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Radio station down but not out of funding

by Jason Bernstein
Managing Editor

Despite a published report of financial instability, Lubbock's only public radio station, KOHM 89.1 FM, is no worse off today than it has been during the last six months, a station official said.

And with an operating budget of \$180,000, Derrick Ginter, station operations director for KOHM, said although finances are tight, that is the way the station has been operating since it first signed on in 1988.

"That's the way it's always been, and it's only lately that it has become



KOHM

an issue," Ginter said. "It's more prevalent because lately we've had two employees leave ... there's a lot of things coming in the future that we can't budget for unless we get support from the university."

The two employees who have left in recent months did not leave for salary reasons, but it still remains an issue, said Clint Barrick, KOHM program director.

"I don't like being the lowest paid

programmer in all of the public satellite system," he said.

The station's salary scale, from \$14,000 to just more than \$19,000, is among the lowest in the nation, which makes it difficult for the station to maintain a full-time staff, Barrick said.

KOHM, home to the local broadcast of National Public Radio programs such as "Morning Edition," "All Things Considered" and "Performance Today," is housed in Room 210 of the Journalism building and broadcasts 24 hours a day, seven days a week at 50,000 watts.

But contrary to popular belief, the

station is not solely funded by Tech, Ginter said.

"The one newsworthy piece of information in the other article was that people need to realize that we aren't completely funded by Texas Tech," he said.

Tech, which contributes less than 10 percent of the station's operating budget, gives the station less funding than other universities give their respective public radio stations.

Patrick Piotrowski, station manager of KTEP 88.5 FM in El Paso, said the University of Texas at El Paso contributes at least 33 percent of the station's \$550,000 operating budget.

"The staff's funding, which are salaries and benefits, is funded by the university," he said.

At KUT 90.5 FM in Austin, the University of Texas is scaling back its funding for the public station by 50 percent over a three-year period, said Leonora Siedo, manager of KUT program administration and operations.

"We receive 25 to 30 percent direct support from the university, but it is being reduced by \$100,000 a year."

KUT received more than \$600,000 from the university two years ago and received about \$500,000 this year

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Judge dismisses items in lawsuit against Lubbock

by Angel Wolfe
Staff Writer

The city of Lubbock has until August 5 to file for immunity or a summary judgement and to respond to rulings handed down by Federal Court Judge Sam Cummings in the case filed by Hampton coaches against the city of Lubbock.

The ruling stems from the city's request that several claims in the case be dismissed. Cummings said in his ruling Tuesday that the city has 30 days to respond.

Cummings dismissed several parts of the case filed by Hampton University, two basketball coaches and one of their husbands against the city of Lubbock, Police Chief Ken Walker and officers David Houser, Keith Jobe, Brian McNeill, Roger Mearron and Mike Overland, and also unknown employees of the Emergency Medical Service at the University Medical Center.

Parts of the case granted a dismissal were: the plaintiffs' inadequate medical care claim under the Fourth and Eighth amendments; the plaintiffs' claim of violation of civil rights due to discriminatory hiring practices against minorities; and the plaintiffs' claims for libel, slander and defamation.

Motions that the judge granted for dismissal that concerned the police department were: the plaintiffs' claims of violation of civil rights "due to lack of standing" to file suit; plaintiffs' claim for libel, slander and defamation; and the plaintiffs' inadequate medical care claim under the Fourth Amendment.

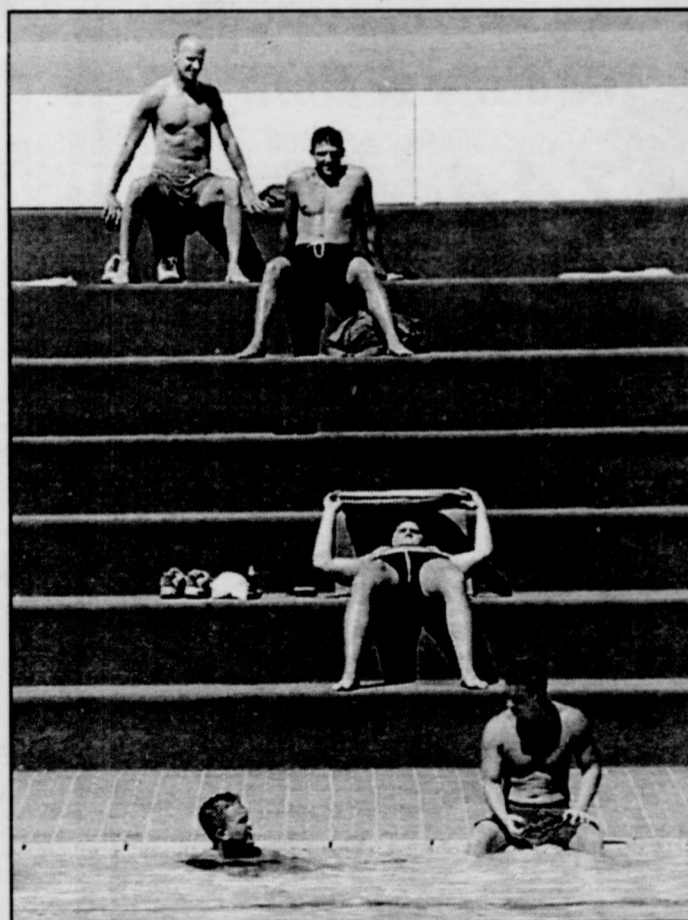
Parts of the case not dismissed concerning the city were: the plaintiffs' claims that the city is responsible for the incident and plaintiff's Fourteenth Amendment inadequate medical care claim.

Motions that Cummings did not dismiss against the police include the defendant's claim that Walker is entitled to immunity and the plaintiff's claim for the city to pay for their attorney's fees. Cummings also ruled against a police department motion to dismiss upon general vagueness.

Tony Privett, corporate communications manager for the city of Lubbock, could not be reached for comment Thursday.

The suit against the city and police department came after the arrest of Patricia Bibbs, her husband Ezell and former assistant coach Vanetta Kelso on Nov. 16. The three were in Lubbock with their team to play the Lady Raiders basketball team when they were suspected by the LPD for a possible scam at a Wal-Mart.

Sunny & Share



Hey man, whad'ya think?: Tim Harding, a senior marketing major from Duncanville, and Chris Moore, a senior finance major from Plano, contemplate life in the pool Thursday. Today's temperature is expected to reach 94 degrees.

Wes Underwood/
The University Daily

Man barricades himself in room before exiting with police

by Angel Wolfe
Staff Writer

The Amarillo Bomb Squad was called upon Wednesday night to help assist the Lubbock Police Department with what could have been an explosive situation.

Bill Morgan, public information officer for the LPD, said the police department and sheriff's department are in the process of developing a bomb squad here in Lubbock.

"It is a clear need for Lubbock," Morgan said. "This is just one of the things that we as a department have

to prepare for, now so more than in previous decades."

Morgan said the department has people on waiting lists now, but the lists for the training is very long.

"We are just waiting now," he said. "The original bomb squad was deactivated by retirement."

The LPD arrived at the home of the 38-year-old man at 3:17 p.m. Wednesday in the 4700 block of 44th Street to serve mental commitment papers and escort the resident to a mental health facility.

The family members had filed for the papers to be served after becoming

increasingly concerned with the man's behavior, Morgan said. The man was said to have had suicidal thoughts, had previously self-mutilated himself as well as fired a gun inside the home on a previous day.

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Professor garners international award

by **Matt Green**
Staff Writer

A Texas Tech professor recently received international recognition at the International Conference on Architectural and Automotive Glass in Tampere, Finland.

C.V. Girija Vallabhan, professor of civil engineering, received the award in front of 850 people from more than 60 countries.

"This is the largest glass conference in the world," Vallabhan said. "It was exciting to be honored in front of all those people."

Vallabhan was given the award in recognition of his work in the field of developing computational models for non-linear stress analysis of different varieties of glass.

"This was my first international award," Vallabhan said.

Having spent 35 years studying glass, Vallabhan conducts all of his research at Tech.

Jim McDonald, chairman of the Department of Civil Engineering, said this is a very special award.

"This award is unique in recogniz-

ing 20 years of hard work in an under-appreciated area," McDonald said.

Vallabhan has won several awards in the United States, including an award for Outstanding Achievement in Applied Science which was presented at the Conference of Malayalam in Washington, D.C.

Vallabhan is considered a leading authority in his field, and has been widely published.

"I have published 20 papers in journals and over 30 in conference proceedings, all on glass alone," Vallabhan said.

A pioneer in the field of computational models, Vallabhan has taught at Tech for 34 years.

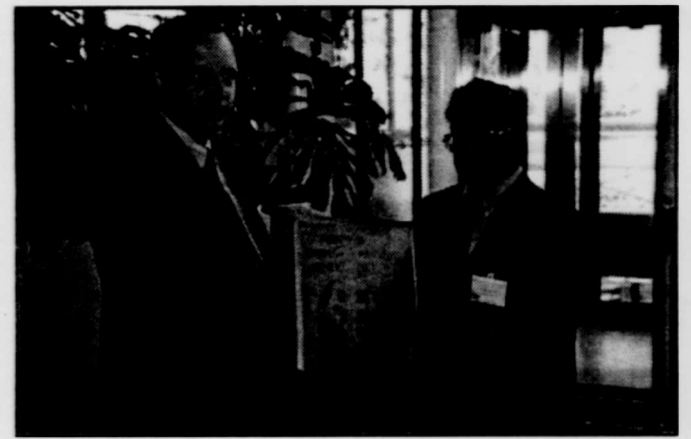
"There are very few people in the world who do this type of modeling on glass," McDonald said.

Vallabhan has taught internationally and participated in studies in Los Angeles following the Northridge Earthquake.

He has been invited to a glass conference in Thailand later this year, but has not determined if he will attend.

Congrats:
Tech professor C.V. Girija Vallabhan (right) receives an international award in Finland as part of his glass research.

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Lubbock high school students get technology training

\$1.5 million SWB donation clears way for project's development

by Tricia Jarmer
Staff Writer

Texas Tech has begun teaching local high school students how to build computers with the help of donated money from the Southwestern Bell Foundation.

The foundation donated \$1.5 million to Tech's Community Learners Educators And Researchers project. Money from this donation provided funding to create the Upward Bound/CLEAR project, which consisted of a six-week hands-on workshop that taught technology to local high school students, who otherwise

might not have had the opportunity.

The CLEAR project is organized to teach and integrate technology into the community.

The goal of the program is "encouraging, informing and integrating the use of technology in your life and to build a collaborative research," said Dean Fontenot, managing director of the CLEAR Project.

"We want to provide (local high school students) an opportunity to learn and to keep interest in computer science and engineering," Fontenot said.

Twelve Lubbock high school students who were interested in engi-

neering and computer science fields participated. The students were selected from local schools and were "students who could fall through the cracks," Fontenot said.

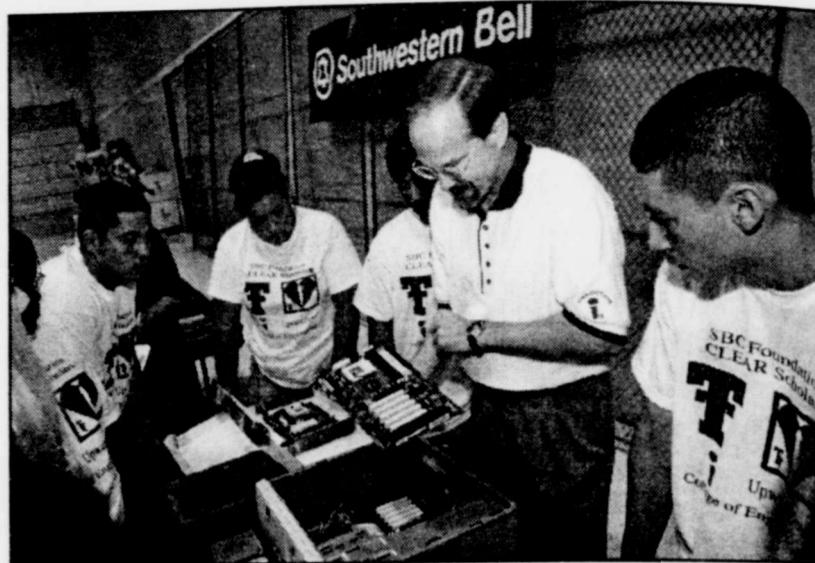
The major activity was assembling computers. Jeremie Gordon, a senior engineering technology major from Fort Worth, taught students the six-week course.

"It was educational for both the kids and myself," Gordon said.

"We built some good relationships."

At the conclusion of the six-week camp, students received a new computer; however, there are stipulations that students must meet in order to keep the computer.

"Students must maintain good grades while in high school and must keep interest in computer science and engineering (once in college)," said Maria Fernandez, associate director for Upward Bound.



Courtesy Photo

From the Inside Out: Lubbock high school students are taught the fundamentals of building a computer during a six-week hands-on training workshop at Texas Tech. The project was made possible through a donation from the Southwestern Bell Foundation.



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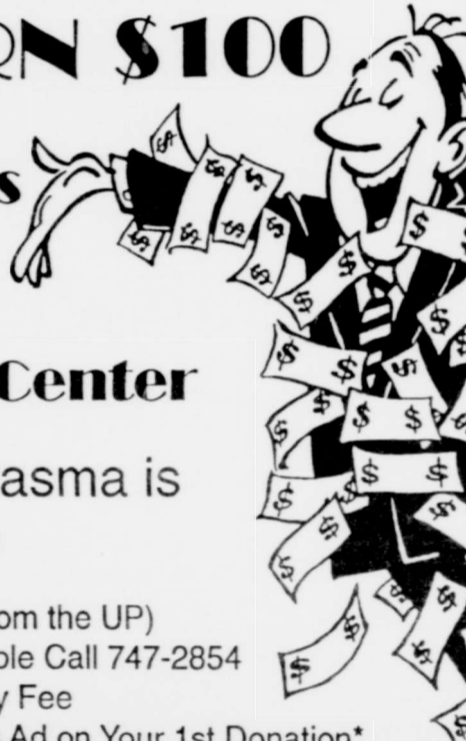
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this year from the school. Siedo said she expects that figure to decline.

Tech's administration, however, is working on improving the amount of financial support the university gives to the station, said Tech President Donald Haragan.

"KOHM is extremely important to the people in our community," Haragan said. "Right now, we are looking at possibly putting more money into the station. It's a matter of the university finding out what we are able to do and what our priorities are."

"I'm hopeful we can help them in the near future. I imagine we'll make a decision in the next two weeks."

Haragan said he recognizes KOHM has been "living on the edge" financially and wants to continue to work with the Lubbock community to further their support for the station.

"The message here is that the university is very supportive of KOHM and the goal is to continue to improve the station in any way we can," he said.

Recent financial setbacks have been attributed to a storm in which the station's antenna was struck by lightning, requiring \$40,000 worth of work to be done.

Haragan said a deal is in the works for Tech to aid in footing the bill for the repairs.

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Land Commissioner's wife injured in traffic accident

AUSTIN (AP) — A car accident that injured the wife of Texas Land Commissioner David Dewhurst and two others is being investigated as alcohol-related, state law enforcement officials said Thursday.

Tammy Dewhurst, 37, refused to take a breath test after Tuesday's accident that sent her and a Hondo couple to hospitals with injuries, said Department of Public Safety spokesman Mike Cox.

The state trooper investigating the accident said there was evidence of alcohol in Mrs. Dewhurst's 1995 Mercedes, Cox said. Cox said he did not know what the evidence was.

Mrs. Dewhurst was northbound on State Highway 16 near Fredericksburg when her car went out of control, crossed the center line and was broadsided by a 1989 Buick driven by 77-year-old Elsie Heath, Cox said.

The impact sent Mrs. Dewhurst's car into a ditch where it rolled once before coming to a rest on its roof with her trapped inside.

Mrs. Dewhurst was taken by helicopter to University Hospital in San Antonio. She was resting at home Thursday with minor injuries, including cuts on her head, said Richard McBride, spokesman for David Dewhurst.

Mrs. Heath and her husband, Jack

Heath, 81, were taken to Sid Peterson Hospital in Kerrville, Cox said. Both had been released by Thursday afternoon.

The Heaths and Mrs. Dewhurst all were wearing seatbelts, Cox said.

Mrs. Dewhurst has been notified that her license will be suspended for refusing to take the breath test, Cox said. She has 15 days to request a hearing. If no request is made, the suspension will go into effect within

40 days and it will cost \$100 to reinstate the license.

A license is suspended for 90 days for a first offense for refusing to take a breath test, Cox said. Mrs. Dewhurst has no record of drunken driving.

"Tammy has a few cuts and scrapes, but is in good spirits and I'm sure she'll make a speedy recovery," said David Dewhurst.

"I am so thankful no one was badly hurt," he said.

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Morgan also said the man made a statement to the police that he did not want to be taken alive.

When officers arrived at the scene, they were let in by family members, Morgan said, and found the man had barricaded himself in a bedroom. The officers were warned by family members that the man had access to multiple weapons. Police officers also found explosive device literature inside the house.

"There was never eye-to-eye contact," Morgan said. "But the officers could hear the sound of cycling weapons through the door."

Negotiations between the police and the man continued off and on for about an hour and a half when the LPD issued a SWAT activation call.

From the time assembled, the SWAT team was very well-thought out, Morgan said. The team orga-

nized into several teams and had a hand-drawn map of the house to work with.

From 4:37 p.m. until 6:42 p.m., negotiations broke off on several occasions.

"At one point, the man told negotiators that he was tired and was going to sleep," Morgan said. "He said that he wasn't going anywhere today and that he wanted to sleep."

At 6:42 p.m., the man exited the house unarmed and of his own will, Morgan said. He then was transported to a mental health facility by ambulance.

After the man was transported from the house, Morgan said, police officers began clearing the scene when they discovered a dummy hand grenade like one that is used in military training.

Morgan said one of the officers at the scene had extensive military experience and felt like the grenade could have been tampered with, meaning that the grenade could have been

made into an explosive device.


Morgan said when the dummy hand grenade was found, officers secured the area, called in the bomb squad and also had a dump truck full of sand on site to detonate the grenade.

"The truck of sand should be more than enough for a hand-grenade," Morgan said.

Residents were not evacuated from the neighborhood, but police did have the 4700 block roped off as they waited for the bomb squad to arrive. Residents were allowed in and out of their homes.

The team arrived at about 10:30 p.m. and shortly before 11 p.m. approved the grenade "to be a dud," Morgan said. After this, officers completed a thorough search of the home and considered it to be safe.

"We can never take anything for granted," Morgan said. "When that officer felt like the grenade could have been tampered with, we had to take precautions."



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EDITORIAL

Election process being marred by fund-raising tactics

(AP) — With \$36 million in his election campaign account, maybe Texas Gov. George W. Bush wasn't making so much of a misstatement the other day when he called himself the president of the United States.

The American process of choosing a president is so much in danger of becoming distorted by big money and early primaries that both Bush and Vice President Al Gore can be excused for thinking their party nominations are already in hand.

Even though most Americans are paying little attention at the moment — and with the 2000 presidential election a year more than a year away, why should they? — their choices are already being narrowed.

The deadline for states to declare the date for their primary election to the Republican National Committee was last week. New Hampshire, jealous of its claim to being first in the nation, set its primary for Feb. 8, but left itself room to move the date at will. Iowa will hold its caucuses on Feb. 7. California has already claimed the first Tuesday in March. With Washington, Virginia and Michigan holding their primaries the same month, three-fourths of the convention delegates will be committed to a candidate by March 14.

As the most well heeled and best-known establishment names in the Democratic and Republican races, the highly compressed process favors Gore and Bush.

Maybe that's why Bush, in a fund-raising appearance in California, misspoke himself. "It's my first trip as president of the United States — soon to be president of the United States," he said, quickly catching himself.

It was an innocent slip. But his words caught the reality of a system that is rapidly squeezing out the debate of ideas that was once the presidential campaign. Ten years ago no more than half of the delegates to the party conventions were determined by

How did we let the American presidential election process get this way? We have allowed the fund raising process to dominate the campaigns.

We have allowed states to bunch their primaries, thus depressing voter turnout. We have made candidates spread themselves and their resources out over several states, turning what was an evolutionary process into a horse race.

Bush and Gore didn't create the system they must play by. Congress, the media and the parties did. We can change it and we must. — *Corpus Christi Caller-Times*

Awareness needed for deadly illness

I had a very interesting conversation the other day. A dear friend of mine is very sick and her doctors want to send her to another hospital. She has been ill for a very long time and is tired. She's tired of being tired, she's tired of being sick, but most of all she's tired of fighting. She's a 36-year-old mother of one. She had given up hope and was ready to die, so I said to her, "If it were your daughter, you would have taken her to the hospital a long time ago." She responded "You know it!" My next question was "Why won't you save your own life for her? Don't you know she wants you to be there when she gets married? Remem-

ber how you felt the first time your mother saw her? Do you want to take that feeling away from your daughter?"

Suzie Bjork

Guest Columnist

The other day someone asked me why I was so involved in the Lupus Foundation, "Why do you have so much drive?"

It's not because I'm sick, it's not because I'm struggling to keep going, it's not for prestige. It's because my seven-year-old daughter is struggling. She's the one with Lupus. I watch her struggle as she walks outside to sit down. It is very important to her that she can say, "I went outside today."

I heard stories about people suffering for years because "the doctors wouldn't listen." I'm not convinced that they just would not listen. I believe a lot of them didn't know. I've spoken with several physicians who say, "I don't know what to look for. I don't know what labs to draw. When do I refer to a specialist?"

Lupus is a great imitator. One specialist once told me that doctors hate more than anything to diagnose Lupus because it is such a horrible disease. Yet I find many people who have no idea what Lupus is.

My goal is to educate as many health care professionals patients, families and friends as possible. I am planning a rheumatology medical conference in April 2000. I'm working with three physicians, a nurse educator and the continuing education director to bring national speakers to Lubbock to educate the health care professionals in West Texas from El Paso to Dallas and all of New Mexico. If one person is diagnosed and treated quicker, then I will know it was well worth my time. To have this medical conference, I must raise \$15,000. I have several activities planned, but not enough volunteers and money.

I am making a plea to all of the people afflicted with this horrible disease called Lupus. If you are physically able and can spare an hour or two or more or have a couple of extra dollars you can spare, please call me at the Lupus office. If you can't/won't do it for yourself, do it for all those people around you. Those people who die a little inside every time they see you struggle to walk, watch you sleep all day, and/or are there for you when you have to go to another doctor's appointment or have more blood drawn.

Help me to help the physicians, scientists and nurses who treat you, so that they may find a cure, so you can feel better, walk without pain and be there to watch your children grow, or maybe just sit and drink coffee with a friend.

I also make a plea to all of the family members and friends. You guys are the ones with the energy. I don't have to tell you how it feels when your loved one is sick. I know how it feels when a lovely child looks up at you with tears streaming down her face and says, "Mom, if I could just die I wouldn't have to hurt anymore. Jesus would take real good care of me."

I'm asking you, if you have an hour or two, or more or a couple of dollars to spare, call me. Help me to help those that you love. Let's relieve their suffering and help them get back to living.

Editor's Note: To contact Suzie Bjork, all correspondence should be directed to her at the Lupus Foundation: 1717 Ave. K, Suite 127; Lubbock, Texas; 79401; or by calling 744-6666 or 1-800-580-LUPUS.

Astros fall to D'Backs

PHOENIX (AP) — The Arizona Diamondbacks tied a club record with five home runs, including two by Steve Finley, to pound the Houston Astros 13-7 Thursday.

Finley, who had gone 21 games without a homer, had his fourth two-homer game of the season. He hit two-run shots off reliever Trever Miller in the sixth and seventh innings to increase his season total to 17.

Arizona's other three homers came with two outs in a six-run third inning.

Matt Williams hit a two-run shot, Damian Miller had a three-run homer and Andy Fox hit a solo shot off Astros starter Wade Miller (0-1) in his major league debut.

Jay Bell was 4-for-4 with three doubles for Arizona, which revved up its off-again, on-again offense.


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All-Star managers want rosters expanded

NEW YORK (AP) — For every player who felt slighted after being left off the All-Star game rosters, managers Joe Torre and Bruce Bochy can only sympathize and plead for understanding.

The dilemma for both was having more deserving players than they had room on their rosters.

Torre and Bochy agreed Thursday that the toughest part of assembling their teams for the 70th All-Star Game Tuesday night at Boston was deciding which players to leave behind.

"There are so many deserving players not on the club," said Torre, who will manage the American League for the second time in three years.

"I know Bruce is aching the same

way I am."

He is.

"I knew it would be difficult," said the NL's Bochy, who is managing in his first All-Star game.

"When you try to figure it out, you start thinking about players who deserve to go but you don't have a spot for them. It was a little tougher than I thought."

Both Torre and Bochy said they would like rosters expanded by five players to provide more room for the managers to fit in deserving players. All-Star rosters were set at 28 players from 1969 until last year when they went to 30.

Torre said the toughest call for him was in the outfield.

"There are so many you can

choose," he said, ticking off names like Troy O'Leary of Boston and Jermaine Dye of Kansas City, both hitting over .300 with 17 home runs going into Thursday's games, but left off the AL team.

He also mentioned Mike Sweeney and Johnny Damon of Kansas City, Toronto's Carlos Delgado and Seattle teammates Alex Rodriguez and Edgar Martinez as players he would have selected if he had room.

Torre said his most difficult call was passing on Harold Baines of the Baltimore Orioles.

"It was so tough with the great years he's had, with his reputation, to have to leave him off the team," Torre said.

"He's been around a long time and

he's putting up terrific numbers."

Baines was batting .341 with 18 home runs and 60 RBIs as Baltimore's designated hitter going into Thursday's game.

Torre at first had to pass on Cleveland pitcher Charles Nagy, then added him when Mariano Rivera of the New York Yankees was forced to withdraw in order to take care of personal matters.

"Pitching was tough for me," Bochy said.

"In the National League, we're seeing some of the best in years."

He mentioned relievers Armando Benitez of New York, John Rocker of Atlanta and Jeff Shaw of Los Angeles who were left off despite fine seasons.

Position players he had to pass on

included outfielders Roger Cedeno of New York, leading the NL in stolen bases, and Henry Rodriguez of Chicago, the league's No. 4 hitter.

"The Mets were tough," Bochy said.

"Their infield (John) Olerud, (Edgardo) Alfonzo, (Rey) Ordenez and (Robin) Ventura, all could have made it. But because of the parameters, they were left off."

All-Star regulations require that every team have at least one representative on the team.

By adding five more roster spots, Torre and Bochy said deserving players could be acknowledged.

"Getting there, being there and recognized is the most important thing," Torre said.

Drivers paying price for success of auto racing

(AP) — These days, when fans talk about "trading paint," they might not be discussing the bumping and banging that for so long defined stock

car racing.

Instead, it's the business side that keeps those paint shops busy — and fans in need of more than just a pro-

gram. A copy of Consumer Reports might help, too.

One year, Sterling Marlin is driving the Kodak car; the next, it belongs to Bobby Hamilton.

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Now, one of the senior sponsors in the sport, Skoal, is dropping out.

And Ricky Rudd has lost his nine-

year ride with Tide to a team yet to run a NASCAR race.

For at least the last decade, hardly a driver can finish a sentence without mentioning the sponsors of these rolling billboards masquerading as Chevrolets, Fords and Pontiacs. Some in the sport believe the slick, 1990s version of NASCAR has been created at a price.

"If you're an old-style racing fan, today's racing is boring," said Kyle Petty, son of Richard Petty, the man who more than three decades ago put the first real face on the sport.

But things have changed dramatically since he was in the prime of a career that produced a record 200 victories.

Drivers who once did nothing but race are now also pitchers seemingly more interested in protecting lucrative Winston Cup points positions than in taking chances on winning.

Kyle Petty decries what he perceives to be a lost adventure.

He pines for the purity of a true one-on-one showdown — not the kind that now frequently span only the final few laps of a race.

He remembers his father running door-to-door for lap upon lap with Bobby Allison, Cale Yarborough, Buddy Baker and others who dominated the sport in a simpler time.

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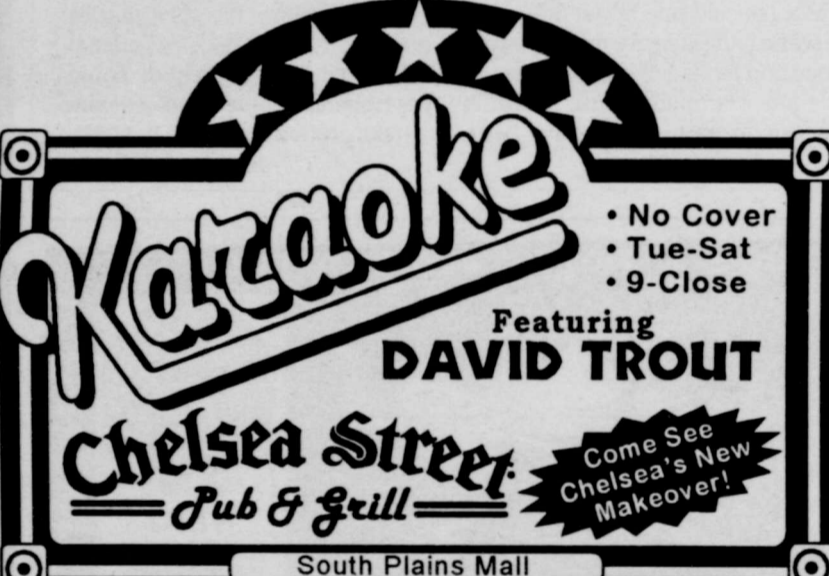
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Journeyman Bates ties course record

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Ben Bates, a veteran of the Nike Tour and the sanitation business, tied the Brown Deer Park course record with a 62 on Thursday and held a two-shot lead after the first round of the Greater Milwaukee Open.

Ideal playing conditions and a streak of exceptional putting helped Bates' 9-under-par round. Mark Calcavecchia and Tom Pernice Jr. finished at 7-under, with a group of seven golfers at 6-under.

Bates was a 37-year-old rookie on the PGA Tour last season after 13 years in golf's minor leagues. He quit the game for two years to work in recycling, and spent the previous eight years on the Nikelic course in top condition to shoot below-par scores.

"Everybody out there was hitting

fairways and greens all day," said Joey Sindelar, who had a 65 while playing in the first group of the day. "It was an easy front nine ... and a pretty easy back nine."

Woods, Duval and most of golf's biggest names skipped the GMO, which was moved this year from the Labor Day weekend to the week before the British Open.

Journeyman like Bates make up much of the Milwaukee field.

"This is a tournament that one of the lesser-known guys should win," Bates said.

"This is a great opportunity for those of us who have been struggling lately."

Bates admittedly has neither the power nor the skill to continually play among golf's elite. After a 34-putt

round last Saturday in the Western Open, Bates gave his putter to a boy in the crowd.

"I said, 'Good luck. Hope you're better with it than I am,'" Bates said.

Clubmaker Odyssey sent him a new putter, which he saw for the first time in his locker on Thursday morning.

He then used it to hole four putts longer than 25 feet.

"And I still had three putts that lipped in and out," Bates said. "As good as my round was, you hate to complain, but it could have been better."

He also got a little luck on the 11th hole, when his approach shot hit some rocks near the water — and bounded onto the green. Bates' 62 matched the course record shared by

Nolan Henke, Loren Roberts and Chris Perry.

Calcavecchia is another golfer sorely in need of luck, both in his overall game and at Milwaukee.

He has won over \$350,000 in Milwaukee since 1981, the most by any player who hasn't won the tournament.

Calcavecchia has played in the last 19 GMOs, and by now he's fairly familiar with Brown Deer, where the tournament has been held since 1994. On Thursday, he fired a 64 — his 11th straight below-par round on the course.

"This is a confidence-building place for me for some reason," he said.

"A couple of 64s will mend a lot of bad shots."

US-China: battle of champions

BEIJING (AP) — Sure, sports and politics shouldn't mix. But there's too much bad blood between China and the United States for their clash in the Women's World Cup final to be just about scoring goals.

For some Chinese, a drubbing of the U.S. women in Saturday's eagerly anticipated match would help avenge the May 7 accidental bombing of China's embassy in Yugoslavia.

"I really hope they lose face," said Wang Zhanjun, a Beijing factory worker who runs a fan club for a men's soccer team. "Economically, militarily, we can't punish America, so we have to use soccer."

Grudges aside, Chinese sports fans long starved of success in men's international soccer are looking forward to finally seeing China make good. To enthusiasts' huge disappointment, the Chinese men's team has never even qualified for a World Cup — let alone been in a position to win one. So the success of the women has seemed almost heaven-sent. Liu Ailing and Sun Wen — China's top women players — are on their way to becoming household names. One official newspaper refers to the team as "China's roses."

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