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### Fire hero would save again, despite capture

ABILENE (AP) — The smoke burned Kris Leija's lungs. He could feel the heat from the flames licking at the apartment complex. He didn't care about himself, just the children who needed his help.

He didn't hesitate to become a rescuer even with the possibility that police might recognize him as a probation violator. They did, and after a few television interviews to describe his Sunday morning heroics, Leija finds himself sitting in the Taylor County Detention Center.

"I didn't even think about myself," Leija said Tuesday in the visitors' area of the jail. "I thought about the victims who lived there. I didn't care about what happened to me. I felt like God put me there for a reason."

## DEATHS

- Darold Haddican, Jr.**, 27, PHS graduate.
- Adolph Novotny**, 97, retired pumper, bus driver.
- Bob Pomerhn**, 53, Cabot Corp. health & safety director.

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# Six charged in fatal shooting

BY NANCY YOUNG  
MANAGING EDITOR

Authorities now have arrested all six men sought in connection with the April 3 fatal shooting of Tracy Rena Williams of Pampa.

Paul Andre Brown, 30, 512 Harlem, was arrested Tuesday night on the deadly conduct charge and evading arrest in a vehicle. He was the sixth person arrested in connection with the 32-year-old woman's death.

Precinct Two Justice of the Peace Kurt Curfman set bond Wednesday morning of \$25,000 on the deadly conduct charge and \$5,000 bond on the evading charge. He remained in jail at press time.

Pampa Police Det. Donny Brown returned from Dallas Tuesday evening after going there in response to the

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arrest of Jimmy "Slim" Young, 21, by Dallas PD Monday night on a Pampa warrant for murder in connection with Williams' death.

Brown said he did not get to see Young during the Tuesday trip to Dallas. He said he would be going to Dallas again on Thursday and said he expects to question him.

Police Chief Trevlyn Pitner said when Young was arrested on the Pampa warrant by Dallas PD Monday night that the Pampa also was arrested on drug charges. He said it appears that Dallas PD will keep Young in

custody in that city until those charges are taken care of.

Jelani Rashod McNeal, 25, 1016 Huff Rd, was arrested Friday on deadly conduct charges. Bond of \$7,500 was set by Precinct 1 Justice of the Peace Joe Martinez. He has been released on bond.

Ongel Kwane Roland, 25, 1308 Garland, remains in jail after being arrested in connection with the Pampa woman's death. Martinez set bond on the deadly conduct charge at \$5,000. Bond of \$2,000 was set on a misdemeanor possession of marijuana

charge. Roland remains in jail on a violation of parole warrant.

Curtis Lee Wine, 30, 1013 Neel Rd., also, was charged with deadly conduct. He remains in Gray County Jail on a warrant for violating parole.

Nathan Williams, 25, 1045 Huff Rd., was arrested Saturday after he turned himself into the Gray County Sheriff's Department. He was released later Saturday after Judge Martinez set a bond of \$5,000.

Chief Pitner said the 32-year-old victim was caught in the crossfire of shooting at a south Pampa residence. She was found lying in a driveway at 1040 S. Huff Rd. suffering from a gunshot wound. The young woman was transported to Pampa Regional Medical Center Emergency Room by Rural Metro Ambulance where she was pronounced dead.

## Whitehead to be sworn in on May 1

Gaye Whitehead, longtime employee in the Gray County Tax Assessor-Collector's office, will be sworn-in as Tax Assessor-Collector during the 9 a.m. meeting Thursday, May 1, of the Gray County Commissioners Court.

The meeting will be in the temporary county courtroom at 315 N. Ballard.

Whitehead was appointed by the commission to assume the duties upon the announced retirement of Tax Assessor-Collector Sammie Morris.

The commission will consider Whitehead's request to appoint a new chief deputy in the tax office and a request by her to hire a new employee.

In other action, the commission will consider County Judge Richard Peet's resigna-

tion from the Gray County Appraisal Board and the appointment of a replacement on the board.

Several items concerning the move back into the newly-restored courthouse are also on the agenda. An extension of audio-visual system contract on restoration will be considered along with a change order on ventilation in computer server closets and redoing courtroom ceilings.

Bids on moving the county offices back into the courthouse will be considered at 11 a.m.

Routine items to be considered include budget amendments, treasurer's report and intrabudget transfer requests. Bills and salaries okayed by the County Auditor will also be approved.

## Local civic leaders plan 'Day of Prayer' gathering

Pampa citizens will observe National Day of Prayer, a time to pray for the country and its leadership, with a gathering in front of Pampa City Hall at 12:15 p.m., Thursday, May 1.

This year's National Day of Prayer theme is "Righteousness exalts a nation," said Paul Nachtigall, pastor of Highland Baptist Church. The gathering is not sponsored by any specific organization, but by a group of citizens, he said.

"Our country needs this right now and Pampa needs this right now," Nachtigall said.

Pampa High School show choir members, directed by Fred Mays, are to perform patriotic songs for the event. After presentation of the flag, specific prayers are to be said for the city, state, nation, military and churches. Nachtigall plans to begin by praying for Pampa. Rev. Randy White, pastor of First Baptist Church, will pray for Texas, followed by Mike Subjett, minister of Hi-Land Christian Church, praying for the nation. Leland Lewis, pastor of First Assembly God, will pray for the military and Rev. Doug Yates, pastor of Church of the Nazarene, will finish by praying for the churches.

The public is invited to share in the non-denominational event.

**FRONT of the BRAVE**

**PFC Ricky Conner II**  
Rank: Private first class  
Branch of service: U.S. Army  
Job description: Army engineer  
Stationed: Colorado Springs, Colo.  
Deployment, pending: Iraq  
Graduate: Pampa High School! 1999  
Family: Ricky and Diane Conner of Pampa; sisters, Kimberly and Samantha

## Early voting shows strong interest in May 3 election

BY NANCY YOUNG  
MANAGING EDITOR

If the number of voters who cast ballots during early voting is an indicator, there's likely to be a heavy turnout for Saturday's city/school elections.

Five candidates for mayor, two contested city commission races and one contested school trustee race seemed to have generated a high interest among Pampa voters for the May 3 elections.

Pampa City Secretary Phyllis Jeffers said this morning that 591 voters cast ballots in the city election during the two-week period early voting was conducted.

Kaye Roberts in the personnel office at Pampa Independent School District said 280 voters cast ballots in that election by appear-

ance while nine ballots were received by mail.

Four candidates are challenging Mayor Lonny Robbins for the mayoral position. They are Jeff Andrews, John Goddard, Mike Rummerfield, and Norman Stephens.

Incumbent City Commissioner Jeff McCormick is being challenged by Doug Locke for the Ward 1 position while Bob Dixon, incumbent, is challenged by Ed Robinson.

In the school race, incumbent Nancy Coffee is challenged by James Goode and Charles Smith for the Place 4 position as trustee. Board President Lee Porter is seeking to be returned to the Place 5 position. He is running unopposed.

Balloting for both elections will be from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturday, at M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium.

## Soldiers again fire on anti-American protesters; Rumsfeld visits Baghdad

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — For the second time this week, U.S. soldiers fired on anti-American protesters Wednesday in the city of Fallujah; the mayor said two people were killed and 14 wounded. Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld became the first top Bush administration official to visit Iraq since Saddam Hussein's ouster. Operating out of a Baghdad

palace once used by Saddam, Rumsfeld taped a broadcast message to Iraqis saying the United States is eager to return the country to their control. He also paid in-person tribute to U.S. troops gathered at Baghdad's airport.

"We want the Iraqi people to live in freedom so they can build a future where the Iraqi leaders answer to the Iraqi people rather than killing

them," Rumsfeld told the soldiers.

He told the troops they have "unleashed events that will unquestionably shape the course of this country."

Rumsfeld also said the Bush administration is using diplomatic efforts to encourage countries to turn over wanted Iraqis to U.S. authorities, and that some nations are (See IRAQ, Page 3)

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**Golfers... be sure to sign up early for the Pampa Partnership Golf Tournament to be held on May 17th & 18th. Maximum of 72 teams. Two players per team. \$65.00 fee per golfer. \$20.00 cart fee. The tournament will be played May 17th at Hidden Hills Golf Course and on May 18th at Pampa Country Club Golf Course.**



**Dramatic scene**



(Courtesy photo)

Silvio, played by Teddy Tolleson, in a fit of anger threatens Natwick, played by Kasey Presson, with a knife. The two young Vietnam veterans recover in an army hospital in the play "Pvt. Wars" playing Friday and Saturday night at the ACT I theater located on the west side of Pampa Mall. Also on the bill for the evening is the comedy "Next" starring Debra Sandefur and Jimmy Lindsay. For reservations call 665-3820.

**Trail ride benefits St. Jude's**

Saddle up for the 12th annual St. Jude Benefit Trail Ride, Saturday, May 18, at the Rock Chair Ranch, west of Pampa.

Funds raised by the annual event go to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tenn., America's leading childhood cancer research center.

As in the past, the ride will take place at Bill and Greta Arrington's ranch, west of Pampa off Texas Highway 152. Registration starts at 8 a.m. Each rider needs a minimum donation of \$15 and must provide a current negative Coggins certificate dated within the last 12 months for each horse participating in order to ride.

Riders will return to the

trailers at 12 noon for a barbecue lunch with all the trimmings. Prizes will be given away at this time. Special prizes will be awarded for those raising the most money. The ride will finish at approximately 4 p.m.

For entry forms or to sponsor a rider, call Sharon Williams at (806) 669-0176 or (806)883-2042 on Wednesday through Saturday. St. Jude Children's Research Hospital provides care and treatment to all patients without regard for the family's ability to pay. All costs of treatment beyond those reimbursed by third party insurers, and the total costs for families who have no insurance are paid by the hospital. A fund is also avail-

able for families unable to pay the costs of coming to the hospital and room and board while they are there for treatment.

At St. Jude, scientists and physicians work side by side to find not only better treatments, but also causes, cures and prevention of such diseases as leukemia, Hodgkin's disease, sickle-cell anemia, and pediatric AIDS. These findings are shared with doctors around the world to ensure children everywhere will benefit from the work being done at St. Jude Hospital. Funds to support this battle against childhood catastrophic diseases come primarily from public donations through events like "Saddle Up."

**Mayor says SARS outbreak still severe in China's capital**

BEIJING (AP) — Beijing's new mayor denied speculation that the Chinese capital was about to be sealed off, but admitted Wednesday its hospitals were overloaded with SARS cases. In Hong Kong, some patients have suffered relapses days after doctors declared them recovered.

Throughout east Asia, 20 new deaths from severe acute respiratory syndrome were reported. India reported 10 new SARS cases, a sharp rise that raised fears of a wider outbreak.

The global death toll from the highly contagious respiratory disease was at least 375. More than 5,400 cases have been reported in about 20 countries.

China, which reported 11 new SARS fatalities, announced 166 additional cases of infection. More than half of the new cases were in Beijing where Mayor Wang Qishan told a news conference: "The panic and fear factor among the general public is a really big issue for us."

Seven new deaths were reported in Hong Kong and

two in Taiwan. In Singapore, children must now pack thermometers in their school bags along with pencils and books so they can check their temperatures twice a day for early detection of SARS.

Chinese officials, earlier accused of covering up the extent of SARS, are now battling rumors that they might impose sweeping authoritarian measures to control the illness that they say has killed 159 people.

Wang was appointed Beijing mayor last week after his predecessor was accused of mishandling the crisis and quit. He denied the city of 13 million people would soon be closed off from the rest of the world or dusted with anti-SARS medications by aircraft at night.

"We haven't made any such decisions," he told reporters. "There is no issue of sealing off the city, according to the present situation."

Fears that Beijing might be isolated and martial law declared spread last week after police set up roadblocks to

check people in vehicles for SARS symptoms.

In a rare public admission by a senior Chinese official, Wang said the outbreak had overwhelmed 21 Beijing hospitals that have been designated for SARS treatment and there were not enough beds.

"Due to a shortage of berths at designated hospitals, not all suspected SARS patients can be hospitalized there in a timely manner," he said in a written statement distributed at a news conference.

Wang said the SARS outbreak "remains severe" and the number of cases in the city was still high. He described the coming week as "of critical importance."

Beijing has reported 1,448 SARS cases and 8,924 people quarantined. Nine of the new deaths reported Wednesday in China were in the capital.

A special 1,000-bed SARS isolation unit is under construction north of the city, and Wang said the first 195 patients were to be moved in on Wednesday.

In Hong Kong, with a death toll of 157, officials were

"very concerned" that 12 people earlier diagnosed as having recovered from SARS later were struck down by it again.

University of Hong Kong microbiologist Malik Peiris said relapses are "not a good thing," but they weren't surprising given how little is known about the virus that causes SARS.

In India, a quarantined hospital in the western city of Pune said nine staffers have tested positive for SARS — bringing the country's case-load to 19, none of them fatal.

In Taiwan, the two people whose deaths were reported Wednesday brought the island's toll to three. They had been staying at a hospital sealed off last week to contain the spread of SARS. Another Taipei hospital was evacuated for disinfecting and its staff and patients quarantined.

In Malaysia, a second patient at a psychiatric hospital

died after displaying SARS-like symptoms. The hospital in Kuching on the island of Borneo has been kept in isolation since Sunday.

In the Philippines, which has reported three SARS cases — two fatal — the U.S. Embassy began screening people for the disease. The embassy in Manila receives more than 2,000 visitors daily.

In Canada, Toronto tried to get back to normal after the World Health Organization lifted a travel advisory that had been prompted by that city's SARS outbreak.

Its Blue Jays baseball team sold out a game against the Texas Rangers on Tuesday night by pricing about 34,000 tickets at 1 Canadian dollar, or 69 U.S. cents.

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**IRAQ**

no longer taking in fugitives. The shooting in Fallujah, 30 miles west of Baghdad, occurred less than 48 hours after gunfire during a demonstration Monday night that hospital officials said killed 13 Iraqis.

About 1,000 people marched down the city's main street Wednesday to protest the earlier incident, stopping in front of a battalion headquarters of the U.S. Army's 82nd Airborne Division — a former office of Saddam's Baath Party.

American officers at the scene, and U.S. Central Command in Qatar, said U.S. soldiers in the compound and in a passing convoy opened fire in response to rock-throwing and gunfire.

"The evildoers are deliberately placing at risk the good civilians," said Lt. Col. Tobin Green of the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment. "These are deliberate actions by the enemy to use the population as cover."

During the march, and for hours afterward, U.S. Apache attack helicopters circled the site, barely skimming the tops

of the tiled-roof minarets of Fallujah's mosques.

Fallujah's mayor, Taha Bedaiwi al-Alwani, said two people were killed and 14 wounded, and he asked for an investigation and compensation for the victims. He added that U.S. soldiers have been asked to stay away from mosques, residential areas and other sensitive places; the Americans agreed to study the request.

"Many people believe these are occupying forces. And many of them are still cautious until they see their intentions," said al-Alwani.

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# THE Pampa NEWS COMICS

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## DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

### Citizen's Survival Kit Is Free To Those Who Ask

DEAR ABBY: You have always encouraged readers to stay informed, be prepared, and adjust positively to whatever problems they are dealt from the deck of life.

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DEAR ABBY: "No Name, City or State" inquired about how best to respond to an adult gay man who had boasted about a fling he's having with a 16-year-old boy. You recommended that "No Name" tell the boy's mother what the bragard said and leave it up to her to report it to the police.

Abby, I am a clinical psychologist with experience working with sex abuse survivors. Please consider the fact that when alleged sexual abuse is disclosed, many parents are often confused, emotionally overwhelmed, etc., and consequently their judgment is impaired. Denial, minimization and accusations against the victim are not unusual. Better that the alleged abuser be reported to the appropriate state and/or county child protection agency, their investigators can best intervene in this and similar matters.

"DOC" ON LONG ISLAND

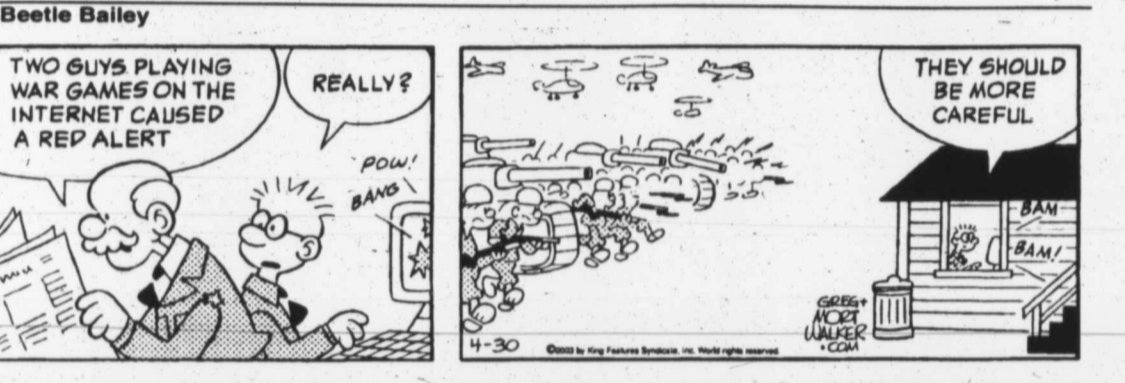
DEAR "DOC": Thank you for pointing out something I should have pointed out myself. The fact that the alleged abuser bragged that he was "getting away with something" signals that he could possibly be a pedophile with a history of abuse. As a school guidance counselor wrote, "It's always best to err on the side of caution" when it comes to reporting suspected child abuse.

DEAR ABBY: My mom and dad think I have ADD and so does my fourth-grade teacher. Both my sisters, my baby sitter and cousin all believe that I don't have ADD. Who should I believe, Abby? MIXED-UP 9-YEAR-OLD GIRL

DEAR MIXED-UP: Your parents should have you tested, and then you'll all know for sure if you have attention deficit disorder (ADD). It's always best to get the facts. As your letter proves, guessing only causes needless anxiety.

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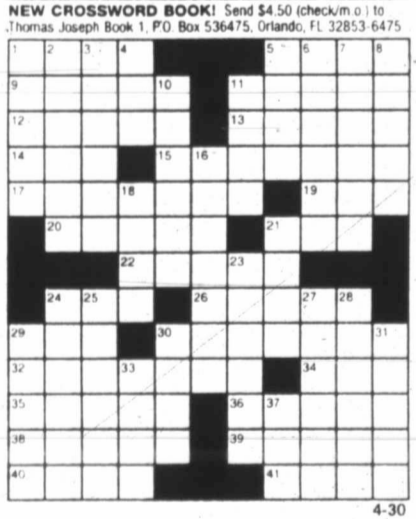
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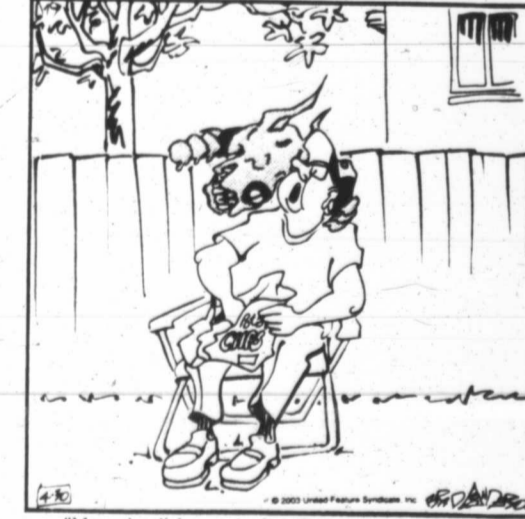
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#### Marmaduke



"I'll really miss school when summer gets here. And the sooner the better."

#### The Family Circus



"You don't have to be that grateful. I only gave you one teensy potato chip."

#### Flo & Friends



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# SPORTS

## Glo-Valve launches 15-hit attack in Optimist win

**NOTEBOOK**

### BASKETBALL

**PAMPA** — There will be a Harvester Basketball Booster Club meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday in the high school athletic fieldhouse.

All club members are urged to attend.

**PAMPA** — Applications are drawing to a close for the Pampa boys head basketball position, left vacant by the resignation of Jerry Schaeffer.

PHS Athletic Director Dennis Cavalier said about 25 applications have been received. Applications would probably stop being taken by the end of the week, he added.

Schaeffer completed his fourth season as head coach and guided the Harvesters to their first playoff berth in seven years.

"I hate to see him go," Cavalier said. "He did a magnificent job of getting our basketball program back on track."

### Golf

**PAMPA** — Hidden Hills held a four-man scramble last weekend.

Results are as follows:

1. Elmer Wilson, Travis Johnston, John McGuire and Jim Osborne, 64.
2. Bill King, Larry Heard, J.B. Holt and Jim Jensen, 65.
3. Harley Knutson, Morris Driver, Jerry South and Calvin Lacy, 67.
4. Jim Batton, Glen Downs, Jack Davis and Glen Lusk 67.

**PAMPA** — Glo-Valve Service, led by Nick Riley and Kade Wilson, pounded out 15 hits while pitcher Heath Skinner scattered six hits in an 11-3 victory over Duncan, Fraser & Bridges Insurance Agency last Friday in an 11-12 Cal Ripken League game at Optimist Park.

Riley had three hits and two RBI. Wilson scored twice on three hits and one RBI. Tye Powell had two hits and a run scored to lead Duncan, Fraser & Bridges in hitting. Craig Comer had a triple and a run scored, and Brett Powell had a double with a run scored for DFB. Martin Avila and Chad Rushing made the other hits for DFB.

Heath Skinner allowed only one earned run while striking out 12 and walking one to pick up

the complete game victory. Brett Powell, Conner and Nathan Stillwagon pitched for DFB.

Glo-Valve got off to a fast start as Heath Skinner slammed a single to left on the second pitch of the first inning. Wilson knocked the next pitch into right field, sending Heath Skinner to third. Hayden Skinner walked to load the bases. Lane Douglass followed with a sacrifice fly to left, which was dropped to allow all runners to advance a base. Freddie Ramirez was credited with an RBI for the second run of the inning by being hit with a pitch. Hayden Skinner was forced at home, but Douglass scored on a wild pitch to make the score 3-0 after a half-inning of play.

DFB got one of the runs back

in the bottom of the first. Tye Powell singled, went to second on a passed ball, to third on a wild pitch and scored on an infield out.

Glo-Valve picked up in the second inning where they left off in the first. With one out, Heath Skinner walked and took second on a wild pitch. Wilson slammed his second hit off the pitcher's glove, sending Heath Skinner to third. Wilson was permitted to take second. Heath Skinner scooted home on an infield single by Hayden Skinner, who was allowed to take second on the next pitch. Douglass singled to left to plate both Wilson and Hayden Skinner. He continued to second on the attempt to cut off the run at the plate. Douglass moved to third on an infield out

and advanced home on a double by Mark Ruth. Ruth scurried home on Riley's first single to give Glo-Valve an 8-1 lead.

Conner opened the bottom of the second for DFB with a triple and scored when Zach Winborn bounced a single off the pitching rubber. Winborn went to second on a wild pitch, but was thrown out at home on Glo-Valve's defensive play of the game. Riley picked up a single by Tye Powell in left field, fired to Hayden Skinner at second, who relayed to Wilson, who blocked home plate and made the tag for the third out.

Glo-Valve widened its lead in the fourth inning. After Conners had rubbed out a Glo-Valve runner by starting a 1-6-3 double play, Freddie Ramirez

got his second hit. Mark Ruth grounded to the shortstop, who unsuccessfully tried to get the speedy Ramirez at second. Riley stroked his second RBI single of game, sending Ramirez home. Ruth stopped at third, but scored on a wild pitch moments later to up Glo-Valve's lead to 10-2.

A double by Heath Skinner and a single by Wilson provided Glo-Valve its last run in the fifth inning. DFB scored again on a sixth inning double by Brett Powell and two passed balls.

After the first week of play, Glo-Valve stands 2-0. DFB, Rotary Club and Celanese Corporation are tied at 1-1.

The Optimist Official Opening Day barbeque and ceremonies will be held Saturday.

## Report: Ford to enter NBA draft

**HOUSTON (AP)** — Texas sophomore point guard T.J. Ford reportedly plans to leave the Longhorns and enter the NBA draft.

The All-America player was expected to announce this week, most likely on Thursday, that he will become available for the draft on June 26, a source close to the team told the Houston Chronicle in Wednesday's editions.

"When you get to where you can't improve your position, you almost have to go," said the source, who spoke on condition of anonymity. "His stock can't get any higher than it is now. You have to support that."

Sources close to the Longhorns program told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram and Houston television station KRIV that Ford would hold a news conference to make it official. KRIV reported the news conference would be

Thursday in Austin.

"He has to go," the Star-Telegram quoted its source as saying. "He's going to be a top-10 pick. After the season he's had, he could only hurt (his standing) by staying another year."

Ford, a former Houston Willowridge High standout, was unavailable for comment. His father, Leo, would not speculate on his son's decision.

"I have no comment whatsoever on that," Leo Ford said Tuesday night.

The elder Ford did not return a telephone call from The Associated Press on Wednesday.

His son said during the season that he was "110 percent sure" he would return for his junior season, but after the season he began hinting that he might leave for the NBA.

"I cannot confirm that for you," Longhorns basketball spokesman Scott McConnell told the AP. "He has not informed us of any decision."

## Soccer award winners



(Pampa News photo by Tess Kingcade)

Pampa seniors (from left) Leslie McWilliams, Stefani Goldsmith and Sarah Porter received special awards at the recent soccer awards banquet.

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