

WEATHER

FORECAST for SATURDAY:
Partly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of thundershowers.
HIGH: 90s LOW: 70s



Photo by Kathy Haveman

Tree re-pear
TAMU grounds maintenance worker, Curtis Young, shovels dirt onto a 7-year-old non-fruit-bearing pear tree that was transplanted from the grassy area between the MSC and Rudder to the walkway between the Blocker Building and the Halbouty Building.

Women's soccer coach denounces department

Johnston claims officials won't advance program

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The coach of the Texas A&M women's soccer team sent letters to recruits, players and supporters of women's soccer earlier this month stating, "The Athletic Department does not plan to advance the NCAA Women's Soccer Program at Texas A&M."

Laura Johnston said in one of the letters dated June 15 she is resigning as head coach effective today because she cannot support proposed

changes in the soccer program. The letter did not mention specific changes.

When contacted, Johnston said she would not comment about her resignation or the letters until next week.

Paula Opal, assistant director of recreational sports, said the proposed changes Johnston referred to won't have a significant impact on the soccer team.

"The proposal was to address administrative issues of the program," Opal said. "It deals with who handles submitting the budget and who handles the certification to make sure the NCAA eligibility is met."

Another of Johnston's reasons for resigning, as stated in the letter, was that she was not included in the

meetings where the proposal was written, and had no say about into the proposed changes.

Opal said Johnston was not included in the meetings because the agenda did not involve Johnston.

"The proposal does not address the actual conduct, philosophy or player selection of the team," Opal said. "That's where I think a coach needs to be involved in the development of a program."

Opal said the changes included "more expectations for the coaches in terms of attending NCAA meetings that are required by the Athletic Department" and assignment of a new area for the team to lift weights.

"The proposal clarified the roles

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Travis supporters continue fight to name Bryan school

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In their struggle to name a new elementary school, members of the Bryan School Board have given the phrase "Remember the Alamo!" a new meaning.

While deciding between Mary Branch and William Barret Travis, the members who supported Travis stressed his heroic death at the Alamo. Those opposed to using Travis' name suggested that they look past this aspect of his life.

Branch, a black educator, was born a slave and educated herself, later becoming the first female college president in Texas.

Travis was a practicing lawyer in Alabama and Texas for five years and died at the Alamo when he was 27.

The board voted to name the school for Branch after board member Wendy Costa pointed out a darker side of Travis' character.

In addition to abandoning his wife and children, Costa said, Travis ardently defended slavery.

Costa, who also is the coordinator of Project 30 (a na-

tionwide project based at Texas A&M on the education of teachers), was quoted in the June 27 issue of the *Bryan-College Station Eagle* as saying that, other than dying at the Alamo, Travis' life "was not very exemplary."

Costa, who taught Texas history for 12 years at Blinn Junior College, said the controversy has been publicized improperly. Branch's name originally was proposed, she said, to provide more representation of minorities and women, not as a substitute for Travis' name.

"We didn't vote against Travis," Costa said. "We voted for Branch. That's the whole point."

Dr. Robert Calvert, an associate professor in the history department at A&M, said the negative publicity about Travis has overshadowed Branch's own merit.

"We've lost sight of why the school was to be named after Mary Branch," Calvert said. "What's happened is that great accomplishments made in the sense of perseverance instead of in battle have been lost. I'm not trying to denigrate Travis but what we need in this

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Supreme Court delays abortion rights decision

DALLAS (AP) — Advocates from both sides agreed Thursday that the Supreme Court's delay of a potential landmark decision is good news for abortion opponents.

"To me, it's just abortion foes (on the court) just trying to find how far to go in weakening Roe v. Wade," said Bill Price, president of Texans United for Life, an anti-abortion group.

The Supreme Court announced Thursday it will wait until Monday to announce whether it has come to

a decision in *Reproductive Health Services v. Webster*, a Missouri case that could be used to restrict the 1973 Roe v. Wade ruling that legalized abortion nationwide.

Activists on both sides of the issue have been nervously awaiting a decision for weeks. Thursday was to be the last day before the court's three-month summer recess, but Chief Justice William Rehnquist said from the bench, "On Monday, July 3, the court will announce all the remain-

ing opinions during this term of the court."

The court either could announce a decision or could ask for further arguments in the term beginning in October, meaning a decision in the case would come sometime next year.

"This is agony to keep putting it off and putting it off," said Phyllis Dunham, director of the Texas Abortion Rights Action League.

Price said he was nervous, too, but excited that the goal abortion oppo-

nents have worked toward so long is finally at hand — a restricting of a woman's right to abortion.

"I don't think it's one of the conservatives sitting down with the pro-abortion advocates on the court, quibbling over the majority decision, that's causing the delay," Price said. "I think it's the conservatives sitting around trying to find a way to dismantle (Roe v. Wade)."

While abortion foes like Price are optimistic that the Supreme Court is

poised to restrict the rights granted in Roe v. Wade, Dunham is nervous.

"Anything the court says besides 'We shouldn't have taken this case' is good for their side," she said.

"My biggest fear is they'll come out with a decision restricting Roe Monday and the headline the next day will read 'Court takes moderate stance.' That won't be the case. It will be taking the issue out of the hands of individuals and into those of politicians."

Bush revives Congress pay raise issue

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush, reviving a topic buried by public outcry four months ago, promised Thursday to work with Congress to get members a pay raise. He didn't say how big the raise should be.

In a speech focused on another prickly issue — campaign finance reform — the president mentioned the pay-hike question only briefly.

He said he would send Congress legislation in a few days seeking to ban the outside income senators and representatives earn from speaking engagements, a restriction many have said they would accept only if accompanied by higher salaries.

Bush said he would "work with Congress on the development of details for increasing the pay of those in Congress as well as other senior employees of the executive branch."

He already has endorsed a 25 percent pay increase for judges, and the legislation he sends to Capitol Hill on outside income will include a specific increase amount for senior officials, White House counsel Boyden Gray said. He refused to disclose the amount.

Bush described his campaign finance package — which includes provisions to abolish most political action committees — as an effort to cut special interest influence in politics and make campaigns more fair by decreasing the significant advantages of incumbents.

Since a majority of incumbents are Democratic, however, the proposals have the effect of helping the Republican Party's chances to improve its standing.

"We need reforms that curtail special interest influence, enhance the role of the individual and strengthen the parties," Bush said to an audience of congressional interns. "We must do more to truly clean up the system."

His proposals also include curtailing congressional franking privileges, which he said "pay for mass mailings that amount to political advertising."

Chinese premier says suppression was legal

BEIJING (AP) — Premier Li Peng on Thursday dismissed international criticism that China's crackdown on the pro-democracy movement violated human rights, and he said the suppression was carried out legally.

The government also denounced the European Economic Community for condemning the crackdown on the student-led movement.

The steering committee of China's legislature, meanwhile, held a special meeting to endorse the Communist Party's suppression of dissent as "legal, correct and necessary."

Li said many nations had shown understanding for China's tough stance.

"At the same time, China also has noticed an anti-China adverse current. Under the

banner of human rights, these people have made unwarranted accusations of China for its quelling of the counterrevolutionary rebellion and punishment of criminals according to law."

The official Xinhua News Agency said Li made the comments in a meeting with Foreign Minister Carlos Da Graça of Sao Tome and Principe, a tiny island nation off the west coast of Africa.

"Your visit is a support for China," Li told Da Graça, the highest-level foreign dignitary to visit China since soldiers marched on Beijing the night of June 3-4 and crushed the movement for a freer society.

The troops, backed by tanks, fired on unarmed civilians and drove thousands of pro-

testers from Tiananmen Square. The government says 200 to 300 people, most of them soldiers, were killed in the confrontation. Chinese witnesses and Western intelligence reports say that most of the dead were civilians and that the toll was as high as 3,000.

Authorities since have arrested more than 1,800 people and executed 27, and China has become increasingly isolated from the international community.

The 12-nation EEC on Tuesday condemned the "brutal repression taking place in China" and called for an embargo on arms sales. It also urged the World Bank to postpone new loans to Beijing.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Li Jinhua said the EEC had made "presumptuous accusa-

tions against China and unilaterally adopted decisions jeopardizing the bilateral relations."

"The Chinese government cannot but express deep regret over this unreasonable act of the European Council," she said.

Wan Li, chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress, opened the committee meeting by praising the party and government for taking "resolute measures to quell the counterrevolutionary rebellion."

"This decision was in line with the fundamental interests of people of all nationalities in China, and thus was legal, correct and necessary," Xinhua quoted him as telling the 133 members present.

Massacre eyewitnesses will show slides Sunday

Four eyewitnesses to the June 3 Beijing massacre will present slides and videotapes of the incident at 9 p.m. Sunday in Room 201 MSC.

Writer Chang Lang-lang and journalist Yau Suk-yi are touring the United States with Cheng So-chum, a student of the University of Hong Kong, and Yam Shim-shing, a student of the Chinese University of Hong Kong.

Xun Ge, an executive member of the China Club, said the students are members of the Hong Kong Citizens' Association to Support the Patriotic Pro-democracy Movement, which was responsible for bringing supplies to

the student protesters in Tiananmen Square.

"They were moved by these students and they became involved," Xun said. "Now, we are eager to provide our students at A&M with the opportunity to learn the truth from them and see pictures of what it was like."

The four speakers are touring various cities in Texas and across the nation. The presentation will be given in Mandarin Chinese, but Xun said translators will be available.

The event is sponsored by the China Club, the Chinese Student Association and the Hong Kong Student Association.

House ignores Bush objections, adopts sanctions against China

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House on Thursday unanimously adopted new sanctions against China in response to the brutal crackdown on pro-democracy demonstrators, ignoring Bush administration objections.

President Bush already has condemned the violence in China, halted all military aid and banned exchanges of military officials and high-level visits.

The House package endorsed those moves and went a step farther, adding suspension of trade and development programs, a ban on the sale of police equipment and a limit on transfer of high-technology and nuclear materials or components.

"The Chinese leadership should be aware there is a very deep-seated revulsion in Congress about the barbarian tactics they have employed," said Rep. William Broomfield, R-Mich., who helped draft the sanctions.

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