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State official seeks funds for coastline

GALVESTON (AP) — Texas Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson said he'll work to restore the state's coastline damaged by Hurricane Claudette by asking the Legislature to replace \$7.5 million it cut from programs to protect it.

Patterson inspected the Brazoria and Galveston county coasts by air on Sunday to survey the erosion caused by the storm.

The lawmakers cut the budget for coastal protection programs from \$15 million to \$7.5 million during the regular Legislative session this year. The decision was made before they discovered several hundred million dollars of unspent revenue.

The extra money can be allocated during the current special session, but it has been on hold since 11 Democratic Senators left Texas to protest a congressional redistricting plan.

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Afghanistan: A land of extremes

Army Captain Michael Foote offers Pampans glimpse of different world

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
 EDITOR

While the world's attention focuses on Iraq, many may forget that American troops remain in Afghanistan fighting the Taliban and al-Qaida terrorist forces responsible for the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks.

One of those warriors, U.S. Army Capt. Michael Foote, a member of the 82nd Airborne based in Fort Bragg, N.C., brought a glimpse of Afghanistan to the Pampa Kiwanis Club Friday. He was visiting his hometown after a six-month tour in the Middle Eastern country that ended in July.

Capt. Foote, the son of Jerry and Connie Foote of Pampa, graduated from Pampa High School in 1994. He was commissioned in the Army in 1999.

Foote's field artillery unit was deployed to Afghanistan in January as part of Operation Enduring Freedom.

"We shoot the big guns - the cannons," he explained. "We're a tactical

unit and basically we throw our equipment from the air to landing zones."

Foote said his group was based at Kandahar, a city in northern Afghanistan on the eastern border with Pakistan. Many members of the terrorist groups are still hiding in villages in Pakistan after fleeing from American troops in Afghanistan, he said.

"I don't recommend traveling there as a vacation spot," he quipped.

Using a slide show of photographs he'd taken during his tour, Foote showed Afghanistan's stark and barren landscape, dusty and covered with small rocks.

"It's like being on Mars," he said. The soil is quite fertile, but the Afghans have not learned how to access the underground water.

"The soil will provide for them," he said. "We'll just have to teach them how to find (the water)."

Weather extremes are normal, from the freezing cold Foote experienced when he arrived in January to the 115-

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(Pampa News photo by Dee Dee Laramore)
 U.S. Army Capt. Michael Foote, 82nd Airborne, discusses his recent tour in Afghanistan as part of Operation Enduring Freedom at the Pampa Kiwanis Club meeting Friday.

Texas Democrats ask Bush to intervene

DALLAS (AP) — An impasse over congressional redistricting has prompted 11 Democrats boycotting in New Mexico to call on President Bush to step in and help end "this embarrassing chapter in Texas history."

On Sunday, White House spokesman Jimmy Orr said Bush has no plans to interfere.

"That's a matter for the state of Texas to address," he said in Monday's edition of The Dallas Mornings News.

The Senators, who fled to Albuquerque, N.M., two weeks ago just before a second special session on redistricting was called, appealed to Bush in a letter they all signed and sent on Friday, the newspaper reported. Bush is vacationing at his ranch in Crawford.

In the letter, the lawmakers told Bush the discord over redistricting is damaging his credibility as a bipartisan leader and that his top adviser, Karl

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Rove, is largely to blame.

The Democrats on Sunday night refused to comment or to provide a copy of the letter to The Associated Press.

U.S. House Majority Leader Tom DeLay of Sugar Land and Gov. Rick Perry and Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst were also criticized in the letter.

"Your continued silence is being interpreted by thoughtful Americans as complicity or as tacit approval," the senators wrote. "We ... request an immediate public announcement of

your opposition to this unfair and shameful power grab."

Dewhurst spokesman Dave Beckwith said allegations that the lieutenant governor acted on instructions from Rove were false, the newspaper reported.

"It's ironic that a group that is increasingly having the tune called by the National Democratic Party would accuse the other side (of influence)," Beckwith told the AP.

Kathy Walt, Perry's spokeswoman, called Democrat claims ludicrous.

"It's just to deflect from the fact that they walked off the job in violation of their oaths of office," she said.

Some Republicans, led by DeLay, say voting trends show Texas should have more Republicans representing the state in Washington, D.C. The current breakdown is 17 Democrats to 15 Republicans.

Two attempts to pass a redistricting bill have failed this year. The first occurred in the regular session when more than 50 House Republicans busted quorum. The second attempt failed in the first special session. The 11 Democrats fled the state just before a second special session was called and have promised to stay away for the entire 30 days of the session.

The senators said they believed Dewhurst was acting on instructions from Rove and Perry when he dropped the Senate's traditional two-thirds rule.

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Taylor resigns; Liberian rebels threaten more fighting if he doesn't leave quickly

By ELLEN KNICKMEYER
 ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

MONROVIA, Liberia (AP) — President Charles Taylor, blamed for 14 years of bloodshed in Liberia and indicted for war crimes in Sierra Leone, resigned Monday and surrendered power to his vice president.

It remained unclear, however, when — or if — Taylor would go into exile in Nigeria as promised, and rebels besieging the capital threatened more violence if the former warlord does not leave the country immediately.

Pushed to resign by the United States and West African leaders, Taylor claimed that history would judge him kindly, speaking at his long-awaited resignation ceremony in Monrovia.

Taylor, who had reneged on past promises to resign, began his farewell address by exhorting the international community to help Liberia. "We beg of you, we plead with you not to make this another press event."

"History will be kind to me. I have

fulfilled my duties," he said, adding, "I have accepted this role as the sacrificial lamb ... I am the whipping boy."

Wearing a white safari suit and carrying his trademark staff, Taylor looked on as successor Moses Blah was sworn in under heavy security. Steel blinds guarded windows against assassination attempts, like a 1996 try on Taylor's life in the same building that killed two aides.

Placing his left hand on the Bible and raising his right, Blah pledged to "faithfully, conscientiously and impartially discharge the duties and functions of the Republic of Liberia."

He began his presidency with a moment of silence for all those who died in Liberia's wars. "Let the nation begin to heal," Blah said. "Let all of us unite as one people and work to peace."

Rebels have rejected Taylor's choice of successor — a longtime ally and comrade in arms — and demanded that a neutral candidate be chosen to preside over a transition government

until elections can be held.

Inside the velvet-draped room in the Executive Mansion, Ghana's President John Kufuor told about 300 Liberian and other dignitaries that Blah would hand power to a transitional government in October.

"Today's ceremony marks the end of an era in Liberia," Kufuor said, speaking as head of a West African bloc that has sent peacekeepers to Liberia. "It is our expectation that today the war in Liberia has ended."

He also said South Africa would be contributing troops to the West African force, which started deploying last week.

Outside, Monrovia's beleaguered people cheered Nigerian peacekeepers, part of a vanguard peace force meant to build to 3,250 West African soldiers. The crowd had been reserving celebrations over Taylor's resignation until it was official.

"I can hardly believe it. He has brought too much suffering on the

(See LIBERIA, Page 3)

City Commission to meet Tuesday

The only business on the Pampa City Commission's calendar for their regularly scheduled meeting Tuesday evening is the sale of tax delinquent property.

They will meet in the commission chambers at 6 p.m., Tuesday.

The commission will consider a bid of \$100 from Larry D. Myers for delinquent tax property at 1200 S. Dwight. The property is valued at \$12,790. There are \$9,127 in taxes due against it.

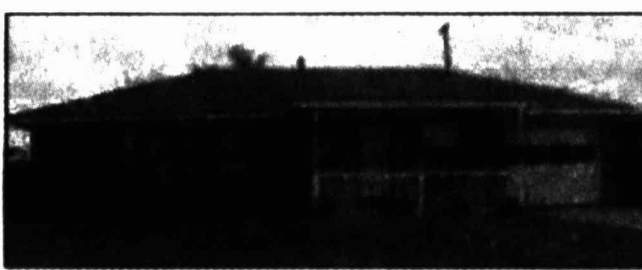
In the city commission's work session at 5 p.m. Tuesday at the main floor conference room, commissioners will hear an update on the sale of property in the 300 block of Ballard and an update on a proposed contract with McCarty-Hull to use the old U.S. Bus building, 822 E. Foster, as a warehouse.

The commission will also review the city's proposed 2003-2004 budget.

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ON RECORD

POLICE

Pampa Police Department today reported the following incidents.

Friday, Aug. 8

A juvenile was bitten by a black Labrador in the 700 block of Hazel.
 A purse, later found by a neighbor next to the house, was reported stolen from a vehicle in the 1900 block of North Sumner.
 Threat were reported in the 1100 block of Cinderella.
 A dispute between a landlord and tenant was reported in the 1000 block of North Dwight.
 A domestic dispute was reported in the 100 block of North Nelson.
 A bicycle was reported stolen in the 1300 block of North Duncan.
 A lawnmower was reported stolen in the 300 block of East Craven.
 Breaking and entering was reported in the 500 block of North Somerville.
 Kermit Hartley, 34, 1100 S. Dwight, was arrested on charges of evading arrest with a vehicle and possession of under two ounces of marijuana and possession of a controlled substance in a correctional facility.
 A large plant was reported stolen in the 1900 block of Mary Ellen.

Saturday, Aug. 9

A bicycle was reported stolen in the 1000 block of Mary Ellen.
 A domestic dispute was reported in the 700 block of North Roberta.
 A juvenile was injured in an assault in the 400 block of Ballard.
 A domestic dispute was reported in the 600 block of North Dwight.
 A wallet and cash was taken from a vehicle in the 400 block of North Christy.

A person, who later returned, was reported missing in the 400 block of Hill.

Two cordless drills were reported stolen in the 300 block of East Tuke.

A forgery was reported in the 600 block of Somerville.

Storage units in the 100 block of South Naida were found open.

A brick was thrown through a window in the 300 block of Jean.

James Roberson, 38, 313 Sumner, was arrested on charges of public intoxication and evading arrest.

A dog had to be shot at the intersection of 18th and Coffee.

Sunday, Aug. 10

An assault was reported at the Pampa Regional Medical Center.

Threats were reported in the 1000 block of Prairie.

An attempted suicide was reported in the 300 block of North Christy.

A motorcycle was reported in the 1100 block of East Francis.

A bicycle was reported stolen in the 500 block of North Dwight.

A domestic dispute was reported in the 1300 W. Kentucky.

Almost \$6,000 worth of jewelry and electronic games were stolen from a home in the 1800 block of North Faulkner.

A pit bull was reported stolen from the backyard of a home in the 1800 block of Banks.

Two grinders were reported stolen in the 1000 block of Foster.

Monday, Aug. 11

An aggravated assault with minor injuries was reported in the 700 block of North Frost.

AMBULANCE

Rural/Metro Ambulance reported the following calls during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m., today.

Saturday, Aug. 9

1:11 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Morrison Ranch Road and Highway 282 and transported two patients to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

1:57 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Kentucky and Sumner streets and Highway 60 with a patient for transport by LifeStar helicopter.

5:20 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred a patient to Baptist-St. Anthony's Hospital West, Amarillo.

7:51 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of West 25th and transported one to PRMC.

Sunday, Aug. 10

2:55 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 200 block of Anne and transported one to PRMC.

12:25 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred a patient to LifeStar helicopter for transport.

5:21 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of East Frederic. No transport.

9:59 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of Prairie and transported one to PRMC.

10:22 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of Prairie and transported one to PRMC.

Monday, Aug. 11

1:46 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of South Christy. No transport.

SHERIFF

Gray County Sheriff's office reported the following arrests during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m., today.

Saturday, Aug. 9

James Roberson, 38, 313 Sumner, was arrested by Pampa police officers on charges of public intoxication and evading arrest.

Sunday, Aug. 10

Nahum Nunez, 20, 2241 Mary Ellen, was arrested by Gray County deputies on charges of driving while intoxicated, minor in possession and having an open container of alcohol in a vehicle.

Billy Dean Lewis, 45, 1100 Neel Road, was arrested by Gray County deputies on charges of failure to identify himself to officers and failure to appear.

Steve Orgon, 38, 1215 W. Crawford, was arrested by Gray County deputies on charges of driving without a valid license.

Monday, Aug. 11

Olivera Gonzales, 36, 1132 S. Dwight, was arrested by Pampa police officers on charges of driving while intoxicated.

Humberto Montoya, 32, McLean, was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety troopers on charges of public intoxication.

Hidelio Loya, 44, McLean, was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety troopers on charges of driving on the shoulder of a road where prohibited.

FIRE

Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m., today.

Saturday, Aug. 9

12:15 a.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to the 700 block of North Somerville on a call for medical assistance.

12:37 p.m. — Two units and four firefighters responded to OH Price Ranch, two miles west of Highway 152, on a downed power line which created a small grass fire.

1:15 p.m. — One unit and two firefighters responded to Farm to Market 282 on a motor vehicle collision and cleaned up a hazardous material spill.

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WEATHER FOCUS

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Today's forecast is calling for mostly sunny skies, highs in the lower 90s and north-east winds 5 to 15 mph. Tonight should see mostly clear skies, lows in the lower 60s and east winds 5 to 15 mph. Tuesday should be mostly sunny with areas of fog in the morning. Highs in the mid 80s. East winds 5 to 15 mph. Tuesday night...Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 60s. Southeast winds 5 to 15 mph. Wednesday, partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 80s. Light and variable winds becoming northeast 10 to 20 mph. Wednesday night, partly cloudy. Slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 50s.

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Gregory Hines, Tony Award winner and tap dancer, dies of cancer at 57

LOS ANGELES (AP) — As soon as he could walk and talk, Gregory Hines said, he knew he could dance.

His dazzling feet kicked off a career that stretched from gigs in New York clubs when he was five to Tony Award glory on Broadway and Hollywood stardom.

Hines, considered the greatest tap dancer of his generation, died of cancer Saturday in Los Angeles at age 57.

"I don't remember not dancing," Hines said in a 2001 interview with The Associated Press. "When I realized I was alive and these were my parents, and I could walk and talk, I could dance."

With his elegant tap style that evoked Fred Astaire and Sammy Davis Jr., Hines became internationally known at a young age as part of a jazz tap duo with his brother, Maurice.

Hines and his brother performed together in the musical revue "Eubie!" in 1978, in Broadway's "Sophisticated Ladies" and on film in 1984's "The Cotton Club."

His role in "The Cotton Club" led to more offers from Hollywood. He starred with Mikhail Baryshnikov in 1985's "Cold War-era dancers' story "White Nights" and with Billy Crystal in 1986's "Running Scared" and he appeared with Whitney Houston and Angela Bassett in 1995's "Waiting to Exhale," among other movies.

He won a 1992 Tony Award for the musical "Jelly's Last Jam."

"He was the last of a kind of immaculate performer — a singer, dancer, actor and a per-

sonality," said George C. Wolfe, who directed "Jelly." "He knew how to command." "His dancing came from something very real," said Bernadette Peters, who appeared with Hines as co-hosts of the 2002 Tony Awards show. "It came out of his instincts, his impulses and his amazing creativity. His whole heart and soul went into everything he did."

Gregory Oliver Hines was born on Feb. 14, 1946, in New York City. He has said his mother urged him and his older brother toward tap dancing because she wanted them to have a way out of the ghetto.

When he was a toddler, his brother was already taking tap lessons and would come home and teach him steps. They

began performing together when Gregory Hines was 5, and they performed at the Apollo Theater in Harlem for two weeks when he was 6. In 1954, they were cast in the Broadway musical "The Girl in Pink Tights," starring French ballerina Jeanmaire.

Davis was one of young Gregory Hines' inspirations, as were the Nicholas Brothers and Bill "Bojangles" Robinson. Hines drew on Robinson's style for some of his work in "Jelly's Last Jam."

Hines had a falling out with his older brother in the late 1960s because the younger boy was becoming influenced by counterculture and wanted to perform to rock music and write his songs. In 1973, the family act disbanded and Hines moved to Venice Beach.

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ACCIDENTS

Pampa Police Department today reported the following accidents.

Friday, Aug. 8

A 1999 Ford ambulance, driven by Sharmaire Faith Miller, 39, of Miami, was in collision with a 2002 Volkswagen Jetta legally parked in the 1800 block of Hamilton. The Jetta belonged to Alyce

Weber of 1811 N. Hamilton.

A 1997 Pontiac Grand Am four-door sedan, driven by Travis Frank Berryman Jr., 20, of Skellytown, was in collision with a 1993 Ford one-ton truck, driven by Rebecca Irene Poland, 47, of White Deer, in the 1300 block of North Hobart. Berryman was cited for failure to control speed.

Feds expected to leave short-term interests rates unchanged for now

By MARTIN CRUTSINGER AP ECONOMICS WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP) — A key short-term interest rate is at a 45-year low, and Federal Reserve policy-makers are expected to keep it there when they meet Tuesday.

Fed officials, however, will certainly spend time discussing what, if anything, they can do to stop long-term rates from rising and derailing the economy.

Only this spring did Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan and his colleagues draw praise for cleverly manipulating market expectations with talk of deflation, which is a sustained fall in prices.

Now, they are criticized for misleading the bond market and causing a big run-up in long-term rates over the past month.

For that reason, many analysts see the Fed meeting as an opportunity for the central bank to correct the botched signals and to calm the jittery bond market.

"We are facing a dangerous situation with the threat that interest rates will go up so fast that it will choke off the recovery," said economist David Jones, author of four books on the Fed. "The

Fed has to state more clearly what its intentions are."

At its last meeting, on June 25, the central bank reduced its target for the federal funds rate, the interest that banks charge each other on overnight loans. The rate fell by one-quarter of a percentage point, to 1 percent, the lowest since July 1958.

In response, commercial banks dropped the prime rate, the benchmark for millions of short-term consumer and business loans, to 4 percent. Not since 1959 had this rate fallen so low.

But rates on longer-term loans actually rose after the Fed's action. The bond market was disappointed that policy-makers had not moved more boldly given the Fed's talk about deflation.

A Fed statement after its May 6 meeting cited that threat, leading to a sharp rally in the bond market that drove long-term interest rates to the lowest levels in decades.

The Treasury's 10-year note, a determining factor in mortgage rates, fell to 3.1 percent in June and 30-year mortgages dipped to 5.21 percent, rates unseen in more than four decades.

Then came the Fed's quarter-point cut on June 25, rather than the hoped-for

half-point move. Since then, long-term rates have climbed. The 10-year Treasury reached 4.41 percent on Aug. 1; last week, rates on 30-year mortgages stood at 6.43 percent.

This jump in long-term rates has raised fears that a pillar of the economy over the past two years, consumer spending on big-ticket items such as houses and automobiles, could come to a halt, especially in light of the recent falloff in mortgage refinancings. They have helped support consumer spending by giving people more disposable income.

While concerned about higher rates, many analysts believe the bond market will calm down if the Fed on Tuesday is convincing that it is ready to keep short-term rates low for a considerable time.

"My expectation is that the Fed will stand pat for at least a year," said Sung Won Sohn, chief economist at Wells Fargo in Minneapolis. He noted that the central bank would rather not raise rates in the midst of a presidential campaign.

If the Fed succeeds in conveying that message, many analysts believe that long-term rates should stabilize around current levels.

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to 120-degree summer heat he felt when he left.

"It doesn't do anything in moderation," he said. "It's either freezing cold or burning hot."

There's six weeks of spring and six weeks of fall when temperatures are more moderate. "The Afghans call that time 'fighting season,'" he joked.

Kabul, the capital city, is relatively modern with many buildings left from the U.S.S.R.'s presence there in the 1980s. In rural areas, most houses are built of brick made from packed mud.

Most men and boys wear loose a flowing cotton shirt over pants, a combination that

appears to be most comfortable in the heat. Foote said the troops call the attire "man dresses."

"Women were like dogs under the Taliban," he said. "They're still very timid."

He said when patrols come into a village, they will see the women peeking out of windows. Most women no longer wear the burkhas (a garment which enveloped their bodies except for a small area for the eyes), he said, but they still keep their heads covered and most of their bodies draped except for their hands.

The Americans have had to adjust their ways to the culture there, he said.

"If an American male looked at a female, as soon as the Americans leave, her male

relatives would kill her. She had been defiled," Foote explained.

Showing a picture of a gathering of Afghan children, he pointed out that most were carrying their shoes.

"They carry their shoes so people can see they have them, but they go barefoot so they can save them," he said. "They only wear their shoes when they're walking on rocks or on formal occasions."

He show a photo of the opening of a school, indicating one boy who was wearing a pair of American tennis shoes.

"The richest guys in Kandahar were the ones who came and collected our trash," he said.

These lucky Afghans

would sort through the trash and pull out discarded tennis shoes and other American items and sell them, he said.

"Everything over there is about survival," Foote said. "If you can't learn fast, you aren't going to survive."

The Army captain said that until an Afghan child is 6 or 7 years-old, the family donkey is considered as more valuable. "That's just how harsh it is."

The last photograph showed a non-commissioned officer standing in the stark Afghan countryside taking an oath from another officer as he re-enlisted in the service.

"It's dangerous and at times nerve-racking, but (the soldiers) do it because it's the thing to do," Foote said.



(Pampa News photo by Dee Dee Laramore)

Army Capt. Michael Foote, a Pampa High School graduate, describes the harsh living conditions and culture of the Afghan people to members of the Pampa Kiwanis Club at their meeting Friday.

Bombs explode near Baghdad's British office

BASRA, Iraq (AP) — British troops restored badly needed electricity to parts of Basra and supervised distribution of gasoline Monday after two days of protests over fuel and power shortages. In northern Iraq, a U.S. soldier was killed and two others wounded in a bomb attack.

The soldiers from the 4th Infantry Division came under attack with a homemade bomb in front of the police station they were guarding in Baqouba, 45 miles north of Baghdad, late Sunday, Maj. Mark Solomons said.

The death brought to 57 the number of U.S. troops killed in action since May 1, when President Bush declared major combat over.

In Basra, a British patrol returned fire after it came under attack late Sunday,

wounding two assailants, British military spokesman Capt. Hisham Halawi told The Associated Press. Two others escaped and were being pursued, he said. There were no British casualties.

Basra had been one of the quietest cities in the country. But on the second day of protests Sunday, an Iraqi protester and a Nepalese security guard were shot dead.

The protester was killed after an angry crowd tried to block four four-wheel drive vehicles crossing the main bridge leading to the airport and the British military headquarters. It was not clear who shot the demonstrator.

The dead guard worked for Global Security, a private company hired to provide security and other services for coalition bases throughout the country.

The guard was bringing mail from Kuwait to United Nations staff in Basra. He was shot by an unknown assailant as a two-car convoy neared an intersection in the center of the city, coalition spokesman Iain Pickard said.

British troops patrolling the area gave away their own fuel to calm the demonstrators, coalition spokesman Charles Heatly said from Baghdad.

Over the weekend, about 1,000 protesters blocked roads with rows of burning tires and threw rocks at vehicles and British troops, who suffered only minor injuries, Halawi said.

"The town is calm this morning. People have had power since last night, and petrol is getting at petrol stations," he said.

In Baghdad, Heatly said

coalition forces were taking steps to alleviate the power and fuel crisis in Basra. The coalition also brought in two new gas turbine generators to try to patch up the antiquated electricity system, and British soldiers were supervising distribution at gas stations to make sure people were not charged exorbitant black-market prices.

Late Sunday, two bombs exploded about 60-70 yards from the British office in central Baghdad, witnesses said. There was no visible damage to the office, but a Syrian national who was part of a convoy of trucks taking supplies to the office was injured, according to the witnesses.

There was no indication whether the British office was the target. U.S. troops removed the truck in which the Syrian was injured within the hour of the explosion.

A team of FBI investigators, meanwhile, searched the bombed Jordanian Embassy,

where a car bomb on Aug. 7 killed 19 people.

The attack rattled Baghdad residents who feared it signaled a rise of terror tactics in the already violent Iraqi capital. L. Paul Bremer, the top civilian administrator in Iraq, said the al-Qaida-linked Ansar al-Islam group was at the top of his list of suspected terrorist organizations operating in the country.

U.S. military officials have blamed almost daily attacks on

Saddam loyalists and Iraqis angered by a foreign occupation. There is growing concern that foreign fighters in Iraq may join the conflict, conducting terrorist attacks like the one on the Jordanian Embassy.

Elsewhere Sunday, the U.S. military reported that four American soldiers were wounded in guerrilla attacks, including two at the Baghdad University complex and two others in Saddam's hometown of Tikrit.

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LIBERIA

Liberian people," said Henry Philips, 38, a former security official. "His absence is better than his presence."

Taylor had pledged to hand over power at one minute before noon (7:59 a.m. EDT) but was delayed at the airport where he welcomed Kufuor, South African President Thabo Mbeki, Mozambican President Joaquim Chissano and Togolese Prime Minister Koffi Sama.

Pickup trucks full of armed rebels raced toward the front Monday as insurgents threatened to resume fighting if Taylor stays in the country. While he has accepted an asy-

lum offer in Nigeria, he has hedged on when he will go.

"Unless Taylor leaves the country by one minute past 12 noon, I shall attack," rebel Chief of Staff Maj. Gen. Abdulla Seyeah Sheriff said from Monrovia's rebel-held island port area. "If Taylor leaves the country, there'll be peace."

Nigerian President Olusegun Obasanjo did not attend the resignation ceremony, but sent his foreign minister. Obasanjo aides said Taylor was expected in the Nigerian capital, Abuja, on Monday.

Two months of intermittent rebel sieges have left over 1,000 civilians dead in Monrovia, as government and insurgent

forces duel with the city of 1.3 million as their battlefield. The war has left Taylor controlling little but downtown, referred to derisively by rebels as Taylor's "Federal Republic of Central Monrovia."

The president remained defiant to the end, on Sunday calling the rebel uprising an "American war" and suggesting it was motivated by U.S. eagerness for Liberia's gold, diamonds and other reserves.

"They can call off their dogs now," Taylor said of the United States' alleged support of the rebel Liberians United for Reconciliation and Democracy, or LURD. "We can have peace."

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DEMOCRATS

The rule, which prompted the walkout, requires that two-thirds of the senators agree to take up a bill for debate.

The Democrats said in their letter that Hispanics and blacks are "deeply offended and angry at the Perry-DeLay 1/8redistricting 3/8 scheme," the newspaper reported.

"There is even some belief among our constituents that the Perry-DeLay plan is the first step in a national Republican plan to weaken or repeal the Voting Rights Act in 2006 and to further secure Congressman DeLay's unde-

featable majority for his expected speakership race."

The newspaper reported that the Democrats did not elaborate on claims that Rove "played a significant behind-the-scenes role in this divisive and unfortunate overreach of legislative power."

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DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

Staff Appreciation Lunch Is Hard For Workers To Swallow

DEAR ABBY: I work as a staff assistant in a large department of a Fortune 500 corporation. Every year, prior to Staff Appreciation Day, each staff assistant in my department receives a formal invitation to lunch that reads:

"In appreciation for your hard work and dedication, you will be given an extra half-hour to attend the staff appreciation lunch. Location: (A fairly expensive restaurant that takes a half-hour to get to and from.) Time: 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Why: Because you deserve a long lunch." (The extra half-hour is our "gift." We are responsible for the cost of our meal.)

Is there a tactful way to point out to the powers-that-be that inviting employees to an "appreciation lunch" at their own expense, at a restaurant the honorees would not normally choose because of the cost, and then suggesting that the extra half-hour taken up in travel time is a gift, is more than a little offensive? Believe me, I'd beg off, but I feel pressured and obligated to attend. What else can I do, Abby?

LOST IN DILBERT'S WORLD

DEAR LOST: From your description of the "generous" policy, I think I know why it's a Fortune 500 company. It would be interesting to know what kind of performance rewards their executives get.

If it's company policy, I don't think there is anything you can do about it — except, perhaps, to gently confide to your boss that the whole thing is a bit of a farce.

DEAR ABBY: I am 18 and have just become engaged. I want to go to college, but my fiancé, "Kirk," doesn't support my decision. It was a struggle for me to finish high school. I dropped out at 16, but recently received my GED with lots of support and encouragement from Kirk. But now that it's time for me to begin college, he doesn't want me to go. He says he's ready to settle down and start a family. Well, I'm not. I think my life has just begun. Please help.

CONFUSED IN LOVE IN OREGON

DEAR CONFUSED: You have worked hard to get to where you are. Do not allow your fiancé's insecurity to hold you back. If you're not completely ready to settle down and start a family, you should not allow yourself to be pressured into it.

Tell Kirk that you love him and that you need his support now more than ever. Perhaps there is a class the two of you could take together so he won't feel left behind. Please explore this with Kirk. Good luck.

DEAR ABBY: There are two groups of girls in high school: the "cool" girls and the "not so cool" girls. I have good friends in each group, but the groups hate each other. When I hang out with a friend in the "cool" group, my friend in the other group ignores me for the rest of the day — and vice versa.

Abby, when school starts again, how should I handle this ridiculous situation? Help!

CONFLICTED TEEN IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR CONFLICTED: You're already "handling it" very well by being your own person and not allowing yourself to be manipulated. Since you can't change other people, you must change the way you react to them. Be strong and do not allow either group to isolate you. There are great advantages in learning early how to get along with all kinds of people. Remember that.

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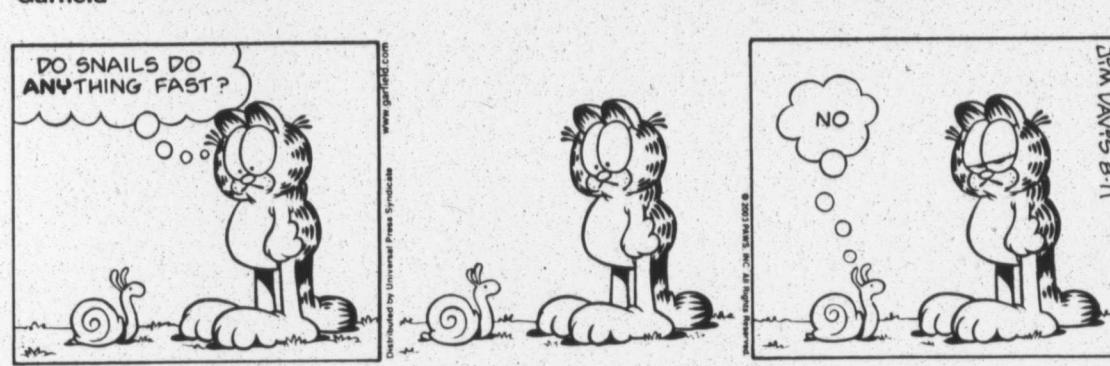
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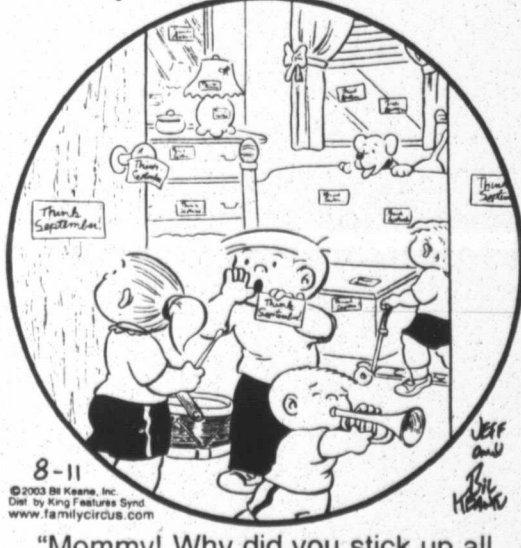
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SPORTS

Coach finds lots of negatives in Cowboys' loss

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) — Bill Parcells will have no shortage of ammunition when his Dallas Cowboys return to practice this week.

He found virtually nothing encouraging in Saturday night's 13-0 loss to the Arizona Cardinals.

Parcells wants to win, even in the preseason, where his career record is 40-17. His Dallas debut showed how far he has to go to restore the Cowboys to their accustomed glory.

"We didn't really do much of anything," he said. "We had way too many long yardage situations, we were getting penalized or sacked, we dropped balls, we couldn't get near their quarterback. Just pretty much everything

was poor." Parcells wouldn't use the heat as an excuse, even though it was 110 degrees at kickoff and still 107 at half-time. While his team was flat and ineffective, the Cardinals came out aggressive, especially on defense.

"This is going to be a nasty football team," coach Dave McGinnis promised. "It's going to be a nasty football team within the boundaries of the rules that we have. We've got speed on this defense and now we've got to get production out of it, and I liked what I saw today."

Paid attendance was but there were far fewer in the metal bleachers of Sun Devil Stadium. Arizona made a big deal out of Emmitt Smith's

debut for the Cardinals against his old Dallas teammates, introducing him last amid great fanfare.

Smith played just 41 seconds before calling it a night. He had no gain on Arizona's first play, then caught a pass from new Cardinals' quarterback Jeff Blake and dodged three tacklers en route to an 11-yard gain and a first down.

"It's kind of hard to have a big night when you only play three plays," Smith said, adding that it was the first time he'd played this early in the preseason.

Parcells, meanwhile, said he had been too patient with some players he declined to identify.

"We played a lot of people tonight for lengthy periods of

time, some guys we really wanted to see," Parcells said. "I just think I have to get back to work and simplify things and quit kidding myself about a couple of these guys."

Neither Chad Hutchinson nor Quincy Carter did anything move ahead in the battle for starting quarterback. Parcells had hoped to name a starter after this Friday night's game at home against Houston, but indicated it could take longer after what he saw Saturday.

"I might need more than one (extra game)," he said. "I don't think it would be fair to decide. They didn't get much help."

Hutchinson started and completed 5-of-10 for 43 yards. He fumbled the ball

away the only time he was sacked. Carter played most of the second and third quarters, completing 8-of-13 for 81 yards.

He was intercepted once and sacked once. On Friday night, Carter will get the start.

"I'm just continuing to do the best I can and grow as a quarterback," Hutchinson said.

Dallas managed just 199 yards, 49 on the ground. Troy Hambrick had minus-1 yard in four carries.

"We should have performed better. There's no excuse for that, but it's a work in progress," Hambrick said. "It's preseason. We've still got a lot of work to do."

NOTEBOOK

FOOTBALL

HOUSTON (AP) — Running back James Allen, who was expected to battle for a roster spot on the Texans this season, instead decided to retire from football Sunday.

"I believe that all things must come to an end. But at every ending there is a new beginning. I feel like it is time for me to move on to pursue other passions," Allen, an aspiring rap artist, said in a statement released by his spokeswoman.

Allen had missed training camp drills in the latter part of last week and Saturday night's 20-12 preseason loss to Denver because of personal issues, according to the team.

GOLF

PAMPA — The Pampel Golf Scramble will be held on Thursday and is open to the public.

Golfers need to check in by 5:30 p.m. for the 6 p.m. start.

Entry fee is \$10 for non-members. Carts are available to rent at \$5 per person.

In case of a tie, the pot rolls over to the next scramble. Winner takes all.

The scramble is limited to the first 40 entries.

CASTLE ROCK, Colo. (AP)

— The math was elementary: Davis Love III earned more points in the first two rounds of The International than any other player did in the entire tournament.

Love not only maintained his substantial lead but built on it, birdieing three of his first four holes Sunday in cruising to his fourth victory of the season.

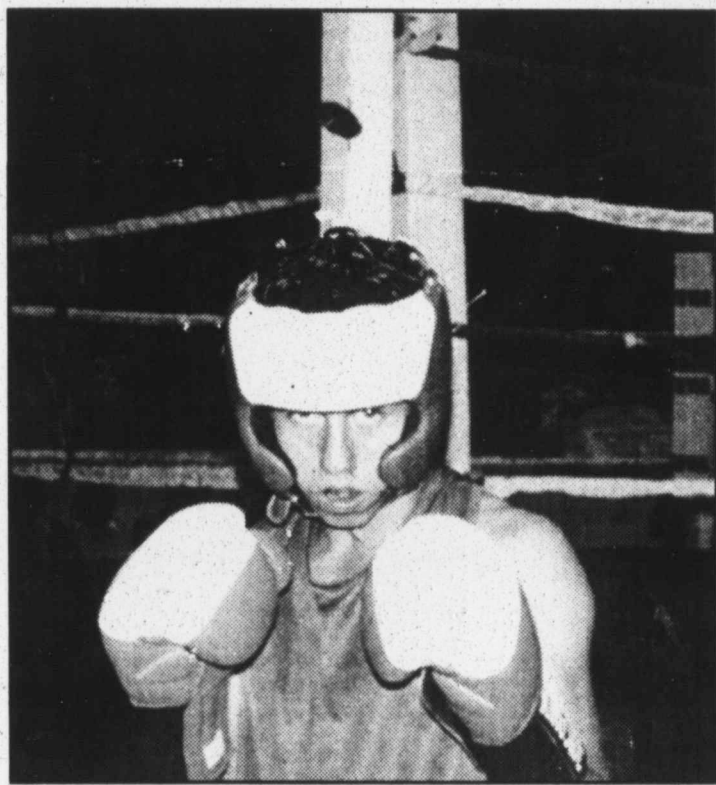
He led wire-to-wire for his 18th career title. He also vaulted from fourth to first on the PGA Tour's money list with \$5.1 million heading into next week's PGA Championship.

"Obviously, the first two rounds set the tournament up for me," said Love, who compiled a tournament-record 36 points after 36 holes. "All I had to do was play good on the weekend and not make any big mistakes. "I basically won it with my putter the first two days."

Love, who began the final round with 41 points and a 10-point lead, added 5 points under the modified Stableford scoring system used in this event.

His lead never dipped below 10 points on the final day, and he beat Vijay Singh and Retief Goosen by a tournament-record 12 points. Singh and Goosen each finished with 34 points.

Chris DiMarco was another point back at 33, and John Rollins had 31. Ernie Els and Phil Mickelson each had 26. Els had the day's best round, 13 points.



Pampa boxer Jose Larrazolo is headed for Louisiana.

Pampa boxer chosen for national championships

PAMPA — In a recent meeting of the West Texas Boxing Commission, president Robert Silva selected Jose Larrazolo of the Pampa Boxing Club as one of only four boxers chosen to compete in 2003 Fran Jones National Boxing Championships.

Larrazolo was one of four West Texas boxers chosen for the tournament.

The Championships will be held in Alexandria, La. at the Louisiana Convention Center from Aug. 17-24.

Larrazolo was named to the tournament because of his outstanding achieve-

ments and boxing skills, according to Silva.

Larrazolo has been to state championships three times in Kansas and once in Texas. He also recently competed in the Texas State Golden Gloves Championships.

Lupe Larrazolo, coach of the new Pampa boxing club, would like to thank the merchants and residents for their donations.

Larrazolo said the club would be able to use these donations to go to tournament and buy equipment.

Club boxers plan to enter an upcoming tournament in Slaton.

Lott fulfills dream of greatness with induction into college hall

SOUTH BEND, Ind. (AP) — As roommates at Southern California, Ronnie Lott and Marcus Allen talked about achieving greatness.

Lott was one of 24 people inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame on Saturday. His induction comes six days after Allen was enshrined into the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

Now, both players have proof they have achieved greatness.

"I don't think either of us ever dreamed that being great meant that we would both be in both halls of fame. I think when we said great we were just trying to be the best that we could be," Lott said during enshrinement festivities.

Lott, who in 1980 led the nation in interceptions with eight, was enshrined Saturday along with former Pitt quarterback Dan Marino, former Tennessee defensive tackle Reggie White, former Missouri tight end Kellen Winslow and 20 others.

The inductees signed autographs, played a game of flag football held a skills clinic for youngsters. Lott worked intensely with his group, recalling how important he held the words of encouragement he received Deacon Jones and James Harris of the Los Angeles Rams.

"You couldn't help but be inspired," he said. "You never know. Something that I said today might encourage

them the way those guys encouraged me."

Lott said he ran "video clips" through his mind as he listened to the other Hall of Fame inductees talk about their careers.

"As you look around the room, you can look at all the great players and you can feel the video clips of how they played the game," he said. "It's just an honor to be with so many great people."

During the flag football game, Marino threw for three touchdowns, took an elbow in the chin from former Texas tackle Jerry Sisemore while playing defense and tore the shorts of former East Central (Okla.) quarterback Brad Calip while going for his flags.

"It's always fun to play football," Marino said. "No matter what it is, to throw the football around is always fun."

Marino echoed the feeling of most of the inductees when he said it was an honor to be among such great players.

"Considering all the things you go through in your life and the dreams that you try to achieve, this is one that will go a long way in my mind," he said.

Winslow was actually booed by the crowd when he intercepted a pass intended for 85-year-old George "Sonny" Franck, a tailback with Minnesota from 1938-

40. "It's a game, people!" Winslow yelled to the crowd. "We came to play!"

Winslow described himself as an "accidental hail of famer," saying he never intended to play the game. Winslow said as a junior in high school he was working as a delivery man in East St. Louis, Ill., when his high school coach, Cornelius Perry asked him to go out for the team.

Winslow said he almost quit after the first practice, but Perry wouldn't let him. When college coaches came to the school recruiting other players, Perry urged them to look at Winslow.

"The University of Missouri thankfully took a chance on a kid who caught 17 passes in high school. They took a chance on a kid who had fewer touchdowns than the defensive end on the same team," he said.

Winslow said he learned about adversity and competition at college, and also learned about self-confidence.

"One day it clicked, and I said I can do this. And when that happened, I realized I can do it in the classroom also — that the shy, reserved, very quiet young man, just blew up because of the game of football," said Winslow, now a lawyer. "Because of the game of football, I am the man I am today, point blank."

Harvester Lanes bowling leagues being organized for fall

PAMPA — Fall bowling leagues are now forming at Harvester Lanes. To join a league, call 665-3422 for more information.

Fall leagues to be offered are listed below:

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(3 per team)
Day Time Meet Date

Start Date
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MIXED DIVISION

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(3 per team)
Day Time Meet Date

Start Date
Monday 7 p.m. Aug. 25 Sept. 8

Nascar Auto Cup League
(4 per team)
Day Time Meet Date

Start Date
Monday 7 p.m. Aug. 25 Sept. 8

Casino League
(4 per team)
Day Time Meet Date

Start Date
Tuesday 7 p.m. Aug. 19 Aug. 26

Wednesday Nite League
(4 per team)
Day Time Meet Date

Start Date
Wednesday 7 p.m. Aug. 27 Aug. 27

Chamber Merchant League
(4 per team)
Day Time Meet Date

Start Date
Thursday 6:25 p.m. Aug. 21 Aug. 21

Harvester Combo League
(4 per team)
Day Time Meet Date

Start Date
Friday 7 p.m. Aug. 29 Sept. 5

National Oilwell League
(4 per team)
Day Time Meet Date

Start Date
Saturday 6:30 p.m. Aug. 23 Sept. 6

Church League
(4 per team)
Day Time Meet Date

Start Date
Saturday 6:30 p.m. Sept. 13 Sept. 20

ABC DIVISION

Caprock League
(4 per team)
Day Time Meet Date

Start Date
Thursday 8:30 p.m. Aug. 21 Aug. 21

YOUTH-ADULT DIVISION

Generation Gap League
(2-2 per team)
Day Time Meet Date

Start Date
Saturday 1 p.m. Aug. 30 Sept. 6

YOUTH DIVISION
Peeewe League
(ages 3-6)

Start Date
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Wednesday 7 p.m. Aug. 20 Aug. 27

Mutt & Jeff League
(1-1)
Day Time Meet Date

Start Date
Saturday 1 p.m. Aug. 30 Sept. 6

Stars & Strikes League
(ages 7-21)
Day Time Meet Date

Start Date
Saturday 10:30 a.m. Aug. 30 Sept. 6

Streaking Comets defeat Mercury

HOUSTON (AP) — Tina Thompson scored 21 points to lead the Houston Comets to their fifth straight win, 69-46 victory over the Phoenix Mercury on Sunday night.

"Everybody just came out really focused tonight," Thompson said. "My legs were tired and I have to give credit to Missy," she said of Comets trainer Michelle Leget. "She convinced me to use the cold whirlpool and now the whirlpool is my friend."

Sheryl Swoopes added 16 points as the Comets won their ninth straight home game, extending their first-

place lead in the Western Conference to a full game over Los Angeles.

"This was a huge game for us, but we have been saying that about every game recently," Swoopes said. "Phoenix doesn't have the best record and sometimes you can get the mindset going in that it will be an easy game. We needed to remind ourselves to come out with the same intensity as always."

Slobodanka Tovic and Plenette Pierson scored eight points each for Phoenix.

Tovic made back-to-back layups to get Phoenix within 16-15 with 6:53 left in the

first half, but Houston sent on a 16-2 run over the next 4:23 for a 32-17 lead, and the Comets led at halftime 36-21.

The Comets outscored the Mercury 12-6 in the first five minutes of the second to widen the lead to 48-27.

Phoenix shot just 33.3 percent from the floor.

"They just played really good defense against us," Pierson said. "They made us take shots we didn't want to take."

"We didn't play defense like we are used to," Tunic added. "We are a young team and we just need to find a way to get better."

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Ausmus lifts Astros past Montreal 8-2

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Astros count on Brad Ausmus' solid defense behind the plate. The veteran catcher's rare power display against the Montreal Expos was an added bonus.

Ausmus hit his first home run since April 4 — a span of 313 at-bats — as the Astros powered past the Expos with an 8-2 victory Sunday.

"As little as I have contributed offensively, it's nice to do anything," Ausmus said. "It was good to have a good day swinging the bat, but even a blind squirrel finds an acorn once in a while."

Ausmus, hitting .213 with three homers, has won Gold Gloves as a catcher the last two seasons. He went 2-for-3 with the homer and a double.

"I know he hasn't had a home run in a while, so this was a nice day for him," teammate Jeff Bagwell said. "That double was good to see, as well. He has worked very hard on his hitting. It was just real good to see this happen to him."

Richard Hidalgo, Jeff Kent and Lance Berkman also connected for the NL Central-leading Astros and Bagwell hit a two-run double in the first inning to support winning pitcher Ron Villone.

Villone (4-2) gave up consecutive homers to Orlando Cabrera and Wil Cordero in the seventh, but allowed just four hits and a walk in 6 1-3 innings. He struck out five, sending the Expos to their 13th loss in 15 road games.

"It is lonely on the road. There is no love on the road. We'll go home and see if we can put something together," Montreal manager Frank Robinson said. "We can't play all our games at home."

"It's always nice to get a couple of runs early like that, then you can be aggressive right away," Villone said. "Our hitters knew what they were doing and it really helped me out. I threw more strikes today and things just turned out good."

Brad Lidge struck out four in 1 2-3 hitless innings and Dan Miceli finished it for Houston.

Texans see progress

HOUSTON (AP) — The Texans' first-string offense didn't manage a touchdown or set off any fireworks in Houston's preseason opener. Buoyed by a remodeled offensive line, the unit also didn't give up a sack and consistently created room to run, things that didn't happen last season.

"If you can't run the football you get into a lot of long yardage situations," coach Dom Capers said. "I think it was a good start and I like what I saw. We're more disciplined on the offensive line and got off the ball well."

Montreal's Scott Downs (0-1) made his first start of the season after being called up from Triple-A Edmonton on Friday. Downs went three innings and allowed five runs on five hits and three walks. He struck out four.

The Astros jumped on Downs immediately as Craig Biggio led off the first with a single, followed by Morgan Ensberg's double. Bagwell doubled in both to give Houston a 2-0 lead.

With the bases loaded two outs later, Downs appeared to catch his spike on the pitching rubber and stumbled off the mound. He was called for a balk, sending Bagwell home for a 3-0 lead.

"He didn't have it," Robinson said. "They jumped on him early. He just didn't make good pitches. The ball was up and they didn't miss them."

Downs was disappointed with his outing.

"I didn't do my job," Downs said. "I didn't locate and when you have to come over the zone against hitters like that, you are going to get beat."

Solo homers by Hidalgo and Ausmus made it 5-0 in the third.

Meanwhile, Villone was cruising along, retiring 16 of 17 from the second through seventh innings before Cabrera and Cordero homered.

It was Cabrera's 17th and Cordero's 13th, enough to chase Villone.

The Astros added three runs off Rocky Biddle in the eighth on Kent's 15th homer, Berkman's 21st and an RBI triple by Adam Everett.

Notes: Biggio's single left him just one hit short of tying Mickey Mantle for 94th on the career list. Mantle had 2,415 hits. ... Downs' balk was only the fourth by an Expos pitcher this season. Livan Hernandez, Javier Vazquez and Scott Stewart had the others. ... It was the third time this season Montreal has hit back-to-back homers. The last was July 5 against Atlanta

The one thing the offense didn't do was score much: David Carr and backup Tony Banks only managed 6 points in the first half, much of which was played by the other projected starters. Denver won 20-12 before a sellout crowd of 70,021 at Reliant Stadium on Saturday night.

Carr, sacked 76 times last season for a new NFL record, wasn't dropped once and actually had time to scan the field against Denver's first-team defense. New tailback Stacey Mack, gained 49 yards and seemed to find room to run.

Hargrove's Orioles take three of four against Red Sox

By The Associated Press

When Nomar Garciaparra chased Baltimore reliever Jorge Julio's slider in the dirt, Boston's lost weekend at Fenway Park ended fittingly with the bases loaded.

Jack Cust had a two-run homer and an RBI double Sunday as the Orioles beat Boston 5-3 and took three of four from the Red Sox.

"You come into Boston and beat them in their own ballpark — you're not supposed to beat them at all," Baltimore manager Mike Hargrove said. "It's very satisfying and gratifying to see our young kids come through."

In New York, when Roger Clemens and Jamie Moyer — in a matchup between pitchers whose careers started when Julio was just entering elementary school — gave way to their bullpens, the Seattle Mariners walked off with an 8-6 win over the Yankees.

Clemens and Moyer faced off in the first matchup of starting pitchers over 40 years old in more than a decade. The last time it happened was when Frank Tanana started for the New York Mets against Charlie Hough of the Florida Marlins on July 29, 1993.

"Age is a number. I'm 40, but most of the time I don't

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| Philadelphia | 64 | 53 | .547 | 12 |
| Montreal | 59 | 59 | .500 | 17 1/2 |
| New York | 48 | 69 | .410 | 28 |
| Central Division | | | | |
| Houston | 63 | 54 | .538 | — |
| St. Louis | 61 | 56 | .521 | 2 |
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| Milwaukee | 46 | 71 | .393 | 17 |
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, Aug. 12, 2003: You often juggle two different issues, two different people and two different perspectives at once. Coming to a decision might be difficult, as you often see both sides of the coin. You could drive others slightly crazy at times when making decisions. You pull the wild card financially; just don't do anything too wild on your own. What might be appealing today could be a garage-sale item tomorrow. If you are single, you could easily meet someone special, though you might not be ready to settle down just now. If attached, your relationship will flourish as long as your partner can take your frequent flips of view. PISCES could be possessive.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ***** Use the daylight hours to your benefit. Your natural inclinations take you to a new level. Your ability to focus pinnacles, as does your insight. You find answers where others don't. Your strong drive makes a big difference with a family member. Tonight: Discuss a potential domestic change.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ***** Take charge and understand more of what you need to do to make a situation work. Assume the reins of power if you are to accomplish what you want. A friend or long-term desire becomes a possibility when you least expect it. Tonight: A serious conversation with a friend.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ***** Keep reaching out to those around you. Your ability to express your inner feelings emerges. Say what you think, though it is unlikely you won't. A

work-related matter takes an interesting change of direction. Tonight: In the limelight.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ***** Deal with another party more directly than you have in the past. You could be extravagant with spending if you're not careful. Remember, other people might be involved with a financial decision. Reorganize your work with an eye to greater efficiency. Tonight: Try a new restaurant.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ***** Allow others to play their cards right now. You might not be comfortable with what comes down. If you want to have a discussion, schedule it for later in the day. You could be startled by another's feelings and perspective. Choose to listen and not challenge. Tonight: Say "yes" to a request.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ***** Pace yourself, and you'll accomplish a lot more than you anticipated. The daylight hours present many options that will take you in a new direction if you allow your imagination to run with someone else's idea. Let others expound on their ideas. Tonight: Just don't be alone.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ***** Your lively nature seems to cheer up those around you. A friend appreciates you and helps you as much as he or she can. Acknowledge a common focus at work. You might want to take a stronger stand with work, or at least demonstrate what you are about. Tonight: Work long hours.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ***** Once more consider a home office, or perhaps go into work late. You might want some time off. Just the same, a must appearance makes all the difference at work. Read between the lines on a creative endeavor. Tonight: Don't push your budget.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ***** Say what you think as boldly as you need in order to get your point across. How someone views a changeable matter could be quite different. He or she appreciates your self-expression and different views. A family member pushes you. Talks calm this situation. Tonight: Head home.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ***** Deal with finances. You might need to give a partner a little tip or two, which will be appreciated. Check out insurance policies and other papers that could impact you. A conversation surprises you. An associate shares, clearing up a question. Tonight: Out at a favorite restaurant.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ***** Your smile helps someone come toward you. Perhaps this person has stronger feelings than you are aware of. Remember to be diplomatic, as this person could be unusually fragile. You pull the wild card financially, making anything possible. Tonight: Do some shopping or buy a lottery ticket.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ***** Lie back during the day. Concentrate on your work, knowing that you can accomplish a lot, especially as others could be in a bit of a tizzy. Your creativity feeds a relationship or project. Brainstorm with others. You might surprise yourself with your reaction. Tonight: Do what you want.

BORN TODAY Actor George Hamilton (1939), tennis player Pete Sampras (1971), actress Dominique Swain (1980) *****

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Davis calls Jewish settler in hot water for threats against PM

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SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Gov. Gray Davis called the effort to recall him an insult to those who voted for him last year, and Bill Simon, one of the Republicans challenging him, cited his vision for the future Monday and promised to be "the candidate of ideas."

"I don't like this but I am trying to suppress those negative feelings and channel my energies into doing something positive for the people I work for, the people of this great state," Davis said in an interview broadcast Monday on NBC's "Today" show.

Californians will vote Oct. 7 in the nation's first gubernatorial recall election in 82 years. The race has attracted as many as 193 candidates, including actor Arnold Schwarzenegger, former baseball commissioner Peter Ueberroth, political commentator Arianna Huffington, and Lt. Gov. Cruz Bustamante, a Democrat who says he opposes the recall but wants to be on the ballot as an alternative in case it passes.

Simon, the businessman who lost to Davis in the regular election last year, cited his vision for the state, including smaller government and better schools. He told NBC he was stressing ideas and was confident "that our people are once again going to rally around me." He also said he was more conservative on social issues than Schwarzenegger, a fellow Republican.

Davis said he has "gotten the message. I understand a lot of people signed a recall." But he also called it "an insult to the 8 million people who went to the polls last November and decided I should be governor."

The governor also said former President Bill Clinton had given him advice and he hoped that he and Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton would campaign for him. "They're very well thought of in California," Davis said.

Bustamante stressed Monday he was against the recall but said as lieutenant governor, he was an obvious choice to become governor if Davis is removed. "I think I'm in the perfect position ... to take over if there's any kind of problem," he told NBC.

JERUSALEM (AP) — Police briefly detained a Jewish settler from Hebron who allegedly talked of killing Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, police said Monday, while hundreds of Palestinian students there protested to demand that a college Israel shut down be reopened.

Hebron is West Bank flashpoint where about 550 Jewish settlers live in three enclaves, surrounded by more than 130,000 Palestinians.

Israel closed Hebron's Polytechnic Institute in January, saying students belonging to militant groups like Hamas and Islamic Jihad had used its facilities to plan and carry out attacks. About 400 students marched on the Palestinian Authority office in Hebron, calling on leaders to work to reopen the college.

A 22-year-old Jewish man from Hebron was arrested Sunday outside Sharon's Jerusalem residence after he told security officials, "The prime minister killed my friend and my neighbor. It's no problem at all for me to kill him," according to police spokeswoman Zvia Cohen. She said the man was a resident of Hebron's Jewish enclaves, but did not give his name.

He was released Monday pending a police investigation and after pledging not to return to Jerusalem for 15 days, police said. Police have not decided whether to file charges.

Hebron settlers' spokesman David Wilder said the man's comments likely referred to Elazar Leibovitz, a soldier killed by Palestinian militants in an ambush near Hebron in July 2002, and to 10-month-old Shalhevet Pass, shot dead by a sniper in March 2001.

Authorities evacuate Teton campground

JACKSON, Wyo. (AP) — A fast-moving wildfire temporarily closed a section of the main north-south highway through Grand Teton National Park and prompted the evacuation of up to 300 people from a campground.

The fire in the northwest corner of the state had spread to about 500 acres by nightfall Sunday. No one was injured and no structures were threatened, park spokeswoman Joan Anzelmo said.

The Gros Ventre campground was expected to remain closed at least until Monday. Anzelmo said the evacuation was precautionary and the 200 to 300 affected campers were allowed to take their tents, trailers and other gear with them.

A 10-mile section of U.S. 89 near Jackson, at the south end of the park, was closed for three hours because of the proximity of the fire. It reopened at 8:30 p.m.

The entrance to Jackson Hole Airport was within the closed section, but the fire didn't affect flights, airport security officer Bert Smith said.

Hard-liners among the settlers have complained that Sharon is not tough enough against the militants.

"He said something very stupid, something which shouldn't be said," Wilder said. "But knowing him and his family, it was a remark made without any intention of carrying this act out."

Hebron's Jewish enclave is a center for ultranationalist Jews. Earlier this month, two Jewish settlers from the Hebron area were charged with possessing explosives stolen from the army, apparently in connection with an anti-Arab plot. One of them is Yitzhak Pass, father of the dead baby.

Security around Israel's prime minister was stepped up in May following threats from

right-wing Jews to punish him for his support of the U.S.-sponsored "road map" peace plan. In 1995, Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin was assassinated by an Israeli Jew opposed to his efforts to promote Israeli-Palestinian reconciliation.

Meanwhile, peace efforts appeared stalled despite a Palestinian cease-fire that has brought a sharp reduction in the violence that raged for three years.

On Sunday, Israel slammed on the brakes, with Sharon and other officials saying the plan would not move ahead until the Palestinians dismantled militant groups.

The Palestinians said Israel was the one violating the blueprint.

Sharon made it clear during the Cabinet meeting that there can be "no progress toward a Palestinian state without full implementation of their obligations," said an Israeli official who briefed reporters on condition of anonymity.

Under the road map, the Palestinians are supposed to dismantle "terrorist capabilities and infrastructure (including) confiscation of illegal weapons."

Palestinian Prime Minister Mahmoud Abbas refuses to order a crackdown on militants, fearing a civil war, and wants to persuade the militants to end their attacks.

As part of the plan, Israel commits to dismantle about 100 unauthorized settlement outposts established in the

West Bank since 2001, take steps to help normalize Palestinian life and withdraw "progressively" from Palestinian autonomous zones occupied since fighting between the two sides erupted in September 2000.

Israel has so far withdrawn from parts of the Gaza Strip and from the West Bank town of Bethlehem. About a dozen outposts have been taken down, but a similar number have gone back up. Some roadblocks have been removed, but dozens remain.

The official said that at Sunday's Cabinet meeting, military chief of staff Lt. Gen. Moshe Yaalon said Palestinian security forces were doing little or nothing to stop attacks.

NATO takes over peacekeeping force in Afghanistan

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — NATO took command of the 5,000-strong international peacekeeping force in the Afghan capital on Monday, a historic move that marks the alliance's first operation outside Europe since it was created 54 years ago.

The alliance took over from Germany and the Netherlands, which have jointly led the International Security Assistance Force, known as ISAF, since Feb. 10.

"ISAF's name and mission will not change," said NATO Deputy Secretary General Alessandro Minuto Rizzo. "But what will change as of today is the level of commitment and capability NATO provides."

The outgoing commander, German Lt. Gen. Norbert van Heyst, handed over control during a formal ceremony in an auditorium inside the capital's Amani High School. The new commander, NATO Lt. Gen. Gotz Gliemerth, who is also from Germany, accepted a green flag from Van Heyst to mark the change. Gliemerth's deputy will be Canadian Maj. Gen. Andrew Leslie.

The school auditorium was ringed by scores of armed peacekeepers and ISAF armored cars mounted with machine guns. Bomb-sniffing dogs were on hand to search for any explosives.

Present were President Hamid Karzai, German Defense Minister Peter Struck, NATO's Supreme Allied Commander Gen.

James L. Jones and a host of diplomats and U.N. officials.

Struck said in a speech that the handover showed the world's commitment to rebuilding war-shattered Afghanistan.

"Afghanistan must not lapse back into anarchy and chaos and must not again become the home of global terror, as was the case under the rule of the Taliban," Struck said.

"What the people of Afghanistan wish for is a stable peace. They are pinning great hopes on the international community. The support of NATO for ISAF... is a visible expression of the fact that the people of Afghanistan will not be let down."

NATO is taking over command in large part to end the arduous task of searching for a new "lead nation" every six months to run ISAF.

NATO spokesman Mark Laity told reporters in Kabul on Sunday that a single, open-ended command by NATO would add more continuity to the mission as well as an institutional memory. Most commanders, after learning the intricacies of Afghanistan, have been rotated out after six-month tours-of-duty.

ISAF will continue operating exactly as before, with the "same mission, same mandate, same banner," he said.

The 30-nation force was created in December 2001 to bolster security in Kabul

in the wake of the U.S.-led war that toppled the Taliban, which had granted haven to Osama bin Laden's network.

About 90 percent of ISAF's troops are from NATO countries, though 15 of the 30 contributing countries are — and will still be — from non-NATO nations, said German peacekeeping spokesman Lt. Col. Thomas Lobbering.

The deployment in Asia will be NATO's first outside Europe since the organization was formed during the Cold War to provide a bulwark against possible attacks by the former Soviet Union.

"NATO is a defensive alliance and it still is. But previously how you defended yourself was defined by parking your tanks along your borders and preventing the former Soviet Union and its allies crossing," Laity said.

"What we saw on Sept. 11 was that the most powerful member of the alliance was attacked by a threat which emanated from Afghanistan. So the traditional concept of defense needed to be revised," Laity said.

NATO will face the same challenge other lead nations have in the past: ensuring stability in Kabul and preventing possible terrorist strikes. ISAF suffered its worst-ever hostile casualties in June, when a suicide attacker driving an explosives-laden taxi killed four German peacekeepers and wounded 29 others.

Philippine president Gloria Arroyo lifts state of rebellion

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — Philippine President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo on Monday lifted the state of rebellion declared after a military mutiny two weeks ago, saying the threat of another coup attempt has eased.

The declaration had allowed police to make arrests without warrants.

"I'm lifting the state of rebellion," Arroyo said, adding she has ordered military chief of staff Gen. Narciso Abaya to declassify the coup plot.

Arroyo announced the lifting during a ceremony attended by soldiers at the presidential palace, drawing loud applause.

"The president has said that the residual threat has waned and our security group has assessed that the state of rebellion could already be lifted," presidential spokesman Ignacio Bunye said.

Shortly after the announcement, Lt. Gen. Rodolfo Garcia, the military's vice chief of staff, opened a televised news conference explaining the details of the failed power grab.

Already indicted on coup charges are 321 young officers and soldiers who took over a ritzy apartment building and mall in the heart of Manila's financial district on July 27, rigging the area with bombs. A

19-hour standoff ended peacefully.

Also charged in the case are a mistress of ex-President Joseph Estrada, a former Estrada Cabinet minister and Sen. Grigorio "Gringo" Honasan. All have denied involvement. Honasan has gone into hiding.

The former military intelligence chief said last week that the plotters had originally planned to storm the presidential palace and assassinate Arroyo.

Garcia said the takeover of the Oakwood luxury apartment building and an adjoining

mall was part of a wider plot to oust Arroyo and install a 15-member junta. The mutineers had planned to capture private television and radio networks, but the presence of government troops prevented the takeover.

The mutineers also planned to take control of the military, army and police headquarters, two major access highways to the capital, communications and logistical centers and Manila's airports to bring in troops from the provinces, Garcia said.

After the mutiny fizzled, Garcia said officials discov-

ered computer diskettes used by the rebel soldiers which showed the names of 222 middle-ranking military officers who apparently planned to join the uprising — much higher than the 108 officers who immediately surrendered to the government.

The existence of the unaccounted for mutineers prevented the government from immediately lifting the state of rebellion.

Garcia said that most of the unaccounted officers have been located in their respective military units, declaring: "We're now over the hump."

Lieberman slams Bush on environment, promises change

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — Sen. Joe Lieberman called George W. Bush "the worst president for the environment in America's history."

Speaking to a small group of supporters and environmentalists on a deck outside the New Hampshire Conservation Center Sunday, the Democratic presidential hopeful accused Bush of Orwellian double-speak on the environment.

Bush's "Clear Skies" initiative would increase air pollution and his "Healthy Forests" initiative allows more logging in national forests, Lieberman charged.

"So it's 'War is peace,'" Lieberman said, quoting one of the political slogans in George Orwell's novel "1984."

Lieberman, who ran as Al Gore's vice presidential candidate in 2000, touted his history of environmental activism, focusing on

his latest effort: a bill to curb global warming that he is co-sponsoring with Republican Sen. John McCain of Arizona.

The McCain-Lieberman amendment to the energy bill would require that by 2010, U.S. industry cut back the amount of heat-trapping carbon dioxide released into the atmosphere to what it was in 2000, reversing a trend of annual increases. To reduce costs, industry could use a market-based emissions trading system.

Julie Teer, spokeswoman for the New Hampshire Republican Party, said Lieberman's legislation "is a tax, a tax on energy. His plan is going to hurt our competitiveness ... workers and stockholders."

She said Bush "has put together a strong bipartisan environmental policy, and this president has gone further than any administration, including Bill Clinton's."

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