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SPRINGFIELD (UPI) — Illinois colleges and universities earned a temporary reprieve from budget cuts Wednesday when the chairman of a legislative education committee put a plan on hold to provide slashed higher education funding up to $300 million.

Rep. Andrew McGann, D-Chicago, said he would delay action on the budget proposal before his Education Appropriations Committee until the entire $26 million state budget is drawn up.

McGann said he is convinced higher education "could take substantial cuts if necessary" but added university officials are already making some reductions without waiting for legislative action.

Last week, McGann warned administrators at the state's 12 public colleges and universities to prepare a three-tier system of cuts to help ease the state's predicted $800 million deficit. McGann asked the college administrators to prepare budgets for next year that would cut $100 million in higher education spending by 6 percent, or $100 million. He also said they should present alternative 12 percent cuts worth $200 million or 18 percent reductions worth $300 million.

Although education cuts are possible, many lawmakers did not take the McGann plan seriously because it was not endorsed or even submitted in advance to House Speaker Michael Madigan.

University of Illinois spokesman Lee Tate said the proposal would have more than eliminated the revenue the university had gained in the past three years, which is set to expire this month.

Tate was pleased the plan had been put on hold but said the future of education funding probably won't be clear until the Legislature's scheduled adjournment June 30.

"Anyone who would predict on June 19th what's going to happen in the General Assembly hasn't lived in Illinois very long," she said.

Although House and Senate committees are scheduled to wrap up business this week, the state's final budget is usually granted onto other legislation in the waning hours of the legislative session.

Also Wednesday, McGann blasted a plan by Northern Illinois University to open a $4.8 million satellite campus, saying the DeKalb school was trying to create a "mass dynasty."

Book smarts

Rural libraries to get funds to make materials more accessible

By Christiann Baxter
Staff Writer

Rural libraries in Illinois, including the Shawnee Library System of Southern Illinois, will receive a 57 percent funding increase in 1992, said Secretary of State George Ryan Wednesday.

Grants for rural libraries will total $51.36 million in 1992, compared with $886,000 last year. Ryan said at a conference with concerned citizens and library officials at the Carterville Public Library.

"We feel there is a greater need to support the rural libraries," he said. "The Shawnee Library System has done a wonderful job of developing and distributing kits for rural librarians in the state."

"We do not think the kits are adequate," he said. Almost all of the cases are in rural areas that lack the population to support a library.

"This money means a great deal to the people of Southern Illinois," Ryan said.

Funds totaling $172,640 will be given to the Stimson Memorial Library in Anna to provide services to all Union County residents, he said. Steeleville Public Library will receive $27,935 to extend services to Percy, which has no public library.

The Shawnee Library System will develop story-hour kits with a grant of $53,199. The kits will be designed around children's books, and senior citizen volunteers will present the kits, Ryan said.

The development of a continuing education program for librarians in the Shawnee System will be funded with $44,615, he said.

"Librarians are the living core of our library system," Ryan said. "Rural librarians currently don't have access to programs for improving their skills, he said.

Appointments to the Rural Library Panel, which will hold public hearings and give recommendations for improving rural libraries, were announced Wednesday.

Academic units get teacher certification

By Christine Leninger
Staff Writer

Various colleges at SIUC recently received official accreditation from the National Council Accreditation of Teacher Education, the top accrediting body of its type in the country.

The academic units included in the accreditation are the colleges of Agriculture, Communications and Fine Arts, Education, Liberal Arts, Science, the School of Social Work and advanced programs in the College of Education.

In the United States, 1,300 institutions have teacher education programs and only 525 of those meet NCATE standards. Three of four institutions seeking accreditation have received NCATE approval.

"It is a compliment to students, faculty and to the curriculum at SIUC," said Donald Bergs, dean of the College of Education.

Dean of the College of Liberal Arts John Jackson said the accreditation represents a lot of hard work in the College of Education and all academic units.

EPA to study 'waste'd funds

WASHINGTON (UPI) - An EPA task force was named Thursday to examine why nearly a third of the money spent since 1988 to close toxic waste dumps went to cover paperwork and other administrative costs and even put plants out of business.

"There are problems and we want to straighten them out," said White House press secretary Marlin Fitzwater. "We can't afford to have any more money wasted on overhead than is necessary."

William Reilly, head of the Environmental Protection Agency, created a task force of senior EPA managers "to review ... contracting practices and recommend improvements so that the agency becomes a cost-effective cleanup program."

Reilly said in a statement that the task force will "need to report back to him this fall."

Fitzwater said Reilly notified the White House of his plans early Thursday following publication in The Washington Post of a front-page story detailing the waste.

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Campus recycling hits milestone -100 tons

By Jennifer Kuller
Staff Writer

SIUC's Campus Recycling program has recycled 100 tons of waste by next week, said the program's recycling manager.

Patrick Glisson said the program, which has been a campuswide operation since February 1990, has done well in its first year of existence.

"It's a successful program, but it's got a long way to go," he said. "The Illinois Solid Waste Management Act, which has been in effect for four years, requires that the University recycle 40 percent of its waste by the year 2000."

Glisson said he anticipates no problems with Campus Recycling reaching that goal earlier than the deadline set by the Act.

The University now recycles about 3 to 5 percent of its waste, Glisson said.

Campus Recycling has plans to expand the current program. Glisson said it is researching an idea to collect and shred used newspapers for use in animal bedding.

Newspapers are the hardest item to recycle because demand for them in the market is low, Glisson said.

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Valley host to 1993 NCAA tourney

By Rob Heft
Staff Writer

The Missouri Valley Conference will host the 1993 NCAA Division I men’s basketball regional finals at the St. Louis Arena. Four regional finals in which four teams compete for the regional championship are held nationwide.

The four regional champions, "Final Four," compete for the NCAA men's basketball championship.

Doug Elgin, MVC commissioner, said St. Louis originally was supposed to host the first and second round games of the tournament and jumped at the chance to host the regional finals.

Elgin said Indianapolis, which was supposed to host the regional finals, requested the switch last week to avoid conflict with the Indiana State High School basketball tournament.

The request was made by Butler University and the Midwestern Collegiate Conference, the original co-hosts of the finals and the new co-hosts of the first and second round games.

"We were really thrilled at the prospect of hosting the first and second round games," Elgin said. "We were surprised to learn last week that we are actually going to host the finals.

Charlette West, SIUC associate athletic director, said the MVC is looking to gain and visibility by hosting the regional finals.

"Indianapolis is becoming a major sports center. A lot of prestigious events are held there," she said. "We'd like to do the same thing in St. Louis."

Assistant Saluki Men's Coach Ron Smith said the move also may give a possible

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Former Giant loses left limb to cancer

NEW YORK (UPI) — Former San Francisco Giants Dave Dravecky, whose public battle with bone cancer in his pitching arm tugged at the heartstrings of America, has lost the fight to save his diseased limb.

Doctors at New York's Sloan Kettering Memorial Cancer Center confirmed Wednesday that Dravecky's left arm and shoulder were amputated during a 2 1/2 hour procedure by Dr. Michael Brennan, the hospital's chief of surgery on Tuesday.

A release from the hospital said the amputation was made necessary because of "progressive pain and loss of function." No mention was made of whether cancer had been discovered again in the arm.

Dravecky, whose bravery and faith have been a comfort to thousands of cancer victims, said in a prepared statement that he realized he still faces many challenges.

"I know that adjustments and some hard times are ahead of me as I am to function in life with just one arm, but I am excited to close this chapter," he said. "After two years of almost constant pain my family and I look forward to getting back to a normal life. I look forward to working out and doing all those things I have been unable to do for the past two years.

"Please continue to pray for us as my family and I need to continue to draw our strength from the Lord."

Dravecky, 35, is expected to be hospitalized for 10 days and then is to recuperate at home in Boardman, Ohio, for 10 days before returning to Sloan Kettering for follow-up.

Doctors say his long-term

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Wimbledon return

Agassi prepares for play as No. 5 seed

NEW YORK (UPI) — The last time Andre Agassi saw Wimbledon he was a 17-year-old unknown needed identification to enter the grounds.

His visit was so short-lived — winning merely five games against Henri Leconte — that Agassi has few memories of the 1987 adventure.

When Agassi returns to Wimbledon next week, it will be as the world's fifth-ranked player and as the man who will receive more fan attention than anyone in the field. He isn't quite sure of what kind of reception he will receive and how he will handle it.

"It's a tough thing for me to speculate on," Agassi said Wednesday in a conference call from ATP headquarters in Ponte Vedra, Fla., where he has been practicing on grass. "I really don't know what it's like to be there when you're one of the noticeable players. When I was there in 1987 I had trouble getting tickets, even to my own match. I'm going in naively. I've heard tennis fans are avid and I'm kind of excited to see it first hand.

"I hardly remember even getting a chance to find out what it was like over there. I was intimidated

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Play ball: Former Saluki brakes for chance with team

Third baseman lured to No. 1 ranked team for women's softball

By John Sommerhof
Staff Writer

Former Saluki softball third baseman Mary Jo Fimbach earned a spot on the best women's softball team in the country. Fimbach, a 1991 SIUC graduate, plays for the Raybestos Brakettes of Stratford, Conn.

The Brakettes have won 21 ASA Women's Major national championships in 38 years and were the 1990 national tournament champions.

Saluki softball head coach Kay Brechelsbauer said to play for the Brakettes is a tremendous honor. "This is a little long dream for a lot of softball players, and the women that play for the Brakettes are the best in the country," she said. There is no professional league for women's softball but playing on the Brakettes is the closest thing to playing professional softball.

Fimbach was an outstanding Saluki third baseman from 1998 to 1991 and holds the school record for starting in every game of her four-year career.

Brechelsbauer described Fimbach as one of the best and most versatile players she has ever coached.

"The team always came first for Mary Jo and she never worried about setting records," she said. In her 184 games played for Fimbach had only 12 errors and a .962 fielding percentage of 982 and a career batting average of .309.

Fimbach, a graduate in health education, was named a Second Team GTE Academic All-American during the 1991 season. She also was selected Second Team All-Midwest Region and First Team All-Conference.

Fimbach was a member of one of the best Saluki softball teams in the history of the school.

The team finished 42-7 overall and 18-1 in Gateway play.

The Saluki women became the first women's baseball team to complete the regular season unbeaten with a 14-0 record.

Fimbach accumulated 25 school records, including most wins at 42, most consecutive wins at 23, most conference wins at 18 and most shutouts at 17.

The Brakettes will spend most of the summer on the road playing throughout the country.

They will defend their national title during the week of Aug. 16 through the 24 in Decatur for the national championships.

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Isreal to release Palestinians for holiday gesture

JERUSALEM (UPI) — Israel will release up to 400 Palestinian prisoners and relax several other security measures in the occupied West Bank in honor of the Muslim holiday of Eid al-Fitr, a military spokesman said Wednesday. The initiative, which also includes the release of 347 Palestinian prisoners from Israeli jails and a two-hour rollback of nighttime curfews, is part of a new policy to "ease living conditions" in the territories captured by Israel in the 1967 Middle East War, said the official, a spokesman for the army branch that administers the territories. Another security official quoted in the Ha'aretz daily newspaper said that the Israeli good-will measures follow a "drop in the level of violence" against Israeli soldiers patrolling the territories, where 1.7 million Palestinians live.

347 evacuated Americans arrive safely at air base

McCHORD AIR FORCE BASE, Wash. (UPI) — The first group of marines, personnel and dependants evacuated from American bases inundated by volcanic ash in the Philippines have arrived to the United States, some escaping with only the clothes on their backs and a few belongings. A chartered L1011 carrying 347 of the evacuees touched down at McChord Air Force Base late Tuesday night. Thousands more are expected in a mass exodus of Americans who are leaving behind ash-covered quarters in the Philippines and safety of their bases. We realize this has been a very unsettling experience for you all," a base spokesman told the arrivals at McChord Air Force Base, the U.S. craft and transfer point for the evacuees.

Report: Economy on tial end of serious downturn

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The U.S. economy has begun to shrug off the effects of a dreary, winter-long recession, with conditions "improving modestly" throughout the nation, the Federal Reserve reported Wednesday. The Fed cited gains in retail sales, a re-tooling manufacturing sector, and prices that have yet to succumb to inflationary pressures in presenting a mostly upbeat portrait of an economy at the tail end of a "serious slowdown. "Economic conditions appear to be improving modestly in much of the nation," the Fed said in its monthly report on the economy. But the report also noted that the housing market has yet to regain its pre-recession strength. The report also noted that the only source of strength in loan demand came in mortgage lending.

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U.S. asks West, East Blocs to begin unrestricted trade

BERLIN (UPI) — The United States Wednesday called for unrestricted trade between the West and the former East Bloc nations, arguing that economic barriers must be eliminated to give the free market system a chance to succeed in the emerging democracies. Secretary of State James Baker told a group of European foreign ministers that the West should work to spread economic prosperity across the continent. "The economic transformation of Central and Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union requires that these countries have access to regional and global markets," Baker said. The secretary of state urged that the CSCE first review each trade issue such as agriculture, services, government procurement, trade mark and market access. "We need to work to eliminate specific barriers to export,'" Baker said.

Right-wingers threaten to perpetuate apartheid

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (UPI) — Right-wing organizations are using threats of bloody civil war and bribes in the form of animal fodder as an effort to reverse the government's steady drive toward ending institutional racism in South Africa. "If (President) F.W. de Klerk fails with his plans, South Africa will be plunged into a revolution which will surpass the bloodshed both of the French and the Russian revolutions," Piet Roodolph, the spokesman for a right-wing group, told a rally Tuesday night in Pretoria. At the rally, organized by the Afrikaner Weesstands beweging or AWB (Afrikaner Resistance Movement), the group's leader, Eugene Terreblanche urged South African whites to take up arms to prevent the government from ending decades of apartheid, or racial separation.

Israel to release Palestinians for holiday gesture
Former SIU chancellor moves to N.Y.

Shaw goes to Syracuse to become chancellor; to receive higher salary

By John Patterson
Staff Writer

The man who used to be "top dog" at SIU will soon become leader of the Orangemen. Kenneth "Buzz" Shaw, who served as SIU Chancellor from 1979 to 1983, will be leaving his current position as president of the University of Wisconsin at Madison to take over the role and salary of Chancellor of Syracuse University in New York.

Shaw said his experiences at SIU and Wisconsin have been great, but he wishes to move up in his career.

"Basically for this point and time in my life, to be in charge of a campus is a good career move," he said.

In taking over the reins at Syracuse, Shaw's salary will also be doing some moving up. The chancellor's salary at Syracuse will provide a large raise over the yearly $160,000 he makes at Wisconsin, but Shaw wouldn't comment on how much more he would be making.

Although he's done a lot of moving in the last 11 years, Shaw said he still keeps track of SIU.

"I have good friends there that I keep in touch with and I follow the state of higher education," he said.

The scenery around Southern Illinois is one of the things he says he misses about SIU, along with the friends he has made from work associates.

"The overall beauty of the area around Carbondale and the campus is one of my fondest memories," Shaw said. "Wherever you go you gain a lot of friends."

Syracuse will be the first private university Shaw has headed after being in leadership roles at SIUE, SIU and Wisconsin.

Shaw served as president of SIUE from 1977 to 1979 before officially taking over the chancellorship Sept. 15, 1979.

"It was a new position. It gave him a chance to develop it," said Irv Elliott, who recently retired from the SIU Board of Trustees. "Buzz came in and was an excellent chancellor. He did a fine job."

The main difference between the two types of systems is at a private school more than 50 percent of the funds come from student tuition.

"The University has to look at students different," Shaw said. "We will be more concerned with recruitment and retention."

Also, at a private schools there is more flexibility in carrying out goals, he said.

"We’re not subjected to bureaucratic intrusion. If we create it, then it’s our own fault," he said.

Syracuse is a single campus university rather than a university system involving many different campuses such as SIU and Wisconsin, and the transition might be one of the tougher challenges for Shaw, Tom Britton, vice-chancellor for academic affairs.

Britton served as the executive assistant to Shaw for six years while Shaw was chancellor at SIU.

"He will not need to work as closely with the political process," Britton said. "I’m not sure that will be a challenge. It may be a blessing."

"The nature of work from a system campus will be a challenge but I’m sure he’s up to it," Britton said.

Shaw’s duties will be similar to those of SIUC President John C. Guyon, except he will be out doing more fund raising since there won’t be nearly as many state funds.

"The first thing I’m going to do is kick the newspaper off-campus, just kidding," Shaw jokingly said.

He said he had a great 5 1/2 years at Wisconsin, and added that it had been personally great for him and his family.

"Two of our children live there and one is getting married and will now clerk for a federal judge," he said.

Although Shaw took over as the first full-time chancellor at SIU, his administration remained virtually trouble-free, said former University President Albert Somit.

Appointment of Shaw has been not subjected to bureaucratic intrusion. If we create it, then it's our own fault."
Opinion & Commentary

Civil rights legislation needs strong stand

AMERICA, THE LAND OF opportunities where any kid can grow up to be the president. Or, even better, a CEO. That is, so long as the kid is born a white, Caucasian male.

The statement sounds a little strong, maybe, but then again... The U.S. Department of Labor recently conducted a report called The Glass Ceiling Initiative, which found women and minorities to be underrepresented in executive, management and senior decision making levels in the workplace.

According to the report women and minorities are being held back from advancement by artificial barriers despite their capabilities and their dramatically growing presence in the workplace.

This discrimination process needs to change.

APPARENTLY, MANY POLITICIANS feel the same because Congress has been swamped with amendments to the 1964 Civil Rights Act, all proposing to strengthen legal protection for minorities and women in the workplace.

Their concern for minorities (or the pessimist noting the 1991 presidential election might say, their careers) is heartwarming, but their inability to work together and to compromise is jeopardizing the chance of greater equality in the job market.

Last year a civil rights bill was introduced to Congress, but died after the Democratic and Republican parties failed to reach an agreement. This year looks like it will be a replay, with President Bush vowing he will not compromise on the civil liberties issue.

THE DEMOCRATIC CIVIL RIGHTS bill recently passed in the House of Representatives, 273 to 178, and now is being presented to the Senate. Although the bill is expected to be approved by the Senate, Bush already has said he intends to veto the bill.

If the bill makes it to the president, its only hope will be a veto-overflowing two-thirds vote in the House and the Senate. The House's first vote was 11 shy of achieving this magic number.

BUSH AND OTHER OPPONENTS of the bill claim it would scare businesses into hiring by quotas to avoid discrimination lawsuits. However, the bill specifically declares racial quotas would be illegal.

After all the years this country has struggled for equality among people, regardless of race, sex or personal preferences, government leaders should have a common goal to unlock the shackles of inequality.

It's time for Congress and Bush to put their ideological differences behind them and stop picking on phrases before another year goes by and minorities and women are left holding an empty bag.

Civil rights dream stuck in Congress; House-Democratic bill short on reality

THERE ARE CERTAIN things in this life of which we in America can only dream.

We can dream of being the greatest ballplayer in the majors and hope our 7-foot, 285-pound frame and inability to catch or throw a moving object won't prevent us from living our dream.

We can dream of being a life-saving pediatrician and hope the fact we can't stand the sight of blood or children won't prevent us from living our dream.

And I suppose we can dream of an adequate civil rights bill—a bill actually passed by Congress and signed by the president.

We can dream of a bill without all the political garbage from both Democrats and Republicans that has interrupted passage of a civil rights bill since 1990.

We can dream of a bill that gives men and women of all races equal rights and opportunities in the workplace.

THE FACT is the civil rights bill really isn't about Congress forcing businesses to hire the "right" number of women and minorities. The bill isn't about quotas at all.

It's about fair play.

I don't like quotas or the possibility of quotas even if it means getting a job instead of a more qualified white male simply because I am a woman. I don't like quotas if it means another, less qualified minority gets a job over me simply because I am not a racial minority.

I want to be hired at a newspaper because I'm capable of doing the job, not because the newsroom needs the "right" number of women. If I get the job because I am a woman, I don't want it.

After all it makes sense for both businesses and employees.

The House-Democratic version of the bill would revert to an earlier practice before a series of 1989 Supreme Court decisions forced an employer to prove alleged discrimination was sound business practice. After 1989 the people alleging discrimination had the burden of proving that they were discriminated against.

THE CIVIL RIGHTS bill is not about closing down small businesses around the country. A stipulation of the bill would require businesses with fewer than 15 employees.

The bill is not about ruining small businesses by assessing massive punitive damages for disgruntled employees who feel discriminated against because of the color of their skin or the fact they do or don't shave their legs.

The bill is about lobbyists, powerful enough to persuade Congress that small businesses could be wiped out by large court-ordered compensatory and punitive damages from a lawsuit.

It's about one lobby group for lawyers, lawyers who could lose a big money from contingency fees if a cap were to be put on the amount of money awarded by a court in discrimination suits.

It's about being taken seriously by potential editors, i.e., a job tradition calls for a male to perform.

It's about being my own person and not trying to fulfill some stereotypical role about women in the workplace held by many of the men of my father's generation.

And it's about you reading what I have to say about the civil rights bill because I am a writer, not because I'm a woman with an opinion.

WE'RE A COUNTRY that leads the world in many areas of technology. We are a fairly new country with new ideas and new opinions.

It doesn't seem like too much to ask of Congress, our President or any government official to pass legislation, enforce legislation and respect legislation that tries to make the workplace a better, more qualified place to do business.

It doesn't seem like too much to ask to be judged by the qualifications you bring to a job and not by the color of your skin or the size of your hips, and then to have the means to be compensated if you are.

But then I guess part of life is realizing not all dreams come true.
Workers get unwanted rest in Attorney General's office

By Wayne Frazier
Staff Writer

Workers at the Carbondale Administrative Building are getting some time off whether they want it or not.

The Attorney General's office came up $400,000 short in its budget last year, and was forced to pay out of pocket money last week. Attorney General Roland Burris has ordered 120 days of unpaid leave for all workers.

Burris has also asked workers to volunteer any days they won't be needed, for the benefit of other workers.

"It's not entirely their fault they have to work on those days," Dykhopp said, "but they can't expect people to work for free."

A worker at the Carbondale office said regular work has continued, but the 40 percent weekly pay cut will hurt at home. "I'm managing to do our work from Thursday to Thursday," the worker said. "It's going to be easy, but there are not other jobs out there."

Dykhopp worked on Monday with an intern from SIUC. They wore the only two workers in the office, but the situation was in hand.

"It was just the two of us," he said. "We can't do everything on Mondays and Fridays, but we're doing fine."

The Attorney General's office handles consumer complaints dealing with fraud, poor workmanship and other claims. Emie Sloting of the main office in Springfield said there were no significant delays in services.

"The first order of business is not to lose all our court dates when they come up," Sloting said, "so we have to answer the phones and get all the information from those people. We have to wait a day to process the claim, but we're doing OK."

"Most of our offices are open on Mondays and Fridays with a decreased staff. He said all workers will resume full schedules again in July."

July 1 is the beginning of the new fiscal year, Sloting said, "so things should be back to normal."
Illinois residents threatened

CHICAGO (UPI) — Illinois Public Action Wednesday urged the legislature to adopt a universal health care plan to protect Illinois residents threatened by spiraling health insurance costs.

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America sold $1.5 billion more worth of goods to other countries in April than during March, with exports reaching $35.6 billion in the month.

Imports, meanwhile, grew $2.2 billion in the month to a seasonally adjusted $40.3 billion.

Subtracting volatile petroleum products from the import-export mix left a deficit of $1.06 billion.

Commerce Secretary Robert Mosbacher cited the strong export performance as evidence that the United States is still a major competitor in overseas markets.

The pace of exports has been running 7.0 percent higher during the first four months of the year than during the same period last year, while imports were down 2.0 percent. Private analysts also praised the April deficit figure.

Oil production increases, gasoline prices drop

United Press International

The price of gasoline fell nearly a penny a gallon on the New York Mercantile Exchange Wednesday as the market was presented with more evidence that there’s plenty of gas around.

Tuesday’s report on U.S. oil inventories from the American Petroleum Institute, released after

Blackout Cookout

Sheryl Cottman, Doug Laczynski, Janette Dayton, and Chris Fieda study and relax by light of candle and barbecue grill outside on Cherry street during a blackout Tuesday night, Michael Lane, Central Illinois Public Service Area Operations supervisor, said the power failure was caused by a raccoon short circuiting a substation near Southern Illinois Airport.

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America sold $1.5 billion more worth of goods to other countries in April than during March, with exports reaching $35.6 billion in the month.

Imports, meanwhile, grew $2.2 billion in the month to a seasonally adjusted $40.3 billion.

Subtracting volatile petroleum products from the import-export mix left a deficit of $1.06 billion.

Commerce Secretary Robert Mosbacher cited the strong export performance as evidence that the United States is still a major competitor in overseas markets.

The pace of exports has been running 7.0 percent higher during the first four months of the year than during the same period last year, while imports were down 2.0 percent. Private analysts also praised the April deficit figure.
Police: Situation getting worse with 1,500 open-air markets

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Open-air drug markets are driving concerns about the suburbs and the inner cities, according to a new report Wednesday by the American Alliance for Rights and Responsibilities.

The report quotes police from the nation's 17 largest cities as saying the local drug market situation is getting worse or not improving, with more than 1,500 open-air markets in their cities.

Fencing off vacant lots, getting citizens involved in anti-drug activity and ostracizing drug dealers would go a long way toward fighting the open-air markets, said the report written by Roger Conner and Patrick Burns.

"We will still have a drug problem," Burns said in a statement released with the report. "But Conner concluded by saying that the effects on the street and into the private referral market...where, can install children, the elderly, recovering addicts and entire communities from the local authorities when having the illegal drug trade."

Conner and Burns told reporters Wednesday that those cities and neighborhoods that have been most successful at eradicating street drug markets are those in which police, politicians and citizens have banded together to remove marketing space, broadcast community intolerance for drug activity and remove the sense of impunity that currently surrounds drug-related crime.

Several cities, including Seattle, Tampa, Fla., and Fort Lauderdale, Fla., cities authorities send postcards to owners of cars seen cruising drug markets that warn them that their cars have been seen in areas where there is a great deal of violent crime, prostitution and drug activity.

Although some cities are implementing the recommended anti-drug practices, Conner said many of America's largest cities have not yet adopted all of them.

"Political leaders in big cities have not communicated to police that eradicating open-air drug markets is a priority," he said.

The report said, "None of the cities surveyed has launched an aggressive anti-drug market campaign using all of the resources and techniques available."

"In many cases, the local city council has failed to pass the kind of legislation needed for the police to take decisive action. In other cases, the police have failed to effectively use existing laws and techniques to combat flagrant drug activity. As a consequence, 11 of the 17 cities surveyed, 65 percent, reported that their local drug market problem was not getting better or was getting worse.

Of the cities surveyed, the report indicated that the drug problem is getting worse in Baltimore, Chicago, Columbus, Ohio, Houston, Los Angeles, and San Francisco.

New Russian president requests understanding from U.S. Congress

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Boris Yeltsin, victorious in his quest to lead the Russian Republic, was greeted by heats from congressional leaders and other Republican congressmen, who won't support his efforts to win U.S. support for a new president.

Yeltsin, who became the first republic president after the stunning Russian federation last week, smiled and moved slowly past a wall of cameras and lights. "I'll have something to say after speaking softly but confidently of the independence movement he has ordered."

Bush: Sununu did first class job — at first class price

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Bush came to John Sununu's defense again Wednesday, saying his chief of staff could not be "important" in his role to win U.S. support for a new president.

Speaking to reporters at the start of a meeting with House Republican leaders, Bush said the "beating" Sununu is taking is a "real Liberal habits is "unwarranted."

But Dole may have ruffled a few White House feathers when he told reporters Wednesday that he had been "of Mind of Maine Sen. George Mitchell." "We do in engagement in more direct contact with the republics, rather than with the central government and I hope you make that point clear to President Bush,"

"That's why I've come," Yeltsin responded. "I want them to understand the relationship between the central government and Russia and I want their sympathy and cooperation."

Bush denies playing politics in faceoff over civil rights bill

WASHINGTON (UPI) President Bush denied playing politics Wednesday in his faceoff against Democrats over civil rights.

Rather than calm theZEUS, he seemed to dig in deeper for a fight that could shape the 1992 campaign.

"I'm deadly serious when it comes to my policies against racists. I'm just asking for an allocation of Congress and vice versa."

Bush said he felt a civil rights bill to Capitol Hill last year, long before the first rumblings of the 1992 political season, Bush said he "will continue to fight for the protection of people's rights."

But the preview of the president's speech to reporters at the start of a meeting with Republican congressional leaders Wednesday indicated policy agenda that in recent weeks has gone from empty promises increased action to politicians and powerful.

Bush lashed and bitotted the Democrats for their "shameful" attack on him while not least bit hesitant about returning his fire in kind.

Bush alluded to disparate within the party and suggested a new strategy to oppose him next year and said he was "hearing all kinds of "terrible stories from the past coming out" to criticize his policies and performance.

It was on civil rights, however, that he signaled little desire for compromise and a firm readiness to continue on the confrontational course that could build that explosive issue into a major attack for the 1992 election.
Homosexual police officers permitted to recruit at festival

LOS ANGELES (UPI) - The Police Department has long been criticized for the fact that it has never allowed homosexual officers to recruit at any gay pride festival. This weekend, the decision to recruit officers at the 3rd annual meeting December between Police Chief Daryl Gates and the Gay Los Angeles Police Advisory Task Force.

The appeal court order was modified Thursday to limit the scope of the stay to the jury selection process and the trial itself, allowing other pretrial business to proceed.

In his subsequent letter to the appeal court, Kamis said that, in order to avoid further delay in the trial, he was prepared to offer the change of venue Wednesday — the day that the trial was to have started but was stayed. The judge had not suggested a new location for the trial.

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Suit filed to overturn Louisiana abortion law

BATON ROUGE, La. (UPI) - Pro-abortion activists filed suit Tuesday, seeking to overturn a tough new anti-abortion law enacted by the state's conservative Gov. Buddy Roemer.

The law bans all abortions except for the life of the mother, incest, or to save the life of the mother. It is the first of its kind in up to 10 years for doctors who perform abortions but does not address induced abortions.

At federal court in New Orleans, U.S. District Judge Adrian Dasher set a trial date of July 25, and scheduled pre-trial motions.

Dasher rejected a motion for a temporary restraining order. Under the Louisiana constitution, the law cannot be implemented until 60 days after adjournment of the Legislature.

The current session must end no later than midnight July 8. "The interest of Louisiana will have to be addressed in the next period of time and that they should consult their physicians and [do their] best to be appropriate to their individual cases," said American Civil Liberties Union lawyer Kathryn Kolbert, after the hearing.

State Attorney General William Guste, who will defend the law, said after the suit was resolved, the state remains subject to the 1973 Supreme Court Roe vs. Wade decision that cleared the way for abortion on demand.

"I don't think there is any doubt that the Supreme Court has the full power to the Supreme Court. The question is when," Guste said after leaving the federal courthouse.

This will be the first trial in July. There are other cases in other states that may well get to the Supreme Court before this one but, nonetheless, it's on its way."

The authors of the law said it is the most restrictive anti-abortion measure passed since a 1989 Supreme Court decision cleared the way for states to implement some restrictions.

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Kolbert said the ACLU will fight the case all the way.

"It's our view that Roe vs. Wade is still law of the land that this law is in direct contravention of Roe vs. Wade, that under this law women will be forced to seek abortions in the back alley and from illegal medical practitioners, and the lives and health of women in Louisiana are in jeopardy as a result of the law," Kolbert said.

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Dr. Richard Duff on Tuesday joined Dr. Philip Benson of the University of Minnesota announcing that he is afflicted with the AIDS virus.

Duff, however, said he will continue to engage in risky procedures that put patients at risk.

Chicago penalizes drivers collecting 10 unpaid tickets

CHICAGO (UPI) — The Chicago Revenue Department has a list — and has checked it twice — of 10,000 drivers whose fines haven't been paid and who are about to have their licenses revoked.

The city is going to try to seek suspension of driving privileges for those who have ignored at least 10 traffic tickets.

A Texas-based firm hired by Chicago is preparing warning notices that will be mailed during the first or second week of July informing violators they have 45 days to settle their debts.

If the tickets are not paid in 45 days, the violator's name will be sent a letter informing them they are facing a result of them not paying their tickets.

Initially, Revenue Department spokesman John Holden said just 1,000 motorists faced suspensions but he said Tuesday that estimate was decreased.

The city made sure no downtown residents were unfairly dunned.

Van carrying liquid oxygen bursts into flames, Killing 2

CHICAGO (UPI) — A medical van carrying liquid oxygen exploded in a fire that shot three stories high, killing two people.

The blast Tuesday on the city's Near West Side was 10 minutes, Flames shot as high as the third floor of neighboring buildings, but did not get to surrounding cars or build.

A police spokesman said Stewart had been taking the oxygen, but not when it lightly tapped the bumper of a car in front of it. As the driver put the van in reverse it burst into flames, Wood District Sq. Thomas House.

Stewart said he saw the driver trying to get out of the van but said he was not able to open the door. Stewart's hands were so badly burned, Shouse said.

Eugene Mielekamp had opened the door and helped Stewart out of the burning van. Stewart's clothing was burned off his and his shirt was melted, Mielekamp. All that remained was his belt buckle and a small piece of his jeans, he added.

Firefighters extinguished the blaze in about five minutes, Flames shot as high as the third floor of neighboring buildings, but did not get to surrounding cars or build.

Fire officials have yet to determine the cause of the blaze.

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LOS ANGELES (UP) — The Police Department has for the first time given homosexual officers permission to wear their uniforms and staff a recruitment booth at a gay pride festival this weekend.

The decision to recruit officers at the West Hollywood Pride Festival, meeting last December between Police Chief Daryl Gates and the Gay/Lesbian Police Advisory Task Force.

The department has long been criticized for an allegedly anti-homosexual climate. Mayor Tom Bradley had said he would never send department recruiting personnel to anything that smacked of gay or lesbian in it. Donna Wade, a co-chairman of the task force, said Los Angeles Daily News.

But he also said that he would provide the recruits with all the recruitment material we could possibly want and would not stand in the way of officers giving their time.

The task force, an advisory committee to the police commission, discussed the idea of the recruitment booth with several officers who then accepted the approval of their supervisors to participate.

The officers are expected to announce their homosexuality, if they so choose.

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The last time a trial was moved was in 1973, in a case involving the shotgun slaying of a 4-year-old girl.

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Both Duff and Benson practiced at the same two Minneapolis hospitals. But Duff insisted that they did not get the virus from each other. He said his infection was not the result of sexual transmission, but rather from a needle stick.

Earlier in the week, state health officials said there was another doctor in Minnesota besides Benson that had AIDS and whose presence had been restricted to protect patients. They refused to identify the doctor, citing virus transmission concerns and saying there was no danger to patients.

Duff identified himself as the doctor Tuesday. He said he has already been seen by law officials, specifically avoiding invasive procedures, such as surgery and baby deliveries. The Minnesota Board of Medical Examiners formally restricted his practice last month because of failing vision.

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by the surroundings. I don't remember a lot because I didn't experience a lot.

Despite the harsh criticism that resulted, Agassi opted to pass up Wimbledon the last three years because he felt he wasn't strong enough to play another Grand Slam so soon after the French Open. Now, at 21 and with a lot of weight training, he says he is ready.

"This is a tough task for me," Agassi admitted. "I may be flattering myself to think I can perform well, but I've committed to it. In the past I don't think I was ready for it. This year I'm stronger and more capable of meeting the challenge." Since his loss to Jim Courier in the French Open final less than two weeks ago, Agassi says he has suffered from torpidity and bronchitis. "I think my resistance was just so low. The French is a taxing tournament normally and physically."

"I can't say I'm in top shape today, but I'm pretty optimistic where I'll be when the tournament starts. After the French it took me time to recover. It was slower than I expected but now I'm encouraged. If I can get through a few matches there, I'm sure I'll be 100 percent.

Although Agassi's grass court experience pretty much was limited to that one appearance at Wimbledon, he is confident of his ability to compete on any surface. He says his practice time at Ponte Vedra has been rewarding, and plans to leave for London Thursday.

"It's been easier than I expected," Agassi said. "I thought I'd have a tough time adjusting, but if a few days is an indication, I'm pretty excited about how I will play."

Navratilova bashes Shultz in third round of Pilkington

Top-seeded player overcomes winds

EASTBOURNE, England (UPI) — Martina Navratilova, fired up after being seeded only fourth for Wimbledon, Wednesday breezed past Brenda Schultz in the third round of the $345,000 women's Pilkington grasscourt tournament.

Top-seeded Navratilova, who has lost only four games in three matches in her first Wimbledon tuneup, blazed Schulte 6-1, 6-2 in 36 minutes.

The nine-time Wimbledon champion lost only two points in eight service games.

Shultz, of Holland, has the fastest serve in the women's game but had trouble getting in on Wednesday.

The top four seeds advanced Wednesday. No. 2 Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario of Spain defeated Australian Liz Smyhill 6-3, 6-3, No. 3 Mary Joe Fernandez of Miami dumped Canadian Helen Kelesi 6-2, 6-4, and No. 4 Jana Novotna of Czechoslovakia toppled Houston's Lori McNeil 6-2, 7-6.

Unseeded Americans Gigi Fernandez of Aspen, Colo., Pam Shriver of Baltimore, and Heather Duvall of Santo Rosa, Calif., all advanced.

Fernandez defeated Briton Joe Durie 6-3, 6-3, Shriver disposed of Canada's Pat Hy of Canada 6-2, 6-2 and Duvall dumped Ros Fairbank-Niedere, 7-6, 4-6, 6-3.

Also, Yayuk Basuki of Indonesia defeated Julie Halard of France 7-5, 7-6.

Navratilova, 34, said she considers German Steffi Graf a greater threat to her Wimbledon throne than either Yugoslav world No. 1 Monica Seles or Argentinean Gabriela Sabatini.

She made that statement without naming Graf in her half of the draw.

"I never look at the Wimbledon draw and I don't want to know anything about it," she said, "I'm just happy with my own game at the moment."

"Today it was very gutsy but I'm a little more nimble than Brenda. I did not go for any big serves because it was so windy."

"I just tried to get my first serve in with a lot of spin to move it in the air."