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 AMARILLO — Panhandle Regional Planning Commission will be the site of an upcoming workshop entitled "SBA Financing for Contractors and Short Term Borrowers" slated from 4-6:30 p.m., Tuesday, June 17. Though free, reservations to the seminar are required due to limited seating. For more information, call PRPC at (806) 372-3381.

STATE

Boat safety stressed
 LEWISVILLE (AP) — At least seven people have died on Texas waters recently, and summer is less than two weeks away. "They should set speed limits on Saturdays and Sundays," said Steve Southers of Carrollton. His wife, Heather Southers, said people frequently race under bridges and past their boat, scaring their children. The couple said they're aware of the deadly accidents that occur each year on Texas lakes.

DEATHS

Olon Lee Riley, 80, services pending.
 Warren F. Williams, 92, Oilfield Pioneer Award winner.

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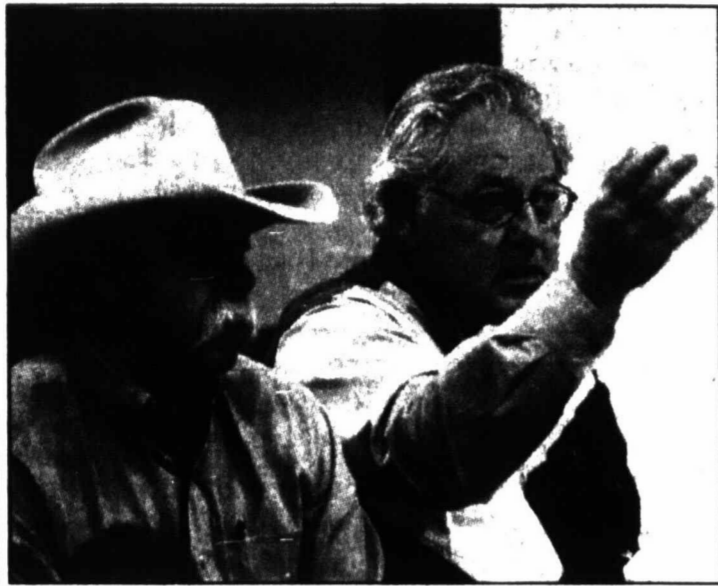
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(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)
Randy Norris, left, listens as Scott Hahn, right, talks to the Pampa City Commission about the Top O' Texas Rodeo during Tuesday night's meeting.

Beer permit gets city OK

BY DAVID BOWSER
 STAFF WRITER

The Top O' Texas Rodeo Association is free to apply to the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission today for a temporary permit to sell alcohol at their rodeo next month after the Pampa City Commission passed a resolution supporting the action.

The commission on a three-to-one vote with one member absent passed a resolution at their Tuesday night meeting granting their consent for the sale of alcohol at the Top O' Texas Rodeo here in July. Commissioners also commended the rodeo association for their work in producing the PRC A-sanctioned rodeo annually.

In other business, the commission appointed Loralee Cooley to the Parks, Recreation and M.K. Brown Auditorium Advisory Board to fill the unexpired term of Willard Kiper. Kiper had resigned because of an increased workload in his job as a chaplain at the Jordan Unit. Cooley had been an alternate on the board.

Commissioners rejected a bid of \$901 from Jim Davidson for a delinquent tax property located on the east side of Price Road and south side of 23rd Street. The 7.5 acre plot is zoned residential and is valued at \$21,000. About \$12,000 in taxes and associated costs is due on the property.

During their working session prior to their meeting, commissioners and city staff talked about advertising the property in an effort to sell it for more.

"We've got a potentially valuable piece of property," City Manager Mitch Grant told the commissioners.

Commissioner Jeff Andrews said he had received three calls Monday night and Tuesday from people wanting to submit bids on the property.

"We may want to try to market it," Grant said.

The commission passed an ordinance on second reading providing for payment of bills and fees to the city by credit card.

They also went into executive session to discuss leasing

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Pickup slams church after hi-speed chase

BY DAVID BOWSER
 STAFF WRITER

The Central Baptist Church was standing like a rock this morning after withstanding an attack of evil overnight.

Eleazar Pedro Chavez, 19, 520 Yeager, Apt. 4, was in Gray County jail after being arrested on a fugitive warrant out of Arizona. Chavez was arrested following a high speed chase through downtown Pampa that ended when the pickup Chavez was driving slammed into the Central Baptist Church at 513 Starkweather.

Deputies with the Gray County Sheriff's office said today that a passing motorist noticed a pickup backed up to the door of the Taylor Mart on U.S. Highway 60 on the west side of Pampa about 11 p.m., Monday, but the store was closed.

The motorist called 911 as the pickup left the Taylor Mart at a high rate of speed, officers said.

Authorities said this morning that the motorist followed the pickup while talking to the 911 operator, describing the pickup's progress east on U.S. 60 into Pampa and then north on Hobart.

Gray County deputies and Pampa police officers intercepted the pickup at Hobart and Kingsmill, but instead of stopping, the pickup continued north on Hobart for another block and turned right on Francis.

Officers said the pickup sped east on Francis, losing many of the items in the bed of the pickup as it hit dips in the street. Police officers reported retrieving a number of items that flew out of the back of the pickup including beer which was believed to have been

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(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)
McKinley Hancox, left, and Alyssa Lowry, both 5-years-old and on their way to Vacation Bible School, inspect the damage to Central Baptist Church today after a pickup, fleeing from law enforcement officers, slammed into the church building at Starkweather and Francis late Tuesday night.

Escapee captured in Oklahoma

BY DAVID BOWSER
 STAFF WRITER

A Pampa man was being held in an Oklahoma jail today after escaping from a corrections center in Wichita Falls.

Michael Blaine Cochran, 19, was ordered to the North Central Texas Corrections Center in Wichita Falls for 24 months last October by 223rd District Judge Lee Waters after failing to meet the conditions of a four-year deferred adjudication in connection with an evading arrest conviction.

Officers said Cochran and two other men are accused of escaping from the correction center in Wichita Falls and stealing a pickup.

The trio were arrested in Hinton, Okla., about 2 a.m. today and are being held in the Caddo County jail in Anadarko, Okla.

Cochran's original conviction stems from a high speed chase by Pampa police on Thursday, Oct. 25, 2001.

Pampa Police Officer

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Firefighters, past & present, gather for reunion



(Courtesy photo)
These retired Pampa Fire Department officials were among those attending the 9th annual Pampa Firefighters Reunion this weekend, from left: Chief Claudie Phillips; Capts. Charles Davis, Kenneth Kirby, Don Hendricks, and Leo Tyrell; Chief Paul Jones; Fire Marshal Tom Adams; Chiefs F.E. "Finis" Dyer and J.D. Ray; Capt. Carl Mann; Battalion Chief Dan Rose; and (not shown) Asst. Chief Ray Fisher.

For nine years, Pampa firefighters, present and past, have gathered for a reunion.

But this year's reunion on Saturday, June 7, held special poignancy. Earlier that day they had gathered to say good-bye to one of their own, retired Capt. Harry Patten, at memorial services held in a Pampa cemetery that afternoon.

"There's some people who when they're gone, no one really notices," mused Pampa Fire Marshal Gary Stevens who with his wife Donna hosted this year's reunion dedicated to Capt. Patten. "But Harry was different. He's someone who was worth knowing and when he's gone, you can really tell ... there's a hole."

The Stevenses presided over a potluck lunch eaten beside the pond behind their home at 1019 N. Frost.

Everyone brought their families for a get-together filled with memories, fun and festivities.

Those attending represented more than 300 years of retired firefighting experience, along with firefighters still serving this community with combined experience of more than 175 years, Stevens said.

Four retired Pampa fire chiefs came to the reunion including Finis Dyer, Claudie Phillips, Paul Jones and J.D. Ray. Retired Fire Marshal Tom Adams was there along with retired Assistant Chief Ray Fisher and Battalion Chief Dan Rose. Retired captains included Leo Tyrell, Kenneth Kirby, Charles Davis, Don Hendricks and Carl Mann.

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AMBULANCE

Rural/Metro Ambulance Service responded to the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Tuesday, June 10

12:25 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of West Francis and transported one patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

4:29 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 400 block of Oklahoma and transported one patient to PRMC.

10:31 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of Prairie Drive and transported one patient to PRMC.

11:47 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Francis and Starkweather and transported one patient to PRMC.

STOCKS

The following grain quotations are provided by Atebury Grain of Pampa.		
Wheat	3.05	
Milo	3.93	
Corn	4.42	
Soybeans	5.54	
The following show prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation:		
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The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa.		
BP	44.26	+0.88
Celanese	25.21	+0.51
Cabot Corp.	29.55	-0.20
Cabot Oil Gas	29.93	+0.52
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Williams	8.48	+0.08
McDonalds	21.80	+0.13
Exxon Mobil	37.96	+0.42
Atmos	25.29	+0.05
Pioneer Nat	26.82	-0.18
Penney's	18.33	+0.22
COP	54.70	+0.15
Schlumberger	48.40	+0.30
Tenneco	4.28	-0.07
CVX	75.02	+0.79
Wal-Mart	55.09	+0.33
OKE	20.54	NC
NS Group	10.30	+0.04
New York Gold	352.15	
Silver	4.47	
West Texas Crude	31.73	

POLICE

Pampa Police Department today reported the following incidents.

Monday, June 9

A motor scooter was damaged in the 800 block of South Banks.

Tuesday, June 10

Mail was reported stolen in the 1100 block of Cinderella.

A simple assault with minor injuries was reported in the 500 block of Doucette.

Forged checks were turned into the police department.

Injury to a child was reported at Somerville and Sumner.

A theft was reported at Cinema Four, 1225 N. Hobart.

SHERIFF

Gray County Sheriff's office reported the following arrests during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Tuesday, June 10

Kevin Wilson, 35, Amarillo, was arrested by Gray County Sheriff's deputies on charges of driving while intoxicated.

Sherry Roxan Henson, 32, McLean, was arrested by Gray County Sheriff's deputies on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia.

Jimmy Ray Henson, 32, McLean, was arrested by Gray County Sheriff's deputies on a warrant out of Montgomery County charging him with theft by check.

Esteven Eugene Mathis, 47, 1031 N. Sumner, Apt. 124, was arrested by Gray County Sheriff's deputies on charges of public intoxication.

Eleazar Pedro Chavez, 19, 520 Yeager, Apt. 4, was arrested by Gray County Sheriff's deputies on a fugitive warrant out of Arizona charging him with probation violation.

FIRE

Pampa Fire Department responded to the following call during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Tuesday, June 10

3:27 p.m. — One unit and two firefighters responded to a report of a fire at Gray 1 and Gray G. It was a controlled burn.

OBITUARIES

WARREN F. WILLIAMS
1910-2003

Warren F. Williams, 92, of Pampa, Texas, on Tuesday, June 10, 2003, at Pampa. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m., Friday, June 13, 2003, at Fairview Cemetery with the Rev. Doug Yates, pastor of the First Church of the Nazarene, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Williams was born Oct. 19, 1910, in Colorado City, Texas. He married Velta Gabriel on Nov. 17, 1928, in Mobeetie. She preceded him in death on July 28, 1998. He had been a resident of Pampa since 1940, moving from Mobeetie.

He farmed and ranched and was an original cowboy who rode horseback and worked cattle with Emmett Lefors. He began working in the oilfield in 1940, working as a painter and steamer. He worked for Windsor Well Service, Chase Oilfield Service, and Curtis Well Service, retiring in the 1980s.

He also worked for Triangle Well Service and Hadley Steam Services. He received the Oilfield Pioneer Award from the Permian Basin in the late 1980s.

He was a member of St. Paul United Methodist Church.

Survivors include a son, Raymond Williams of Kalispell, Mont.; five grandchildren, Kimberly Lincycumb of Pampa, Monna Statster of Wichita Falls, Kelly Moore of Florence, Mont., Dusty Williams of Montana, and Tim Williams of San Francisco, Calif.; and six great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two special friends, Sally Fick and Rachel Gunther; three brothers; and a sister.

The family requests memorials be to Crown of Texas Hospice, 1000 S. Jefferson, Amarillo, TX 79101.

—Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whitley.com.



OLON LEE RILEY
1923-2003

McQUEENEY, Texas — Olon Lee Riley, 80, died Wednesday, June 11, 2003, at Midland. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Riley was born June 9, 1923, at Gerty, Okla. He grew up at Gerty and Pampa, graduating from Pampa High School in 1941. He married Margaret Webb on May 20, 1962, at Odessa.

He was a ganghand and gauger for Phillips Petroleum for 27 1/2 years and worked as a pipeline inspector and ranched for several years. He was a Baptist and a U.S. Navy veteran, serving during World War II.

He was a member of Isom Masonic Lodge in Borger.

Survivors include his wife, Margaret, of the home; two daughters, Cheri Riley of Houston and Rhonda Riley of Santa Rosa, Calif.; a son, Steven Riley of Midland; three stepsons, Ron Webb of San Anselmo, Calif., Don Webb of Long Beach, Calif., and Richard Webb of Blooming Grove; a sister, Bernice Musgrave of Pampa; a brother, Samuel Riley of Atwood, Okla.; six grandchildren; three stepgrandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and three step-great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Home Hospice, 903 N. Sam Houston, Odessa, TX 79761.

—Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whitley.com.

Judge rules in favor of oil producers

WICHITA FALLS, Texas (AP) — A judge ruled in favor of oil and gas producers who sued the Texas Railroad Commission over financial requirements for plugging abandoned wells.

State District Judge Laura Livingston issued a ruling Tuesday in favor of the 1,900-member Texas Alliance of Energy Producers. She also threw out regulations relating to bonding requirements for oil producers, declaring them invalid for not complying with the Texas Government Code.

The alliance's president, Alex Mills, said the group was "ecstatic" about the ruling and that the Railroad Commission needs to revamp its regulations.

But commission Chairman Michael Williams

said he also was pleased with the ruling, saying the judge "did not make any substantive ruling. The ruling was based upon a narrow procedural (interpretation)."

The lawsuit, filed in August, alleged that the commission misinterpreted the Texas Legislature's intent in its implementation of a law requiring operators to maintain financial responsibility for plugging abandoned wells.

Under the rule, eligible operators can apply for a "good guy" exception if they show proof they could not get bonded. They must pay a \$1,000 fee and go through a hearing process to be approved. Previously, operators had to pay \$100 and were not required to prove they could not get bonded.

Although hundreds have applied for the "good-guy" option, only one person has been granted the exception,

Mills said. Meanwhile, hundreds of operators have left the business, saying it was too expensive and difficult to obtain bonds, Mills said.

In October, Livingston ruled that the alliance had met the burden of proof to seek a temporary injunction against the implementation of the commission's "good-guy" bond exemption.

State Rep. David Farabee, D-Wichita Falls, whose House bill addressing the situation failed during the recent legislative session, called Tuesday's ruling a victory for small producers.

"And because the small producers of oil and gas in Texas will be able to stay in business, our schools will benefit from their ability to pay taxes," Farabee said. "And our environment will benefit, because the wells they might otherwise have walked away from will continue to operate. So, in the end, it's good for Texas."

WEATHER FOCUS

PAMPA

Today partly cloudy skies are forecast along with a chance of showers and thunderstorms, some possibly severe, highs in the mid 90s, southeast winds 5 to 15 mph and a 40 percent chance of rain. Tonight should see partly cloudy skies coupled with a chance of thunderstorms, some may be severe, lows in the mid 60s, light to variable winds and a 40 percent chance of rain. Thursday should be partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 90s. East winds 5 to 15 mph. Thursday night, partly cloudy. Slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 60s. East winds 5 to 15 mph. Chance of rain 20 percent. Friday, partly cloudy. Chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 80s. Southeast winds 5 to 15 mph. Chance of rain 30 percent. Friday night, partly cloudy. Chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 60s.

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STATEWIDE

The state will be slightly warmer for the next few days. All but the far west may see some rain this evening, and isolated evening showers and storms are possible through the weekend over nearly all of the state. Partly cloudy skies will prevail.

On Tuesday, many areas of the state saw rain. Paris, Wichita Falls, Texarkana, Corpus Christi and San Antonio each recorded about an inch. The high temperature was recorded at McAllen and Wink, with 101 degrees. Dalhart recorded 54 degrees overnight, low for the state.

West Texas will be partly cloudy today, sunny in the South Plains and far west. Warmer temperatures are on tap today: upper 80s to mid

90s in the Panhandle, low to mid 90s south and far west, mid 90s in the South Plains, and mid 90s to low 100s in the Permian Basin and Trans Pecos.

Some isolated storms are likely this evening in the eastern Panhandle, Permian Basin/Trans Pecos, and Concho Valley. Late-day and overnight showers and storms will be possible through the weekend. The Panhandle and South Plains will be slightly cooler beginning Thursday. In other areas, today's hot temperatures should hold through the weekend.

South Texas will be partly cloudy and hot through the weekend, with chances each evening for some rain. The deep south will be the exception, with no rain forecast

Thursday through Saturday.

The far southeast may see rain during the day today. It will be breezy in the Coastal Bend this week, with small craft conditions likely to be posted each night. The deep south will see breezy conditions beginning Thursday. Temperatures will continue hot, with inland temperatures in the 90s, near 100 in the far west.

In North Texas, temperatures will be in the low to mid 90s through the weekend. Today's skies will be partly to mostly cloudy, then partly cloudy the rest of the week. A chance of late-day and nighttime showers and storms will be possible through the weekend. Tonight, some isolated storms will be likely north of Interstate 20.

City Briefs

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Hoover volunteers certified

Six Hoover Volunteer Fire Department volunteers recently achieved basic certification through the State Fireman's and Fire Marshal's Association of Texas Certification Board.

Those completing the training included Bud Rose, Bill Campbell, James Powell, Jeffery Sweeney, Tanita Olson and Trent Price.

Four two years, the six local firefighters attended classes in Canyon, Floydada, Higgins, Matador and the Municipal Texas Fire Training School at College Station. Some training was conducted in-house at Hoover and surrounding area fire departments.

The 167 hours minimum training in 31 subjects combined classroom studies and live

fire training under controlled conditions. Basic certification subjects included fire department organizations, forcible entry, ladder practices, hose practices, salvage and overhaul, fire streams, apparatus familiarization, ventilation practices, rescue operations, first aid, inspection practices, water supplies, fire protection systems, transportation emergencies, fire service, alarms and communication, public relations, records and reports, emergency vehicle, fire cause and origin, live fire training, firefighter safety, pump operations, ground cover firefighting, hazardous materials, SCBA, ropes, portable extinguishers and public education.

The firefighters are now working to become Intermediate Certified.

Veterans benefits available to some returning Reservists, Guardsmen

Many Reservists and Guardsmen returning from Operation Iraqi Freedom may not be aware of their potential eligibility for some veteran benefits, according to Robert Dixon, Gray County veterans officer.

The Department of Veterans' Affairs (VA) offers a number of benefit programs to Reserve and Guard members. To be eligible, they must have completed at least 181 consecutive days of active duty service and be discharged or separated under honorable conditions. DD form 214 will be required to establish their eligibility.

Benefits include medically related services for service members who have service-con-

nected disability and vocational rehabilitation (job training) for those with a service-connected disability. VA also offers a home loan guarantee with a low interest rate, no down payment and a long repayment period for qualifying members.

In addition to federal benefits, Reservists and Guardsmen may also be eligible for state benefits, such as the Hazlewood Act, which is an educational benefit.

For more information, contact Veterans County Service Officer Robert Dixon, Gray County Courthouse, Room 103, in Pampa or telephone him at 669-8040.

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terms for the U.S. Bus building, 822 E. Foster, and to discuss appointments to the PEDC. They took no action on either item.

Also during the commission's work session, they discussed the city's house demolition program.

Code Enforcement Officer Danny Winborne told the commissioners that Marshall Hopkins with H&H Construction had offered to remove all structures and con-

crete, and any trees that needed to be removed, for \$10,000. With landfill fees, the cost would total about \$17,350.

The property is valued at \$34,550. It has taxes and costs of \$20,551 against it.

Winborne suggested selling the property for \$100 to a local business that would agree to demolish the structures at no cost to the city if the city would waive the landfill fees.

The property, located at 315 S. Ballard, has 11 struc-

tures that need to be demolished, Winborne said.

The commission directed Winborne to discuss the project with the other governmental entities, the school district and county, who would share in the costs of demolishing the buildings.

Present at Tuesday night's meeting was Mayor Lonny Robins, Commissioners Robert Dixon, Jeff McCormick and Jeff Andrews. Absent was Commissioner Faustina Curry.

CORRECTION

On Tuesday, June 10, The Pampa News reported the registration of Steven Mark Bell, 45, as a sex offender, convicted of rape and involuntary deviant sexual intercourse of a 16-year-old female in Pennsylvania. Based

on a Pampa Police Department press release, the paper reported that Bell lived at 821 Craven.

The address, police said today, should be 821 E. Brunow.

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CAPTURE

Colby Brown, the Pampa High School police liaison officer, said he saw two teenagers in a Jeep that day and wondered why they weren't in school. Checking the license number of the Jeep, Officer Brown was told that the driver had been reported as a runaway earlier in the day.

When Brown saw the Jeep near a Pampa apartment complex a short time later, he tried to stop it, but the Jeep sped

away. Brown pursued the Jeep from North Wells Street, down Kentucky Avenue, across Price Road, and out into the county.

The seven-minute high speed chase ended when the Jeep's tires were shredded by spikes set out on Gray County Road 5 where it intersects with Texas Highway 152.

A police video shows the Jeep sliding through the intersection and continuing down the caliche county road. The Jeep then veered into the bar

ditch, crossed the road again and crashed into a 1984 Ford pickup owned by Benny Schiffman which was parked in a residential driveway.

Officers said the two teenagers, Cochran and Codie Bowman, 18, got out of the Jeep and ran across a field.

Cochran surrendered as Brown drove up to him in the field.

Bowman was later arrested near the intersection of Somerville and Sumner streets.

Prosecutor of discredited Tulia drug arrests convicted of drunken driving

CARRIZOZO, N.M. (AP) — The Texas district attorney who prosecuted many of the now-discredited 1999 Tulia drug arrests was found guilty of drunken driving and sentenced to two days in jail.

The verdict Tuesday in a New Mexico court brings into question the professional future of district attorney Terry McEachern, officials said.

"I'm sure it would probably be best if he stepped down," Swisher County Commissioner Billy Settle told the Lubbock (Texas) Avalanche-Journal. McEachern's office covers three West Texas counties, Swisher, Hale and Castro.

McEachern, who has denied wrongdoing in the racially charged Tulia drug cases, was stopped on suspicion of drunken driving by an officer in Ruidoso on Nov. 27.

Shirley and Jim Wood of

Portales, N.M., testified Tuesday that they saw McEachern running off the shoulder of the road, veering into oncoming traffic and randomly accelerating and decelerating.

After he was stopped, McEachern failed a series of videotaped field sobriety tests and refused to take a breath test. McEachern denied driving erratically. He testified that he

took a Valium and drank two beers at dinner about an hour before the traffic stop. He said he initially lied by denying he had had anything to drink because he was embarrassed.

Judge Frank Wilson found him guilty. In addition to the two-day jail sentence, McEachern also was fined \$300. He has 45 days to serve the sentence.

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CHASE

stolen from the Taylor Mart.

Patrol cars chased the speeding pickup past the courthouse and sheriff's office, through downtown on Francis to Starkweather.

Police officers said the 2001 Chevrolet Silverado pickup, still traveling at a high rate of speed, ignored the stop sign on Francis at Starkweather and attempted to turn north, but careened instead across Starkweather, jumped the curb and slammed into the southwest corner of the Central Baptist Church, leaving a gaping hole in the bricks.

Gray County Chief Deputy

Sheriff Kelly Rushing said the driver, identified as Chavez, wanted in Maricopa County, Ariz., on a fugitive warrant charging him with violation of probation on a theft conviction, was taken to Pampa Regional Hospital by Rural Metro Ambulance where he was treated for his injuries and then released into the custody of law enforcement officers.

Chavez was expected to appear before a district judge today in connection with the fugitive warrant from Arizona.

Officers said local charges may be filed in connection with the reported burglary of the Taylor Mart and high speed chase.

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FDA OKS growth hormone for abnormally short youth

WASHINGTON (AP) — In kindergarten, Nicole Costa was too short to reach even the classroom water fountain. At age 6, doctors predicted her adult height would be just 4 feet 8 inches.

Then she was prescribed almost daily injections of growth hormone for the next seven years — a controversial practice in children, like Nicole, whose shortness isn't caused by any known disease. But it worked — at 17, Nicole is now a more average 5 feet 2 inches.

She urged government scientists on Tuesday to let other children have the same chance with that drug. "It will make their world a different place."

Advisers to the Food and Drug Administration grudgingly agreed, backing Eli Lilly & Co.'s bid to become the first growth hormone maker allowed to market the drug for abnormally short but otherwise healthy children.

The advisers agonized over the decision, warning that dramatic growth like Nicole's is rare — most children will undergo lots of expense and trouble in hopes of growing roughly 2 inches taller.

"I'm worried about the medicalization of shortness," said women's health specialist Nancy Worcester of the University of Wisconsin-Madison, the panel's consumer representative.

"We are talking about treating otherwise perfectly normal kids who are short for five to 10 years," with little infor-

mation about long-term side effects, complained panelist Dr. Deborah Grady of the University of California, San Francisco.

Growth hormone has been used for 16 years to treat children who are extremely short because their bodies don't naturally produce the substance, and to treat a handful of other growth-stunting diseases. Some 200,000 children worldwide have taken it.

The FDA has long fought cosmetic use of growth hormone, and now is struggling to define just what is meaningful, medically appropriate use of the drug in this new group of potential patients — without opening the floodgates to normal children yearning for a few extra inches.

Lilly's treatment requirements include boys predicted to be shorter than 5 feet 3 inches as adults, and girls shorter than 4-foot 11 inches.

Lilly counts some 400,000 such children ages 7 to 15, but predicts that only about 10 percent ultimately would receive growth hormone because of tight eligibility criteria — and because many families simply won't want to endure six shots a week for years.

Lilly's studies of several dozen patients tracked until adulthood found growth hormone treatment can make such children grow 1.5 to 2.8 inches taller than they otherwise would have.

Senate endorses plan to revive nuclear power

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. taxpayers may underwrite a new generation of nuclear power plants now that the Senate has endorsed the idea as part of a broad energy bill.

Under the measure, the government would provide loan guarantees for at least a half dozen advanced design commercial nuclear power plants expected to cost about \$3 billion each. The government would guarantee half the cost.

An attempt to strip the loan guarantees from the Senate bill fell short Tuesday, 50-48. Critics called the government help a giveaway to a mature industry that should be left to succeed or fail on its own.

The guarantees are part of a broader package of pro-nuclear measures in the bill, which may be approved within weeks, including a plan for the government to build a \$1.1 billion reactor to make hydrogen and \$865 million for research into reducing nuclear waste.

The measure marks the most ambitious attempt to energize the nuclear industry in decades and goes much further to help nuclear power than House legislation passed in April.

Sen. Pete Domenici, R-N.M., architect of a package of pro-nuclear provisions, said the government help is needed sustain the role of nuclear power in the country's energy picture.

No utility has tried to build a new power reactor since the 1979 nuclear accident at Three Mile Island. Several companies have filed papers with the Nuclear

Regulatory Commission declaring an interest in building a new-design reactor in the near future, probably at locations with an existing nuclear power plant.

Industry representatives have argued that the government safety net is needed at least for the first group of reactors now that the electric power industry is in transition from highly regulated to competitive markets.

"The time has come to quit playing around with energy and say, wherever we can, we are going to produce more energy," argued Domenici. Nuclear power has long been neglected, he said, and that has been "a giant mistake."

He said that nuclear energy is "clean, affordable and reliable ... and offers a potential and promise for this country

and the rest of the world that I believe we have never really tapped." The new reactors will be smaller, safer and more efficient than plants built in the past, he said.

The legislation calls for supporting enough new reactors to produce 8,400 megawatts of power. That would be enough to build seven reactors similar in size to many of the large commercial power reactors now in operation, but could also be used to build more smaller reactors.

Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., who led the opposition to the loan guarantees, said it's "not a question about whether

someone is pro-nuclear or anti-nuclear" but whether "to put at risk the taxpayers of this country" if the reactor projects flop.

Sen. John Sununu, R-N.H., a co-sponsor with Wyden of the amendment to block the loan guarantees, said "power plants should be developed on a level playing field without government subsidizing one industry over another."

They cited a 50 percent estimate by the Congressional Budget Office that reactor projects might default, leaving taxpayers left with a \$16 billion bill — half the total cost of the construction loans.

Rodeo banners



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Ten area 4-H Texas A&M University College Station members as they join approximately other Texas students at a 4-H State Roundup. Chance Brown, Courtney Matt Daugherty, Drake Jackson, LeAnn Mladek, and Dirk Swope Gray County in a 38 contests Roundup.

4-H State Roundup members participating in leadership and life skills competitions. They have been held for many years. More than 100 are expected to attend June 9-13.

In 2003, the Texas Development Foundation Texas 4-H Development Program over \$1,000,000 in cash prizes and awards during Texas 4-H an additional \$100,000 in cash prizes and awards.

This is Sarah's year to compete in Roundup. The 2003 School Valedictorian a finalist in the Texas Development Opportunity Program. This scholarship is no less than \$150,000 as much as \$150,000.

The scholarship is based on a student's academic excellence, academic financial need. She will attend Texas Tech the fall, majoring in design. This School Board teen leader is participating in several

Back desc planning

The descendants of David and Emma observing 100-year anniversary in Gray County family members a reunion celebration in McLean.

The celebration include a continuing members in the parade at 10 a.m. June 14 in McLean.

Many of the have lived all over Gray Co. The 100 Olive Back and Watson, Charles wife Cora Bell Back married Colebanks, Betty wife Mattie Back and Featherston, married Robert D. Back and Fulbright, Jack wife Iva residing Vick Back and who married Robert.

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County 4-Hers compete at state competition in College Station



Emily Elliott

Ten area 4-Hers will call Texas A&M University at College Station home this week as they join approximately 2000 other Texas students in competing at 4-H State Roundup.

Chance Bowers, Adam Brown, Courtney Crawford, Matt Daugherty, Emily Elliott, Drake Jackson, Ashlee Lucas, LeAnn Mladek, Sarah Schwab and Dirk Swope will represent Gray County in a variety of the 38 contests conducted at Roundup.

4-H State Roundup is an educational event in which 4-H members participate in leadership and life skill developing competitions. The event has been held for more than 60 years. More than 3500 people are expected to attend Roundup June 9-13.

In 2003, the Texas 4-H Youth Development Foundation and Texas 4-H and Youth Development Program awarded over \$1,000,000 in scholarships during Texas 4-H Roundup and an additional \$130,000.00 in cash prizes and awards.

This is Sarah Schwab's fifth year to compete at State Roundup. The 2003 Lefors High School Valedictorian graduate is a finalist in the Texas 4-H Youth Development Foundation Opportunity Scholarship Program. This scholarship is of no less than \$1500 and possibly as much as \$15,000.

The scholarship is awarded based on a student's 4-H experience, academic record and financial need. Sarah plans to attend Texas Tech University in the fall, majoring in fashion design. This State Clothing Board teen leader will be participating in several other state



LeAnn Mladek

competitions, including Fabric and Fashion Design (Apparel), Casual Construction, Cotton Construction, and Clothing Illustrated Talk. Sarah is the daughter of Robert and Mary Schwab.

This is Emily Elliott's second year to compete at State Roundup. The Pampa home-schooled junior will compete in the Share the Fun-Comedian category with a monologue, "The Driver's Test is a Piece of Cake." Emily has been in 4-H for seven years, participating in the Photography, Foods and Nutrition, Clothing and Textiles, Share the Fun and Breads projects. She is the daughter of Brad and Judy Elliott.

A Rifle team of Adam Brown, Matt Daugherty and Dirk Swope will compete at State Roundup. This is the second year for Brown and Swope to compete at the state level and the first year for Daugherty.



Sarah Schwab

Adam is a senior at Pampa High School and is in his third year of 4-H. He is the son of David and Debbie Brown. Dirk, a third year 4-Her, also attends Pampa High School where he's a junior. He is the son of Rick and Leslie Swope. Matt, a sophomore at Lefors High School is in his sixth year of 4-H. He is the son of Marvin and Laurie Daugherty.

New to State Roundup but not to 4-H are the members of the livestock judging team of Chance Bowers, Courtney Crawford, Drake Jackson, and Ashlee Lucas. They'll be competing in the Dairy Judging category this year.

Chance, a senior at Pampa High School, has been in 4-H for nine years. He's active in the Beef and Livestock Judging projects. He is the son of Charles and Janyth Bowers.

A Pampa High School sophomore, Courtney participates in



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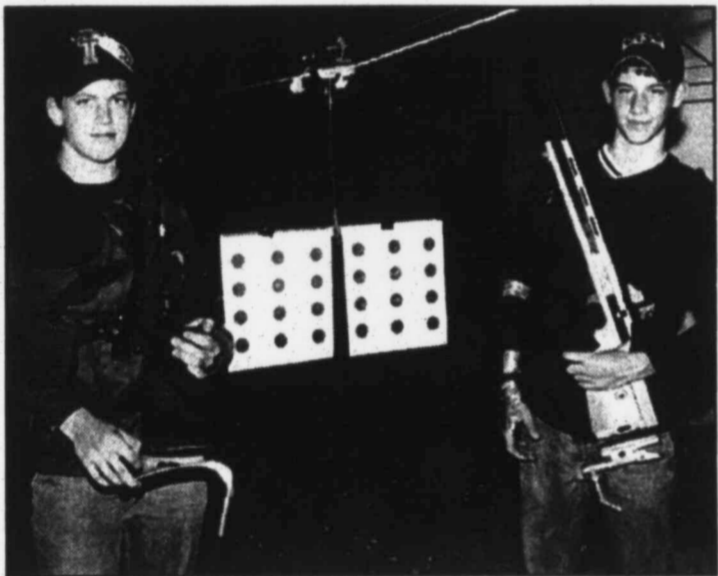
4-H Dairy Judging Team members (left-right) Chance Bowers, Courtney Crawford and Drake Jackson. Not pictured: Ashlee Lucas.

the Beef, Swine, Consumer Life Skills, Livestock Judging, Veterinarian Science, and Breads projects. She's the daughter of Kevin and Donna Crawford.

Drake has been in 4-H for seven years and is a sophomore at Lefors High School. He's involved with Photography, Foods and Nutrition, Consumer Life Skills, Livestock Judging, and Swine projects. He is the son of Barry and Lendi Jackson.

This is Ashlee's third year in 4-H, where she's active in the Beef, Swine and Consumer Life Skills, and Livestock Judging projects. This Pampa High School sophomore is the daughter of Rex and Jolinda Childress.

First year 4-Her LeAnn Mladek will teach about energy saving techniques in the home with her Method Demonstration/Illustrated Talk. The homeschooled 11th grader recently finished third at the District 1 4-H Fashion Show in the dressy casual construction category. She also participates in 4-H Photography and is the daughter of Michelle Mladek.



(Courtesy photo)

4-H Rifle team members (left-right) Matt Daugherty and Dirk Swope. Not pictured: Adam Brown.

Back descendants planning reunion

The descendants of John David and Emma Back are observing 100-years of settlement in Gray County. Back family members are planning a reunion celebration June 14 in McLean.

The celebration will include a contingent of family members in the downtown parade at 10 a.m., Saturday, June 14 in McLean.

Many of the Back family have lived all their lives in Gray Co. The 10 children are Olive Back and husband Milt Watson, Charlie Back and wife Cora Belle Watson, Joe Back married Mattie Colebanks, Bud Back and wife Mattie Sanders, Jim Back and wife Vera Featherston, Nora Back married Robert Dowis, Johnnie Back and wife Birdie Fulbright, Jack Back, whose wife Iva resides in Pampa, Vick Back and Viola Back who married Raymond Glass.

In 1903, John David and elder sons Charlie, Bud, Joe and Jim traveled from Collin County in East Texas to the Panhandle. They purchased land eight miles north of McLean.

The following year the family, including 10 children, made the permanent move to Gray County.

Descendants say the early Back family left them a great heritage: Courage to start a new life in a new land, an honest work ethic, moral uprightness, a high regard for education, and a strong family devotion to each other.

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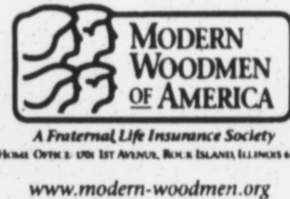
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Scholarship recipients



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Kade Zybach, a senior at Fort Elliott High School, was recently awarded the Sam Walton Community Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000. This college scholarship is part of the Sam Walton Community Leader Award program sponsored by Wal-Mart associates. Kade was awarded the scholarship based on strong academic performance and involvement in school and community activities. Seen here presenting the award to Kade is Norma Powell, a Wal-Mart personnel manager. This year more than 3,000 scholarships totaling more than \$8 million are being awarded to deserving students in Wal-Mart and SAM'S CLUB communities across the nation.



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Trevor Burton, a senior at Wheeler High School, was recently awarded the Sam Walton Community Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000. This college scholarship is part of the Sam Walton Community Leader Award program sponsored by Wal-Mart associates. Trevor was awarded the scholarship based on strong academic performance and involvement in school and community activities. Seen here presenting the award to Trevor is Norma Powell, a Wal-Mart personnel manager. This year more than 3,000 scholarships totaling more than \$8 million are being awarded to deserving students in Wal-Mart and SAM'S CLUB communities across the nation.

Two men wed in Canada's first same-sex marriage

TORONTO (AP) — An appeals court ruled that Canada's ban on homosexual marriage was unconstitutional and hours later two Canadian men tied the knot in the country's first legal same-sex wedding.

Michael Leshner and Michael Stark wed Tuesday in a civil ceremony observed by Leshner's 90-year-old mother and about 50 friends and observers.

"We're blissfully happy," said Leshner, a Toronto lawyer, after exchanging rings with his partner of 22 years and offering a champagne toast outside the courthouse.

An Ontario appeals panel on Tuesday declared the legal

definition of marriage invalid and ordered Toronto's city clerk to issue marriage licenses to the homosexual couples involved in the case.

It was the latest in a series of court rulings against the federal ban, increasing pressure on Prime Minister Jean Chretien's government to change the law or let the ruling stand.

The government can appeal Tuesday's decision to Canada's Supreme Court, an option Chretien said the government would have to study further before deciding.

Leshner said it would be impossible for Canada to return to the limited definition of marriage regardless of

whether the government appeals.

"The argument's over," he said. "No more political discussion, we've won. ... It's a great day for Canada."

Gay rights advocates urged the government to accept the decision.

"Stop the appeals, stop the obstruction, stop the waste of taxpayers dollars in fighting inequality," said Svend Robinson, a homosexual lawmaker for the New Democratic Party who has pushed for expanding the marriage definition.

"I really can't believe that we've reached this day," Robinson said. "For the first time in our country's history, gay and lesbian people are actually marrying."

A Parliament committee is

studying the matter, and opinion polls indicate a slight majority of Canadians favor legalizing same-sex marriages. Heritage Minister Sheila Copps said Tuesday it was time to change the marriage definition to reflect modern social mores.

"When you're speaking about equality, you're talking about allowing people to exercise all rights under the law including all rights that are available to all others," Copps said.

Tuesday's Ontario ruling upheld a lower court decision.

Last month, a British Columbia appeals court also ruled the federal government should change the law, which defines marriage as a union between a man and woman.

The court set a deadline of

July 12, 2004, saying that otherwise, it would rewrite the legal definition of marriage to read "the lawful union of two persons to the exclusion of all others."

The federal government also has yet to decide on whether to appeal the British Columbia ruling. A Quebec court also has ruled against the federal ban. Quebec recognizes homosexual civil unions, which are separate from formal marriage.

In the United States, homosexual marriage lacks full legal recognition in all 50 states, said Evan Wolfson, executive director of Freedom to Marry, a New York-based group promoting support for the issue among heterosexuals.

Vermont recognizes civil

unions that give homosexual couples the full benefits and responsibilities of marriage, but are separate from legal marriage.

Wolfson said legal challenges in several U.S. states including Hawaii, Massachusetts, New Jersey and Indiana show the issue is

Milosevic chief shipped to war crimes tribunal

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands (AP) — Slobodan Milosevic's former state security chief was extradited Wednesday to the Yugoslav war crimes tribunal in the Netherlands and taken into U.N. custody, the court said.

Once a top security official of the former Yugoslav president and an expert in covert operations, Jovica Stanisic was flown on a commercial flight from Belgrade to the Netherlands, where he will stand trial for alleged atrocities in two Balkan wars.

U.N. prosecutors allege that under Stanisic's command Serbia's dreaded secret police committed atrocities against non-Serbs during the ethnic wars in Croatia and Bosnia in the 1990s.

Stanisic's lawyer, Vladan Vukcevic, said in a telephone interview he would fly to The Hague with his client, but gave no other comment.

The U.N. indictment alleges that Stanisic, along with his deputy Franko Simatovic, engaged in a "joint criminal enterprise" by sending Serbian paramilitary forces to fight alongside local Serbs in Croatia and Bosnia during the violent land grab there.

Simatovic, who already was in the tribunal's custody, pleaded innocent last week to war crimes charges at his first court appearance.

The "persecution on political, racial and religious grounds ... and forcible removal of non-Serbs from large areas of Croatia and Bosnia" led to the charges that include four counts of crimes against humanity and violations of the customs of war.

Serving under Milosevic until 1998, Stanisic and Simatovic were arrested in Belgrade earlier this year during a separate investigation into the March 12 assassination of Serbia's Prime Minister Zoran Djindjic.

No links have been established between them and that assassination, but during their detention the U.N. war crimes charges were revealed. Therefore, the two men remained behind bars, awaiting extradition to the U.N. court in The Hague.

Report: Feds monitor to oversee Detroit police

DETROIT (AP) — The U.S. Justice Department will appoint a federal monitor to oversee the city's police department after a probe into civilian shootings found problems with guidelines on the use of force, according to a published report.

The Justice Department was expected to announce Thursday whether it will take the more severe step of seeking a court order that would mandate costly changes, the Detroit Free Press reported in a story for Wednesday editions.

Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick confirmed that an announcement regarding an agreement is expected Thursday but did not say what it would be.

Gina Balaya, spokeswoman for U.S. Attorney Jeffrey Collins, and Department of

Justice spokesman Jorge Martinez declined comment.

The two-year long Justice Department investigation found serious flaws in the police department's policies on the use of force and treatment of prisoners.

City officials said they feared the inquiry would end in a consent decree, which is a judge's order requiring specific changes in police policies.

Any settlement will cost the city some control over how the department is run because the monitor will have a strong say.

The agreement is expected to bring to a close a 30-month civil rights probe into the police department, requested by then-Mayor Dennis Archer.

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WHO angers Taiwan by refusing to drop SARS advisory

By **WILLIAM FOREMAN**
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TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) — Taiwan was angry Wednesday about a World Health Organization decision not to lift a SARS travel advisory for the island as it has done for Canada, where — despite the WHO vote of confidence — a recent U.S. visitor caught the virus before returning home.

Meanwhile, a top WHO disease expert sought answers from Beijing about a sharp drop in reported SARS cases there that hasn't matched more gradual decreases elsewhere. He declined to say whether WHO was considering lifting a travel advisory for the Chinese capital.

WHO considers the export of SARS cases a key factor in deciding to impose travel advisories, which governments are eager to avoid because of the cloud it casts over their tourism industries.

But WHO said Tuesday it decided against reinstating a travel warning to Canada's largest city, Toronto, despite the sickened U.S. traveler and a new suspected hospital outbreak in the Toronto area.

On the other hand, Taiwanese officials said Wednesday that WHO rejected the island's request to have its advisory canceled because the agency feared Taiwan might be exporting SARS cases.

Severe acute respiratory syndrome has infected more than 8,300 worldwide and has killed at least 790 — most of them in Asia.

The U.N. health agency has requested more information about six cases involving people who developed SARS symptoms after leaving Taiwan, said Su Yi-jen, chief of Taiwan's Center for Disease Control.

The Taiwanese official said the WHO decision was unfair and that Taiwan has filed a protest with the Geneva-based organization.

"None of the countries where those six people traveled to is treating them as SARS cases," Su said.

WHO is especially concerned about a Taiwanese traveler who developed SARS symptoms in Sao Paulo, Brazil, on June 4, Su said. The other sick travelers — who left Taiwan between March 4 and May 22 — went to the United States, South Korea, the Philippines, Germany and Thailand, he said.

The world's No. 3 SARS hotspot, Taiwan has reported 81

OPEC meeting in Qatar likely to keep schedules

DOHA, Qatar (AP) — OPEC ministers meeting in Qatar said Wednesday they were reluctant to reduce the cartel's output while Iraq is still struggling to get its oil industry back on track.

Iraqi facilities, in disrepair and damaged by postwar looting, are just beginning to resume limited production. Iraq says it hopes to export 1 million barrels a day by the end of June, but analysts say that is too optimistic.

"The production ceilings will remain the same at 25.4 million barrels a day," Iran's permanent representative to OPEC, Hossein Kazempour Ardebili, predicted. He spoke to The Associated Press after leaving the meeting chamber while talks were under way.

Earlier, Iranian Oil Minister Bijan Namdar Zanganeh said he expected OPEC to maintain output at current levels "for two to three months."

Zanganeh, who heads the cartel's monitoring committee, had said he would recommend no change in quotas.

If OPEC members abide by their production limits, an American national industry report has predicted that U.S. consumers may have to pay more per gallon as demand increases during the summer vacation months.

"Gasoline prices are already rising in some parts of the country on a spotty basis," the Lundberg Survey of 8,000 gasoline stations reported Sunday. "Considering the latest crude oil developments, it's likely gasoline prices are turning round and will soon rise."

Venezuelan Deputy Oil Minister Luis Vierma said he thought OPEC might be able to keep its current output levels for the rest of the year.

The Nigerian delegate, Rilwanu Lukman, a former OPEC secretary general, said: "I tend to agree with that."

An aide to Iran's oil minister said the monitoring committee — which includes Iran, Nigeria, Kuwait and OPEC Secretary-General Alvaro Silva Calderon — was also advising countries that exceed their quotas reduce production to comply with the schedule.

Ministers and delegates said

deaths and 687 cases. But in recent days, the number of new cases has plunged and a death hasn't been reported in 14 days.

Steven Kuo, spokesman for Taiwan's SARS Control Committee, said some Taiwanese officials suspect WHO is using a double standard or possibly caving in to political pressure when deciding when to cancel travel warnings.

"We have some feeling that there's something going on behind the scenes, but to be honest, I'm not too familiar with the Toronto case," Kuo said.

The Toronto infection involved a U.S. man who visited the city last month and came down with the illness after returning to his home near Raleigh, N.C. U.S. health officials confirmed on Monday that he developed SARS.

The man visited a Toronto hospital patient who was sharing a room with people who later came down with SARS, officials said. His diagnosis raised the possibility of SARS spreading from people carrying the virus but not showing any symptoms.

Until now, health authorities have worked under the assumption that only symptomatic patients spread the illness.

Toronto has been linked to 11 — or 16 percent — of the

U.S. probable cases, said Llewellyn Grant, a spokesman for the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The Canadian city has had the highest concentration of SARS cases outside of Asia, with 33 deaths reported so far. Officials reported 64 probable cases Tuesday, down two from the previous day.

So far, Canada has reported 33 deaths and 216 cases, making it the world's No. 4 trouble spot.

WHO also has a travel advisory against China's capital, Beijing. But a senior WHO official, Dr. David Heymann, wouldn't say on Wednesday whether the agency planned to drop the warning soon.

Heymann, the agency's Geneva-based chief of communicable diseases, did say that China needed to clarify data showing a sharp drop in new SARS cases. The disease has dropped more gradually in other affected areas.

"We have no reason to doubt this information," Heymann told reporters. "We have a few questions that we'd like to ask, to clarify a few things."

Heymann didn't give any details of what WHO wanted to clarify.

SARS has killed 343 people in China and has sickened more than 5,000.

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DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

Expectant Mom Doesn't Expect Much From Father Of Her Baby

DEAR ABBY: I am 23, enjoy a good job working for two lawyers, and plan to go back to school. I am also four months pregnant with "Kevin's" baby. In the beginning, he promised he'd support me and the baby and help us every step of the way. Kevin even promised my mother he'd finally get a job.

Well, I constantly have to remind Kevin about the promises he made. He finally admitted that he doesn't want to work — period. He plans to take side jobs here and there and make money under the table, and says I shouldn't expect to change him. I asked him the other day why he promised he'd help me in the first place. His reply, "You put me on the spot."

With this baby on the way, I need to set goals and move forward. Is there anything I can do to make Kevin understand that he has to get a real job? Or should I accept that I'll be playing the parenthood role solo?

MOM-TO-BE IN PHOENIX

DEAR MOM-TO-BE: It is clear from your letter that unless he is compelled by law, Kevin is going to flake out on his responsibilities, and he will be a poor role model for your baby. You are working for two lawyers. I urge you to discuss with them your options for convincing Kevin to act like a man. They are familiar with Arizona law, and I'm sure they'll be happy to help.

DEAR ABBY: What is an "emotional affair"? An office worker hinted to me that my husband is having one with a member of his staff. Does it lead to the ultimate affair?

NEEDS TO KNOW IN LAS VEGAS

DEAR NEEDS TO KNOW: An emotional affair is a relationship in which the two people have a special kinship. It is very intimate, and often a prelude to a sexual affair. It includes sharing confidences, marital problems, emotional support — and it's time taken away from the spouse and family that rightfully should be spent with them.

For the sake of your marriage, find out why your husband has chosen to communicate on this level with someone other than you. Some sessions with a marriage counselor would be helpful for both of you. If he is unwilling to go, go without him.

DEAR ABBY: I am recently engaged and have started planning my wedding. The problem is, certain members of my family and my fiancé's family bring extra people to events. We both come from large families and can't afford for each family member or friend of a family member to come to everything.

I have planned a breakfast and shopping day for a few female family members and close friends. Unfortunately, a few invitees are already trying to invite more people.

Is there a nice way to stop this from happening? Before planning anything, I worked very hard to decide whom I would like to attend, and why. I'm afraid if I don't nip this in the bud it will snowball by the time of my wedding. How does one politely explain to people that they are not planning the event — they are guests?

CONCERNED IN THOUSAND OAKS, CALIF.

DEAR CONCERNED: Be non-confrontational and direct. Tell the offenders exactly what you have told me. Sometimes people do things without thinking them through, and the only antidote is to politely draw the line.

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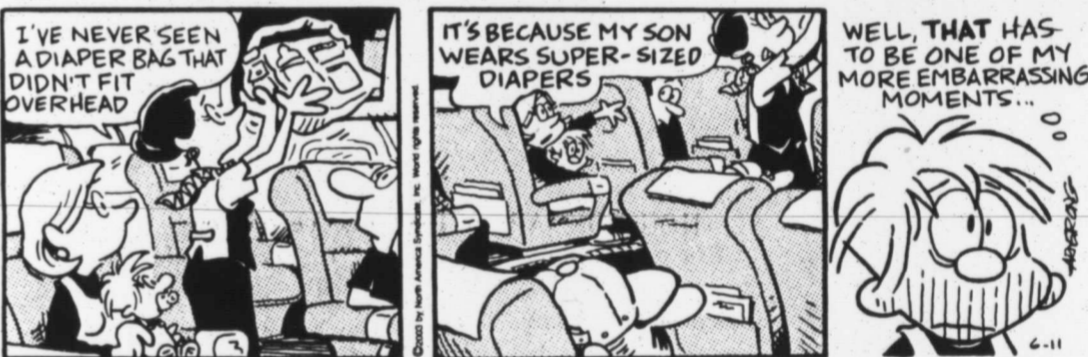
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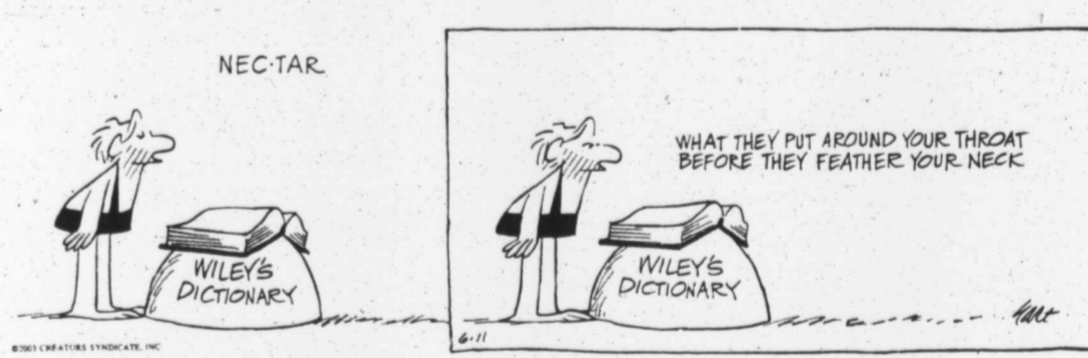
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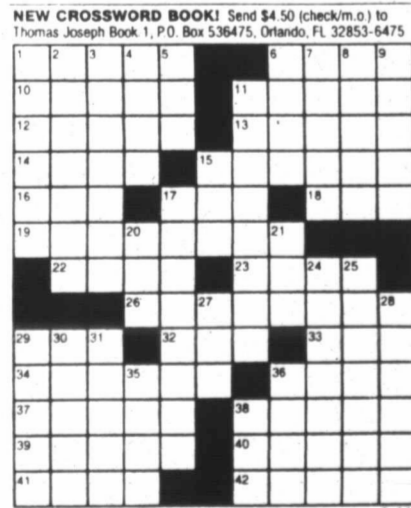
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SPORTS

Scent of a title: Nets desperate for Game 4 win

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — No team has overcome a 3-1 deficit in the NBA Finals, and the New Jersey Nets don't want to try their luck at it.

"We really need Game 4. They know it, we know it," Kenyon Martin said Tuesday before the Nets' practice.

In New Jersey's second home game of the NBA Finals tonight, the Nets will find out whether they've got any realistic hope of hanging a title banner on the opposite end of their arena from those belonging to the New Jersey Devils.

About 13 hours after the Devils hoisted their third Stanley Cup, the ice at Continental Airlines Arena was covered by the Nets' home floor — and the San

Antonio Spurs, who had an early practice. A victory in Game 4 would allow them to take a nearly prohibitive lead in the series.

"Any team down 3-1 is devastated," Spurs guard Stephen Jackson said. "It would definitely take the confidence out of them."

Martin attended the Devils' Game 7 victory to enjoy the winning vibe — and sat next to George Steinbrenner, who knows a bit about championships.

"It was great for them to win it here, and now the pressure is on us," Martin said. "It's a good pressure. That was a great feeling for those guys. I'm excited for them. We're in a position where we can do the same thing, so now

let's go out and play."

To win their first NBA title, the Nets must figure out how to score consistently against the Spurs' ever-changing defense. Run-and-gun New Jersey has been stuck in neutral for most of the series, with San Antonio's strong transition defense preventing most of the fast breaks that are New Jersey's specialty.

And Martin, the Nets' excitable power forward, might be the key. New Jersey's leading playoff scorer is averaging 19.3 points in the series, but has vanished in the fourth quarter of all three games — particularly the Spurs' two victories.

Martin has eight points on 4-of-17 shooting in the series' fourth quarters. Jason Kidd

carried the Nets to victory in Game 2, but New Jersey faded in Game 3 while Martin missed four shots down the stretch.

Duncan and Bruce Bowen — both superb defenders — have guarded Martin for most of the series. Martin isn't having trouble getting the ball in the low post, but the Nets have been unable to generate their usual amount of easy baskets with their transition offense.

It's a frustration for Martin, who waved his tattoo-covered arms while describing the experience of trying to break the Spurs' stranglehold.

"They get four guys back on every defensive rebound we get," Martin said. "We can't get out and run the way

we like. I'm trying to make big plays and get people excited, but we always end up walking it down because we can't get numbers. We need to do something to get easy baskets."

The Spurs have controlled the series so far with the dominating inside-outside combo of Tim Duncan and Tony Parker, which has overcome San Antonio's 51 turnovers and poor free-throw shooting.

But according to Nets coach Byron Scott and team president Rod Thorn, the officials aren't giving New Jersey's players the respect they deserve. Thorn cited the sharp free-throw differential, while Scott complained about Martin's lack of leeway on defense.

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GOLF

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BASEBALL

BALTIMORE (AP) — Sammy Sosa appealed his eight-game suspension for using a corked bat.

A decision from major league baseball could come as soon as Wednesday.

Sosa was suspended for eight games Friday by Bob Watson, baseball's vice president in charge of discipline, but the appeal allows him to play until a ruling is made.

He was ejected from a game against Tampa Bay on June 3 when his bat shattered after hitting a ground ball and umpires discovered cork halfway up the handle of the bat.

Tests on 76 bats taken from Sosa's locker found no foreign substances, and five of his bats at the Hall of Fame were also determined to be clean. Sosa claims he mistakenly grabbed a bat he uses for batting practice and used it in the game.

NEW YORK (AP) — While the New York Yankees are still waiting to see Hideki Matsui's power swing, he showed off something new — a sweet swivel on the bases.

Matsui twisted away from a tag Tuesday night, one of several key plays that went in the Yankees' favor as they stopped the Houston Astros' seven-game winning streak 5-3.

"You come to this game and every day you're going to see something you've never seen before," winning pitcher Mike Mussina said. "That was today's."

Matsui also delivered three hits and Jorge Posada hit a two-run homer as the Yankees won the first regular-season game between the teams. Mussina ended his four-game losing streak, matching the longest skid of his career.

"We have a long homestand and we haven't played that well here," Mussina said. "Hopefully, this is a good start."

Starting a stretch of 10 games in a row at home, the Yankees took a 3-2 lead into the bottom of the sixth inning. Matsui led off with a double and moved up on a groundout, but was trapped off the bag on Raul Mondesi's sharp grounder to third baseman Morgan Ensberg.

"He was stuck in no-man's land," Yankees manager Joe Torre said.

But Matsui swayed away from the tag — he stepped on the grass in foul territory to escape — and ran home when Ensberg threw to first.

Pampa boxers compete in Amarillo

AMARILLO — The Pampa Boxing Club was entered in the Maverick Club Tournament last weekend in Amarillo.

Enrique Marquez brought home a win in the 110-pound division with a decision over Lubbock's Johnny Bize in three rounds.

In the girls' division, Celia Mora of the Pampa Boxing Club defeated Katherine Palmer of the Youth Survival Club of Pampa with a technical knockout in the second round.

"After being defeated in Garden City a month ago,

Celia has dedicated herself to practicing harder and was determined to win," said coach Lupe Larrazolo.

Cris Larrazolo of Pampa was defeated Edward Hernandez of Slayton.

"This was a good fight in which both boxers had experience, but overall Edward won by a decision," coach Larrazolo said.

Jose Venegas, also of the Pampa Boxing Club, put up a good fight against Jorge Hernandez of the Maverick Boxing Club. Hernandez won by a decision.

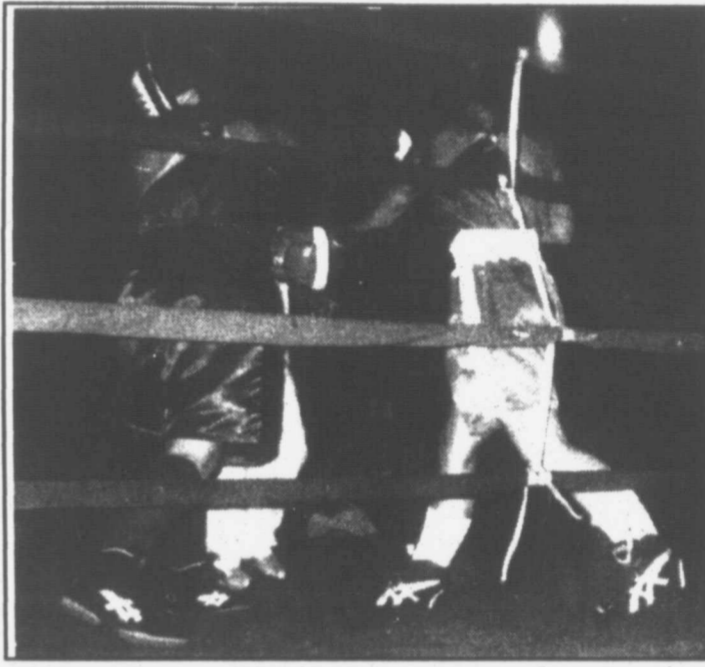
"It could have gone either way, that's how close it was," Larrazolo said.

Jose Nunez of Pampa lost to Martin Portillo of Portillo's Boxing Club.

"Jose is starting to fight better, and against more experienced boxers he found out over the weekend that it takes more dedication and practice to defeat his opponents," Larrazolo said.

The Pampa boxing team trains Monday through Friday at its gym, located at Rick's Body Shop, 117 Ballard, from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Larrazolo thanked Rick's Body Shop and Jiffy Cleaners for their sponsorship.



Celia Mora (left) of The Pampa Boxing Club and Katherine Palmer of the Youth Survival Club of Pampa slug it out in the girls division.

Rockets preparing for Van Gundy's arrival

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Rockets plan to introduce former New York Knicks coach Jeff Van Gundy as the team's new head coach Wednesday afternoon near the team's downtown arena, which remains under construction.

The Rockets said Van Gundy would join team owner Leslie Alexander and general manager Carroll Dawson for a 2 p.m. press conference where the team would name Rudy Tomjanovich's successor.

Rockets general manager Carroll Dawson on Tuesday was getting ready to sign assistant coaches and preparing for the upcoming draft. Meanwhile, Houston players are set to welcome their new coach.

"My reaction is very excited," Dawson said. "We had a lot of competition for this guy. Everybody who had an opening was trying to get him, so we feel very fortunate."

Van Gundy told Dawson on Monday he was ready to be the Rockets' coach, pending his agent completing con-

tract negotiations.

The news left Dawson elated and prepared to make the next move.

"I'm going to start signing whoever he wants as assistants, then we've got to get ready for the draft," Dawson said. "We don't have a first-round pick, but we have people coming in to work out."

Among the names mentioned for an assistant coaching position is former Knicks star Patrick Ewing, now an assistant with the Washington Wizards. Van Gundy coached Ewing while with the Knicks.

"He's (Van Gundy) mentioned that, but I think there's a lot of competition for Patrick," Dawson said. "Patrick might be in the same position that Jeff was under because he's under contract. I don't know if we can talk to him."

"That's going to be up to the coach."

The Rockets have agreed to give the Knicks a second-round draft pick as compensation for Van Gundy, who is under contract through July 31.

Former Rockets and cur-

rent Knicks forward Othella Harrington suggested the Rockets get ready for a disciplined coach who gives extreme attention to detail.

"He's a guy who's going to work constantly to improve the team and the organization," Harrington said. "He's

a very intense guy. There are no questions about his ability to coach and to win and there's no question about him wanting to win."

"It's going to be him coming in and instilling that on the other guys."

Rockets players have an

idea what to expect.

"I'm happy that we finally got a coach and we're not in limbo any more," guard Mookie Norris said. "We hated to lose coach (Tomjanovich) but now we know what to expect and what the system will be."

Comets turn back Monarchs

HOUSTON (AP) — Tina Thompson scored 22 points, and the Houston Comets avoided their first three-game losing streak in franchise history with a 71-66 win over the Sacramento Monarchs on Tuesday night.

"We knew going in that we had to come out tonight with one of our better efforts of the year," Thompson said. "There have been a few games this year where we go into a lull at some point during the game and we wanted to avoid that. We knew we wanted to get something going early."

Michelle Snow added a career-high 17 points for the Comets (4-4), who were playing without the injured Sheryl Swoopes and Cynthia Cooper.

"This is what I want to do every night," Snow said. "My goal is to play like this every night. They have asked me to step up and that is what I want to do."

The Monarchs (2-5) got within 67-66 with 55 seconds left in the game, but Janeth Arcain made four straight free throws down the stretch to seal the victory. She finished with 13 points on 4-for-9 shooting.

Tangela Smith scored 17 points for Sacramento, which has lost three in a row. Yolanda Griffith added 15 points and had a team-high six rebounds.

"We have to keep focusing," Smith said. "We know we are a great team, we just have to play 40 minutes of

basketball Not 39 or 35."

The Comets led by as many as 13 in the first half but the Monarchs came back with clutch shooting in the final five minutes of the half. LaKeisha Frett nailed a 21-foot 3-pointer with less than a second left in the half to get the Monarchs within two, 36-34, at halftime.

Thompson led the Comets with 14 first-half points on 6-for-10 shooting, including two 3-pointers. Snow added 11 points for the Comets and was 5-of-8 from the floor.

Dominique Canty led had five rebounds in the first half. She finished with 10 rebounds and 10 points for her first double-double of the season.

Rangers beat Mets to snap nine-game loss streak

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Rafael Palmeiro didn't want to give any extra significance to another home run or the Texas Rangers' latest win. But both were worthy of extra attention.

Palmeiro hit his 504th homer, one of four by Texas, and the Rangers beat the New York Mets 9-7 on Tuesday night.

The homer provided a 9-4 lead, and tied him with Eddie Murray for 18th on the career list, one behind Sammy Sosa. The win snapped Texas' nine-game losing streak.

"It felt the same as No. 503, they all feel good," Palmeiro said. "And every game is important to win. It doesn't matter if you've won seven games in a

row or lost seven in a row."

But the struggling Rangers needed a win to avoid their first 10-game losing streak since 1995.

"It's a start, but I don't know if it's enough," he said. "Hopefully, we'll get on a run of six or seven wins in a row."

Hank Blalock and Michael Young added two-run homers and rookie Mark Teixeira hit a solo shot for the Rangers, who lead the majors with 100 homers through 62 games.

Ugueth Urbina got the final four outs for his AL-leading 18th save in 20 chances. He took over after Vance Wilson hit a three-run homer off Jay Powell to get the Mets to 9-7.

"One of the rally calls we made was 'Let's get Oogie in the game.' We feel safe when he's in," said Young, who also tripled. "When we get Oogie in the game, we know we are in good shape."

Urbina didn't let them down, throwing 17 of his 20 pitches for strikes and allowing only a bunt single by Roger Cedeno in the ninth.

Texas' nine-game losing streak matched Detroit and San Diego for the longest in the majors this year.

The Mets called up prized shortstop Jose Reyes to replace injured Rey Sanchez. Reyes went 2-for-4 and scored twice in his major league debut. He turns

20 on Wednesday, but became the first teenager to play for New York since pitcher Dwight Gooden in 1984.

"I go to the plate and just try to put the ball in play, just look for my pitch," Reyes said. "This is another great moment in my life."

John Thomson (4-7) gave up three runs over six innings for just his second win in eight starts since April. He struck out four in his AL-high 14th start.

After Jason Phillips led off the fourth with his third homer, Thomson retired nine of his last 10 batters before Aaron Fultz took over to start the seventh.

"When we have a losing streak, I think every starter feels

like it's their job to go out and end it," Thomson said. "It feels good to get run support."

The Rangers scored just six runs in Thomson's previous three starts — all losses since his complete-game three-hitter May 18 that wrapped up the team's first sweep of the New York Yankees at Yankee Stadium.

Blalock's homer in the fourth, his 11th of the season, put the Rangers ahead 7-3 and chased Steve Trachsel (4-4). Young's homer came in the third.

Trachsel, 4-0 with a 3.08 ERA in his previous four starts on the road, gave up seven runs on four hits while throwing 91 pitches in 3 1-3 innings.

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League champs stay unbeaten in City Tournament

PAMPA — Lane Douglass and Heath Skinner combined to pitch a three-hitter and accounted for four of Glo-Valve Service's seven hits as the league champions remain undefeated in City Tournament play in the Optimist 11-12 Cal Ripken League. Glo-Valve won 5-1 over Duncan, Fraser & Bridges Insurance Agency Tuesday in a winner's bracket game.

Celanese Corporation scored eight runs in the top of the sixth inning to come from behind to defeat Rotary Club 9-2 in the early game in the loser's bracket. Celanese used three consecutive walks with the bases loaded to get ahead and a base-clearing hit by

Madison Wilson, who then scored the final run on a throwing error to put the game out of reach. Wilson was the winning pitcher. John Luke Covalt started and Dillion Pierce finished up for Celanese. Gerardo Dominguez, Gage Carruth and Alex Torres pitched for Rotary.

Douglass gave up one run on two hits in Glo-Valve's game against DFB. He struck out eight and walked two to improve his pitching record to 7-0. Heath Skinner recorded his third save of the year by allowing no runs and two hits. He struck out seven and walked two.

Ricky Davis and Nathan Stillwagon pitched for DFB. Davis was charged with four

runs. He gave up five hits while striking out five, walking two and hitting a batter. Stillwagon relieved in the top of the fourth inning with two outs, the bases full and a run already in. He put out the fire with a flyball. He was touched for one run and two hits. He struck out three and didn't walk a batter.

Heath Skinner hit the first pitch of the game for a double to open Glo-Valve's top of the first inning. He alertly went to third on a foul out and came home on a single by Douglass.

DFB came right back in the bottom of the first on a walk to Colbey West and a double by Craig Conner to knot the score at 1-1.

In the third inning, Glo-

Valve edged ahead. Heath Skinner walked and hustled home on a double by Hayden Skinner, who took third on the throw to the plate. He scooted home on a ground out by Douglass to make the score 3-1, Glo-Valve's favor.

Mark Ruth led off the Glo-Valve fourth inning by being hit by a pitch. Jose Ramirez singled him to second and Anthony Allen loaded the bases when he was safe on a fielder's choice.

After two strikeouts, Kade Wilson walked to force in Ruth to pad Glo-Valve's cushion to 4-1.

In the top of the sixth inning, Heath Skinner doubled for the second time in the game, stole third and sped home on a wild pitch for the

final margin.

Justin Daniels backed up in left field to make a fine catch of a line drive hit by Evan McElwain in the second inning, and Zack Doan snared a line drive with the bases loaded to save at least two runs in the fourth inning for DFB's outstanding fielding plays. A flyball catch by Ramirez in left field and by Ruth in right field and a caught stealing by Hayden Skinner were the outstanding defensive plays for Glo-Valve.

Conner with a double and Brett Powell and Tye Powell with singles were the DFB players with hits.

Heath Skinner with two doubles and three runs scored led Glo-Valve in hitting.

Douglass added two hits and two RBI. Hayden Skinner had a double, a run scored and one RBI. Anthony Allen and Ramirez had the other Glo-Valve hits.

Celanese plays DFB at 7 tonight and the winner faces Glo-Valve at 7 tomorrow. If Glo-Valve wins, it would wrap up the first half of the City Tournament.

The four teams play a second double-elimination tournament next week. If the winner of that tournament is other than Glo-Valve, the winner of the second half would face Glo-Valve for the City Tournament Championship next week.

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MAJOR LEAGUE STANDINGS

National League				American League			
W	L	Pct	GB	W	L	Pct	GB
East Division				East Division			
Atlanta	42	20	.677	New York	36	27	.571
Montreal	38	26	.594	Boston	35	27	.565
Philadelphia	34	30	.531	Toronto	35	30	.538
Florida	30	35	.462	Baltimore	29	33	.468
New York	27	35	.435	Tampa Bay	22	40	.355
Central Division				Central Division			
Chicago	35	27	.565	Minnesota	35	27	.565
Houston	36	28	.563	Kansas City	31	30	.508
St. Louis	34	28	.548	Chicago	29	34	.460
Cincinnati	31	32	.492	Cleveland	25	37	.403
Pittsburgh	25	36	.410	Detroit	16	45	.262
Milwaukee	25	37	.403	West Division			
West Division				Seattle	42	20	.677
San Francisco	39	24	.619	Oakland	35	27	.565
Los Angeles	35	28	.556	Anaheim	32	30	.516
Colorado	33	32	.508	Texas	26	36	.419
Arizona	30	34	.469	Monday's Game			
San Diego	19	46	.292	Philadelphia 3, Anaheim 0			
Monday's Game				Toronto 13, Pittsburgh 8			
Tuesday's Games				St. Louis 9, Boston 7			
Tuesday's Games				Chicago Cubs 4, Baltimore 0			
Tuesday's Games				Cleveland 8, San Diego 5			
Tuesday's Games				N.Y. Yankees 5, Houston 3			
Tuesday's Games				Los Angeles 3, Detroit 1, 12 innings			
Tuesday's Games				Cincinnati 4, Tampa Bay 2			
Tuesday's Games				Colorado 5, Minnesota 0			
Tuesday's Games				Florida 12, Milwaukee 4			
Tuesday's Games				Texas 9, N.Y. Mets 7			
Tuesday's Games				Kansas City 7, Arizona 3			
Tuesday's Games				Chicago White Sox 5, San Francisco 3			
Tuesday's Games				Montreal 7, Seattle 3			
Tuesday's Games				Anaheim 2, Philadelphia 1			
Tuesday's Games				Oakland 4, Atlanta 3, 12 innings			
Wednesday's Games				Chicago Cubs (Clement 3-6) at Baltimore (Daal 4-6), 7:05 p.m.			
Wednesday's Games				Pittsburgh (D'Amico 4-6) at Toronto (Halladay 8-2), 7:05 p.m.			
Wednesday's Games				St. Louis (Tomko 2-4) at Boston (Martinez 4-2), 7:05 p.m.			
Wednesday's Games				Houston (Oswalt 4-4) at N.Y. Yankees (Weaver 3-4), 7:05 p.m.			
Wednesday's Games				San Diego (Eaton 2-4) at Cleveland (Sabathia 4-3), 7:05 p.m.			
Wednesday's Games				Los Angeles (K. Brown 8-1) at Detroit (Bernero 1-7), 7:05 p.m.			
Wednesday's Games				Cincinnati (Riedling 0-3) at Tampa Bay (Brazelton 1-5), 7:15 p.m.			
Wednesday's Games				Colorado (Cook 2-5) at Minnesota (Lohse 5-4), 8:05 p.m.			
Wednesday's Games				N.Y. Mets (Seo 3-2) at Texas (Santos 0-0), 8:05 p.m.			
Wednesday's Games				Florida (Willis 4-1) at Milwaukee (W. Franklin 3-4), 8:05 p.m.			
Wednesday's Games				Arizona (Good 2-1) at Kansas City (May 0-2), 8:05 p.m.			
Wednesday's Games				San Francisco (Foppert 3-5) at Chicago White Sox (Buehrle 2-9), 8:05 p.m.			
Wednesday's Games				Montreal (L. Hernandez 5-4) at Seattle (Pineiro 5-4), 10:05 p.m.			
Wednesday's Games				Philadelphia (Myers 5-5) at Anaheim (Appier 4-3), 10:05 p.m.			
Wednesday's Games				Atlanta (Ramirez 4-2) at Oakland (Lilly 3-4), 10:05 p.m.			
Thursday's Games				Houston (Robertson 4-3) at N.Y. Yankees (Wells 8-2), 1:05 p.m.			
Thursday's Games				Atlanta (Reynolds 4-1) at Oakland (Zito 7-4), 3:35 p.m.			
Thursday's Games				San Diego (Peavy 4-5) at Cleveland (Ja. Davis 5-4), 7:05 p.m.			
Thursday's Games				Pittsburgh (Suppan 5-5) at Toronto (Hendrickson 4-5), 7:05 p.m.			
Thursday's Games				Chicago Cubs (Zambrano 5-5) at Baltimore (Helling 3-4), 7:05 p.m.			
Thursday's Games				Los Angeles (Ishii 5-2) at Detroit (Bonderman 2-8), 7:05 p.m.			
Thursday's Games				St. Louis (Stephenson 3-5) at Boston (Wakefield 5-2), 7:05 p.m.			
Thursday's Games				Cincinnati (Dempsler 1-4) at Tampa Bay (Gonzalez 2-1), 7:15 p.m.			
Thursday's Games				Colorado (Oliver 3-4) at Minnesota (Rogers 4-2), 8:05 p.m.			
Thursday's Games				N.Y. Mets (Leiter 6-3) at Texas (Lewis 4-4), 8:05 p.m.			
Thursday's Games				Arizona (Batisia 3-3) at Kansas City (K. Wilson 2-0), 8:05 p.m.			
Thursday's Games				San Francisco (Rueter 7-1) at Chicago White Sox (Colon 6-5), 8:05 p.m.			
Thursday's Games				Montreal (Vargas 3-2) at Seattle (R. Franklin 4-4), 10:05 p.m.			

Phil's mission: Open up at the Open

OLYMPIA FIELDS, Ill. (AP) — Phil Mickelson was asked if there are any recent major tournament winners who aren't as good as him. He didn't hesitate with his answer.

"I wouldn't touch that question with a 10-foot pole," Mickelson quickly replied.

Until he finds a way to win one of golf's premier tournaments, the label as being the best player never to win a major will stick. The talented yet unpredictable left-hander is 0-for-43 in the Masters, U.S. Open, British Open and PGA.

But he's been so close.

There have been eight top-3 finishes overall and two runner-ups in the U.S. Open, including last year when he lost by three strokes to Tiger Woods at Bethpage. But no green jacket, no trophy to hoist signifying his entry into a select fraternity.

He gets chance No. 44 beginning Thursday in the U.S. Open. He insists he's not counting.

"I don't really worry about it," Mickelson said Tuesday. "The way I deal with expectations of me to win are try to avoid it. I try to avoid the surroundings here at the Open."

So, after a practice round Tuesday, he'll stay away from Olympia Fields for a day and hope he'll have a fresh approach and a crisp game when the tournament begins on the country club course 25 miles south of Chicago.

Mickelson, who missed the cut last week at the FBR Capital Open, hasn't won a

tournament this year, marking the first time since 1999 he goes into the second major of the year without a victory.

He knows he must improve his driving because accuracy is a must in the U.S. Open, where errant tee shots can end up in a high rough or deep bunkers.

And he's got to play better in the early rounds, so he won't have to play catch up again on the weekend.

He's been in contention in three of the last four Opens. Now he thinks he may have to become even more aggressive in this one.

"I have tried, especially in Opens, to be patient the first couple of rounds, not try to do anything too extravagant, just stay around par, knowing the players are not going to run it high," he said.

"I think I may have to take a few more chances than I have in past Opens this week in an effort to close the gap, to get to below par heading into Sunday."

Mickelson's first experience at a U.S. Open came 13 years ago as an amateur at Medinah when Hale Irwin made a 45-foot putt on the 18th hole, ran around high-fiving the gallery and then won the title in a playoff the next day.

It's hard to tell what Mickelson might do if he finally wins a major, but this week he'll have to work his day through a tough course and the usual formidable field found in an Open.

Woods, of course, knows

how to celebrate championships. He's had plenty of experience with wins in seven of the last 14 majors. The setup at Olympia Fields that features undulating greens will make it a difficult assignment, even for Tiger.

"This is a very difficult golf course," Woods said.

"Some of the holes may be short, but they've got fairways that are 18, 20 yards wide. That's pretty tough to drive your ball into."

That's why Kenny Perry, the hottest player on tour with back-to-back wins at the Colonial and the Memorial before a week off, said the footing should be more equal.

"I don't think length has much of an advantage this week," he said. "So it's going to be more course management, ball control. It's going to bring a lot of players into the field."

Perry's been on tour for 17 years but after pocketing \$1.8 million with consecutive wins, his life has changed. More interviews, more phone calls.

Folks in Franklin, Ky., where he lives, are even planning a "Kenny Perry Day."

Should he win a major — he lost the PGA in a playoff to Mark Brooks in 1996 — he'd probably be elected mayor.

"I've been under the radar out there for 17 years. I've had a good career, nothing fantastic," Perry said. "And then I win two tournaments back-to-back, and it's like the whole world changed."

Virginia governor asks for mediation in ACC expansion

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Virginia Gov. Mark R. Warner urged the NCAA or an outside mediator to intervene in the ACC expansion plan to try to avoid a long, expensive legal battle.

The state's "interests as a whole will be ensured" if both Virginia of the ACC and Virginia Tech of the Big East stay in major conferences, Warner said Tuesday.

NCAA president Myles Brand said his organization has no authority in such cases.

The NCAA, however, will provide whatever help it can, including third-party mediation if "an invitation to do so was forthcoming from all parties," he said.

The presidents and chancellors from the nine ACC schools held a conference call Tuesday afternoon, but no formal vote was taken to invite Miami, Boston College and Syracuse, commissioner John Swofford said in a statement.

Swofford said presidents from the Big East schools participated in part of the "constructive" call.

"There will be further discussions," Swofford said, "and as has been the case throughout this process, there is no definitive timetable."

New York Gov. George Pataki expressed his concern Tuesday about Syracuse leaving the Big East.

"Obviously, it's within the legal

purview of a private university to choose whatever conference they choose to belong to," said Pataki, a visible supporter of Syracuse's basketball team during its run to the national championship this season. "But it (joining the ACC) does, to me, raise real concerns about college athletics."

The plan to invite Miami, Boston College and Syracuse to join the Atlantic Coast Conference had seemed likely to happen. But in the last week, it has hit several snags and now appears in jeopardy.

Officials at Duke and North Carolina now have serious concerns about adding the three Big East schools. The ACC needs the approval of seven of its nine schools.

Last Friday, five Big East schools sued Miami, Boston College and the ACC, contending the defection would ruin the Big East.

In a conference call Tuesday, representatives of the five schools that are suing spoke favorably of mediation and defended their lawsuit.

"We're in a position where events were moving very quickly," Pittsburgh president Mark Nordenberg said. "We faced the prospect of irreparable harm. We had a responsibility to protect our conference and its institutions and we took steps to do that."

Horoscope BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, June 12, 2003:

You might often find yourself in the midst of conflict, whether internal or external. Communication remains key to your well-being and success. You frequently need to confirm what you hear before you launch into action. The unexpected occurs domestically, whether it is a sudden move or revamping your home. In some cases, a new roommate or family member adds more zest to your day-to-day life. If single, you could meet someone special, but don't count on this relationship being long term. If attached, your relationship needs special attention, as you could go through a lot of changes. Keep talking. SAGITTARIUS challenges you.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ***** Work with individuals. You could find events surprising and eventful, to say the least. Misunderstandings could affect a normally good relationship. Think in terms of resolution. You could be surprised by the role diplomacy can play. Tonight: Think "weekend" and make plans.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ***** Understand that you do not hold all the cards. Let others play out first. A boss or authority figure could be unusually fiery and difficult. Losing your temper could only add confusion to an already difficult situation. Work on self-discipline. Tonight: Race out of the office.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ***** Rethink a situation. The unexpected occurs at work. Although your mind could be on overload as you attempt to figure out what's what, you

will find the solutions. A change in your immediate work environment might be just what the doctor ordered. Tonight: Out and about.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ***** Your imagination takes you places where others cannot. What you can grasp, many find difficult. Stay secure within yourself, as others and information are likely to conflict with what you know or feel. Look over information carefully. Tonight: Buy some flowers or something special on the way home.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ***** Still emerging from a cocoon of late, you might find the outside climate somewhat difficult, if not touchy. You know what you want and where you're going. You might choose to ignore a lot of the conflict that spins around you, though not necessarily involving you. Tonight: Walk out of a whirlwind toward your friends.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ***** You probably will not be able to get your message across. Others act in a downright unpredictable manner. A boss is giving mixed signals at best. If you feel confused, join the crowd. Keep communication flowing anyway. Tonight: Think "weekend."

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ***** Emphasize what you can do as opposed to what you cannot. You could be surprised by the abruptness and change within your work. Go with the flow rather than causing yourself a problem. You're not going to be able to change anyone in the near future. Tonight: Join your pals at a favorite spot.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ***** Though you feel and think that you're empowered, you might hit your own set of roadblocks. Think through a decision that involves finances and a loved one. A risk could be a bad idea

ultimately, as there is an element of the unpredictability. Tonight: Your treat.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ***** Others have a lot to say, and you might not be in the mood to hear their great wisdom. With family or a domestic matter tossed into the mix, you might not be sure what you're doing or why you're doing it. Tonight: Remember: One day at a time.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ***** Meetings allow you to flex and see matters in a different light. Your thoughts might be helpful to a child or someone you consider a creative resource. You might want to push to get others to accept your ideas. You actually will gain more if you step back. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ***** A boss might see a situation one way, whereas another person could have a different perspective. Melding the two views could be close to impossible. Don't try. Just do your work and attempt to accomplish as much as possible. Tonight: Hook up with your friends.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ***** Reach out for others, whether to make plans or schedule a get-together. Associates could be testy. Coming up with strong answers takes talent and inquisitiveness. What might seem to be an obstacle isn't. Give everyone time and space. Tonight: Work as late as you can so you can take off early tomorrow.

BORN TODAY President George H.W. Bush (1924), sportscaster Marv Albert (1941), actor, musician Jim Nabors (1930)

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 OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL
 OIL AND GAS DOCKET NO. 10-0234308
 IN RE: CONSERVATION AND PREVENTION OF WASTE OF CRUDE PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS IN THE STATE OF TEXAS
 Austin, Texas May 21, 2003
 NOTICE OF HEARING ON THE APPLICATION OF GRUY PETROLEUM MANAGEMENT CO. TO AMEND THE BOUNDARY LINE BETWEEN PANHANDLE, EAST AND PANHANDLE, WEST GAS FIELDS, GRAY COUNTY, TEXAS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the public and to all interested persons that under the legal authority and jurisdiction of Title 3, Oil and Gas, Subtitle A, B, and C of the Texas Natural Resources Code, Chapters 26, 27 and 29 of the Texas Water Code, and TEX. GOVT. CODE ANN. art. §§ 2001 et seq. (2003), the RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS will hold a hearing on JUNE 27, 2003, at 9:00 a.m. at the William B. Travis State Office Building, 1701 N. Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas. This hearing will be conducted in conformity with the TEX. GOVT. CODE ANN. art. §§ 2001 et seq. (2003). For room assignment, on the date of the hearing please check the bulletin board in the 1st Floor lobby. Persons planning to attend this hearing are urged to contact the applicant (see service list) immediately prior to the hearing date to be sure that the hearing will proceed on the scheduled date.

This hearing will be held to consider the application of Gruy Petroleum Management Co. to amend the line between the Panhandle, East and Panhandle West Gas Fields in Gray County, Texas. Applicant also seeks to have the existing wells, undrilled permits, and pending drilling permits for wells located on the acreage to be transferred to the Panhandle, East Field honored as though they list the Panhandle, East Field.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Michael McElroy, at (512)327-8111. If you any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Railroad Commission, Office of General Counsel, at (512)463-6848.

IF A CONTINUATION IS NECESSARY, this hearing will proceed at the William B. Travis State Office Building, Austin, Texas, and, to the extent possible, on subsequent working days. The room number and exact time of the continuation will be announced on the record in this proceeding and recorded with Docket Services, Office of General Counsel, Railroad Commission of Texas.

PURSUANT TO SAID HEARING, the Commission will enter such rules, regulations, and orders as in its judgment the evidence presented may justify.

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 The Schwan Home Service Company is seeking hard working and goal oriented individuals to represent our high quality frozen food products to established customers. In return for your hard work, you will enjoy a guaranteed starting income of \$600 per week, a \$30,000 to \$50,000 yearly income potential, the opportunity to manage your own customer base, plus benefits such as medical, profit sharing, and paid vacation. We are now accepting applications for Pampa and the surrounding areas. Qualified candidates must be at least 21 years old, have a clean driving record with the ability to obtain a Class B Commercial Driver's License, have a high school diploma, experience in sales or customer service, and the willingness to work extended hours. For application please call 806-669-0235 or 1-800-3EMPLOY (1-800-336-7569) Schwan's Home Food Service Equal Opportunity Employer

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 1 bdrms., duplexes, & homes- Remodeled, Great Neighborhoods. 665-4274

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10 acres, 3 br, 1 3/4 bath, 2 car attached, barn, insulated metal shop, \$99,950, 898-8634 evenings.

3 bdr. Reduced price! Good cond. central h&a, gar., storage. C-21 Realtor, 665-5436, 665-4180.

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One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

6-11 CRYPTOQUOTE

Q G Q R X W G L X W K O Z

G Y R O X A G E D V

W D G L D F X V F I X . — C V Y

Z X L V I C

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