IRS bashing, bit of politics as millions scramble to deadline

By Rob Wells
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — As millions scrambled to meet Tuesday night's tax deadline, politicians engaged in a related spring ritual: a lot of ideas for reform and a little IRS bashing.

The Clinton administration proposed a package of 60 mostly minor initiatives to simplify the tax code, such as making tax payments with a credit card and streamlining rules for claiming deductions for dependent children. The plan is expected to cost $2 billion and is due to be discussed by the House Ways and Means Committee on Tuesday.

Meanwhile, the private Tax Foundation estimated that the average American will see his entire paycheck spent in taxes through May 9 — the 128th day of the year. If taxpayers feel heat after finishing their taxes this year, that's nothing compared to the almost daily drubbing of the IRS.

Critics portray the agency as wasting billions on a computer system upgrade, condemning IRS workers for snooping into tax files and accuse the agency of singling out conservative groups for audits.

But taxpayers don't seem to be focusing on that. "It's pretty much a red herring," Mike Calo, a 39-year-old computer programmer in San Anselmo, Calif., who wants to replace the tax code with a nation-wide sales tax.

Post offices in nearly every major city will extend hours or offer late mail pickups Tuesday night. Some offices are planning special events: At the post office in the northern California city of Pleasanton, taxpayers can seek revenge by drinking an IRS agent in a water tank.

Men fall to UCI, Magvary upsets

The Cal Poly men's tennis team (12-8) lost a close match on the road Saturday to No. 55 U.C. Irvine, 4-3. Cal Poly's No. 1 singles player Chris Magvary upset Irvine's No. 1 Steve Tallikani, also ranked 90th nationally.

Brett Masi picked up a win in the No. 3 slot in a tough three-set match, 4-6, 6-2, 7-5. Alex Reyes picked up the Mustangs' third point in the No. 5 singles position. Cal Poly was swept by the Anteaters in doubles.

Cal Poly is at home this week-end, hosting San Jose State on Friday at 1 p.m. and U.C. Santa Barbara Saturday at 1 p.m.

Kennedy participating in Library Week

By Emily Bradley
Daily Staff Writer

This week is National Library Week and Cal Poly's Robert E. Kennedy Library is joining libraries across the country to celebrate the importance of books in people's lives, even in an age of rapid technology.

"The library is here to support the learning and research of our faculty and students," said Hiram Davis, dean of library services.

"We want to do everything we can to make sure that we are responding to those needs." Davis said that the Kennedy Library, built almost 20 years ago, has made recent strides to meet those needs by expanding its hours. It is now open more often than any other CSU campus library, with 94.5 hours a week as opposed to the state-wide average of 81.8 hours a week.

It has also developed a website (at http://www.lib.calpoly.edu) with full-text databases that provide research capabilities 24 hours a day. Databases such as STAT-USA for business statistics, Compendex Web which offers hundreds of engineering, business and government resources and Project Muse, the full-text, online version of liberal arts and mathematics journals are some of the resources linked to the library homepage.

According to Davis, the library also offers a number of courses that train students and faculty to use resources (from large-bound reference books to websites) and how to evaluate this information.

The Kennedy Library is celebrating Library Week with a display on the first floor near the POLYCAT station. The exhibit is called "Books that Inspire," and features 14 letters from prominent members of the Cal Poly community relating the importance of specific books in their life.
Opening of new health center offers alternatives for Central Coast

By Monica Phillips Daily Staff Writer

The Hirudaya Holistic Life Center celebrated its grand opening Sunday, April 13 in San Luis Obispo with free refreshments, samples of holistic health treatments, door prizes and lots of information.

Holistic healing is healing of the total self including mental, emotional, physical and spiritual needs, as opposed to just one part of the body. Many claim that in healing the whole body, pain goes away.

"Holistic healing: should be used as a preventive action," Shabazian said. "It's like getting your teeth cleaned.

"Hirudaya" means the true heart where the in-breath and out-breath merge into stillness. Shabazian said that they chose this word for the center's name because it has a peaceful definition.

The center offers massage including Reiki massage which uses energy and the power of the mind to heal. They were both initiated by a Reiki master, which allows them to open up to the energy.

"It is definitely part of the Chinese medical system," Rhett said.

The center also offers a 200-hour massage certification program.

"Each city has its own licensing regulations, because there is not a state board in California," Shabazian said. "It makes it difficult when you move, (because you have to meet the new regulations)."

The two picked San Luis Obispo because Shabazian fell in love with the area when she visited her parents, who moved to Pismo Beach five years ago.

Rhett likes the area because the community is receptive towards a holistic approach to life. He wants to find every outlet of holistic life in the community. He has already found outlets including White Heron Sangha, a local group supporting a holistic lifestyle and Hope Dance, a journal about making a difference in San Luis Obispo County.

They both follow a way of life called narrative simplicity, which reduces consumption and promotes a barter system; gathering individuals with a list of different skills and exchanging hours of one skill for another.

Shabazian supports the community by volunteering at Casa Solana, a rehabilitation center for women. They want a holistic lifestyle available to everyone, so they offer free day retreats and Friday meditations to allow the community to get involved.

The Hirudaya center is the first local holistic healing office.

Cler Therapy — cellular level emotion release — offers similar services. Owner Patricia Griffin offers treatment using a combination of Chinese and Indian medicine, massage and kinesiology to pinpoint problems that individuals can't solve in normal counseling.

She often works with students to help them work out problems with study skills and class attitude.

The method she uses allows the person to stay in charge.

Using their bodies' own mechanisms in a more focused way, they are able to solve their problems.

"Mind body techniques just work like crazy," Griffin said.

"Other holistic services available in San Luis Obispo include The Center for Natural Medicine, which is a larger center offering a varied staff including a chiropractor, acupuncturist, massage therapist and others.

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returns and inquiries.

Few success stories will be on display in the Republican-controlled Congress this week.

On Tuesday, the House will consider a bill making it a crime for IRS workers to sneak through confidential taxpayer records. It will also take up a non-biased resolution on family tax relief and a proposed constitutional amendment that would require a two-thirds congressional vote to raise taxes.

In fact, the GOP pushed through a change in the House rules two years ago requiring a three-fifths vote for any measure containing a "federal income tax rate increase" — then found the need to waive the rule several times over the next two years as legislation came to the floor on Medicare premiums, earned income tax breaks and other politically sensitive issues.

Criticism of the IRS isn't confined to Republicans. Rep. Bernard Sanders, an independent from Vermont, asked at a House hearing Monday why IRS auditing of wealthy Americans and corporations was on the decline while there was a rise in audits of those earning less than $25,000 a year.

A tax expert with the General Accounting Office responded that staffing and budget cutbacks have led to fewer audits in general and that there has been an effort to crack down on fraud in the Earned Income Tax Credit program for the poor.

And there were overtones of the next presidential campaign. Speaker Newt Gingrich's call for eliminating capital gains taxes.

The Clinton administration's proposals include freeing some 1.7 million dependents, typically children, from filing separate tax returns. Under current law, dependents with $700 in earned income in 1998 (paper carriers), must file returns and pay taxes on all unearned income, such as interest on a savings account.

GOP lawmakers will even use a bit of political theater to get their point across. Rep. Billy Tauzin of Louisiana and several colleagues plan to dump the tax code in Boston Harbor — loaded in a plastic boat and cooler painted as an old fashioned tea chest.
Army trainees accuse drill sergeant of rape

By Bart Jerson
Associated Press

ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND, Md. - In the first trial to come out of the Aberdeen sex scandal, two Army trainees testified Monday that their drill sergeant raped them in his office.

A 21-year-old private said she was returning to her barracks after a shower when Staff Sgt. Delmar Simpson ordered her into his office, pushed her onto a couch, pulled off her shorts and raped her.

"He begged me to stop," the private said. "He was laying on top of me. There wasn't a whole lot I could do."

The second witness, a 22-year-old specialist with the National Guard, said Simpson pushed her onto a bed in his office and raped her when she went to confront him about his criticism about her uniform and nail polish.

"He was laying on top of me. I couldn't go any­where," the woman said. "I didn't know what he was going to do because he was so mean."

Simpson, 32, is accused of raping six women in his office and raping her when she went to con­

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the most serious case to emerge from the Army's investigation into sexual misconduct at the Army's testing center 30 miles northeast of Baltimore.

It is also the most racially and politically charged case to emerge from the Army's investiga­tion into sexual misconduct at the Aberdeen Proving Ground.

All 12 of the Aberdeen soldiers charged so far are black, while most of the alleged victims are white.

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has accused the Army of targeting black drill sergeants, while five white female recruits have said investigators unsuccessfully pres­

ured them to accuse their black superiors of rape.

Army officials have denied race was a factor in their investigation.

The two trainees who accused Simpson of rape on Monday are white. A third woman who testified that she forcibly kissed her is black. All three alleged attacks occurred in 1995.

Simpson, who is married, has already pleaded guilty to having consensual sex with 11 trainees in

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An ABC News story Tuesday on the Army's investigation of sexual misconduct at Aberdeen Proving Ground is the latest in the series of off-base assaults that have come to light since last September, when the deaths of four Army trainees at the Aberdeen Proving Ground got national attention.

Businesses in Aberdeen have reported a drop in sales, tourists have said they are considering canceling their visits to the area, and residents have expressed concern about their safety.

The Army has launched a new program to address the issue of sexual misconduct, and the Department of Defense has announced plans to increase the number of female drill sergeants at the Aberdeen Proving Ground.

California firm tests new anti-theft system: Etches vehicle ID on all windows

By Terence M. Walker
Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. - James Kent likes to park his 1994 Ford Explorer and walk to his favorite fishing hole, leaving the sports utility vehicle for hours at a stretch.

Now he can spend more time thinking up fish tales than worry­

ing about his truck, thanks to an anti-theft program being tested in Middle Tennessee that etches his vehicle identification number into each window.

Auto ID, developed by V.I.C.E. Script of Connecticut, uses a com­

puter-generated stencil to put a vehicle's VIN number in each window to give thieves another reason to walk away from the car.

Window etching of the VIN number has been offered through some car dealerships for 10 years, but they charge as much as $160.

Auto ID costs only $20 and targets people who've already bought their cars.

"It is the answer," said Randy Bly, a former police officer and currently director of traffic safety and community programs for Triple A Auto Club South in Tampa, Fla.

"But anything to help retard the rates of auto theft is great. Every year for it of course through higher insurance, so we all have an interest in reducing that."

More than 34,000 cars were stolen last year in Tennessee, while there's a car stolen somewhere in the United States every 19 seconds.

The Auto ID stencil, which adheres to the window in the wind­

ow, includes the VIN number and a 1-800 number to call if the car is stolen.

The system, which takes less than 10 minutes to install, is being marketed by Environpro Systems Corp. at 10 emissions testing centers in five counties in Tennessee. Auto ID soon will be offered in Dude and Palm Beach counties in Florida.

"Actually what it does is devalue the vehicle to the professional auto thief by fingerprinting the glass in the vehicle," said Paul Cherepinisky, Environpro's pro­

gram manager in Tennessee.

"In a lot of cases, ... they literally have to break it out or replace it and (the vehicle) becomes of no value."

Kent knows that Ford Explorer is one of his favorite targets of professional thieves and had been looking for a way to protect his vehicle. When he heard about Auto ID, he drove to the nearest emissions center a few hours later to have his Explorer stenciled.

After seeing the VIN number on his windows, he said he will encourage his family and friends to do the same.

"I don't believe that regular alarms do much good. I've seen many a car sitting in the parking lot going off, and nobody even pays much attention to them," said Kent.

"This is the best way to protect your car as I know of."
LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I want to jump to the "nerd" bandwagon (not that I ever really jumped up) at the comment last Thursday did raise some interesting issues. We heard that the nerd's "charm" isn't exactly in double digits on a "one die 20" (catch the obscure Dungeons and Dragons' reference!), and that nerds aren't into discussing social issues unless they involve space aliens.

But I think Zeke didn't really give us enough credit here. We know every engineer already knows that Yoda has 24 teeth (they added four in the re-release) and that Klingons were barely a victory over Romulans on several episodes of Star Trek TNG, it was revealed that the Romulan empire has large pockets of internal resistance waiting for their chance to strike. Zeke claims nerds are lost when it comes to questions like: "What's the point?" or "Why are we doing this?" I personally assure you, Mr. Parnow, that we know full well what the point is. The point is the basic non-dimensional spatial space, the locus of which make up visible objects of higher dimensions. "Why are we doing this," would probably depend on what "this" is but a good rule of thumb answer is "to get laid." As far as Windows versus OS2, well, I don't even want to give this the time of day, but here's a hint: look at the nearest computer around you.

Another thing frequently underestimated is the nerd's ability to communicate. Nerds love to talk. They speak many languages: C, BASIC, Assembly, binary, ... We're practically fluent in communication with someone (or something) at all times. Not only is this a personal interest to them but also a logically derived course of action. When questioned about what that logic is, the following is most clearly articulated by most nerds:

if (communication)

    possibility_of_meeting++
else
    possibility_of_meeting=0;

changes = possibility_of_meeting/ population_of_earth;

But perhaps Parnow does have a point when he bravely predicts the "coming of the Supernerd" as the forerunner of the future nerd domination. If such a social transformation were to occur, however, it wouldn't be without its share of violence. Presumably sometime in the near future, the "nerds" will have to battle the "cools," with the "geeks" being an important third party fighting for control. Yes, it will be a bloody revolution in which a socially deprived underclass of mostly men who can be identified as the ones yelling "help, help I'm being repressed" seeks to gain social prestige and acceptance.

A more likely possibility, I think, would be the assimilation of the nerd into the "cool" culture resulting in a society of mathematicians-surfers who wear disposable contact lenses under their sun glasses and dress up to their wear-resistant electronic organizers to their Speedos.

Foosa Khosroad is a computer engineering senior and nerd sociology minor.

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by Jennifer Dickman

In Jon Mahaffy's opinion, faith is destructive. This is his claim in his argument with cults. His argument with cults is intolerable. He is like the 19th century author, Mark Armstrong, who professes that there are a few things about religions and cults have a destructive. This is his claim in his attack on the followers or the Branch of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Ayn Rand, who professes egoism and individualism, has some logistical problems as far as following the teachings of the Bible. But he is tolerant of others and to look at the way people think. In Jon Mahaffy's opinion, faith is destructive.

I am concerned. When we board an airplane, we may not understand the aeronautical engineering behind it, yet we still have faith that it will get us to where we desire to go. We do not question its capabilities of becoming airborne because we have come to know through experience that it can propel itself upward. How can we trust in ourselves in this instance? We can trust in the flying planes of the pilots or simply passengers. So, we are forced to have faith in something other than ourselves. We have faith in this point in the future, how in the majority of cases, this is destructive. If we did not believe or have faith in the workings of the mechanical or technological objects around us, that could be destructive to our everyday lives, or at least entirely inconvenient.

Mr. Mahaffy does bring up a good point that by having faith, cults can be dangerous, such as the Heaven's Gate followers or the Branch of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. He qualifies it as the same as the teachings of the Bible. But he is tolerant of others and to look at the way people think. In Jon Mahaffy's opinion, faith is destructive.

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violated of an Army rule prohibiting personal relationships between supervisors and subordinates.

But he said he is innocent of rape, as well as all other charges of forcibly sodomizing, punching, grabbing or threatening trainees.

The offenses he has admitted carry a maximum of 32 years in prison. A single rape conviction could mean life imprisonment.

One earlier Aberdeen court-martial was settled without a trial. Capt. Derrick Robertson pleaded guilty last week to adultery, consensual sodomy and other charges. He will be discharged after serving four months in prison.

Under questioning from Simpson's attorneys, Frank J. Signore, the two Army trainers acknowledged they didn't report the alleged attacks. They also admitted they had no bruises and were not choked, punched or threatened by Simpson.

A third woman, a 22-year-old specialist, testified Monday that Simpson called her to his office to tell her she was "an attractive young lady" and forcibly kissed her in her barracks a month later. "Basically, I was in shock. I wasn't offended," the woman said.

Secretary Tugs West said last month he will ask the Army inspector general to review the outcome of the criminal cases at Aberdeen. The scandal has also prompted a call for a worldwide review of the Army's policy on sexual harassment.

Defense attorneys have argued that high-ranking Army officials, including West, prejudiced Simpson's case by declaring their "zero tolerance" for sexual misconduct when the scandal broke in November. The lawyers said those comments led Army brass to bring unreasonably serious charges against Simpson.

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The appeal was submitted in Edwards' behalf by John C. Flood III, who chairs the National Bar Association's criminal law section; Harvard law professor Charles Ogletree; and Los Angeles lawyer Johnnie Cochran, who successfully defended O.J. Simpson against murder charges.

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One book that stands out in my mind, the book that shaped my life more than any other, is "The Wilderness World of John Muir" by Edwin Teale, he writes. "Dan Kemmis in 'The Good City and the Good Life' has me thinking about the importance of reading in her life.

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-Congress has not acted with a discriminatory purpose in setting greater penalties for cocaine base crimes than for powder cocaine offenses," U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia ruled.

Every federal appeals court that has studied such a challenge has rejected it, but the U.S. Sentencing Commission favors making the penalties the same for both kinds of cocaine.

Attorney General Janet Reno opposes such a move, saying that prison sentences must reflect the "harsh and terrible impact" of crack on U.S. communities.

States have their own sentencing laws for drug crimes prosecuted in state courts, but many prosecutors are taking ever-increasing numbers of drug cases to federal court because stiffer sentences are available.

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For instance, Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs Paul Zingz writes: "The fundamental principles that underscore the academy - reason, respect, and the mental principles that underscore..."
Prosecution defends search warrant for Kaczynski's cabin

By John Howard
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. - Federal prosecutors on Monday filed a stack of court documents defending the search warrant for Unabomber Theodore Kaczynski's Montana cabin.

The government said defense allegations that the search warrant was obtained under false pretenses were utterly without merit. They asked U.S. District Judge Garland Burrell Jr. to reject - without a hearing - the defense's motion to suppress evidence seized in the search.

Evidence seized in the raid on Kaczynski's remote Montana cabin is expected to be at the heart of the prosecution's case. Prosecutors have said the evidence includes the original manuscript of the Unabomber's anti-technology manifesto, the original manu- script of the Unabomber "manifesto," and a journal in which Kaczynski allegedly claims responsibility for each of the bombings.

The affidavit filed with the request for a search warrant "amply established probable cause" to issue the warrant, prosecutors said.

The document "was not misleading, and - with insignificant exceptions - Kaczynski's allegations that the affidavit contains misstatements and omissions find little support," the prosecutors said.

In their motion to suppress, court-appointed defense lawyers Qin Devir and Judy Clarke relied heavily on statements from David Kaczynski - the suspect's brother - and their mother, Wanda. The Kaczynskis both said some of their statements had been mischaracterized in the FBI affidavit. But prosecutors said Monday that the defense had failed to demonstrate any problems that would have affected the request for a warrant.

"Significantly, (the defense) does not dispute the accuracy of any of the information that David provided, only the affidavit's recitation of the opinions that David offered to the FBI," the government said.

Instead, prosecutors said, defense lawyers "focus on trivial, semantic distinctions that fall far short of showing an intentional or reckless material misstatement." In their response, prosecutors also countered defense allegations that some DNA evidence appeared to exclude Kaczynski and defended their analysis of Kaczynski's writings, which they link to the Unabomber's 30,000-word anti-technology manifesto.

Unless Burrell grants the motions to suppress, the肉体 of the prosecution's evidence as "amply established probable cause" to issue the search warrant will be held May 16.

The shark bill, which would extend a ban on intentionally catching white sharks without a permit, was among a handful of uncontroversial measures that were sent to the Assembly by legislated votes.

Bills to help ease the state's classroom shortage, give state employees a three-month, 3percent pay raise and fill a funding shortfall in California's fire-fighting program also got substantial majorities.

But those measures all fell short of the two-thirds votes they needed for approval. In each case, Democrats backed the bills, but most Republicans either abstained or voted no.

Many bills need only simple majorities to pass, but some measures - tax increases, most appropriation bills and measures that take effect immediately - need two-thirds votes.

"There are a number of people who would support the correct bill that is a product of legislative agreement," said Sen. Jack O'Connell, D-San Luis Obispo. "If you want to continue the class-size reduction revolution, we need this bill this year."

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BY MARK O'HARE

Triumph faced before him, put it more simply: "Without Jackie Robinson," he said, "there wouldn't have been any Hank Aaron." Or Willie Mays. Or Bob Gibson. Or Ernie Banks. Or any of the scores of other black stars who changed the pace and pulse of the game after Robinson led the way.

The first pitch Tuesday night will be thrown out by Jeese Smits, Robinson's grandson, who will play football at UCLA this fall; the way his grandfather did before revolutionizing baseball.

Acting commissioner Bud Selig and Rachel Robinson, Jackie's widow, will join Clinton at the ceremonies. Earlier this month, Rachel Robinson was at Long Island University for a three-day symposium in tribute to her husband and expressed some concerns. "As people discuss Jack, it's often as a martyr," she said. "They overlook the joys he had, the exhilaration of winning, the joys of his children and his home. Think of the total man, not just in terms of integrating sports."

The total man was why Branch Rickey chose Robinson as the centerpiece of his plan to change the face of baseball.

Rickey's team debut on April 15, 1947 was nondescript. He was 0-3-3, struggling against the curve balls of Roy Campanella. Rickey reached base on an error, scored a run and handled 11 chances at first base flawlessly. And he was pretty much ignored in press reports of the Dodgers' 5-3 victory over the Braves.

"It didn't stay that way very long," Biggie surfaced in short order. An anti-Robinson petition in his own clubhouse was crushed in a fiery game that drove other teams to distraction. He ran the bases with the fiery game that drove other teams to distraction. He ran the bases with the fury of a man trying to make a comeback.

The residue of racism still exists in baseball, Rachel Robinson said. "I'm sure he'd be pleased with the integration factor of players. But the front office and general scheme still don't have equal opportunity. We still don't own any part. He'd be disappointed with that."
Robinson tribute unveiled at Smithsonian

By Paul Shepard
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — With several former Negro Leagues players on hand to savor the memories, the Smithsonian unveiled an exhibit Monday honoring Jackie Robinson's landmark breakthrough 50 years ago.

The event brought tears to the eyes of Ernest Burke, an infielder with the Baltimore Elite Giants from 1946-48, when he recalled the slurs hurled at Robinson in Baltimore.

"Anywhere else, I almost could understand," said Burke, dabbing his eyes with a napkin. "But to do that to him in my hometown."

The recollection provided the only sobering message at the event that brought together five Negro Leagues players to remember Robinson as the museum displayed memorabilia from his playing days.


Visitors can also see a program from the 1952 World Series between Robinson's Brooklyn Dodgers and the New York Yankees, a Robinson autographed baseball bat and pictures of Robinson tracing his history from UCLA track star to U.S. serviceman to his days on the baseball diamond.

Burke, a tennis instructor living in Baltimore, said pleasant memories far outnumber the sad ones when recalling Robinson. Burke said when he heard Robinson had been selected to integrate baseball, he knew "they had the right man."

"We were overwhelmed," Burke said. "He had the education and the talent. We felt so good. It's like we were floating on air," Burke said with arms outstretched.

Though the unveiling had been planned for months, the timing couldn't have been better in light of Tiger Woods' victory in the Masters.

Woods, 21, whose father is black and mother is Thai, became the first person of color to win a major golf tournament as well as the youngest Masters champion.

Fresno State basketball player sues newspaper

By Joe Bigham
Associated Press

FRESNO, Calif. — Attorneys for Fresno State point guard Dominick Young filed a libel suit Monday against The Fresno Bee over articles that reported Youngickeying points, an illegal practice in which a player tries to keep the score of a game below the point spread to favor certain gamblers.

The newspaper reported that Young was seen at a nightclub after one game talking with a businessman The Bee described as a major local sports bettor and bookie. The Bee also reported that Herren visited a Fresno sports bookie.

"The Fresno Bee stands with grace and steely determination, he pushed open a door that should never have been closed and held it open for the son of tributes reaches its apex at Shea Stadium when Tuesday night's game between the New York Mets and Los Angeles Dodgers is halted in the fifth inning for ceremonies led by President Clinton.

In a letter to readers of the New York Daily News, Clinton saluted baseball's first black player.

"With grace and steely determination, he pushed open a door that should never have been closed and held it open for the first time in the history of our nation."

The lawsuit, which seeks $11.2 million in general and punitive damages, said Young has never shied from points or conpired with anyone else to do so.

Attorney Nicholas Wagner said the suit was filed after McClatchy Newspapers, which owns The Fresno Bee, refused to retract its allegations on grounds that it has reason to believe they are true.

"However, the letter, as did the articles, is devoid of any reliable sources of point-shaving, which is really the point here," Wagner said.

When Young's lawyers demanded a retraction last month, The Bee's executive editor, J. Keith Moyer, defended the newspaper's coverage.

"The Fresno Bee stands squarely behind its reporting that law enforcement agencies are investigating the possibility of point shaving during Fresno State basketball games," Moyer said.

The Bee has reported that federal and university investigations of point-shaving rumors have focused on guards Young and Chris Herren. Both have denied shaving points, an illegal practice in which a player tries to keep the score of a game below the point spread to favor certain gamblers.

The newspaper reported that Young was seen at a nightclub after one game talking with a businessman The Bee described as a major local sports bettor and bookie. The Bee also reported that Herren visited a Fresno sports bookie who is a friend of the bookie.

The Los Angeles Times later reported that members of a Southern California bookmaking ring were told that Fresno State players were fixing games.

In addition, The Bee reported that Fresno State basketball coach Jerry Tarkanian's personal business agent turned some game tickets over to the suspected sports bookie.

All of Fresno State's athletic department telephone records since January 1996 have been subpoenaed in the federal investigation.

At least five people were subpoenaed to appear before a federal grand jury last week, including insurance man and Bulldog booster Michael Der Manouel Sr. Herren lived with Der Manouel part of last season.

By Hal Beek
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NEW YORK — With symmetry so perfect it almost seemed planned, the 50th anniversary of Jackie Robinson's major league debut will be celebrated Tuesday, two days trailing his history from autographed baseballs, baseball cards and a life-size cardboard cutout of Robinson in uniform.

Visitors can also see a program from the 1952 World Series between Robinson's Brooklyn Dodgers and the New York Yankees, a Robinson autographed baseball bat and pictures of Robinson tracing his history from UCLA track star to U.S. serviceman to his days on the baseball diamond.

Burke, a tennis instructor living in Baltimore, said pleasant memories far outnumber the sad ones when recalling Robinson. Burke said when he heard Robinson had been selected to integrate baseball, he knew "they had the right man."

"We were overwhelmed," Burke said. "He had the education and the talent. We felt so good. It's like we were floating on air," Burke said with arms outstretched.

Though the unveiling had been planned for months, the timing couldn't have been better in light of Tiger Woods' victory in the Masters.

Woods, 21, whose father is black and mother is Thai, became the first person of color to win a major golf tournament as well as the youngest Masters champion.