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LOCAL

Police find stolen car

Quick thinking by a Pampa police officer led to the recovery of a stolen car before anyone missed it. Officer Keith Morris, responding to the report of a suspicious vehicle in the 1200 block of Williston a little after 8 a.m., Wednesday, found a 1986 Oldsmobile Cutlass with two windows broken out of it. Some quick detective work by Pampa police led to the owner, who had put the vehicle on the Quality Sales lot for sale. Officers said another car on the lot had been broken into, but the battery was dead and the car wouldn't start so thieves apparently took the Oldsmobile.

LOTTERY

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night: Winning numbers drawn: 8-14-17-32-39. Bonus Ball: 12. Number matching five of five, plus Bonus Ball: none.

DEATHS

Olon Lee Riley, 80, pipeline inspector, rancher.
Warren F. Williams, 92, cowboy, oilfield worker.

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Rural Metro Ambulance personnel Sharmayne Miller, left; Kathy Tinney, right; and Pampa Fire Chief Kim Powell, kneeling, comfort Michelle Bosse as firefighters look for her pet dachshund in her burning home this morning.

Family pet dies in fire

BY DAVID BOWSER
STAFF WRITER

Acrid gray smoke filled the blue skies over Pampa this morning as firefighters battled a house blaze at 816 Beryl.

Michelle Bosse, the lone occupant of the home escaped injury, but the woman's dog, a small red dachshund, died in the blaze.

Pampa Fire Chief Kim Powell said the white frame home sustained significant damage.

A candle burning near the bed this morning apparently caused the fire, Pampa Fire Marshall Gary Stevens said late this morning. He said the fire started in the front bedroom in the northwest corner of the home.

When firefighters arrived on the scene

shortly after 8 a.m. today, a column of smoke rose from the home and flames flared from a cedar tree which towered over the front porch. The neighborhood, just east of the Optimist Park ball park complex, filled with smoke.

Bosse was comforted by paramedics from Rural-Metro Ambulance and Chief Powell as she told them her dog had been on the bed in the home.

Firefighters, wearing respiratory air packs and masked by thick smoke pouring from the structure, entered the burning home in an effort to find the missing dog, but they were too late. The small family pet was apparently overcome by smoke.

Officials said the bedroom where the dog had last been seen was totally destroyed.

U.S. helicopter crashes; 'terrorist camp' bombed

BY JIM KRANE
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Iraqi forces shot down a U.S. helicopter gunship in western Iraq on Thursday, just hours after U.S. fighter jets bombed what they said was "a terrorist training camp" in central Iraq.

The incidents came as U.S. ground troops wound up a

massive sweep in a Sunni Muslim enclave north of Baghdad, aimed at routing out the organizers of attacks on occupation forces. Thursday's events marked a sharp escalation of U.S. military operations in central and western Iraq, where guerrillas have intensified attacks on U.S. troops in recent weeks.

"It's one of the largest oper-

ations since the war," U.S. Central Command spokesman Lt. Ryan Fitzgerald said.

The downed AH-64 Apache helicopter belonged to the U.S. Army's 101st Airborne Division, a Central Command statement said. A pair of Apaches fired on "irregular forces" at the crash scene.

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Bicyclists pedal for prison guard 'heroes'

BY DAVID BOWSER
STAFF WRITER



(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

Wayne Horton, a volunteer chaplain with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, leads the way along U.S. Highway 60 west of Pampa as he and his son, Ken, bicycle toward Panhandle during a 461-mile trek to honor correctional officers.

Wayne and Ken Horton are pedaling their own brand of religion.

The father-son team bicycled their way through Pampa this week in an effort to honor the hard work done by correctional officers across the State of Texas.

Wayne Horton, who has been cycling since he turned 43, has ridden more than 5,000 miles on his bike. This is the fifth time Horton has made such a journey as part of a fund-raiser. It's the second time that he's made the trek in honor of correctional officers.

"I was a TDCJ chaplain for seven years," Horton said, "and I saw the way correction-

Bonds \$220,000 in church crash

Driver jailed on multiple charges

BY DAVID BOWSER
STAFF WRITER

An Arizona man was charged today with criminal mischief over \$200,000, a felony, in connection with crashing a pickup into the Central Baptist Church earlier this week.

Eleazar Pedro Chavez, 19, 520 Yeager, Apt. 4, was also charged with burglary of the Taylor Mart on U.S. Highway 60 on the east side of Pampa, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and evading arrest.

Gray County Justice of the Peace Kurt Curfman set bond on the criminal mischief charge at \$200,000. He set

bond on each of the other charges at \$5,000.

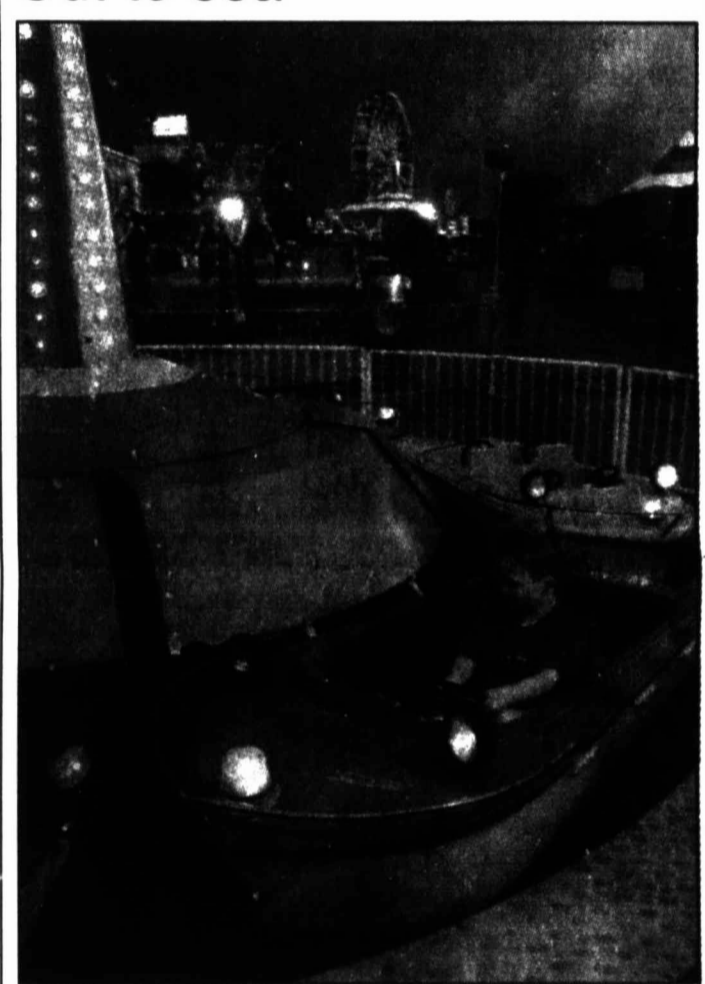
In addition to being held on bonds totaling \$220,000, Chavez is in Gray County jail on a fugitive warrant from Maricopa County, Ariz., in connection with probation violation charges.

Gray County deputies said a passing motorist noticed a 2001 Chevrolet Silverado pickup backed up to the Taylor Mart on U.S. Highway 60 Tuesday and called the 911 operator as the pickup left the closed convenience store at a high rate of speed.

Pampa police officers and Gray County deputies tried to

(See CHARGES, Page 3)

Out to sea



(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

Five-year-old Spencer Grant, son of City Manager Mitch Grant, heads to sea on the boat ride at the Pampa High School Pride of Pampa Band carnival in full swing this week at Somerville and Sumner streets.

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OBITUARIES

WARREN F. WILLIAMS
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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 Lincycomb of Pampa, Mona Statster of Wichita Falls, Kelly Moore of Florence, Mont., Dusty Williams of Montana, and Tim Williams of San Francisco, Calif.; six great-grandchildren; and two special friends, Sally Fick and Rachel Gunther. He was preceded in death by a son, Charles Williams; a daughter, Geraldine Lincycomb; five brothers; and two sisters.

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-whatley.com.



OLON LEE RILEY
1923-2003

McQUEENEY, Texas — Olon Lee Riley, 80, died Wednesday, June 11, 2003, at Midland. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m., Saturday, in Memory Gardens Cemetery in Pampa with Isom Masonic Lodge #1242 of Borger officiating. Burial will be 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 stepgreat-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-whatley.com.

SERVICES TOMORROW

WILLIAMS, Warren F. — Graveside services, 2 p.m., Fairview Cemetery, Pampa.

ON RECORD

POLICE

Pampa Police Department today reported the following incidents.

Tuesday, June 10

An assault resulting in injuries to a child was reported in the 200 block of North Russell.

Wednesday, June 11

A domestic dispute was reported in the 700 block of East Francis.

A stolen car was recovered in the 1200 block of Williston.

A lawnmower was taken in the 1000 block of Denver.

Threats were made in the 1200 block of Market.

A use of a credit card by someone other than the owner was reported to the police department.

A forgery was reported in the 1200 block of North Price Road.

ACCIDENTS

Pampa Police Department today reported the following accident.

Wednesday, June 11

A 1998 Ford Mustang, driven by Aaron James Keller, 19, 1825 Beech, struck a tree in the 600 block of 18th. Keller was charged with a minor driving while intoxicated and failure to control speed.

SHERIFF

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

Thursday, June 12

Aaron James Keller, 19, 1825 Beech, was arrested by Pampa police officers on charges of driving while intoxicated and failure to control speed.

Van Johnson, 49, St. Claire Shores, Mich., was arrested by Gray County deputies on charges of possession of a controlled substance.

FIRE

Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Thursday, June 12

4:43 a.m. — Two units and four personnel responded to a rubbish fire at 1101 N. Hobart.

STOCKS

The following grain quotations are provided by Atebury Grain of Pampa:

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Celanese	25.18	-0.11
Cabot Corp.	29.66	-0.01
Cabot Oil Gas	30.24	+0.12
Coca Cola	46.61	-0.19
VLO	38.45	+0.14
Halliburton	24.90	+0.03
Triad Hospitals	22.80	-0.20

WEATHER FOCUS

Today's forecast is calling for partly cloudy skies, a slight chance of thunderstorms in the afternoon, highs in the mid 90s, southeast winds 10 to 20 mph and a 20 percent chance of rain. Tonight we should see partly

cloudy skies. A slight chance of thunderstorms is also forecast with lows in the mid 60s, east winds 10 to 15 mph and a 20 percent chance of rain. Friday should be partly cloudy in the morning then clearing. Chance of showers

and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 90s. East winds 5 to 15 mph. Chance of rain 30 percent.

STATEWIDE

Evening and nighttime rain will be the norm in Texas through early next week. High temperatures will be in the 90s through Saturday, with a little cooldown expected beginning Sunday.

Storms that develop in West Texas the next few evenings are likely to become severe. Also severe will be the heat and humidity in South Texas: heat advisories may be issued there over the next few days.

The high temperature Wednesday was recorded at Wink with 104 degrees. Amarillo and Dalhart recorded 56 degrees overnight, low for the state. Beaumont recorded an inch and a half of rain Wednesday. Strong storms blew through North Texas overnight, with some property damage reported from winds and lightning. In San Angelo, tornados were reported, but no injuries sustained.

The West Texas forecast calls for hot weather today, in the mid to upper 90s except cooler in the northern Panhandle. By Saturday, high temperatures will cool down to the mid 80s in the Panhandle, mid to upper 80s in the South Plains, and it will be slightly cooler elsewhere except in the far west.

Storms will be possible each evening, and conditions later today will be ripe for severe weather. Some storms are likely this evening and overnight in the northern Panhandle, west central Texas including San Angelo, and in the Permian Basin and Trans Pecos. Those that develop will rapidly become quite strong, with possible supercell activity.

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Three Dynegy execs indicted for conspiracy, fraud

HOUSTON (AP) — Three former Dynegy Inc. executives were charged in an indictment unsealed Thursday with conspiracy and fraud for their roles in accounting transactions which the Securities and Exchange Commission determined improperly increased the company's reported cash flow by \$300 million and cut taxes by \$79 million.

"These defendants are accused of withholding the truth about Dynegy's true fiscal condition

from the SEC, shareholders and the public," U.S. Attorney Michael Shelby said.

Named in the indictment were Jamie Olis, 37, Dynegy's former senior director of tax planning; Gene Shannon Foster, 44, former vice president of tax; and Helen Christine Sharkey, 31, a member of Dynegy's risk control and deal structure group.

Each is charged with conspiracy, securities fraud, mail fraud and wire

fraud and was to appear later Thursday before a federal magistrate. In addition, the SEC filed a civil lawsuit naming all three.

Last September, Dynegy agreed to pay the SEC \$3 million to settle the commission's investigation of a natural gas deal — dubbed Project Alpha — which improperly boosted the company's cash flow. The federal government alleges Olis, Foster and Sharkey each had a role in the deal.

Official

By DANIEL ASSOCIATED PRESS

ATLANTA (AP) — Officials in Wisconsin Thursday that a worker may have monkeypox from patient in what was first case of the disease in this country.

Wisconsin stateologist Jeff Davis said monkeypox virus had not been confirmed in the state. He was suspected of testing tissue. The worker is ill, isolated, state he said.

Monkeypox

IRAQ

scene, while troops secured the area and rescued the unit man crew.

It was the first down by ground forces in two months. Command did not say where it went down.

Hours earlier, a U.S. plane site they described as a camp 95 miles from Baghdad, according to Command. A fire out, and one crew was slightly injured, a statement did not say.

In the third assault dubbed Operation Peninsular Striking Force.

CYCLIST

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The chase led to a pickup tried to Starkweather a lost control. He jumped the curb into the Church.

Officers said pickup was Cuberson-Storck. He dealt evening.

Chavez, a recently moved from the Phoenix

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Officials report possible case of monkeypox spreading person to person

By DANIEL YEE
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

ATLANTA (AP) — Health officials in Wisconsin said Thursday that a health care worker may have contracted monkeypox from a human patient in what would be the first case of the disease spreading from person to person in this country.

Wisconsin state epidemiologist Jeff Davis said monkeypox virus had not yet been confirmed in the worker, but it was suspected and experts were testing tissue specimens. The worker is ill and has been isolated, state health officials said.

Monkeypox is typically

transmitted from animal to animal, but in rare cases it can pass from human to human, Davis said. A monkeypox outbreak in the Congo in 1996 and 1997, for example, grew through person-to-person transmission, he said.

"In this case, there was no animal exposure," Davis said of the health care worker. "The only contact was with a human."

The announcement came a day after U.S. government moved aggressively to contain the first outbreak of monkeypox in the Western Hemisphere by prohibiting imports of African rodents, banning the sale of prairie dogs — believed to have spread the virus to

humans — and recommending smallpox shots for people exposed to monkeypox. The government also expanded its search for infected prairie dogs to 15 states.

The smallpox vaccine can prevent monkeypox, an exotic African disease, up to two weeks after exposure to the virus but is most effective in the first four days.

"We're optimistic we can deliver the vaccine to these people in time to do good," said Dr. David Fleming, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's deputy director for Public Health and Science.

As of Wednesday, health officials had confirmed a total of nine human cases of the dis-

ease — four in Wisconsin, four in Indiana and one in Illinois. Fifty-four possible cases had been reported — 25 in Indiana, 17 in Wisconsin, 11 in Illinois and one in New Jersey, CDC spokesman Tom Skinner said. No one in the United States has died of the disease.

Fleming said he is confident the outbreak will be controlled. "Monkeypox is a disease that is potentially transmissible from person to person but at a fairly low level," he said. "I don't anticipate the same kind of problem that we anticipate from SARS."

The smallpox vaccine is 85 percent effective against monkeypox, Fleming said. The vaccine is widely available

because states stocked up on it out of fear of bioterrorism. More than 37,000 health workers in the United States have been vaccinated.

"State health departments have been actively involved in planning and preparing for the possibility of a bioterrorist event," Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson said. "We are now seeing that this level of preparation can also assist in unexpected, natural outbreaks."

The CDC said health care workers, veterinarians and family members who have cared for or had close contact with infected people or animals should get vaccinations. The agency also warned vet-

erinarians and doctors to be on the lookout for the symptoms, especially in owners of prairie dogs or exotic rodents from Africa.

CDC officials didn't know how many people would have to be vaccinated, but Fleming said he expected the number to be modest.

About 40 out of every million people given the smallpox vaccine for the first time will face a life-threatening injury, and one or two will die. Still, the CDC is recommending vaccinations even for pregnant women, children and people with eczema — for whom the vaccine is usually discouraged — who have been exposed to infected prairie dogs.

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scene, while U.S. ground troops secured the site and rescued the uninjured two-man crew.

It was the first aircraft shot down by ground fire since Saddam Hussein was ousted two months ago. Central Command did not say exactly where it went down.

Hours earlier, at about 1:45 a.m., U.S. planes attacked a site they described as a terror camp 95 miles north of Baghdad, according to Central Command. A firefight broke out, and one coalition soldier was slightly injured. The statement did not give any Iraqi casualty figures.

In the third day of an assault dubbed "Operation Peninsula Strike," thousands

of American troops swept through an area centered on the Tigris River town of Duluyiah, 45 miles north of Baghdad.

Ten to 15 Iraqis were killed in the sweep, and four U.S. soldiers suffered gunshot wounds, said U.S. Sgt. Forest Geary. Three of the injured Americans were flown to Germany for medical care, he said.

Fighter jets, attack helicopters and unmanned aerial drones backed up ground troops during the operation, in which about 400 people have been captured in three days of strikes.

Fitzgerald said he had no information on the capture of any of the top 55 most wanted members of Saddam's regime. He said U.S. officials armed

with intelligence on particular suspects were still questioning those captured. Prisoners deemed not hostile will be released, he said.

Interrogators are "working with information that has directed the finger toward these suspects," Fitzgerald said. "If we believe they're dangerous and will cause problems for the Iraqi people or coalition forces, we'll keep them for further information."

The heavily wooded area provided good cover for ambushers, but the searches failed to turn up more than a few light arms and rocket propelled grenades, weaponry commonly found all over Iraq, said troops involved in the operation.

"When we came down here we really expected the worse. That has not been the reality," said Sgt. Todd Oliver, of the 173rd Airborne Division. "We came here searching houses and knocking down doors. If they were here, they're gone now."

No Americans have been killed in the operation, Fitzgerald said.

The region north and west

of Baghdad is part of the so-called Sunni triangle, the heartland of support for Saddam's now-banned Baath Party and not far from ex-leader's hometown of Tikrit. Saddam is a Sunni Muslim.

Some 1,500 troops from the U.S. Army's 3rd Infantry Division were sent to Fallujah, a Sunni city of some 200,000 people, and the neighboring towns of Khaldiyyah and Habaniyyah.

Since U.S. forces entered Fallujah in April, four American soldiers have been killed and 21 wounded by insurgents and U.S. troops have killed at least 23 Iraqis and wounded 78 wounded.

In Habaniyyah, a top U.S. commander said his men have made significant progress in restoring security.

"There are three elements we are having to deal with, first armed bandits, second former Baath Party officials are paying people to attack us, and then the Fedayeen," said Maj. Gen. Buford Blount III, commander of the 3rd Infantry Division. The Fedayeen were a paramilitary force set up by Saddam's

regime.

U.S. intelligence has made progress in figuring out which groups are responsible for which attacks and U.S. troops are working to dismantle them, Blount said.

Anecdotal evidence such as large amounts of cash seized during arrests of militants suggests that someone is paying the militants to attack U.S. troops, said Sgt. Brian Thomas, a U.S. Army spokesman in Baghdad.

The attackers have used guerrilla tactics allowing them to strike U.S. military vehicles

and escape. They also appeared to be coordinating raids with signaling devices, including flares, military officials said.

Duluyiah is said to be a likely place of refuge for Saddam die-hard fighters.

In another development Thursday, Central Command said that a U.S. F-16 fighter-bomber crashed early south-west of Baghdad.

The statement said the pilot ejected safely and was rescued by ground forces. It said the cause of the incident was being investigated.

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CYCLISTS

Graham, then on to Wichita Falls where they visited with prison guards and staff at the Allred Unit of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice before stopping in Vernon Monday night.

"We covered 123 miles that day," the elder Horton said.

Tuesday, they left Vernon, pedaling to Childress to visit the Roach Unit before going on to Hedley where they spent the night.

Wednesday, they began to

climb, ascending from Hedley to Clarendon to Pampa, where they stopped at the Jordan Unit. Then it was on to Panhandle in the 90-degree heat of the afternoon.

After spending last night in Panhandle, the duo were expected to travel along U.S. Highway 60 today to the Neal and Clements Units in Amarillo before turning north toward Dalhart and the end of their trek.

They hoped to reach Dalhart tonight, although the senior Horton said they may stop in Dumas for the night and go on to Dalhart Friday morning where they will visit the prison there.

"We've had three 100-mile days," Horton said. "We're going to have to slow down a little. I'm 55 years old."

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CHARGES

stop the pickup near the intersection of Hobart and Kingsmill, but the pickup turned off Hobart and sped east down Francis.

The chase lasted until the pickup tried to turn north on Starkweather and the driver lost control. The pickup jumped the curb and slammed into the Central Baptist Church.

Officers said today that the pickup was stolen from Culberson-Stowers automobile dealership Tuesday evening.

Chavez, authorities said, recently moved to Pampa from the Phoenix area.

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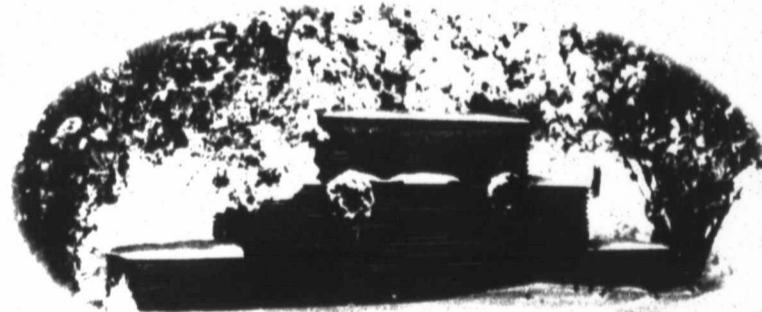
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Violence spirals: Twenty-eight killed in attacks in Jerusalem, Gaza

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — Israeli helicopters fired rockets at two cars carrying Hamas activists Thursday in Gaza, the latest strikes after Prime Minister Ariel Sharon swore to hunt Palestinians militants in response to a suicide attack on a bus that killed 16 people and wounded 100.

In the third airstrike against Hamas in 24 hours, Israeli helicopters fired missiles at a car carrying activists of the Islamic militant group, killing seven people, including a young child, and wounding 29, doctors said.

Hamas said the car belonged to one of its activists. A leader of the Islamic militant group, Mahmoud Zahar, said those killed in the airstrike were Yasser Taha, a member of the Hamas military wing, Taha's wife, and the couple's two small children. A baby bottle was among the items pulled from the burning car.

The first strike early Thursday killed two low-level Hamas activists, ages 22 and 24, from a unit that guards city streets. The Israeli military said the target was a cell of Palestinians who were about to fire a mortar shell at the nearby Netzarim settlement.

The strikes came after Sharon swore to hunt Palestinian militants "to the bitter end" amid a cycle of vengeance that killed 28 people in a less than a day and wounded more than 100.

Also Thursday, the Islamic militant group Hamas issued a new threat, saying it has ordered "all military cells" to take immediate action and carry out more attacks on Israelis.

The group also urged foreigners to leave Israel and the Palestinian areas for their own safety.

In a Cabinet meeting Thursday, Sharon dismissed Palestinian leaders as "cryba-

bies" for saying they can't use force against the militias, according to a Cabinet official briefing reporters.

Israel said it will not stand by until Palestinian Prime Minister Mahmoud Abbas — described by Sharon as a "chick that hasn't grown its feathers yet" — persuades the armed groups to halt attacks.

The spike in violence — the Hamas bus bombing in Jerusalem and two Israeli airstrikes — came just a week after President Bush launched a Middle East peace plan at a festive summit. Difficulties in implementing the so-called "road map" plan had been expected, but many were surprised by such a rapid return to bloodshed.

There have been deadlier days in 32 months of fighting, but despair was perhaps more keenly felt than after previous setbacks because there had been

hope of a new beginning and personal involvement by Bush after last week's summit.

"Bush, too, cannot compel Hamas to stop terror," Israeli commentator Sever Plotzker wrote in the Yediot Ahronot daily. "And the all-powerful Bush cannot compel Sharon to stop the assassinations (of Palestinian militants). The cause and effect, the effect and cause, it's all jumbled. Who remembers who started?"

Bush angrily condemned the bus bombing and urged all nations to cut off financial assistance to terrorists and "isolate those who hate so much that they are willing to kill." Earlier, Bush had rebuked Sharon for the attempted killing of a Hamas founder, Abdel Aziz Rantisi, which led to threats of revenge by the group.

Hamas said in its statement Thursday that more attacks would follow.

The bus bombing "is the beginning of a new series of attacks and part of a bill the Zionists must pay," the Hamas statement said. "We call on all military cells to act immediately and act like an earthquake to blow up the Zionist entity and tear it to pieces."

The first retaliation for the botched attack on Rantisi came Wednesday afternoon, during evening rush hour on Jaffa Street, Jerusalem's main thoroughfare. An 18-year-old high school student from Hebron,

Abdel Madi Shabneh, disguised as an ultra-Orthodox Jew, boarded city bus No. 14 just after it left the nearby central bus station. Shabneh detonated the explosives strapped to his body just as

the bus reached Mahane Yehuda, the city's large outdoor market. The blast lifted the bus off the pavement and tore up the roof and sides. Several passengers were hurled outside.

Mexico: Nanny caught abusing toddler

MEXICO CITY (AP) — A national uproar broke out Wednesday after a judge released a nanny on \$500 bail after she was caught on a hidden video camera beating an 18-month-old boy.

Araceli Barron, a nanny in the city of Guanajuato, the capital of the central state by the same name, was arrested June 5 after the couple she worked for installed the hidden video camera to check her care of their son, Jean Luca Cardelo.

Barron's employers told

investigators they installed the camera after discovering bruises on their son.

The camera caught the 35-year-old Barron slapping, punching and roughly shaking Jean Luca as she prepared to feed him. When the infant began wailing, the tape shows Barron stirring a container of hot liquid onto his head and then slapping him again.

Later it shows the nanny pulling the child's shirt off so she can thump him on the back with what appears to be

her wrist. It also shows Barron pulling Jean Luca from his high chair and throwing him to the floor.

The video caused national sensation Monday, when Mexico's largest television station, Televisa, aired most of it during its nightly news cast. The country's second-biggest television station, Azteca, showed portions of the same tape during its news program Tuesday.

Barron soon became known as the "Cruel Nanny" in newspapers across the country.

On Tuesday, the judge overseeing the case, Margarita Olvera, released Barron to the custody of family members after collecting \$500 in bail.

When pressured by reporters, Olvera said she was forced to let the nanny go on minimal bail because the injuries suffered by Jean Luca were not serious and Guanajuato state law does not list domestic abuse as a felony.

After being freed, Barron said she "may have been out of my head" when she was beating the child. If convicted on assault charges the nanny could receive up to four years in prison, Olvera said.

Mexico City Attorney General Bernardino Batiz said Wednesday his office would have charged Barron with attempted murder, which carries a sentence of up to 20 years in prison.

"The case is not over," Batiz told reporters. "There are many ways to file more serious charges."

Bingo for Books



(Courtesy photo)

Second graders Marieli Sanchez, daughter of Veronica Sanchez, and Victoria Saiz, daughter of Anna and Robert Saiz, show off books they won participating in "Bingo for Books" at Lamar Elementary School. Bingo for Books is played by students and their parents with books given-away as prizes. Cheryl Lewis, parent involvement coordinator, and Anna Saiz organized the annual event.

Art contest winner



(Courtesy photo)

Students at Grandview-Hopkins School recently entered the Nasco Art Catalog Postcard Contest. Britney Martin, 10, of Pampa, won first place in the fourth through sixth grade category from nation-wide school entries. She received a trophy, a \$100 U.S. Savings Bond and a \$150 gift certificate for art supplies to her school. Winners may be viewed at www.nasco.com (click on art materials then on contests.)

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DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

Couple's Fears Mother's Dress Will Be Wedding Showstopper

DEAR ABBY: My fiance, "Kenny," and I are being married next month. We are upset and embarrassed about the slinky, low-cut gown his mother plans to wear. Kenny says if she goes through with wearing it, he doesn't want her at the church, the reception, or in any of the photos.

Both Kenny and I have tried to tell his mom that the dress is too revealing and not appropriate for the occasion. At first she said she'd find a different dress, but she has since changed her mind and plans to wear it because Kenny's dad "loves" the dress on her.

No one else in the family will back us up and tell her not to wear it. What can we do, Abby? Kenny's mom will be embarrassing her son and me on the most important day of our lives. Help!

EMBARRASSED AND DISGUSTED IN FLORIDA

DEAR EMBARRASSED AND DISGUSTED: It's time for your fiance to have a man-to-man talk with his dad about the facts of life regarding decorum. If that fails, I recommend that the mother of the groom spend as much time as possible holding the large bridal bouquet for you. (Consider asking the florist to throw in a few extra ferns.)

DEAR ABBY: I am 16 and very sad. I started my own advice column at school and received tons of letters asking for help. The reason I did it is because I plan on becoming a psychologist when I'm an adult.

Every time I mention my column or my future plans, my family and friends laugh and think it's funny. A friend of my mother's told me that there's no way I could know at this point in my life what profession I want.

Abby, what should I do about people who have so little faith in me? Should I listen to them or try to brush off their remarks? Please help.

SAD GIRL ON THE EASTERN SEABOARD

DEAR SAD GIRL: Tune them out. A child who knows what

she (or he) wants to do at an early age is fortunate. It's called goal-setting, and many successful people have set their eyes on a goal early in their lives.

That said, it's important that you get a solid education in order to realize your dream. Talk to a school counselor to make sure you are taking the courses you need to get into a good college. Do not let yourself be dissuaded by doubters. Your goal is a noble one.

DEAR ABBY: My mother has a terminal illness with only weeks to live. I have just learned from one of my relatives that Mom placed a baby for adoption when my siblings and I were very young.

I would love to find this step-brother or sister. I feel an urgent need to locate him or her before Mother dies, so that they are able to meet. Mom has periods of confusion but is lucid some of the time. Family members are divided about whether or not this would be good for her. Your opinion, please — ASAP.

ANXIOUS DAUGHTER IN NEW ENGLAND

DEAR ANXIOUS DAUGHTER: Let go of this fantasy. The time for a reunion was when your mother was healthy and had expressed her desire to be reunited with her child. She is in no condition now for such a dramatic event. For further confirmation, discuss this with her doctor.

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Crossword Puzzle

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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- 1 Gave a hoot
- 6 Scenic painting
- 11 Martini garnish
- 12 Poison
- 13 Shows nervousness
- 14 Change
- 15 Puzzle
- 17 Snapshot
- 19 Agent, for short
- 20 Rebel grp.
- 23 Peeved up
- 25 Mecca resident
- 26 Maugham title
- 28 Realized
- 29 Bearlike marsupial
- 30 "You betchah!"
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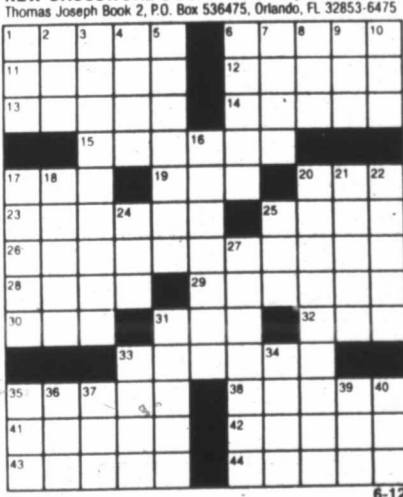
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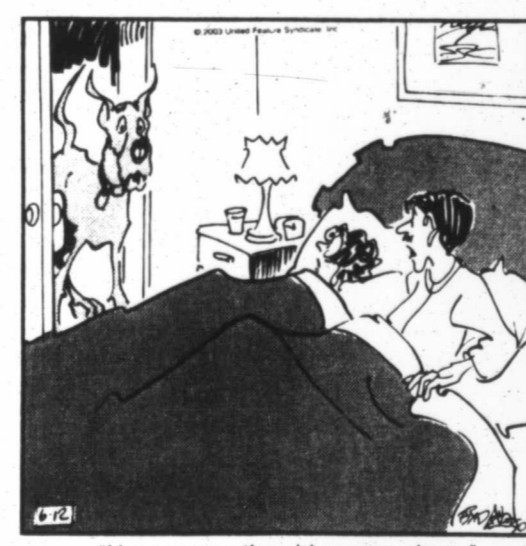


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- 7 Deep sleep
- 8 Lumberjack's prop
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- 10 Finish
- 16 Heist follow-up
- 17 Particular
- 18 Silly
- 20 Shore diner
- 21 Light lunch
- 22 Helps, in a way
- 24 Flock holder
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- 27 Hia-watha's grand-mother
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SPORTS

Fourth team could be added to playoff format

AUSTIN (AP) — Changes could be in store for high school sports playoffs in Texas.

University Interscholastic League officials will survey school superintendents across the state this fall on whether to send a fourth team from each district to the postseason.

UIL officials have been studying the issue for months. On Tuesday, its athletics committee agreed to ask the schools what they want to do. If survey results support the change, an official ballot would then be sent to schools for a formal vote.

If ultimately approved, the new format could be in place in time for the 2004 football

season, said UIL Athletic Director Charles Breithaupt.

Under current playoff formats, three teams from each district advance in classes 2A-5A, with the first-place team receiving a first-round bye in all sports except football. Football splits the playoffs into separate divisions in 2A-5A with the biggest schools in each district playing in Division I and the others in Division II.

The survey question would not apply to Class 1A, which is made up of the state's smallest schools and has a different playoff structure with variations for six-man football and separate basketball divisions.

For those it would affect, adding a fourth team would boost the Division I football playoffs from 32 teams to 64, Breithaupt said. In the other sports, the addition of a fourth team would eliminate the bye week for the district champion.

It would also mean some districts would send a majority of their teams to the playoffs, even if they had losing records.

And under the current alignment, District 11 in Class 5A — Longview, Lufkin, Tyler and Tyler Lee — would send all four teams to the postseason. Districts will be realigned in time for the 2004 football season.

Some schools may be in favor of adding another playoff team, giving more students a chance to compete for a state title, Breithaupt said. Others won't like the risk of favorites suffering upset losses.

"It's a mixed bag," Breithaupt said. "Some coaches say they don't want to go along, unless it's a coach who finished fourth."

Eddie Joseph, executive vice president of the Texas High School Coaches Association, said the group has informal discussions about the potential change and likely won't make a formal recommendation until after survey results are

announced in October.

Joseph said if the changes are approved, the coaches association will want to see district champions rewarded for finishing first, such as gaining home field advantage.

Historically, district champions were the only teams to advance to the playoffs until schools elected to allow second-place teams to advance starting in 1982. Allowing three teams started with 5A in 1990, Breithaupt said.

Schools will also be surveyed whether to allow the third-place finisher at district track meets to advance to regionals and whether to change the softball playoff format.

NOTEBOOK

GOLF

PAMPA — Pamcel Golf Club at Celanese is having a four-man scramble Saturday and Sunday.

Entry fee is \$180 per team. Carts are available.

If interested, call Don Alexander at 663-4942 or Jim Bob Mitchell at 663-4245.

BASEBALL

BALTIMORE (AP)

— Sammy Sosa began a seven-game suspension for using a corked bat, a penalty reduced by one game after his appeal.

The Chicago Cubs slugger was ejected from a game on June 3 after cork was discovered in his shattered bat. He contended he accidentally used a bat he usually uses in batting practice.

Sosa will be allowed to travel and work out with the Cubs, but won't be allowed to play in a game until June 18 in Cincinnati.

Because DuPuy believed Sosa made a mistake, he shortened the original eight-game suspension levied by Bob Watson, baseball's vice president in charge of discipline.

FOOTBALL

SEATTLE (AP)

— Rick Neuheisel is out as Washington's football coach, less than a week after acknowledging he bet on the NCAA basketball tournament.

"This is a sad night for me because I've poured a lot of myself into this job — and it was a great job," Neuheisel told KING-TV on Wednesday night.

"I am not the guy they're portraying me to be," he said. "I'll find new challenges. I will hopefully scale new ladders."

Athletic department spokesman Jim Daves said a news conference has been scheduled for 10 a.m. Thursday. He did not disclose further details.

The NCAA prohibits coaches from gambling on college sports. Neuheisel admitted last week he had placed the bets over the past two tournaments, thinking he did nothing wrong.

NCAA president Myles Brand called the actions "totally unacceptable behavior."

Neuheisel said school administrators felt he hadn't been forthright when NCAA investigators initially questioned him about his role in the neighborhood gambling pool, KING reported.

Asked whether it had hit him that he's no longer coach of the Huskies, he said: "I didn't want to think about it during the fight during this last week because I thought it would derail my efforts."

"So I'm probably not dealing with reality, but the facts are the facts, and we deal with them."

Parker named head grid coach

PAMPA — Heath Parker, Pampa's offensive coordinator, will be named as the Harvesters' head football coach at a Thursday, June 26 PISD board meeting.

Parker replaces Dennis Cavalier, who died May 28 of an apparent heart attack. The 31-year-old Parker is a Pampa native and played football for Cavalier in 1987-89.

Parker said he was honored to be named the next head coach of the Harvesters.

"This is a tribute to Coach Cav. We're going to try and carry on for him as best we can," Parker said.

Parker became offensive coordinator in 2001 when the Harvesters tied Palo Duro for first place in the District 3-4A standings. This past season, Pampa was district co-champions with Randall and advanced to the third round of the playoffs.

Parker said the current coaching staff would remain the same.

Cavalier has been both athletic director and head football coach the past 16 years, but those two positions will be separated next year. Rod Porter, assistant athletic director under Cavalier, is presently serving as athletic director.

Rangers fall to Mets, 8-2

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — New York Mets rookie Jae Seo is finally starting to get some wins to show for all of his good pitching.

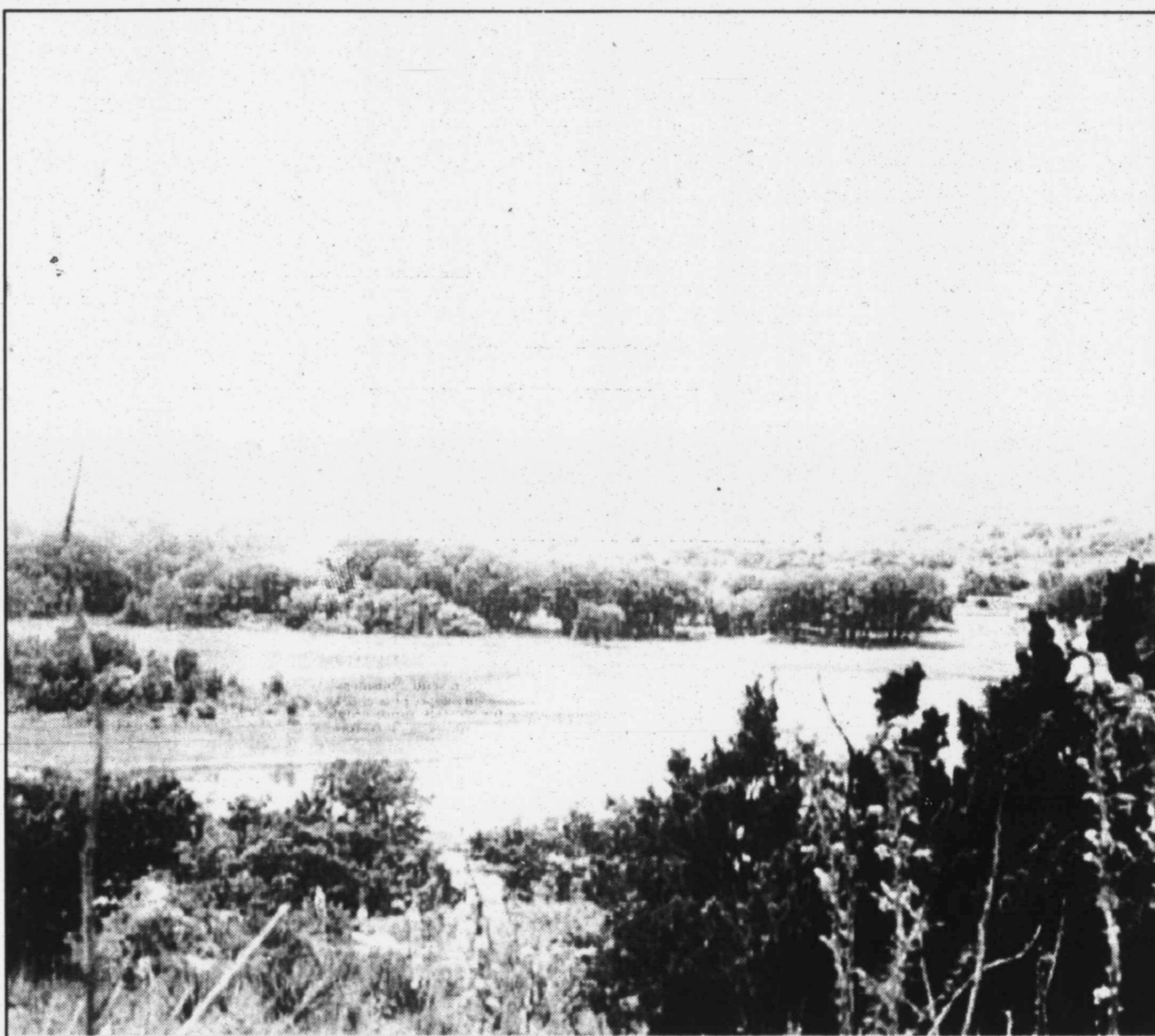
Seo (4-2) allowed just two runs in seven innings to win his third straight start as New York beat Texas 8-2 Wednesday night. He struck out six, walked just one and allowed eight hits while lowering his ERA to 2.88 after an NL-high 12 starts.

Before his three-game winning streak, the South Korean pitcher didn't have a victory in his previous six starts, when he allowed just 11 earned runs. The right-hander went 0-1 while pitching at least six innings in all but one game during that stretch.

"His record should be a lot better than it is," said Cliff Floyd, 3-for-4 with a homer and five RBIs. "Hopefully, we'll get him a lot more wins because he's deserving of them."

Seo threw 69 of his 102 pitches for strikes before being relieved by David Weathers to start the eighth.

Lake McClellan scene



This photograph was taken by a camper showing how the recent rainfall has raised the water level at Lake McClellan. According to manager Terry Walker, the lake was dry this time last year. The permit office can be seen on the right. The picture, looking off to the southwest, was taken from the bluffs overlooking the lake.

Tiger at 1-over 35 through nine holes In quest of third Open championship

OLYMPIA FIELDS, Ill. (AP) — Tiger Woods began his quest for a third U.S. Open on an overcast and cool Thursday morning at Olympia Fields.

With a large gallery following his group that included Ernie Els and U.S. Amateur champ Ricky Barnes, Woods started on the 10th hole and had a 2-putt par. He finished the first nine holes at 1-over 35.

On a 60-degree morning, Woods hardly looked like the player who won two of the last three U.S. Opens, struggling off the tee and with the few good chances he had at birdie. He finished with a bogey on the 460-yard 18th, a par 4.

Everyone in his group made all pars on the first four holes, as if they were trying to get a feel for an Olympia Fields course that hasn't been used for any tour event in more than 30 years.

Woods was in the right rough on No. 12, in the left rough on No. 14, but managed to keep par in the picture with skillful irons that bounced onto the firm greens.

He finally paid for it on the 18th, hitting his 3-wood into the bunker and, with his feet anchored in thick grass, hit a low punch into the deep collar of rough surrounding a bunker left of the green. He chopped it out to 15 feet and then 2-putted.

Els appeared nervous on the first two holes, finding the fairway bunker both times. He hit a wedge into 2 feet for birdie on the 13th and had other good chances — and a few good saves — along the way.

No one was tearing up the course.

Ian Leggatt of Canada, perhaps inspired by Mike Weir's win at the Masters, made the turn at 2 under and faced the easier front side.

The course is a typical U.S. Open layout, featuring tough roughs, deep bunkers and quick greens. That's why low scores aren't expected.

With the exception of Woods at Pebble Beach three years ago — a record 12-1 under 272 — the U.S. Open champion has been no better than 5 under since 1994.

Will the rest of 155 players

in the 103rd Open be chasing Tiger, who has won three tournaments this year but none since Bay Hill in March?

That field includes Davis Love III, who is enjoying his best season in 11 years with three victories, including The Players Championship.

And Vijay Singh, who has five top 10s in his last six tournaments and a victory in the Byron Nelson Classic.

How about Kenny Perry, the hottest player on tour with back-to-back wins at the Colonial and the Memorial before taking a week off?

Or might this be the week Phil Mickelson — winless this year — breaks through and ends his 0-for-43 drought as a pro in the majors?

And there's also two-time Open winner Els.

Els won the U.S. Open at Oakmont in 1994, beating Loren Roberts and Colin Montgomerie in a tense three-way playoff. He was victorious again three years later at Congressional.

"There are two times I can think about pressure. Oakmont was probably the most I ever felt in my life,"

Els said. "And then obviously at Congressional. I had to make a 4- or 5-footer on the 18th to win."

"Don't get me wrong. There is pressure in each and every event, but the majors mean so much more to us as players. And sometimes we get in our own way."

Els has answered his fair share of Tiger-related questions over the years, but says beating Woods is not his main motivation. Winning is.

"I'm sure younger guys come out and they want to beat Tiger. Tiger is going to beat us 70 percent of the time, so in that way they're right," Els said.

"I've got certain goals I want to achieve in my career and hopefully I don't have to go through Tiger. If he's there, you've got to do what you have to do."

Barnes was paired with Woods at the Masters and knows what to expect with the hordes of spectators at every turn.

"Most of the golf fans, because of the Masters and playing with Tiger, recognize me," Barnes said.

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National League				
At A Glance				
By The Associated Press				
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East Division				
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Atlanta	43	20	.683	—
Montreal	39	26	.600	5
Philadelphia	34	31	.523	10
Florida	31	35	.470	13 1/2
New York	28	35	.444	15
Central Division				
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Chicago	36	27	.571	—
Houston	37	28	.569	—
St. Louis	34	29	.540	2
Cincinnati	32	32	.500	4 1/2
Pittsburgh	25	37	.403	10 1/2
Milwaukee	25	38	.397	11
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
San Francisco	40	24	.625	—
Los Angeles	36	28	.563	4
Colorado	33	33	.500	8
Arizona	31	34	.477	9 1/2
San Diego	19	47	.288	22

Colorado (Oliver 3-4) at Minnesota (Rogers 4-2), 8:05 p.m.
 N.Y. Mets (Leiter 6-3) at Texas (Lewis 4-4), 8:05 p.m.
 Arizona (Patterson 0-3) at Kansas City (K. Wilson 2-0), 8:05 p.m.
 San Francisco (Rueter 7-1) at Chicago White Sox (Colon 6-5), 8:05 p.m.
 Montreal (Vargas 3-2) at Seattle (R. Franklin 4-4), 10:05 p.m.
Friday's Games
 Chicago Cubs (Wood 5-4) at Toronto (Escobar 3-3), 7:05 p.m.
 Colorado (Chacon 8-3) at Detroit (Maroth 1-11), 7:05 p.m.
 Houston (J. Johnson 0-1) at Boston (Undecided), 7:05 p.m.
 Milwaukee (Quevedo 0-2) at Baltimore (Ponson 8-3), 7:05 p.m.
 Los Angeles (Od. Perez 4-4) at Cleveland (B. Anderson 3-6), 7:05 p.m.
 St. Louis (Simontacchi 4-3) at N.Y. Yankees (Clemens 6-4), 7:05 p.m.
 Philadelphia (Millwood 8-3) at Cincinnati (Haynes 0-5), 7:10 p.m.
 Pittsburgh (Wells 2-2) at Tampa Bay (Zambrano 2-4), 7:15 p.m.
 Arizona (Webb 3-1) at Minnesota (Santana 3-1), 8:05 p.m.
 Florida (Penny 4-4) at Texas (Benoit 2-2), 8:05 p.m.
Tuesday's Games
 Toronto 13, Pittsburgh 8
 St. Louis 9, Boston 7
 Chicago Cubs 4, Baltimore 0
 Cleveland 8, San Diego 5
 N.Y. Yankees 5, Houston 3
 Los Angeles 3, Detroit 1, 12 innings
 Cincinnati 4, Tampa Bay 2
 Colorado 5, Minnesota 0
 Florida 12, Milwaukee 4
 Texas 9, N.Y. Mets 7
 Kansas City 7, Arizona 3
 Chicago White Sox 5, San Francisco 3
 Montreal 7, Seattle 3
 Anaheim 2, Philadelphia 1
 Oakland 4, Atlanta 3, 12 innings
Wednesday's Games
 Toronto 8, Pittsburgh 5
 Boston 13, St. Louis 1
 Chicago Cubs 7, Baltimore 6
 Cleveland 3, San Diego 2
 Houston 8, N.Y. Yankees 0
 Los Angeles 3, Detroit 1
 Cincinnati 7, Tampa Bay 6
 Minnesota 7, Colorado 4
 Florida 6, Milwaukee 5
 N.Y. Mets 8, Texas 2
 Arizona 4, Kansas City 3
 San Francisco 11, Chicago White Sox 4
 Montreal 3, Seattle 1
 Anaheim 5, Philadelphia 3
 Atlanta 11, Oakland 6
Thursday's Games
 Houston (Robertson 4-3) at N.Y. Yankees (Wells 8-2), 1:05 p.m.
 Florida (Pavano 5-6) at Milwaukee (Kinney 4-4), 2:05 p.m.
 Atlanta (Reynolds 4-1) at Oakland (Zito 7-4), 3:35 p.m.
 San Diego (Peavy 4-5) at Cleveland (Ja. Davis 5-4), 7:05 p.m.
 Pittsburgh (Suppan 5-5) at Toronto (Hendrickson 4-5), 7:05 p.m.
 Chicago Cubs (Zambrano 5-5) at Baltimore (Helling 3-4), 7:05 p.m.
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New York	36	28	.563	1/2
Toronto	36	30	.545	1 1/2
Baltimore	29	34	.460	7
Tampa Bay	22	41	.349	14
Central Division				
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Minnesota	36	27	.571	—
Kansas City	31	31	.500	4 1/2
Chicago	29	35	.453	7 1/2
Cleveland	26	37	.413	10
Detroit	16	46	.258	19 1/2
West Division				
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Seattle	42	21	.667	—
Oakland	35	28	.556	7
Anaheim	33	30	.524	9
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Astros no-hit the Yankees

NEW YORK (AP) — For 45 years, no one had no-hit the New York Yankees. To break that streak, the Houston Astros needed a record six pitchers. What a night for Houston's bullpen. And what an embarrassment for the Yankees. After ace Roy Oswalt was injured in the second inning, Pete Munro, Kirk Saarloos, Brad Lidge, Octavio Dotel and Billy Wagner finished off the 8-0, no-hit victory Wednesday night.

"First appearance for most of us in Yankee Stadium," Wagner said. "What better place could there be?" It was the most pitchers ever to combine on a no-hitter in the majors — four had twice done the trick. The Yankees had gone 6,980 games — the longest streak in big league history — without being no-hit, since Hoyt Wilhelm's 1-0 victory for Baltimore on Sept. 20, 1958. Since then, the proud franchise had won nine World Series titles and 15 AL pennants.

But that all ended on a muggy late-spring night. The last time New York had been held hitless at Yankee Stadium was on Aug. 25, 1952, by Detroit's Virgil Trucks. With Yankees' fans standing and applauding, Wagner pumped his fist as he stepped on first base to end it.

Many the Astros ran onto the field to give high-fives while the Yankees couldn't clear out of the dugout fast enough.

"This is one of the worst games I've ever been involved in," Yankees manager Joe Torre said. "It was a total, inexcusable performance."

Torre called it the low point for the Yankees since he started managing the club in 1996. New York dropped out of first place in the AL East, falling a half-game behind Boston, and Torre held a team meeting after the loss.

"Tonight was an ugly, ugly performance," he said. "Once things started snowballing, I think we lost our composure." The closest New York came to a hit was in the fifth against Saarloos, when Alfonso Soriano sent a fly ball into short left field. Lance Berkman, who hit a two-run homer in the third, ran in, stuck out his glove and made a tumbling catch.



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Horoscope BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, June 20, 2003:
 Your innate creativity draws many. You come up with unusual ideas and actions. You seem more than willing to learn about different styles and cultures. Travel marks your year; if not that, foreigners could play a significant role. You will find that communication flows no matter where you are or who you're with. A new home is likely in the next year, with a potential move or change for the better. Some of you might add to your household. If you are single, you could easily meet someone quite special. You might decide to let this relationship develop into marriage. If you're attached, you'll have an unusually dynamic year together. A major purchase seems a strong possibility. PISCES can be a source of gossip.

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)
 *** Take in news, though you just might sit on the information for a while. You might have a last-minute change of plans that pleases you. A loved one makes an overture, which more than delights you. Everything is possible. Tonight: Happily disappear with a special person.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
 ***** Friends delight you, though a partner or associate could easily rain on your parade. You or a boss could be unusually inspired to finish the task at hand. Express completely what is on your mind. Tonight: A meeting could dissolve into a friendly Friday night get-together.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
 ***** A must appearance seems inevitable no matter what you do or with whom. Don't worry about disappointing

a partner, just do your best. Make it OK to reveal some of your unusual insight and evaluations. Tonight: Lead the office out the door.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
 ***** You have a unique perspective, though others might not agree. This dissent could impact the workplace. You see right through others' flak, allowing new potential and possibilities to open up. Think and talk ideas. Tonight: Wherever you are, others want to know more about you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
 ***** As you see it, a partner dominates the scenario. Is this OK? Only you can answer this question. But realize that at a certain point, you might need to back off. Express your ideas, but within a closed circle. Tonight: Go along with another's plans — for now. Keep your cards close to your chest.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
 ***** Meetings prove to be important, though you could be distracted by all the people and what goes on. Recognize that you could disappoint a family member. Discussion among friends and business associates is animated and direct. Tonight: Just don't be alone.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
 ***** Your ability to work with others draws many to you. Though you might not always hear what you want, you could be delighted. You relate with a great deal of charm and intelligence. Others cannot get enough of you. Tonight: Mix work and pleasure.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
 ***** Your imagination helps you make money, but it could also cause you to spend excessively. Be careful just how far out your ridding takes you. A call from a distance might be inviting as well as informative. Follow your heart here. Tonight: Start the weekend in style.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
 ***** The basics count when dealing with a partner or associate. You might not want to do anything halfway right now. This person might be more than willing to let you know where he or she stands. Open the door for this conversation. Tonight: Be somewhere comfortable.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
 ***** You might want to lighten up a conversation but find this task difficult. Clear your mind and let go of issues. Someone close goes out of his or her way just for you. His or her feelings could be more than apparent. This person has many great suggestions. Tonight: At your favorite spot.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
 ***** Take a hard look at your finances. You might want to evaluate work and whether someone is just pacifying you or for real. This piece of information could be quite critical in your decision-making process. A friend's suspicions could be unfounded. Tonight: Treat a friend to munchies.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
 ***** You might want to do a double take or re-evaluate a situation more carefully. Your thoughtfulness makes a big difference to a child or loved one, who, at times, might be vague. Feelings expand, and emotions are expressed. Tonight: Happy as a clam.

BORN TODAY
 Actress Nicole Kidman (1967), singer Lionel Richie (1949), actor Danny Aiello (1933)

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Nets even NBA Finals against Spurs at two victories each

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — In one impossibly fluid motion, Manu Ginobili stole a New Jersey pass and dribbled the ball behind his back while hurdling the intended receiver. He raced up the floor for a layup — and he somehow missed the entire rim.

Almost every moment of beauty so far in the NBA Finals has been obscured by something hideous. The Nets and the San Antonio Spurs are crossing new frontiers of

offensive ineptitude while embarrassing their high-scoring ABA forefathers.

But when Ginobili launched a 3-pointer that could have tied the game with 3 seconds left, the struggles of the previous 48 minutes were forgotten for a moment. Strangely enough, these teams' relatively equal awfulness has produced a tense series with the promise of genuine drama — or at least more tragi-comedy.

Kenyon Martin had 20

points and 13 rebounds, and Ginobili badly missed the next-to-last shot in the Nets' bruising 77-76 victory over the Spurs in Game 4 Wednesday night.

New Jersey's first home finals victory evened the series at 2-2, with Game 5 set for Friday night at the Meadowlands.

Martin personified the Nets' ragged determination on a play that probably determined the game. New Jersey trailed by a point with 1:16

left when Richard Jefferson drove the lane and passed to Martin, whose shot was blocked by Tim Duncan.

Martin grabbed the ball and went up again, and Duncan blocked it again. Martin snarled as he grabbed the ball again; the third time up, he drew a foul, and his two free throws put New Jersey ahead for good.

It was ugly, it was messy — but it got the job done.

"We're not satisfied," Martin said. "I wasn't satis-

New Yorker Van Gundy getting acquainted with his Texas team

HOUSTON (AP) — New Yorker Jeff Van Gundy is adapting quickly to his new surroundings.

"I understand that 'you all' is singular and 'all y'all' is plural," Van Gundy joked Wednesday as he officially became head coach of the Houston Rockets, less than two years after resigning as coach of the New York Knicks.

Van Gundy then went about getting acquainted with other aspects of his new assignment, pulling the Rockets out of a four-year playoff drought and providing the next level of enlightenment for center Yao Ming.

"He's got 7-5 of upside," Van Gundy said. "He's a remarkably skilled post man. What I'm most impressed is he seems like a great teammate. He's unspoiled by all that the NBA can give. If he continues to progress he'll be a special player in this league."

Van Gundy interviewed with the Washington Wizards before telling the Rockets on Monday he wanted to be their coach if he could get a suitable contract.

The contract came together Tuesday. The Rockets did not release terms but a source within the league told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity that Van Gundy signed a four-year deal worth \$18 million.

"You can't quantify it into one single

reason," Van Gundy said. "You know when you meet people and you see a situation that it's a good fit and this to me is a good fit. It's an organization that's committed to winning and winning big. I just feel this is what's right for me right now at this time in my life."

Van Gundy abruptly resigned from the Knicks 19 games into the 2001-02 season.

"Like anything, all good things come to an end and that came to an end," Van Gundy said. "I went into broadcasting and liked it and when this opportunity presented itself I just felt it was right."

Starting with Yao and guards Steve Francis and Cuttino Mobley, Van Gundy will try to mesh together a team that thought it was headed for the playoffs last season but missed, despite a 15-game improvement over the previous year.

"It's hard to say what you have but you do have a talented corps of young players that need to mature to win," Van Gundy said. "We talk about Steve, Cuttino and Yao. Obviously, that's a team that has a chance. That's all you want, an opportunity to have a chance to compete."

Van Gundy must formalize his coaching staff. It could include former Knicks great Patrick Ewing, currently under contract with the Wizards.

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69a Garage Sales

SALE, 2407 Christine, Fri. 9a-7 Sat. 9a-7 Lots of misc.

FRI. only 5-8pm, 2700 Seminole, clothes all ages, lots of furn., misc.

ANTIQUE saddle built by R.T. Frasier-Pueblo Co, antique cash register, guns, fishing tackle, day-bed, exercise bike, head-board, refrigerator, some tools, snow cables. Fri. 8:30-noon. 1228 Duncan.

FRI. & SAT. 8 a.m. 1213 Duncan Lots of misc.

1908 Evergreen Fri 5pm-7pm, Sat 8am-11am Baby items, Mat. Clothes, kids bikes, nordictrack cruiser, lots of nice toys

GARAGE Sale, 952 Terry Rd. Fri. 8am-? Sat. 8am-? Lots of stuff for an Ebay Seller. Honda 3500 EMS Electric Start Generator, trampoline frame w/some springs, antiq radio, washer/dryer, refridge, furn., boys size 14-20 Tommy Hilfinger clothes, ladies, mens, girls, & little boys size 4-7. Lots new with tag, glassware, car booster seat, much more.

1041 Cinderella Fri. Sat. 8-? Boys clothes, dryer, misc.

FARM Yard Sale, Fri. & Sat. 8am till dark, 3 mi W on Kentucky past Price Rd. No Checks.

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M.K. Brown book donations



(Courtesy photo)

Sue Fatheree, of White Deer Land Museum Advisory Board, recently presented Bettie Dacus, Pampa High School librarian, with a copy of "M.K. Brown Memoir" book for the library at PHS.



(Courtesy photo)

Doris Jaramillo, Pampa Middle School librarian, recently accepted a copy of "M.K. Brown Memoir" book from White Deer Land Museum Advisory Board members Lee Fraser, left, and Wanda Carter, right, for the library at PMS.



(Courtesy photo)

White Deer Land Museum Advisory Board members Nancy Coffee, left, and Iris Ragsdale, right, recently presented a copy of "M.K. Brown Memoir" book to McLean High School Principal Blaze Herring for donation to the school library.

North Korea struggles amid renewed economic plight

By SANG-HUN CHOE
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SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — The Americans halt shipments of fuel oil to North Korea. The Japanese detain the communist state's cargo ships for inspections. The Australians impound a North Korean ship carrying narcotics.

For North Korea, the noose is tightening at an especially bad time. Reforms, initiated a year ago, are wreaking havoc on the country's already shattered economy and its key industries are shrinking again after four years of growth, experts say.

"What we see is a form of light containment on North Korea," says Yon Ha-chong, a North Korea expert at Seoul's Myungji University. "But the pressure will increase if things get worse."

The United States and its allies are mustering pressure

on North Korea to give up its nuclear weapons programs. Help has come from unlikely accomplices: the hard-line regime's bungling economic policymakers.

North Korea's economy grew 1.2 percent in 2002, the fourth-straight year of growth, but its key mining, manufacturing and power industries began shrinking for the first time since 1999, with output in those sectors declining by up to 3.8 percent, says South Korea's central Bank of Korea.

Things will be worse this year, experts say. President Bush and Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi have vowed to stop North Korean smuggling of narcotics, counterfeit money and missile technology — believed to be the regime's main source of hard currency for its weapons programs.

Australian Foreign Minister Alexander Downer

said Wednesday he is considering working with the U.S. and Japanese navies to intercept North Korean smugglers.

"North Korea's economy had received a death sentence long ago, but it keeps afloat thanks to international aid and the country's trading in weapons and illicit goods," said Yang Woon-chul, a North Korea expert at Seoul's Sejong Institute.

U.S. Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz said last week that North Korea "is teetering on the edge of economic collapse," and that is "a major point of leverage" in regional efforts to use economic pressure to force it to halt its nuclear ambitions.

Pyongyang's dependence on its illegal trade has grown amid failed economic reforms.

A year ago, Pyongyang dismantled its rationing system, increased wages and let prices of goods assume their real value in reforms aimed at motivating workers to be more productive.

Today, inflation runs higher than 300 percent, the currency has plummeted and goods are scarcer than ever, said Kwak Dae-jung, an official at the Seoul-based Network for North Korean Democracy and Human Rights.

The North's economic problems began with the breakup of the former Soviet bloc. In the mid-1990s, widespread hunger killed hundreds of thousands of people. By 1999, international aid had helped restore growth.

Last year, North Korea's official economy, measured by its gross national income,

was estimated at \$17.8 billion.

Secret trading would add significantly to the figures. The U.S. military estimates Pyongyang reaped \$560 million from missile sales in 2001, and recent seizures in Australia of alleged North Korean narcotics valued at \$120 million suggest a sizable drug trade.

Pressure has built up, albeit slowly, for months.

Late last year, Washington cut off free oil shipments after U.S. officials said Pyongyang admitted running a clandestine nuclear weapons program in violation of international agreements.

In December, a shipment of North Korean Scud missiles bound for Yemen in the Arabian Sea was briefly stopped as a U.S. warning against North Korea's role in missile proliferation. In April,

Australian authorities raided a North Korean-owned ship and charged its crew with importing 275 pounds of heroin.

Japan barred a North Korean cargo ship from leaving port for a day this week after Tokyo ordered tougher inspections of all North Korean cargo ships and ferries entering Japanese ports.

North Korea sees its nuclear weapons programs as a bargaining chip to win aid and security guarantees from Washington. But the Bush administration says it won't be blackmailed.

"On the one hand, North Korea may be saying it wants economic help. On the other hand, it's saying it wants nuclear weapons. And as far as we're concerned, the two are incompatible," said U.S. Ambassador to Seoul Thomas C. Hubbard.

Prescription drug benefit plan gains strength daily

WASHINGTON (AP) — A top priority for President Bush as well as Republicans and Democrats in Congress, legislation providing prescription drug benefits for Medicare recipients is gaining strength by the day.

"We could possibly get a majority of Democrats and possibly a majority of Republicans as well" when the Senate Finance Committee casts the first votes on the measure, Sen. John Breaux, D-La., predicted Wednesday. "That's a sea change" from the years when the issue divided the Senate along party lines, he added.

Committee approval, expected Thursday, would set the stage for debate on the Senate floor beginning Monday.

At the same time, House Republican leaders were advancing their own version of the legislation. GOP aides, speaking on condition of anonymity, said it included a provision to save roughly \$18 billion over five years by holding down increases that hospitals receive to offset inflation. Hospitals were resisting the change even before the bill was released to rank-and-file Republicans, leaving the fate of the provision uncertain.

The bill's architects in the Republican-controlled Senate lobbied to build support on Wednesday — not only from Democrats critical of the legislation for not going far enough, but also

from GOP conservatives wary of creating a new, \$400 billion government program.

For his part, Bush called on Congress to act by July 4. "The time is right for progress," he said in Chicago. "I'm here to urge Congress not to miss the opportunity."

The legislation would offer Medicare beneficiaries the opportunity to purchase prescription drug coverage for the first time. Also, it would create a new managed care option under the government-run health care program, a change that Bush has recommended to help modernize the program and improve its long-term finances.

"Medicine is changing, Medicare is not," the president said on his trip to Illinois.

Under the bill, beginning in 2006 seniors enrolling in a PPO would have a portion of their prescription drug costs paid as part of their overall coverage. Seniors remaining in traditional Medicare could purchase stand-alone coverage.

The bill's sponsors said that for the first year, the premium is expected to be about \$35 a month, and seniors would be obliged to pay the first \$275 in costs. Insurance would pay half the cost for expenses between \$276 and \$3,450. There would be no coverage between \$3,450 and \$5,300, and insurance would pay 90 percent of everything above that amount.

DNA tests free three

MINEOLA, N.Y. (AP) — Three men imprisoned 17 years ago for the rape and murder of a teenage girl went free — their convictions wiped out by advanced DNA testing that failed to link them to the crime.

After being ordered to post \$300,000 bail, John Kogut, 39, John Restivo, 44, and Dennis Halstead, 48, left prison Wednesday evening for the first time since 1986. They hugged dozens of waiting family members.

"It's been a battle," said Halstead. "It's been a battle from the day we were implicated in this crime. And it really shouldn't have taken this much time."

On Nov. 10, 1985, 16-year-old Theresa Fusco left her job at the Hot Skates roller rink. Her nude body, buried beneath leaves in some woods just a block from the rink, was discovered 3 1/2 weeks later.

The defendants were all serving 25 years to life on their convictions for second-degree murder and first-degree rape.

But DNA testing done this year determined that semen found on the victim matched none of the men, said Nassau County Chief Assistant District Attorney Patrick McCormack.

Still, McCormack said the decision to vacate the convictions "does not exonerate these defendants" and a retrial is being considered.

Restivo's lawyer, Barry Scheck, hailed the decision to vacate the convictions.

"Once again, DNA testing has exposed the tragic fact that innocent people are accused, tried and convicted on a regular basis in the American criminal justice system," Scheck said.

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