

Pitchin' game



Meg Ayers, a senior management and finance major, rips a slow-pitch softball at a College Station-area batting cage. J.P. BEATO/THE BATTALION

Delta pilots ratify contract

ATLANTA (AP) — Pilots at Delta Air Lines ratified a five-year contract Wednesday making them the highest-paid in the industry and removing the threat of a strike at the nation's most popular airline.

The contract was approved by 70 percent of Delta's roughly 9,800 pilots, the Air Line Pilots Association said. A majority was required for passage. More than 97 percent of the pilots voted.

Both sides had predicted that pilots would approve the contract despite some concerns about new scheduling rules, retirement benefits and a separate pay scale for pilots with Delta Express, the carrier's lower-cost subsidiary based in Florida.

"This agreement proves once again the collective bargaining process works for working families," said Charles S. Giambus-

Air line now has highest-paid pilots in industry, nation

so, chairman of the pilots' union. The contract, retroactive to May 2000, provides raises of 24 percent to 39 percent and hikes of up to 63 percent at Delta Express.

The contract gives pilots an 11 percent raise in the first year and 4.5 percent annual hikes through 2005.

A typical pilot's monthly pay will jump more than \$1,500, based on the average pilot salary of about \$158,500 last year.

"This is an important milestone for Delta Air Lines," chairman and chief executive Leo F. Mullin said. "We have emerged from the long and sometimes difficult months of negotiations with a mutually beneficial agreement."

In a memo to employees, Mullin said Delta is optimistic about its long-term prospects, even as it struggles with a slump in demand by business travelers. Delta flies 120 million passengers a year, first among U.S. carriers.

Delta and the pilots reached the agreement April 22 after 19 months of negotiations, which included pilots declining to accept overtime — disrupting hundreds of holiday flights — and a federal court's injunction against the pilots' union.

The contract approval allows the company to focus on concluding an expensive three-month strike at its Comair regional carrier unit. Comair pilots began voting on a tenta-

tive deal Tuesday.

Last week, Delta said it expects to lose \$140 million to \$160 million in the second quarter as the sagging economy and the Comair strike demolish profits. The Atlanta-based airline lost \$133 million in the first quarter.

Meanwhile, American Airlines and its flight attendants returned to the bargaining table Wednesday in Washington. The flight attendants are counting down to a possible strike as early as June 30. But President Bush is expected to intervene to derail any strike.

Also meeting with federal mediators were United Airlines and its ramp workers, who haven't been released by the National Mediation Board to strike. United and its mechanics were to resume talks Thursday, the board said.

FBI agent arrested for selling files

Hill received \$25,000 for classified information

LAS VEGAS (AP) — An FBI security expert who had access to informant identities and witness lists has been charged with selling classified files to organized crime figures and others under investigation.

James J. Hill, an Air Force veteran and security analyst in the FBI's Las Vegas office, was paid \$25,000 for files from 1999 until last week, according to a complaint filed by the bureau in a New York federal court.

Hill was arrested Friday in Las Vegas after allegedly faxing classified information drawn from computer files to a private investigator in New York. The FBI said the private investigator was also arrested, but did not release a name.

The FBI said it is still assessing the damage.

Hill's attorney, Barry Levinson, said another former agent used Hill to obtain the files and sell them.

"My guy is the fall guy," he said.

Hill, 51, was charged with obstruction of justice, conspiracy and the theft and sale of top-secret FBI information. A federal judge Wednesday moved Hill's detention hearing to U.S. District Court in New York, where the charges were filed. No date was set.

Hill remains in federal custody without bail. He has been placed on administrative leave since his arrest.

The accusations follow a series of embarrassments for the FBI, including the February arrest of FBI agent Robert Hanssen, who is accused of spying for Moscow; the disclosure that more than 4,000 FBI documents had been withheld from lawyers for Oklahoma City

bomber Timothy McVeigh in the botched investigation last year of former nuclear scientist Wen Ho Lee.

In Washington, the Senate Judiciary committee held a hearing on the agency Wednesday. Attorney General John Ashcroft announced a broad internal review of the FBI, aiming to reform the bureau.

According to the complaint, Hill had security clearance and access to national security data, confidential informant identities, witness lists and electronic surveillance information. An FBI official in New York said the case involved criminal files and not national security secrets.

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Hill worked in the Las Vegas office from 1991 to 1996, where he resigned and spent months training as an identification technician with the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, the police department and FBI said.

Doug Spring, police personnel director, said he had no information about Hill's resignation from the training program in June 1996. Hill returned to the FBI in 1997.

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banks and credit cards, demanding payment. Instead of paying her debts, she consoles herself by more shopping and while her debts are growing, so is her appetite for things she cannot afford.

"Luggage! Why on earth have I never considered luggage before? How can I have just blithely led my life ignoring an entire retail sector?" Bloomwood asks herself in a pricey department store.

Frequent shoppers will relate to Bloomwood's thoughts and actions, and will find themselves laughing out loud as they read through her silly efforts to save money. Like so many college students, she decides that she needs to stop eating out so often and start cooking at home, which, of course requires purchasing an entire set of expensive kitchenware.

The laughter continues when Bloomwood decides to make more money and fails to create 150 picture frames from her home.

Kinsella succeeds in creating a character whose personality is similar to many shopaholic's. Her description of Bloomwood's mind and thought processes parallel many readers, and readers will find themselves thinking, "I would have thought or said the same thing!"

Bloomwood's hilarious thoughts and dialogue can be described as a cross between the girls of "Sex and the City" and the characters in Clueless.

Like most novels, the book ends on a happy note with Bloomwood realizing her problem and taking hold of her financial future. Readers are left smiling, waiting for Kinsella's next novel. (Grade A+)

- Lizette Resendez

News in Brief

Boy dies after arm caught in machine at mom's job

KENOSHA, Wis. (AP) — An 8-year-old boy whose mother took him along to her cleaning job at an industrial plant died after his arm got caught in a machine, authorities said.

Garrett L. Sanders' arm caught in a machine used to inspect food on Monday when Kristine Tutlewski left him briefly to take out some garbage.

Garrett usually stayed with his father while Tutlewski, 28, was working at a textile Corp., but the man had been arrested earlier that day on charges of pulling Tutlewski's hair, authorities said.

Cintex, which makes inspection equipment, was running the device to test it when the boy was there, police said.

Tutlewski heard the boy scream, then found him unconscious, authorities said. "She said the machine was sucking him into it," a police report said.

Sgt. Jerry Sturino said no criminal charges were expected.

Neither he nor state safety worker George Youksas knew of a law that would bar a parent from taking a child into an industrial setting, unless the child were working.



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