

IMMIGRATION STILL AT ISSUE

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WASHINGTON -- President Bush said Friday that the problem of 3 million Mexicans living illegally in the United States proved too complex to reach agreement in time for next week's state visit by Mexican President Vicente Fox. Instead of the detailed immigration proposals that Bush had hoped to announce when he and Fox meet at the White House on Wednesday, the two presidents will outline only broad principles for change. "Immigration is one that is a complex issue," Bush said Friday, previewing the first state visit of his presidency. "We made progress on principles. President Fox knows that the issue will require more than just the administration's involvement; it requires a willing Congress to address the issue."

Aide sentenced for mailing debate tape

AUSTIN, Texas -- A former aide to George W. Bush's campaign media adviser was sentenced Friday to a year in prison and fined \$3,000 for mailing a Bush debate practice videotape to Al Gore's campaign. Juanita Yvette Lozano, 31, who pleaded guilty in June, said she was sorry her actions had so drastically changed her life but did not apologize for committing mail fraud. Lozano will lose her voting privileges during her prison sentence and three years of probation. "Every election will be a painful reminder as I will be only an observer in the process," she told the court. U.S. District Judge Sam Sparks scolded Lozano for trying to disrupt the presidential election and lying to a grand jury. "There's no doubt in my mind you knew exactly what you were doing," he said. A lifelong Democrat, Lozano admitted during her plea hearing that in September 2000 she mailed the Bush videotape, strategy book and other papers to Gore adviser and former Rep. Tom Downey, D-N.Y., before the first presidential faceoff with Bush.

Copter fighting fire crashes, killing 3

WEST GLACIER, Mont. -- A helicopter assigned to the largest wildfire in Montana crashed in a brushy ravine north of Yellowstone National Park on Friday, killing all three people aboard. The chopper assigned to the 25,500-acre fire went down during a maintenance flight to check its condition, Columbia Helicopters spokesman Jon Lazzaretti said from company headquarters in suburban Portland, Ore. Later Friday, a fire in northwestern Montana swept into Glacier National Park, increasing from 17,100 acres to 25,000 acres. "It's kicking butt," fire spokesman Bob McKinney said. This crash follows Monday's collision of two firefighting planes in California that killed two pilots.

Corps alters plan for Missouri River

WASHINGTON -- The Army Corps of Engineers on Friday backed away from a plan to alter the flow of the Missouri River, prompting criticism from environmentalists who said the agency is sacrificing conservation for business interests. The Fish and Wildlife Service, which oversees the federal Endangered Species Act, says changing the flow is the only way to save the pallid sturgeon, least tern and piping plover. But barge and agriculture interests have said the move will harm them and have lobbied lawmakers and the White House.

Military recruiting should meet goals

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WASHINGTON -- Each of the military services is likely to meet its recruiting goal for the budget year ending Sept. 30, but attracting qualified people is **still** difficult, a senior Pentagon official said Friday. "They're going to make their numbers this year, I think, ... but that's not the time to relax," Charles Abell, the assistant secretary of defense for force management policy, said at the Pentagon. It would be the second straight year that the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines all met their recruiting goals. In the late 1990s, the services -- except for the Marines -- struggled to attract recruits, in part because the booming economy offered more favorable opportunities for young people. The Air Force began its first paid television advertising campaign in 2000 after falling below its 1999 goal. s

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