.

As they narrowed the submissions, Franklin said there were two that he liked and expanded his original plan to include both sculptures.

The one in front of the library will be of a woman

and child at one and a half life size, done by sculptor Don Ray of Channing.

The other will be of a life-sized woman, done by David Frech, a New York sculptor.

Ray said he work will be finished by Dec. 15.

Frech said his sculpture

will be ready Aug. 31, 2004.

Franklin said in a letter to the city commission that he would love to see the sculpture in front of the building in time for the 50th anniversary in early 2004 of the Lovett Memorial Library opening.

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JUDGE

Pampa visiting relatives. Officers went to check on a report of a suspicious man, "possibly intoxicated," who was standing in the road yelling at cars on U.S. 60.

Mitch Zamoff, Jackson's attorney, said Tuesday he had no comment on Chapman's action. Zamoff has said his client has a heart condition that causes Jackson to occasionally black out and act irrationally, which could explain his client's behavior.

"We're pleased that Mr. Jackson will be allowed to remain on bond in Gray County pending resolution of these charges," Zamoff said.

Dee Dee Laramore, Pampa News editor, contributed to this report.

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DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

Teen Should Beware Giving Girlfriend's Baby His Name

DEAR ABBY: My 18-year-old son, "Jeff," has a 17-year-old girlfriend, "Connie," who is pregnant — but not with his child. Jeff has decided he will sign the birth certificate to give the baby our last name. (The real father wants nothing to do with Connie or the baby.)

I have no say in this matter. Her parents know all about the pregnancy but don't see it as a problem. In fact, they have decided not to tell other family members that my son isn't the father.

When I try to warn Jeff about what he's getting into, he cuts me off and says, "It'll all be OK, Mom." Abby, my son is making a lifetime financial commitment and can't begin to appreciate the whole picture. He assumes that Connie's folks will "take care of everything."

I am at my wit's end. Any advice you can offer would be deeply appreciated.

FRANTIC IN IDAHO

DEAR FRANTIC: Take your son to an attorney immediately. Let the lawyer explain what Jeff's obligations will be if he abets this deception. Your son appears to be idealistic and romantic. However, he should not declare paternity for a child that is not his. It's unfair to the child — and lets the biological father off the hook.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 19-year-old girl and have a problem with my parents. When I was younger, I could talk to them about anything and everything. They respected my decisions and supported me whenever they could — until I reached junior high.

At that time, I noticed that I liked girls more than boys. When I told my mom and dad, they dismissed it and said it was just a phase. It wasn't.

I secretly dated one girl in ninth grade to find out if that's where my feelings were headed. Then I "came out" to my friends. They were cool about it and supported me 100 percent. I didn't have the guts to tell my folks until I was in the 10th grade.

They exploded. Mom cried for hours. Dad kicked me out for a week.

My parents have had no trust whatsoever in me ever since. We don't talk like we used to — and whenever the subject of my sexual orientation comes up, my parents call me a slut, among other things. I've moved out, three times, but I always go back because I don't have enough money to make it on my own.

I'm now dating a wonderful young woman and it's getting serious. I don't dare tell my parents because I'm afraid of their reaction. Please help, Abby. I need your advice.

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DEAR DESPERATE: I am sorry you are not getting the support you need from your family. They need to understand that sexual orientation is not a choice. Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (P-FLAG) could offer them some much-needed insight and support. They can call the organization at (202) 467-8180; write to 1726 M St. NW, Suite 400, Washington, D.C. 20036; or go online to the Web site at www.pflag.org.

I have a different resource for you. Please contact The Trevor Project. It's a 24-hour toll-free hotline that promotes tolerance and provides support to gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered youth.

The Trevor Helpline crisis line is the only 24-hour, 365-day toll-free line solely dedicated to counseling gay and questioning youth. Trained counselors are always there to help, and they welcome calls from any teen who is having problems relating to his or her sexual orientation — whether the person is struggling with self-doubt, peer pressure, lack of acceptance, rejection by family members and/or friends — or having thoughts of suicide.

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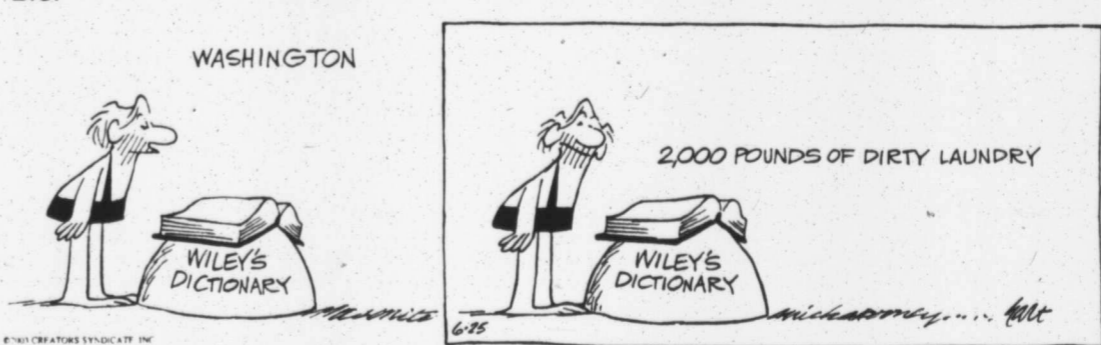
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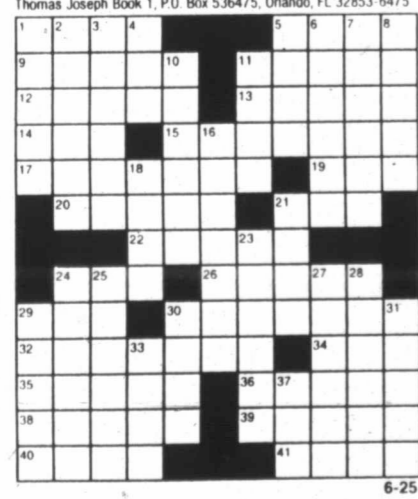
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to exercise his option. His vision begins Wednesday.

BOXING

NEW YORK

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SPORTS

Rice adjusting to life as national champs

HOUSTON (AP) — In the past, being one of the closest sports bars to Rice University hasn't meant much to Buffalo Wild Wings, where the 15 television screens typically attract crowds hungry for pro football and basketball, or games played by other major colleges.

For the last few days at the chain's Rice Village location, assistant general manager Catherine Danihy said fans clad in Rice blue have been the ones downing her chicken and beer while watching

the Owls win the College World Series in Omaha, Neb. "When (Rice fans) are here, you don't really notice them normally," Danihy said Tuesday. "They just really came out in full force and overtook us the last couple of days."

About 200 Rice fans watched the game on most every screen Monday, jubilantly reacting as the Owls scored early and often, cruising to a 14-2 championship game victory over Stanford. Afterward, fans drove up and down nearby Rice Boulevard

honking and cheering.

The party continues Tuesday night as fans welcome home the 91-year-old school's first-ever national sports champions. An 8 p.m. CDT celebration was planned at Reckling Park, the team's baseball diamond.

The inaugural NCAA title didn't come for lack of trying. Rice was chartered by Houston multimillionaire William Marsh Rice in 1891, though its construction was delayed by legal fights after his New York City murder in

1900.

Finally in 1912 the school opened after William Rice confidant Capt. James A. Baker — grandfather of eventual Secretary of State James A. Baker III — shepherded the estate and fulfilled the philanthropist's dream of building an academically renowned college in Houston.

Rice began big-time athletic participation in 1914 as a charter member of the Southwest Conference, and in the league's early decades the Owls were consistently

competitive in many sports. Gradually, the SWC's larger state-supported rivals began to dominate athletically, and the league disbanded in 1996 with Rice as its final baseball champion.

As for Danihy's sports bar, she expects Rice athletics to fade into the background as usual this fall as fans of the NFL, NBA and Big 12 dominate her tables again. But she was appreciative for the bump this weekend during what typically is a slow time.

"The fans were just fantastic," she said.

NOTEBOOK

BASEBALL

NEW YORK (AP) —

The Montreal Expos reached agreement to acquire two-time AL MVP Juan Gonzalez from Texas — but his attorney said the Rangers star "in all likelihood" would reject the trade.

Montreal general manager Omar Minaya was to meet with the slugger Wednesday in Texas.

Gonzalez has 72 hours to exercise his no-trade clause. His window of decision begins at 10 a.m. EDT Wednesday.

BOXING

NEW YORK (AP) —

Unable to arrange a fight with WBA cruiserweight champion Roy Jones Jr., four-time heavyweight champion Evander Holyfield has agreed to an Oct. 4 date against IBF cruiserweight champion James Toney.

"Several cities are interested in the fight and we are talking to them," promoter Dan Goossen said Tuesday.

Holyfield, 40, is determined to win back all three heavyweight belts, but when terms couldn't be arranged for a fight with Jones he decided to take on

COLLEGE SPORTS

GREENSBORO, N.C. (AP) —

The Atlantic Coast Conference has decided to pursue a two-team expansion, one that would add Miami and Virginia Tech, a high-ranking league source said.

After a 2 1/2-hour conference call, ACC commissioner John Swofford refused to comment on whether Miami and Virginia Tech — the Big East's two dominant football schools — had been offered invitations to join.

The Washington Post, USA Today, The New York Times and The Atlanta Journal-Constitution, quoting anonymous sources, reported on their Web sites that the ACC voted to extend invitations to Miami and Virginia Tech, and that Syracuse and Boston College — along with Miami the schools talked about since the start — were not included.

Flashback

1965: Wheeler won its 16th consecutive game, defeating McLean 26-8 in high school football action.

Bobby Vanpool scored two second-half touchdowns on runs of 49 yards and one yard.

Bonds is 500-500

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A long moment passed before Barry Bonds recognized his latest achievement. It will be a whole lot longer before anyone matches it.

By stealing second base in the 11th inning of the San Francisco Giants' game Monday night, Bonds founded the 500-500 club. Bonds was focused on a tied game, but the steadily rising cheers from the crowd at Pacific Bell Park alerted him: He had just become the first player to hit 500 homers and steal 500 bases in his career.

A day later, another possibility was occurring to many baseball players, coaches and fans: these particular numbers might never be reached by another person.

"I don't think in any of our lifetimes we're going to see the second member inducted," said Los Angeles manager Jim Tracy, whose team lost when Bonds scored the winning run moments later. "There's going to be a few generations come through before there's even a whiff of another 500-500 guy. That's the kind of player he is. There's nobody like him out there."

With the stolen base mired in irrelevance during this homer-happy era, most experts believe Bonds' 500-500 could stand for decades as an unmatched feat. Even Bonds, who thinks his single-season record of 73 homers will someday be toppled, couldn't deny the unique nature of this achievement.

"I think it's great, something I hope is going to be around a long time," Bonds said. "You never know."

Statistically speaking, Bonds has more versatility than any player of his generation — perhaps anyone in history. There's no other player with even 400 homers and 400 steals; Bonds' godfather, Willie Mays, had just 338 steals along with his 660 homers, while Bonds' father, Bobby, hit 332 homers and stole 461 bases.

"It's something that will be very difficult to accomplish, especially since people don't run very much anymore," Giants manager Felipe Alou said. "There might be another time, another era of baseball where that will come back — but you've also got to play for a long, long time."



(Rice's Photography)

Hidden Hills Softball Team: Front row, l-r, Kelby Doughty, Serena Wagner, Haley Steger, Liz Hamby, Victoria Campbell, Holly Winegeart, Emilie Troxell; Middle row, l-r, Brooklyn Barker, Carlyn Teichmann, Amanda Harkins, Brittany Wheeler, Senecia Decker, Hannah Smith and Kamie Doughty; Back row, l-r, Manager David Teichmann, Coach Jimmy Barker, Coach Donnie Winegeart.

Hidden Hills finishes with perfect record

PAMPA — No. 13 certainly wasn't an unlucky number for the Hidden Hills girls' softball team this season.

Hidden Hills finished with a perfect 13-0 record to win the Optimist 11-12 league title.

Win No. 13 came against Hickory Hut by the score of 10-0.

Carlyn Teichmann and Brooklyn Barker combined to pitch five shutout, no-hit innings for Hidden Hills. Teichmann, the starter, pitched four innings while striking out 11 and walking six.

Brooklyn Barker closed out, striking out three and walking one.

After four innings, Hidden Hills held a 5-0 lead.

In the top of the fifth, Hidden Hills batters came alive to put the game out of reach.

After the first three batters reached, on walks, Carlyn Teichmann doubled to knock in two runs, then Holly Winegeart also doubled to

knock in three runs for a 10-0 advantage.

Emilie Troxell was 2 for 2 (2 singles) and Holly Winegeart was 2 for 3 (single and double) to lead Hidden Hills at the plate. Kelby Doughty was 1 for 2 (single), Carlyn Teichmann 1 for 3 (double), and Amanda Harkins 1-2 (single).

Rangers edge A's, break losing streak

ARLINGTON (AP) — While Juan Gonzalez was thinking, the rest of the Rangers were hitting.

Carl Everett launched a three-run homer, Mark Teixeira drove in three runs and Texas ended its eight-game losing streak by defeating the Oakland Athletics 7-6 Tuesday night.

Hours earlier, the Rangers reached agreement to send Gonzalez to the Montreal Expos. The two-time AL MVP has a no-trade clause and his attorney said Gonzalez "in all likelihood" would reject the deal.

"I think it's pretty impressive that we won a game on a day when all this was swirling around," Rangers manager Buck Showalter said.

Gonzalez has 72 hours to decide whether to veto the trade. His window of decision was to begin at 10 a.m. EDT

Wednesday.

Expos general manager Omar Minaya planned to meet with Gonzalez in Texas on Wednesday. They go way back together — Minaya worked for the Rangers in the mid-1980s and helped Gonzalez develop.

"We'll see what the next 72 hours brings. Right now, it's up to Juan and his people," Showalter said.

The 33-year-old slugger did not comment on the proposed trade. He did not play in the victory.

"After some thought and reflection, Juan is going to stand by his no-trade clause and reject the trade to Montreal — in all likelihood," attorney Jeff Moorad said at The Ballpark in Arlington.

The outfielder is hitting .286 with 18 homers and 50 RBIs.

In other AL games, Seattle stopped Anaheim 6-4, Boston

beat Detroit 10-1, New York rallied past Tampa Bay 10-9, Chicago edged Minnesota 2-1, Baltimore beat Toronto 6-4 and Kansas City downed Cleveland 3-1.

Everett hit his 18th home run, connecting in the eighth inning to give Texas a 7-2 lead. That was enough to give Mario Ramos his first major league win — barely.

Ramos (1-1) gave up two runs and four hits in six innings. The A's rallied against the Texas bullpen, scoring four times in the ninth on Terrence Long's RBI single and Mark Ellis' run-scoring triple off Brian Shouse, and Eric Byrnes' two-run homer off closer Ugueth Urbina.

After Scott Hatteberg doubled, Urbina struck out Miguel Tejada for his 19th save.

"This team doesn't quit," Byrnes said. "We have the

offense to do it even with two outs. It was a pretty good comeback. We keep coming at you the whole nine innings."

Mariners 6, Angels 4

Freddy Garcia won his sixth straight start, tying his career high, and Mike Cameron and Bret Boone homered for Seattle.

Garcia improved to 9-2 lifetime against Anaheim. The host Angels lost for the seventh time in nine games.

Ichiro Suzuki doubled, singled and extended his hitting streak to 19 games, four short of his career best.

Red Sox 10, Tigers 1

Nomar Garciaparra went 5-for-5 and Kevin Miller had four hits and drove in five runs at Fenway Park.

Garciaparra singled five times and scored three runs before leaving for a pinch-runner in the seventh.

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House nears approval of \$29.4 billion bill financing new Homeland Security agency

By ALAN FRAM
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WASHINGTON (AP) — The House neared overwhelming approval Tuesday of the first bill to finance the new Department of Homeland Security and shower \$29.4 billion on local emergency workers, airport screeners and a new drive against bioterrorism.

Democrats said the measure would fall short of meeting the nation's needs for protecting ports, borders and airports. For this they blamed the tax reductions President Bush and the GOP have shepherded through Congress over the past three years, absorbing money that could have gone to other needs.

"The majority party in Congress has decided that instead, their No. 1 and virtually their only priority is tax cuts," said Rep. David Obey, D-Wis.

Republicans said the bill would continue the upgrades in domestic safety that began after the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, and said Democrats are never satisfied when it comes to spending.

"A lot of people would want us to spend tons and tons of more money, and believe me if we thought it was useful to do so, we'd have no compunction against doing that," said Rep. Harold

Rogers, R-Ky., chairman of the House Appropriations Committee subcommittee, which wrote the bill.

The Senate has yet to produce its version of the legislation.

The measure would finance the 22 agencies — and more than 170,000 workers — merged into a new Cabinet-level department by legislation enacted last November.

The biggest federal reshuffling in half a century was initially opposed by Bush and derided by critics as a rearrangement of the federal bureaucracy. Eventually, however, it gained his support and broad bipartisan backing as both parties feared a political price for opposing it.

The department includes the Coast Guard, Transportation Security Administration, Customs Service and Border Patrol — but not the FBI or CIA.

Until now, its component agencies were financed in several separate spending bills. The legislation considered Tuesday would provide \$536 million, or 1.9 percent, more next year than what those agencies are getting in 2003.

"The bill would not even provide enough to keep up with inflation, never mind step up the pace of improvements to our security," said Rep.

Jose Serrano, D-N.Y.

The White House said it supported the measure because it "largely tracks the administration's request." It would exceed Bush's proposal by more than \$1 billion.

In a letter to lawmakers, the White House budget office warned that the bill — and the 12 other spending measures Congress is starting to write for next year — must heed an agreement to limit their total to \$785 billion. The rest of the \$2.2 trillion budget is for automatic benefits like Medicare.

In a day of fights over amendments, Republicans used a party-line 222-200 vote to block Obey from proposing \$1 billion more for the bill, to have been paid for by erasing part of this year's tax cuts for people earning more than \$1 million annually.

In another procedural vote, the GOP barred another Democratic amendment to set up guidelines for when the agency can help local officials. Democrats have criticized the department for helping locate Texas Democratic lawmakers who left the state in May during a legislative fight over redistricting.

Overall, the measure would provide \$4.4 billion for local firefighters, law enforcement and

other emergency responders, nearly \$900 million more than Bush proposed. Included was \$1.9 billion distributed by formula among state and local governments, \$894 million over this year's total.

There was \$5.6 billion over the coming decade — including \$890 million for 2004 — for Bush's proposed Project Bioshield, under which the government would acquire antidotes and take other steps to counter bioterror.

The Transportation Security Administration would get \$5.2 billion, down \$639 million from this year. The new agency has been criticized by both parties for hiring too many screeners and inept management.

New technologies would get more money, including money to develop ways to protect airliners from missiles and detect germs sprayed over cities. Bush would get only \$350 million of the \$480 million he wants for using new identification technologies to screen and track visiting foreigners.

The bill contained fewer home-district projects than is common for spending measures. Among the few was language recommending that \$19.5 million for bridge alterations be divided among Mobile, Ala.; Burlington, Iowa; LaCrosse, Wis.; Chelsea, Mass.; and New Orleans.

Mandated library filters could affect Internet access

By ANICK JESDANUN
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NEW YORK (AP) — A pregnant teenager who uses the computers at her library to get onto the Internet might find some sites that discuss abortion blocked.

Or a student researching gay rights for a high school assignment might find some gaps in the information he finds online at his school or the library.

Monday's U.S. Supreme Court ruling endorsing anti-porn filters for computers at public libraries could hurt efforts to equalize access to the Internet among Americans, advocates

say. They say minorities and poor people, who are more likely to log on solely at libraries, could be hindered by filters that block out material on abortion, gay rights and a host of other topics besides porn.

"It is yet another obstacle for low-income Americans to having the same kind of access and the same kind of information resources and awareness that their more well-to-do peers have," said Andy Carvin, senior associate at the Benton Foundation, a Washington organization that studies Internet access.

Under the law, libraries must block pornography or else lose certain federal technology grants. But the available software filters make mistakes and often block legitimate sites.

Many librarians plan to reject federal funding to keep unfiltered access, but poorer communities cannot afford to do so, said Judith Klug of the American Library Association. And those communities, she said, are where Americans most depend on libraries for Internet access.

According to the Commerce Department, 10 percent of Internet users get access through a library. Blacks and

Hispanics are more likely than whites and Asians to be in that group.

Thirteen percent of white users of library computers have no Internet access at home, work or school, compared with 16 percent of Hispanics and 19 percent of blacks. And the lower the household income, the more likely a person is to depend on the library for Internet access.

Klug said the filtering law punishes librarians in "a position of punishing people who are poor."

Vendors of filtering software acknowledge the flaws but say

librarians can unblock filters upon a user's request.

David Miller, a spokesman for Family Friendly Libraries in Cincinnati, said Internet searches typically return "more material than any one person can read," so there is no harm if an occasional site gets mistakenly blocked.

A study from the Kaiser Family Foundation, a nonprofit research organization on health care, found that at the least-aggressive levels, filtering software blocked only 1 percent of health sites surveyed and 9 percent of sites specifically on sexual health.

Some library patrons say they do not mind asking a librarian to unblock sites when mistakes are made.

But 31-year-old Wanda Lugo, who lives in a poor Boston neighborhood and has no other Internet access, said: "It would be embarrassing to have to go up and tell them what you're looking at, even if it is for research purposes."

Library officials say unblocking sites would be labor-intensive and divert their computing staffs from such tasks as teaching senior citizens how to get online and children how to research.

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