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TxDOT to form citizen committee

By **DAVID BOWSER**
 Staff Writer

CANADIAN -- Remelle Farrar, Laurie Ezzell Brown and Salem Abraham are skeptical about having input into the Texas Department of Transportation's plan to cut down trees along U.S. Highways 60 and 83.

Too often, Brown said, government agencies hold public hearings, then do what they want.

"At the end of the day," said Abraham, "people from Austin do what they planned."

During a meeting in a conference room at the new

Canadian Courts Motel here Tuesday afternoon, the trio voiced concern over whether the citizens of Canadian will be heard in connection with the proposed removal of trees from Pampa to Canadian to Perryton in the name of making the highways safer.

"If we weren't going to listen," said Mark Tomlinson, Amarillo district engineer, "we would have 1,200 trees cut down already."

He said trees are important, and lives are important. "I know we can save lives by doing this project," Tomlinson said.

In May, Kenneth Corse of the Pampa TxDOT office

told the Lions Club in Canadian that one of the projects his agency was planning this fall was removing 1,187 trees along U.S. 60 and U.S. 83. He said TxDOT wanted to create a 30-foot safety zone free of trees along the highway right-of-way.

Public outcry postponed the project.

Tomlinson said nothing would be done at least until October 2005.

Chris Freeman, director of traffic and operations from the Amarillo district office, said the scope of the project

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Pampa News photo by **DAVID BOWSER**

Framed by TxDOT officials Carlos Lopez and Mark Tomlinson, Kenneth Corse of the Pampa office listens during a meeting in Canadian Tuesday.



Preparations for education

Wilson Elementary School Principal Tom Lindsey, left photo, checks over the class assignment sheets before they are posted for students to see. Jay Holmes and Bobbi Gill in right photo, listen to School Superintendent Barry Haenisch speak at a teacher inservice in the Pampa High School library Tuesday.



Pampa News photos by **BEN BRISCOE**

Grand jurors meet

By **MARILYN POWERS**
 Staff Writer

Gray County Grand Jury handed up 15 indictments in 223rd District Court Tuesday, including three first-degree felonies and one second-degree felony.

Jeffery Scott Baker, 47, was indicted for possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver. Bond on the first-degree felony was set at \$25,000.

On April 23, 2003, Baker allegedly possessed with intent to deliver 400 or more grams of cocaine.

Gary Allen Locke Jr., 24, was indicted for possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver. Bond on the first-degree felony was set at \$40,000.

On Feb. 5, Locke allegedly possessed with intent to

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City chos es employee insurance carriers

By **DAVID BOWSER**
 Staff Writer

The City of Pampa has a new insurance carrier.

Citing service problems and complaints about the previous insurance carrier, the Pampa City Commission awarded the city's health insurance contract to Blue Cross Blue Shield. They awarded the voluntary vision insurance contract to Spectera, and the voluntary life insurance contract to UNIMERICA.

City Secretary Phyllis Jeffers said it was a service issue.

"The plans aren't that different," Jeffers said.

"It's an issue of confidence," said Mayor Lonny Robbins.

Commissioner Ray Boring told city employees present at the Tuesday evening meeting that the day of the \$100 or \$200 deductible

was over. He said employees could look forward to \$1,000 to \$5,000 deductibles now.

Mayor Robbins said it is a problem being faced by cities across the nation.

The decision was made following presentations that last one-hour of the three-hour meeting.

The commission also held a public hearing on changing the zoning for a 3.76-acre block of land on Perryton Parkway across from the Texas Department of Public Safety offices from agricultural to retail. A large retail building is planned for the triangular lot. It is expected to house two or three national retail outlets, said Richard Morris, director of public works for the city.

Morris said that during planning and zoning commission hearings on

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Pampa News photo by **DAVID BOWSER**

Mark Trimble addresses the Pampa City Commission during a zoning hearing Tuesday afternoon. He complained that his neighborhood was being turned into a construction zone.

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Obituaries

J.C. Hunnicutt, 70

J.C. Hunnicutt, 70, of Pampa, died Monday, Aug. 9, 2004, at Pampa. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m., Friday in Fairview Cemetery with the Rev. L.L. Patrick, pastor of Macedonia Baptist Church, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa. A resident of Pampa since 1968, Mr. Hunnicutt was born March 26, 1934, at Wellington. He worked at Top O' Texas Packing House and at Pampa Nursing Home. He married Doria Nash on Dec. 24, 1955, at Wellington. Mr. Hunnicutt was preceded in death by a daughter, Connie in 1978; his parents, Joel Hunnicutt and Addie Belle Kelly Hunnicutt; five brothers, James, Larry, William, Bo Bo, and Joel; two sisters, Georgia and Marie; and a grandson, Daniel Nickelberry. Survivors include his wife, Doria, of the home; five sons, Chuck and Jesse Charles, both of Amarillo, Larry R. of Pampa, Timothy of Baltimore, Md., and Herbert of Hollis, Okla.; seven daughters, Patricia, Donna, and Sandy, all of Pampa; Ladia and Cassandra of Amarillo, Margie of Tulsa, Okla., and Barbara of Stillwater, Okla.; a sister, Geneve Young of Pampa; and a brother, R.L. Hunnicutt of Wellington and 14 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren and 8 great-great-grandchildren. —Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

Nathan F. Miller, 85

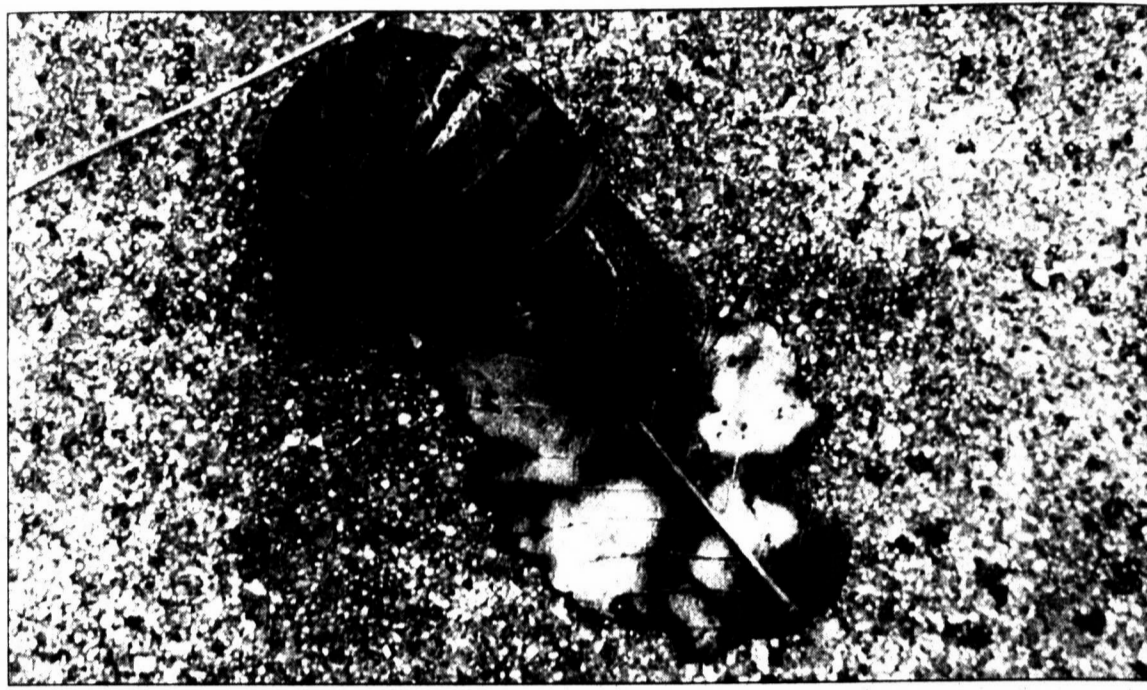
Nathan F. Miller, 85, of Pampa, Texas, died Tuesday, Aug. 10, 2004, at Amarillo, Texas. Graveside services will be at 2:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 12, 2004, at the Wheeler Cemetery in Wheeler, with Ernie and Suzie Wilkinson, deacons of the St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors. Mr. Miller was born April 2, 1919, at the original Miller ranch house in Wheeler County, to Elmer Eugene and Sarah Elizabeth Miller. He was a lifelong resident of the Pampa area. He was a graduate of Allison High School and attended Oklahoma University. He married Lena Jean Morgan on March 30, 1973. Mr. Miller farmed and ranched in Texas and Oklahoma and raised and showed Appaloosa horses. He was a member of the Pampa Masonic Lodge #966 AF&AM, the El Paso Scottish Rite Consistory and the Khiva Temple in Amarillo. He was a 32nd degree Mason and Shriner. Mr. Miller owned N.F. Miller Plumbing Company in Pampa for over 30 years, retiring in 1994. He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers; one sister; and a son, Glen Dale Miller in 1957. Survivors include his wife, Lena Jean Miller, of the home; three sons, Joe Miller and wife Dorothy of Pampa, Steven Morgan and wife Elaine of New Braunfels, and Tim Morgan and wife Ruth of Aurora, Colo.; six grandchildren, Clint Miller of Pampa, Penny Jones of Dallas, Sarah Jordan of Midland, Courtney Morgan of New Braunfels, and Ryan Morgan and Jennifer Morgan, both of Aurora, Colo.; seven great-grandchildren; and one sister, Doris Faye Vineyard of Tryon, Okla. The family requests memorials be to BSA Hospice, P.O. Box 950, Amarillo, TX 79176. —Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whatley.com.



Miller

Helen Willsie, 50

AMARILLO — Helen Willsie, 50, of Amarillo, died Friday, Aug. 6, 2004, at Amarillo. Graveside services were to be at 11 a.m. today in Memory Gardens Cemetery in Pampa with Capt. Gary Steward, of The Salvation Army, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa. Mrs. Willsie, a Pampa resident most of her life, was born Oct. 7, 1953, at Pampa. She was a homemaker. She married Kenneth Willsie on Nov. 10, 1972, at Cheyenne, Okla.; he died in February of 2004. Mrs. Willsie was preceded in death by her father, James Harvey Flippo, Sr., in 1989. Survivors include three daughters, Kristie Willsie and Tanya Willsie, both of Amarillo, and Jeanne Mendoza of Borger; her mother, Joyce Prater of Pampa; a brother, James Flippo, Jr., of Amarillo; and five grandchildren. The family requests memorials be to a favorite charity. —Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whatley.com.



Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS

A snail, at home in the recent cool wet weather, inspects a fallen leaf.

Gray County Weather

Today: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Cloudy, with a high around 75. East northeast wind around 15 mph. Tonight: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 59. East northeast wind 5 to 15 mph becoming south southeast. Thursday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high around 79. South wind between 5 and 10 mph. Thursday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low near 59. South southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph. Friday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1 p.m. Partly cloudy, with a high around 83. East wind around 5 mph. Friday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 60.



Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department today reported the following incidents and arrests. **Monday, Aug. 9** Criminal trespass was reported in the 500 block of North Wells. Three master locks were damaged, for an estimated \$15 in damage. It is unknown if any items are missing. **Tuesday, Aug. 10** A house was reported to have been toilet papered in the 1900 block of North Sumner. A female juvenile is a suspect in the incident. Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 2200 block of Dogwood. A compact disc player and about 16 compact discs were taken, for an estimated loss of \$415. Criminal mischief was reported in the 1700 block of Fir. A car window was broken. Estimated amount of damage is \$150. A white 1985 Dodge Ram Charger was reported stolen from the 800 block of North Wells. Estimated value of loss is \$2,000. Stolen property was reported in the 1100 block of Crane Road. A license plate of unknown value was taken. A runaway was reported in the police department lobby. The incident occurred in the 1100 block of Neel Road. Theft of a cell phone valued at approximately \$250 was reported in the police department lobby. The incident occurred in the 500 block of Oklahoma. **Wednesday, Aug. 11** Domestic assault was reported in the 1300 block of Coffee. Minor injuries were reported. Ronald Proby Jr., 25, 1344 N. Coffee #3, was arrested in the 1300 block of Coffee for assault causing bodily injury to a family member. **Ambulance** Guardian EMS ambulance reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today. **Tuesday, Aug. 10** 10:17 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center and transported a patient(s) to Baptist-St. Anthony's West, Amarillo. 1:30 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient(s) to BSA Hospice. 3:01 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded southeast of the city of Lefors and transported a patient(s) to PRMC. 7:38 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 900 block of Love and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

Accidents

Pampa Police Department today reported the following accidents. **Monday, Aug. 9** 5:50 p.m. — A 2000 Cadillac Seville, driven by Jeanne Maggart Willingham, 81, 2506 Evergreen, and a 1995 Chevrolet 1500 pickup, driven by James Arnold Lee II, 19, 1526 Coffee, collided in the intersection of Kingsmill and Starkweather streets. No injuries were reported. Willingham was cited for failure to yield right of way at a stop sign. **Monday, Aug. 9** 10:30 a.m. — A 1988 GMC Jimmy, driven by Chuck Myint Liang, 64, 1015 N. Wells, collided with a legally parked 2002 Chevrolet Impala, owned by Leslie Woods-Roe, 1054 N. Wells, in the 1000 block of North Wells. No injuries were reported. Liang was cited for unsafe backing and no insurance. **Tuesday, Aug. 10** 12:30 a.m. — A 2004 Ford Mustang, driven by Neal Allen Shaw, 22, 1031 N. Sumner #211, and a 2002 Ford Ranger, driven by Arnold Eugene Baten, 60, 1508 W. 21st, collided in the 1200 block of North Hobart. No injuries were reported. Shaw was cited for following too closely.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Attebury Grain of Pampa:	Cabot Corp. 37.35	NC	Atmos. 25.10	-0.18
Wheat 2.93	Cabot Oil Gas 40.29	-0.30	Pioneer Nat. 32.19	-0.61
Milo 3.30	Coca Cola 43.77	+0.31	JCP 38.20	-0.80
Corn 4.07	VLO 65.91	-2.75	COP 73.36	-0.86
Soybeans 5.55	HAL 29.41	-0.42	SLB 61.24	-0.36
The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa:	Trad 32.23	-0.47	Tenneco 13.05	-0.40
OXY 49.77	NOI 31.28	-0.26	CVX 94.60	+0.33
BP PLC ADR 54.36	KMI 59.25	-0.20	Wal-Mart 51.85	-0.26
	XCEL 17.30	+0.02	OKF 22.17	+0.07
	Kerr McGee 51.37	NC	SS GIP 16.35	-0.15
	Limited 19.19	-0.21	New York Gold 398.25	
	Williams 11.59	-0.06	Silver 6.71	
	MCD 26.41	-0.33	West Texas Crude 44.52	
	XOM 45.17	+0.15		

Services tomorrow

BLAKE, Betty Louise 10:30 a.m., First United Methodist Church, Emporia, Kan. MILLER, Nathan F. Graveside services, 2:30 p.m., Wheeler Cemetery, Wheeler.

Anthrax kills three animals in South Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — Naturally occurring anthrax has killed three animals this summer in counties west of San Antonio, according to the Texas Animal Health Commission. Laboratory tests confirmed that the soilborne disease killed a cow, an antelope and a whitetail deer on three ranches in Uvalde and Val Verde counties. "Ranchers in the Uvalde and Val Verde County area are no strangers to naturally occurring anthrax, and this notice should not raise undue concern to producers, vacationers or hunters," said Dr. Bob Hillman, TAHC's executive director. Anthrax, caused by a spore-forming bacteria, can remain dormant in soil for years until being brought to life by the right conditions — periods of wet, cool weather, followed by a long hot and dry spell. Animals become infected when they ingest the invisible bacteria while grazing. Hillman said TAHC regulations require that an infected animal's bedding, carcass and nearby manure be burned with wood to cleanse the ground. Other livestock on the premises must then be vaccinated and held under quarantine for a short time to ensure that anthrax-exposed animals are not moved.

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the project, neighbors had requested some sort of buffer between the stores and the homes across the alley from it. The developers had agreed to either a wooden fence of landscaping.

There had been three objections to the project out of the 12 residents notified by the city that live next to the lot. Neither of them had testified at the planning and zoning commission hearing.

Monte Trimble, who lives just beyond the 200-foot limit of residents that must be notified by law of the change, told the commission that he had not been notified and that he did object to all the construction going on around him.

He said that a clinic next door to his home had expanded twice in the past couple of years and that

Wal-Mart is building a super center across Perryton Parkway from his home.

"Our entire neighborhood has turned from a residential to a commercial area," he said.

Trimble said that while he didn't object to new businesses, all the construction is in his neighborhood.

The commission approved combining two Pampa Economic Development loans to the Cross Calf Ranch into one secured 11-year loan at 3.5 percent interest payable to the city.

"It's a good move for all three entities," said City Manager John Horst.

He said it would move the loans off the PEDC books, put \$37,000 into the PEDC coffers and expedite the PEDC's dissolution.

Doug Locke, president of the PEDC, reported to the commission on its decision to table any action on a section of land east of Pampa.

At their Monday afternoon meeting, the PEDC reviewed three offers to lease the property and one to buy it.

"The offers appear to be below market value," Locke said.

He said the PEDC and the city commission need to get together and discuss the property and what could be done with it.

Locke said he expected the PEDC to be dissolved by April 1.

The commission also gave Horst the authority to contract with Revenue Rescue to collect fire and rescue fees.

They approved the first reading of an amended zoning ordinance. City Attorney Don Lane explained that the move was a housekeeping measure to bring the wording of the ordinance in line with state statutes.

Horst reported to the commission that the City of Lubbock was interested in

buying part of Pampa's allotment of water from the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority. He estimated that the city could get from \$160,000 to \$180,000 for selling 400 million gallons of water to the Hub City.

The city manager also reported that a manufacturing company, employing between 180 and 200 people, was interested in locating in Pampa.

The commission reviewed the proposed budget for FY 2004-2005 and set Aug. 24 for a public hearing on the budget.

They also instructed Horst to draw up an amended ordinance, bringing utility billing into line with state statutes. The amended ordinance, expected to be presented at the next commission meeting, would allow citizens 60 years old or older a 25 day period before facing any penalty charges for unpaid utilities.

Officials: PHS schedules will not be mailed

Due to computer software problems, Pampa High School schedules will not be mailed to students, according to a news release from the school counselors' office.

Schedules will be handed out on Friday, Aug. 13, in front of the PHS auditorium. Seniors may pick up

schedules at 9 a.m.
 Juniors at 9:30 a.m.
 Sophomores at 10 a.m.
 Freshman at 10:30 a.m.
 No schedule changes will be made Friday, according to the release. No schedule changes will be made except for systems error, the release stated.

Freshman orientation scheduled for Friday

All freshmen, students new to PHS, and foreign exchange students are invited to Pampa High School orientation on Friday, Aug. 13. Scheduled to last about 45 minutes, the orientation will

give the new high school students an opportunity to meet school administrators and leaders, learn songs, and tour the school to find classrooms before school begins on Monday, Aug. 16.

Water policy committee to meet in Lubbock

The Senate Select Committee on Water Policy will meet at 10 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 12, at Texas Tech University's International Cultural Center in Lubbock.

The committee will hear both invited and public testimony on issues related to

ground and surface water law, policy and management, including:

- the role of federal, state, regional and local governments, and their coordination in setting consistent, nondiscriminatory water policies;
- the authority of the Texas Commission on

Environmental quality as it relates to water contracts;

- the role of the Edwards Aquifer Authority;
- regional water planning processes;
- conjunctive use of both ground and surface water resources;
- rule of capture;

- historic use standards;
- water infrastructure and financing;
- interbasin transfers;
- junior water rights;
- conservation;
- water quality standards;
- drought preparedness; and
- water marketing.

Trees

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had also changed. What had been one stretch of highway from Potter County to the Oklahoma state line is now four sections.

Two of the sections, Tomlinson said, will probably see some removal of trees, but it won't be as many as originally planned. The sections where trees may be cut down are near Pampa and north of Canadian toward Perryton.

Tomlinson said he had sent letters to county judges in Gray, Roberts, Hemphill, Lipscomb and Ochiltree Counties and the mayors of Pampa, Miami, Canadian and Higgins, asking that they each appoint two representatives to form a committee to work with TxDOT on the tree-cutting program. He said he expected to have that committee in place by Sept. 1.

"This should result in a committee that is of reasonable size so as to allow

for significant input from all members," Tomlinson said in his letter to the city and county officials.

Pampa Mayor Lonny Robbins said Tuesday night that he had not yet received his letter.

Tomlinson said that the department's goal is to improve safety on the highways while preserving as many significant groups of trees as possible.

"Of all things," said Dr. Malouf Abraham of Canadian, "trees aren't on anybody's list of safety issues."

"They are nationally," said Carlos Lopez, the director of traffic operations for the Texas Department of Transportation.

Lopez indicated that TxDOT's programs were based on federal programs and that the state agency relied on federal money.

"We never have enough money to do all the programs," Lopez said.

He said the department had a list of 575 highway safety programs throughout the state that would cost about \$295 million. Lopez said they had only \$40

million in their budget for such programs.

Consequently, he said, they relied on a complex indexing system based on cost-benefit analysis to dictate which projects will be funded. Lopez said he expects the tree removal project to fall into the funding category, although the indexing won't be completed for another couple of weeks.

Salem Abraham, whose hedge fund and commodity trading business in Canadian handles millions of dollars on a daily basis, said he understands cost-benefit analysis, but questioned how the officials could put a value on trees and quality of life.

"I don't think that would be recognized by the feds," Lopez said.

Dr. Abraham told the TxDOT officials that many in Canadian had deep roots in the community, and they loved their trees.

"I see two big losers," Dr. Abraham said, looking directly at Kenneth Corse and Mark Tomlinson. "This will be your legacy."

Jury

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deliver 400 grams or more of methamphetamine.

Walter Villeda, 29, was indicted for possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver. Bond on the first-degree felony was set at \$25,000.

On April 26, 2003, Villeda allegedly possessed with intent to deliver 400 grams or more of cocaine.

Jelani Rashod McNeal, 26, was indicted for the second-degree felony of possession of a controlled substance, enhanced. Bond was set at \$10,000.

On Nov. 22, 2002, McNeal allegedly possessed less than one gram of cocaine.

On April 11, 1997, McNeal was convicted in 84th District Court in Hutchinson County of the felony offense of burglary of a habitation.

On June 3, 1999, McNeal was convicted in 316th District Court in Hutchinson County of the felony offense of possession of a controlled substance.

Jon Len Bowers, 30, was indicted on the third-degree felony charge of driving while intoxicated, third or more offense. Bond was set at \$5,000.

On Feb. 26, Bowers allegedly operated a motor vehicle while intoxicated.

On Jan. 18, 1996, Bowers was convicted in Dallas County of driving while intoxicated. On July 28, 2000, Bowers was convicted in Collin County of driving while intoxicated/felony.

Charmayne Lee Bracey, 40, was indicted on the third-degree charge of possession of marijuana. Bond was set at \$20,000.

On Oct. 26, 2002, Bracey allegedly possessed five pounds or more but less than 50 pounds of marijuana.

David James Deschenes, 31, was indicted for money laundering. Bond on the third-degree felony was set at \$20,000.

On Jan. 11, 2002, Deschenes allegedly possessed, concealed and transported proceeds of criminal activity in the form of U.S. currency valued at \$3,000 or more but less than \$20,000.

Kelly Bridwell Emery, 28, was indicted for injury to a child. Bond on the third-degree felony was set at \$5,000.

On April 29, 2003, Emery allegedly caused, intentionally or knowingly, bodily injury to a child 14 years of age or younger by striking the child with a paddle and/or leather strap.

Rachel A. Gallaway, 28, was indicted for the third-degree felony of injury to a child. Bond was set at \$7,500.

On April 29, 2003,

Gallaway allegedly caused, intentionally or knowingly, bodily injury to a child 14 years of age or younger by striking the child with a paddle and/or leather strap.

Stephen Charles McAnear, 38, was indicted for possession or transport of anhydrous ammonia in an unapproved container. Bond on the third-degree felony was set at \$3,000.

On June 1, McAnear allegedly possessed and maintained anhydrous ammonia in a container or receptacle that was not designed and manufactured to hold anhydrous ammonia.

McAnear was also indicted on the third-degree felony of possession of a controlled substance. Bond on the charge was set at \$3,000.

On July 3, McAnear allegedly possessed one gram or more but less than four grams of methamphetamine.

Vicki Lynn Ogden, 42, was indicted for theft over \$1,500 and under \$20,000. Bond on the state jail felony was set at \$20,000.

On Dec. 13, 2002, Ogden allegedly appropriated office supplies, valued at \$1,500 or more but less than \$20,000,

from Joyce Simon, the owner, with intent to deprive the owner of the property.

Ogden was also indicted on the state jail felony charge of driving while intoxicated with child passenger. Bond was set at \$2,500.

On Sept. 24, 2003, Ogden allegedly operated a motor vehicle while intoxicated, and while the vehicle was occupied by a passenger who was younger than 15 years of age at the time.

Corey Todd Spencer, 26, was indicted for possession of a controlled substance. Bond on the state jail felony was set at \$10,000.

On May 17, 2003, Spencer allegedly possessed less than one gram of cocaine.

Delbert Lynn Thompson, 38, was indicted for evading arrest with a vehicle. Bond on the state jail felony was set at \$4,000.

On Jan. 24, 2003, Thompson allegedly fled from Gray County Sheriff's Deputy Scott LaRue while using a vehicle and knowing that LaRue was a peace officer who was attempting lawfully to detain him.

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Viewpoints

Loss brings family together, instills hope

This past Friday, I was woken up at 2 a.m. by my mother. While I was still in a semiconscious state, she told me that my great-grandfather, or as I called him Papa JT, had passed away. It did not come as a shock, because he had been sick for awhile now, but the news was still hard to take.

Following being informed, I spent almost the entire weekend over at my

great-grandmother's house, gathering with all of those who came to share their sympathies. As I sat there hearing the phone ring off the hook with calls from people who wanted to tell my grandmother kind words, I started thinking about how death can bring together family and friends.

Over the course of those three days, there must have been at least 80 people walk

through the house doors. I met numerous cousins and other relatives I never knew I had.

Ben Briscoe
News Intern

Sure, there was the ones I see regularly, like my grandparents, great aunt, her children, her grandchild, my uncle and his

wife, but then there seemed to be an abundance of new family filling the household to its brim. It was not just that Papa's death had brought us physically closer, but it brought us all closer on a deeper level.

His death gave us all something to talk about. We were able to bond over the memories we have of him and the feeling of void that was created in his absence. Without him knowing, he probably brought the family closer than it has been in years.

At his funeral the preacher spoke of hope. That is what I got from the results of Papa's death. The sorrow

of the occasion was taken away by this hope.

As our family gathered together in my grandmother's house we laughed, some cried and most of all we came closer together knowing that we would all get past Papa's death by being together.

We all knew that the life of our family and Papa's spirit would go on within us.



Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Aug. 11, the 224th day of 2004. There are 142 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 11, 1909, the SOS distress signal was first used by an American ship, the Arapahoe, off Cape Hatteras, N.C.

On this date:

In 1860, the nation's first successful silver mill began operation near Virginia City, Nev.

In 1934, the first federal prisoners arrived at the island prison Alcatraz in San Francisco Bay.

In 1942, during World War II, Vichy government official Pierre Laval publicly declared that "the hour of liberation for France is the hour when Germany wins the war."

In 1956, abstract painter Jackson Pollock died in an automobile accident in East Hampton, N.Y.

In 1962, the Soviet Union launched cosmonaut Andrian Nikolayev on a 94-hour flight.

In 1965, rioting and looting that claimed 34 lives broke out in the predominantly black Watts section of Los Angeles.

In 1978, chiefs of state and foreign dignitaries arrived in Vatican City for the funeral of Pope Paul VI.

In 1984, President Reagan joked during a voice test for a paid political radio address that he had "signed legislation that will outlaw Russia forever. We begin bombing in five minutes."

In 1992, the Mall of America, the biggest shopping mall in the U.S., opened in Bloomington, Minn.

In 1997, President Clinton made the first use of the historic line-item veto approved by Congress, rejecting three items in spending and tax bills. (However, the Supreme Court later struck down the line-item veto as unconstitutional.)

Ten years ago: A federal jury awarded more than 10,000 commercial fishermen \$286.8 million for losses suffered as a result of the 1989 Exxon Valdez oil spill. The Tenth International Conference on AIDS concluded in Yokohama, Japan.

Five years ago: White supremacist Buford O. Furrow, wanted in the wounding of five people at a Los Angeles Jewish community center and the shooting death of a mail carrier the day before, turned himself in to the FBI in Las Vegas, and waived extradition to Los Angeles. (Furrow is serving life in prison.) A tornado tore across Salt Lake City, killing one person.

One year ago: President Bush chose Utah Governor Mike Leavitt to head the Environmental Protection Agency. NATO took command of the 5,000-strong peacekeeping force in Afghanistan. Charles Taylor resigned as Liberia's president and went into exile in Nigeria. Herb Brooks, who coached the U.S. Olympic hockey team to the "Miracle on Ice" victory over the Soviet Union in 1980, died in a car wreck near Minneapolis at age 66.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Jean Parker is 92. Former T.V. talk show host Mike Douglas is 79. Actress Arlene Dahl is 76. Reverend Jerry Falwell is 71.

'Conceit is God's gift to little men.'

— Bruce Barton
American advertising executive



Base hard choices on hard science

Ted Turner, the remarkable media mogul, said something quite true recently in an interview. He said that philanthropists need to rearrange their priorities and start addressing the problems of population growth and environmental degradation instead of funding operas and ballets.

He's right. The not-yet-trumpeted truth is that our planet is approaching a final crisis. Whether the human species is going to survive or become extinct on a blighted planet is getting to be a 50-50 proposition. To save ourselves, we must save the environment, which gives us life. And we don't have any time or money to waste.

That is far more important

than subsidizing some snob's ticket to the opera or the art museum. The arts need to be abandoned by both government and the foundations and left to fail or succeed as the free market dictates. Most of what is called art these days isn't worth a penny's subsidy anyway.

As with everything else in our capitalist-warped society, the arts have become an industry and a special-interest group, leeching off the taxpayers and foundations. The arts need only to be experienced, not analyzed. If you see a painting and the

seeing of it gives you pleasure, that's all you need to know. You don't need to know anything about the artist or how many brush strokes he uses or the chemical composition of his paints. Just look and enjoy, and that's the end of it.

The same is true of music, dance and literature. If it gives pleasure, fine. If not, ignore it. You certainly don't need a gaggle of academic pedants and museum bureaucrats to tell you what you should like and what you should not. There is no

"should" or "not" in the arts. There is no analysis necessary. If ever there were a phony vocation created out of whole cloth, it is the vocation of "critic." They are a totally useless bunch, some whores and touts, and others who are just self-appointed bloviators. What they share in common is the inability to create what they criticize.

The great rule of life that all of us had better understand and act on is setting priorities. Neither our time nor our resources are unlimited. Therefore, both should be focused on what is important.

The rest of the planets in our solar system are dead.

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Charley Reese

Columnist



Courts must clean up funding mess

El Paso Times on courts need to step into school finance mess:

You may have noticed that with the school year fast approaching, precious little progress has been made in settling Texas school-funding controversy.

"Every indication is that the Legislature and governor are waiting for some direction coming out of the court case," said Luis Villalobos, legislative liaison for the El Paso Independent School District. The EPISD is one of more than 260 Texas school districts joined in a lawsuit challenging the adequacy of the state's school-financing system. The trial begins Monday.

It's too bad. A decision that should be made by legislators will be made in the courts.

Texas legislators have continually abdicated their responsibility throughout both regular and special legislative sessions. The school districts had little choice but to appeal to the courts.

Gov. Rick Perry said late in July if he doesn't convene another special session on school funding soon, the Senate and House could consider the matter in the fall or

next spring. The next regular session of the Legislature convenes in January 2005.

But school districts are warning that they don't have enough money now. Waiting until spring, and then with no assurance of any workable conclusion, could put districts in a tenuous position.

"We're holding our breath," Villalobos said. "Our position has always been to maintain funding equal to if not exceeding what we got with Robin Hood (the current system

that takes from richer districts and gives to the poorer ones). The state has to live up to its constitutional requirements to provide equitable educations, making sure kids students in Alamo Elementary School receive the same education as in affluent areas of Houston."

Last week, a state district judge refused to dismiss the districts' lawsuit. The Texas Attorney General's Office had made the motion, contending that school funding is a political issue, not one that should be decided in the courts.

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McCain casts doubt on Kerry's troop reduction plan

CRAWFORD (AP) — President Bush opposes Democratic rival John Kerry's timetable for withdrawing U.S. forces from Iraq and Sen. John McCain suggested Wednesday that even more troops may be needed.

Kerry said this week that he hoped to begin reducing U.S. troop strength in Iraq within six months of taking office, if elected, but that it would depend on broader

international assistance, better stability in Iraq and other factors.

Bush dismissed the plan as a politically driven one that would cut short the mission and aid the enemy.

"The key is not to set artificial timelines," Bush said Tuesday while campaigning for re-election in Niceville, Fla. He said the Massachusetts senator's plan would signal the enemy that, "Gosh, all we've got to do is

wait them out."

McCain, who accompanied Bush, said both he and the president would love to bring the troops home tomorrow, but that any such plan depends on the situation in Iraq. On Wednesday, a roadside bomb exploded near a Baghdad market, killing at least six Iraqis, as insurgents battled U.S. forces in the seventh day of fighting in Najaf.

"I think the events on the ground right now indicate

clearly that we cannot bring anybody home," McCain, R-Ariz., told ABC's "Good Morning America" in an interview Wednesday. "In certain areas we may even have to strengthen our troop presence in the form of special forces and others."

"So I just don't know how you do that. I just don't know how you achieve it without knowing the facts on the ground six months from now," the senator said from

Bush's ranch, where he spent the night after a bus tour with the president on Tuesday through the military rich and heavily Republican Florida Panhandle.

Bush was likely to show McCain around the ranch and ride his bicycle, aides said, before they leave for campaign events Wednesday in Albuquerque, N.M., and Phoenix just days after Kerry passed through the region.

Bush lost New Mexico by

366 votes in the 2000 presidential election. He managed a narrow win in Arizona, which has voted for the Democrat only once in the past 14 White House campaigns.

In New Mexico, the number of registered Hispanic voters has increased by about 35,000 since the 2000 presidential election, and that segment of the electorate traditionally votes Democratic by a margin of roughly 2-to-1.



Pampa News photo by BEN BRISCOE

Getting ready for school

Jay Weeden places orange traffic cones to mark wet paint as Morris Long uses a special machine to paint stripes on the crosswalk at Wilson Elementary School. Maintenance crews for Pampa Independent School District have been busy in recent days preparing schools for opening on Monday, Aug. 16.

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Our planet, too, will die if we despoil its waters and its air. There is a concept in biology called carrying capacity. It refers to the ability of the environment to sustain life. We humans, like rats, have multiplied until we are 6 billion people, desperately eating and defecating and reproducing. Burning fossil fuels aside, imagine how much carbon dioxide and methane the metabolism of 6 billion bodies produces on a 24/7 basis.

No one knows for sure, but the carrying capacity of this planet cannot be much

more than 6 billion. Therefore, a top priority must be limiting population growth. Without active intervention of intelligent leaders, this blind growth will continue to the point of species suicide. We should never forget that the human being is not a thinking animal. It is an animal that has the capacity to think, provided it has the will and the training.

While capitalism is a proven system of producing

goods, it is also a proven system of consuming natural resources and exploiting human labor. The insidious notion of measuring the success of anything by profits has to be eliminated. To paraphrase, what profit it a man to make all the money in the world if he loses his life and the lives of his children and grandchildren?

'Without active intervention of intelligent leaders, this blind growth will continue to the point of species suicide.'

— Charley Reese
Columnist

So let's get about the business of preserving this planet and the human race. Not one penny should be divert-

ed to subsidize the arts or to fund useless research in that other area of industrialized intellectual fraud misnamed social science.

What we need today are hard choices based on hard science.

Calendar of Events

- **Pampa Community Concert Association** Presents "Live on Stage" 2004-05 concert series includes the following programs: Artie Shaw Legacy, Rhythm in Shoes; Southern Fried Jazz Band; and pianist Richard Glazier. For more information on any of these events, contact Ronnie Holmes, PCCA president, at 665-2631.

- The Moms and Babies Coming Shop in Pampa is looking for volunteers to help man the shop. For more information, call 664-2459.

- **Texas Department of Human Services** is seeking volunteers for its Texas Works Services Program. Tasks are varied and placement is based upon the volunteer's interest, capability and availability of openings. Hours are flexible. For more information, contact Beth Miller at 665-1863.

- **The Texas Department of Health** will be offering immunization clinics for vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases including polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps, HIB (haemophilus influenzae Type B) and chickenpox (varicella). Flu vaccines may also be offered at designated clinics. The TDH will charge money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay. The following clinics will be offered: 9:30-11:45 a.m. and 1-4 p.m., Aug. 8 and 18, TDH, 736 S. Cuyler, Pampa; and from 12:30-4 p.m., Aug. 9, City Hall, Canadian.

- **The Red Hat Dollies Society** will meet for a private luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 19 at Pampa Senior Citizens Center. New officers will be elected during the luncheon. For more information, call 665-3617.

- **College-bound high school students** planning to take the ACT Assessment in September need to register by Aug. 20. Cost of the test is \$28. Late registration will be accepted until Sept. 3 and will include an additional fee. For more information, log onto www.act.org on the Internet or contact your school counselor.

- **The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center** has announced the following upcoming breast cancer screening clinics: Aug. 26, Shephard's Crook Nursing Agency, Pampa. Participants will receive a low-cost self-exam mammogram and a breast health appraisal along with individual instruction by a registered nurse in breast self-examination. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are by appointment only. For more information, call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673.

- **Pampa Area Singles Dance** with Mike Porter is scheduled from 8-11 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 28, at M.K. Brown Auditorium. No smoking or alcohol allowed. Participants are encouraged to bring snacks. For more information, call 665-7059.

Courts

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will end up with as a school-funding system. But

both the court and Legislature should keep one thing in mind: The young people whose educations are in their hands are the future of Texas, future judges, future representatives and

senators as well as business-people, teachers, scientists ... you name it.

They, and Texas, deserve the best educations possible. That must be the goal of court and Legislature.

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I am 16 and my boyfriend, "Johnny," is 17. He will be going on a religious mission in two years. Johnny has proposed to me and wants us to be married in his church. For that to happen, we would both have to be his religion. My problem is, I don't know if his religion is right for me.

I love Johnny with all my heart, but we have very different outlooks on life, religion and raising a family. I respect him and his beliefs, but I am a very independent person and I don't think it's fair that I have to change everything about myself. I'm losing sleep over this.

I think that Johnny respects that I want to live life to the fullest, but he thinks his beliefs are more "right" than mine. He is also mad that my parents didn't raise me to be particularly religious -- although I have been baptized.

I don't want to hurt Johnny, but I don't think I could live the way he wants me to for the rest of my life. I want to go to college, get a good job and have a career before I start a family. If I marry Johnny, I'll be expected to stay home, be a homemaker and take care of the children.

Please, Abby, any advice you could offer would be appreciated.

— MADE FOR BETTER THINGS IN IDAHO

DEAR MADE: You appear to be a sensible young woman. Your concerns about your future are legitimate. The debate you are having with yourself is healthy and intelligent. Do not allow yourself to be stampeded into making a commitment. You and Johnny may love each other, but your value systems are polar opposites. Johnny should go on his mission and you should complete your education. After that, you will both be in a better position to judge whether you are

meant to marry.

DEAR ABBY: My mother and her fifth husband, "Lester," have been planning their funeral arrangements, discussing burial vs. cremation, etc. Mom wants to be cremated. At first Lester said that was what he wanted, too. Then he changed his mind.

Lester was previously married for 42 years to a wonderful woman, "Agnes." He nursed her through her long last illness. Now he says he wants to be buried next to her.

Personally, I see nothing wrong with this. As far as I'm concerned, when people die they are gone. But Mom is making a huge deal out of it. She says that Lester will probably die first, and she doesn't think she should have to visit him if he's lying next to Agnes.

I feel that Mom is ruining the present over an uncertain future. Do you think she's justified? Or is she making yet another relationship mistake?

DAUGHTER OF RELATIONSHIP DUNCE IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR DAUGHTER: If Lester and Agnes had children during their 42-year marriage, it's possible that the children would prefer their parents rest near each other. It's also within the realm of possibility that your mother could predecease Lester.

If your mother is smart, she'll refrain from turning her husband's remains into 206 bones of contention and concentrate on making this marriage as happy and stress-free as she can -- for both their sakes. When it's Lester's time to go, he should be free to rest in peace wherever he wishes.

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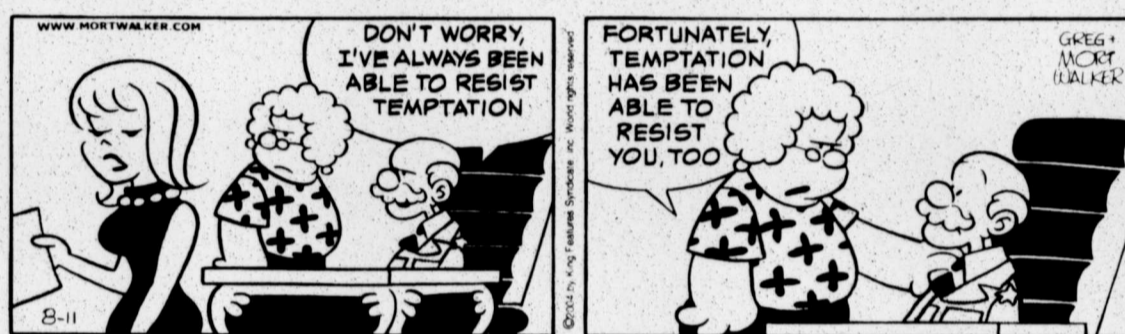
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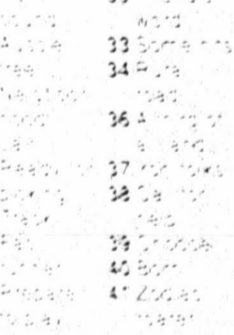
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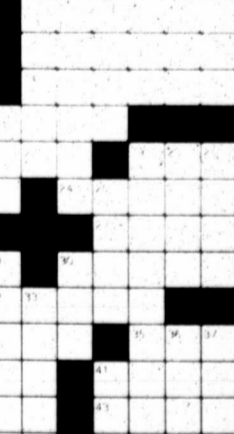
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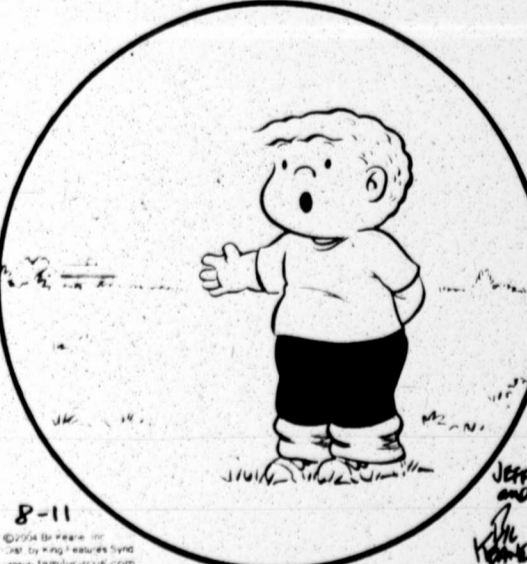
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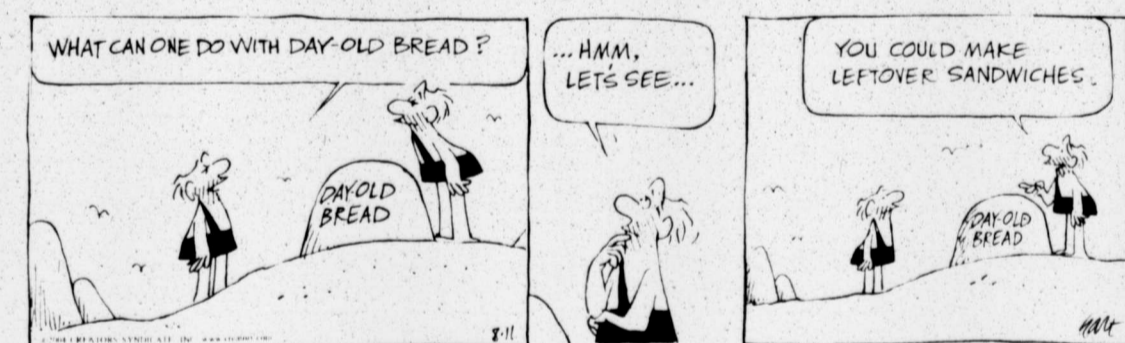
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Basketball AL Roundup: Martinez not done yet

Edgar Martinez is far from finished. In his first game since announcing he will retire at the end of this season, Martinez hit a two-run homer to lead the Seattle Mariners to a 4-3 victory over the Minnesota Twins on Tuesday night.

"That doesn't happen every night," he said.

The two-time AL batting champion received a stirring ovation from the Safeco Field crowd of 36,290 before the game. He didn't disappoint, connecting off Terry Mulholland in the first inning for his ninth home run of the year.

"That was great," Martinez said. "They've

always been great to me. That was pretty amazing to me."

One of the game's greatest designated hitters, the 41-year-old Martinez is in his 18th major league season — all with Seattle.

As far as his opponents are concerned, he hung around too long. Minnesota manager Ron Gardenhire was hoping Martinez would retire immediately Monday, not at the end of the season.

"That way we wouldn't have had to face him any more because he has done that to us many, many times," Gardenhire said.

In other AL games, it was: Boston 8, Tampa Bay 4; Texas 7, New York 1; Chicago

9, Kansas City 3; Baltimore 11, Anaheim 3; Oakland 5, Detroit 4; and Cleveland 2, Toronto 0.

Gil Meche pitched two-hit ball through eight innings in his third start for Seattle since being called up from Triple-A Tacoma on July 30. A 15-game winner last season, he got his only other major league victory this season on May 2 in Detroit.

Meche (2-5) walked two and struck out seven in his 13th big league start of 2004.

"It felt real good," he said. "I think it felt real good to everybody in here to get a win. Obviously for me, I hadn't won a game in a long time. This is definitely what I'm look-

ing to come back here and do."

Bucky Jacobsen also hit a two-run homer in the first off Mulholland (3-6). The AL Central-leading Twins lost their third straight and fifth in six games.

Both runs off Meche came on homers. Corey Koskie homered in the fifth for Minnesota's first hit, and pinch-hitter Lew Ford connected in the eighth.

J.J. Putz pitched the ninth for his second save. He gave up a solo shot to Torii Hunter.

Regular closer Eddie Guardado has a torn rotator cuff in his pitching shoulder that

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Tiger back in Wisconsin, where professional career began

By **PETE HERRERA**
AP Sports Writer

HAVEN, Wis. (AP) — Tiger Woods is back where he started his professional career, this time chasing an end to his slump in the majors.

Woods, playing an official tour event in Wisconsin for the first time since his pro debut in the Greater Milwaukee Open eight years ago, is trying to avoid going two seasons without a victory in a major championship.

His last chance is the PGA Championship, which starts Thursday at Whistling Straits, the longest course in major championship history at 7,514 yards.

Woods is still No. 1 in the world rankings — he has been for a record-tying 331 consecutive weeks — but that streak, along with his run of five straight PGA Tour player of the year awards could be in jeopardy. He's 0-for-9 in the majors since winning the 2002 U.S. Open at Bethpage Black, with his best finish this year a tie for ninth in the British Open.

"It's never easy to win a major championship," Woods said Tuesday. "I think all of you guys realize that now."

He assumed as much when he joined the tour after

two years at Stanford and three straight U.S. Amateur titles.

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County FSA executive director

He tied for 60th in his pro debut in Milwaukee and earned \$2,544, then won twice and had three top-10 finishes in only eight tournaments.

A year later, Woods won four tournaments and his first Player of the Year

award.

"Boy it does seem like a lifetime ago," said Woods. "A lot has happened in my life since then."

He has 40 tour wins — though just one this season — and his career earnings have topped \$43 million.

But he hasn't been able to return to the form of 2000 and 2001, when he won 14 times, became the first player to hold all four professional major titles at once and set the bar at a height even he hasn't been able to reach.

"I haven't been hitting the ball quite as close to the flags. I haven't been making as many putts," Woods said. "When I'm going out there and shooting 12-under par in the U.S. Open and 19-under par in the British Open, things are going pretty well. You're feeling pretty good about your game and you're riding a high. I shot some great scores on my run there."

The run that ended at Bethpage left Woods stuck on eight pro major wins and suddenly, Jack Nicklaus' record of 18 victories no longer looks so close.

And all those guys chasing him no longer seem so far away.

Vijay Singh is a four-time

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Wanted: More coaches

Rick Pearson, Brain Wall, Larry Williams, Chad Epperson, Shawn Clifton, Bill Lewis, Joe Mechelay, Eugene Polesek, above, are all Pampa Optimist Football League coaches. The season is to start soon and at least two more coaches are needed. For more information, contact Leah Pearson at 662-3292.

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U.S. women face Greece in early start for Olympic soccer action

IRAKLION, Greece (AP) — The Americans have Mia Hamm, Julie Foudy, a surplus of other talent and two World Cup titles. The Greeks? Well, at least they'll have the home crowd advantage.

Maybe.

The U.S. women's soccer team kick-starts the Olympic Games two days early Wednesday with a first-round game on the island of Crete against Greece, where intense passion for the game exists only when it is played by men.

"Greeks were surprised that women can actually play soccer," said Tanya Kalivis, a New Jersey resident and one of eight Americans with Greek ancestry recruited to help field a competitive team.

The Greek women quali-

fied only because they are the host country, while Americans — on a mission to regain the undisputed supremacy they lost following a second-place finish in the 2000 Olympics and a third-place finish last year in the World Cup.

In other words, the Americans don't have time to feel sympathy for their hosts.

"For us to overlook one opponent could be a dangerous thing," coach April Heinrichs said.

The unusual Olympic format has the U.S. team playing three first-round games in seven days, while teams in the other groups play just twice. The compact schedule, the energy-sapping August heat and the risk of injury will have Heinrichs' team looking to win comfortably so that

some veteran players can be rested in the second half.

Four women's games and four men's matches are being played 48 hours before the opening ceremony in a sport that has to start early to complete a full tournament. The Americans will have their country's Olympic spotlight all to themselves for one day, and the only pressure comes from the fact that anything other than an easy win will be a disappointment.

"We always look at pressure as a privilege," said Foudy, the team captain. "And it's a good opportunity to showcase the sport."

The Greeks hope their own country will pay attention, although no one knows what kind of crowd to expect at Pankritio Stadium.

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Cowboys reportedly close to stadium deal

ARLINGTON (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys and the city of Arlington reportedly are close to a deal on financing a \$650 million stadium for the NFL team.

The City Council voted Tuesday night to submit a resolution to the state comptroller's office to put a tax proposal on the city's Nov. 2 ballot, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram and The Dallas Morning News report in Wednesday's editions.

Both sides said they have

agreed on all major aspects of the plan, but they would not elaborate on specifics, the newspapers reported.

The results of a cost-benefit analysis will be presented to the council behind closed doors on Friday. Mayor Robert Cluck predicted that a council majority is prepared to endorse a deal. If voters approve it, the deal would be expected to cost Arlington \$325 million.

The council was expected to vote on the plan Tuesday.

Both sides face an Aug. 24 deadline for putting the issue on the ballot. The city is considering adding a half-cent to the sales tax, a two-cent hotel occupancy tax, a nickel car-rental tax, a \$3 parking tax and a 10-percent ticket tax.

The leading site the city is considering as a stadium site is located just southwest of Ameriquest Field in Arlington, home of the Texas Rangers.



Hat Tournament

The third annual Hat Tournament will be held this Saturday and Sunday at Pampa Country Club. Above are last year's three best players: Joe Maraneres, Terry Hall and Jackie Curtis.

Major League leaders

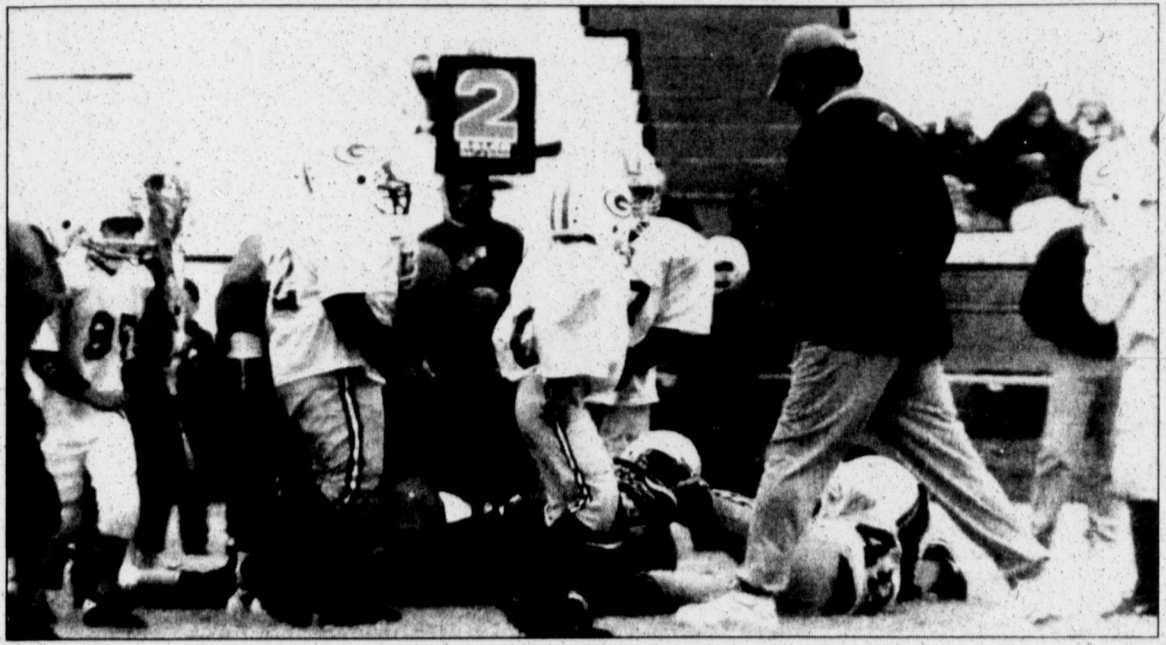
By The Associated Press

- NATIONAL LEAGUE**
BATTING—Bonds, San Francisco, .353; Casey, Cincinnati, .339; Loretta, San Diego, .335; Rolen, St. Louis, .334; Helton, Colorado, .328; J.Estrada, Atlanta, .326; ARamirez, Chicago, .325.
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Tiger League registration

Last year's Tiger League football third and fourth graders, Packers vs. Broncos, wrestle for the ball during a game. Football registration for the year will be Aug. 17, 18, 19, and 20, from 6 a.m. until 8:30 p.m.; and August 23 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Roundup

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probably will require season-ending surgery. The Seattle left-hander is expected to miss eight to 12 months.
But that didn't stop Martinez and the last-place Mariners from relishing a warm moment Tuesday night.
"It was a thrill for me," he said.
Orioles 11, Angels 3
At Anaheim, Calif., Miguel Tejada went 3-for-5 with a three-run homer and tied a season high with five RBIs to help Baltimore extend its winning streak to eight.
Larry Bigbie homered. Brian Roberts tied a career high with four hits and David Newhan was 3-for-5 with three RBIs for the Orioles, who had a season-high 20 hits. Rookie right-hander Daniel Cabrera (9-5) allowed three runs in six innings, ending Anaheim's five-game winning streak.
Aaron Sele (7-1) was charged with six runs —

four earned — and a career-worst 13 hits in 4 2-3 innings. Anaheim rookie Robb Quinlan extended his hitting streak to 21 games.
Athletics 5, Tigers 4
At Oakland, Calif., Eric Chavez hit a three-run homer and Barry Zito (8-8) pitched seven strong innings to win for the third time in four starts. Octavio Dotel earned his 10th save in 14 tries with the Athletics.
Rangers 7, Yankees 1
At Arlington, Texas, Ryan Drese (9-6) pitched seven shutout innings and former Yankee Alfonso Soriano doubled twice and scored three times for the Rangers.
David Dellucci, also a former Yankee, and Mark Teixeira hit two-run homers to help Texas end a season-high four-game skid. Kevin Brown (9-2) lost for the first time in six starts, his worst performance since returning from the disabled list on July 30. Both his losses have come against his former team.
Red Sox 8, Devil Rays 4
At Boston, Jason Varitek, Bill Mueller, Orlando Cabrera and Kevin Youkilis each drove in two runs to

back Bronson Arroyo (5-8). Manny Ramirez 0-for-4 with three strikeouts after missing three straight games because of the flu.
Indians 2, Blue Jays 0
At Cleveland, Chad Durbin (5-4) allowed four hits in seven innings and struck out a career-high seven. Ronnie Belliard hit a two-run double for the second-place Indians, who won for the sixth time in seven games. Bob Wickman finished the five-hitter for his fifth save.
White Sox 9, Royals 3
At Chicago, leadoff batter Willie Harris went 5-for-5. Carlos Lee hit a three-run homer and Paul Konerko added a two-run shot to help the White Sox win for just the fourth time in 16 games. Jon Garland (8-8) pitched seven solid innings.
Kansas City has lost five in a row to fall a season-low 33 games under .500 at 39-72, the worst record after 111 games in the franchise's 36-year history. Before the game, the Royals optioned 2003 AL Rookie of the Year Angel Berroa to Double-A Wichita.

Tiger

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year and leads the money list. He also can move to No. 1 in the world, although it would require a victory at Whistling Straits and Woods missing the cut, something Woods has never done in a major as a professional.
Phil Mickelson is No. 4 in the world and No. 1 in the majors this year, having won the Masters and missing out on a chance to win the U.S. and British Opens by one putt on the back nine of each. Mickelson has a chance to become the first player to finish in the top three in all four majors since the Masters began in 1934.
Mickelson was asked if anyone would ever dominate the majors like Woods.
"I don't think anybody thought there would be another player to dominate the way Nicklaus did in the majors, and then along came Tiger. So, I certainly would

not rule it out," Mickelson said. "I would expect it to happen again. I don't know if it will be Tiger again — it very well could be. I don't know if it will be another player of today's crop or if it will come later on down the line.
'He looks like he's coming back. There's a lot of other good players who are capable of competing with him.'
— Pdraig Harrington
"If nobody plays at that level, it's a much more packed leaderboard."
Woods says he can feel his game turning the corner, and his tie for third in the

Buick Open two weeks ago seems to indicate that. Then again, Singh won the Buick by playing better golf and making more putts.
"Yes, he looks good," Pdraig Harrington said of Woods. "He looks like he's coming back. There's a lot of other good players who are capable of competing with him."
Woods, along with everyone else in the field, is concerned about Whistling Straits, which with its length, narrow fairways and more than 1,000 bunkers is no place for red numbers. And it gets nastier when the wind blows off Lake Michigan.
"If the wind blows like this, I don't think I've played a golf course this difficult," Woods said Tuesday after a practice round.
"It's going to be a long week," Sergio Garcia said. "This course is so demanding that you know you have to be really on. If you don't, you're going to pay the price."

Soccer

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The country is riding a wave of soccer euphoria from the surprising European Championship title won by the men last month in Portugal, but the Americans on the Greek team have arrived to find some startling attitudes about the women's game.
Defender Eleni Benson, who has a Greek mother and is taking a break from studies at Yale to play on the team, said one taxi driver told her that "women's feet are not made for soccer."
Walker Loseno, from Seattle, said another driver wanted to arm-wrestle her and feel her muscles.
One of their Greek-born teammates had to sneak out of her home to play soccer as a kid.
When the team tried to hold a soccer clinic for girls recently, only eight girls showed up — but there were a lot of boys.
They've tried to bring American sports values to a Greek culture where everything — including practices — seems to start 10 minutes late.
Yesterday's Cryptoquote: ONE MEAL A DAY IS ENOUGH FOR A LION, AND IT OUGHT TO BE FOR A MAN. — G. FORDYCE

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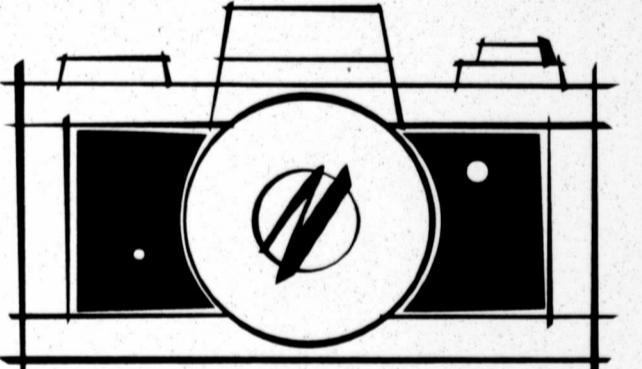
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Japan tries to restore confidence after accident

TOKYO (AP) — The Japanese government worked to shore up public confidence in the nuclear power industry Tuesday, a day after the country's deadliest reactor accident killed four people.

Authorities launched an investigation, with dozens of police and nuclear energy officials visiting the plant to determine whether operator Kansai Electric Power was negligent. Politicians called for a review of nuclear plant safety.

Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi urged an inquiry so that "nothing be hidden from the nation." He told a Cabinet meeting he didn't want the public to grow uneasy about nuclear energy, the source of more than 30 percent of Japan's power.

But experts warned that the worn-out 28-year-old cooling pipe that ruptured could be an omen of trouble ahead. A series of mishaps at nuclear plants have tested public tolerance for nuclear energy.

Four died Monday when the corroded pipe burst, spewing boiling water and steam onto workers. Seven people were injured, two of them critically.

'We must thoroughly investigate the cause of the accident. So that this never recurs, we must carefully carry out inspections — not just regularly scheduled ones.'

— Shoichi Nakagawa
Trade minister

Though there was no radiation leak, the accident rekindled concerns about the safety of the country's 52 reactors. It also raised questions about plans to build 11 reactors by 2010.

A Kyodo News service survey, released late Tuesday, showed pipes in 17 nuclear power plant reactors in Japan had been replaced or are scheduled to be replaced because of similar corrosion.

Government officials vowed thorough inspections of nuclear reactors

after learning the broken pipe at the Mihama No. 3 reactor, some 200 miles west of Tokyo, had not been checked since 1996 despite a warning last year that it was a safety threat.

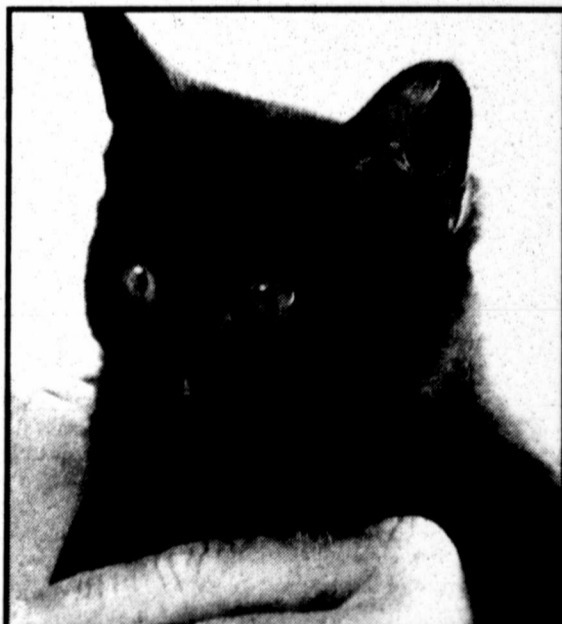
"We must thoroughly investigate the cause of the accident. So that this never recurs, we must carefully carry out inspections — not just regularly scheduled ones," said Trade Minister Shoichi Nakagawa. "I aim to somehow restore faith in our nuclear and energy policy."

Proponents say nuclear power eases Japan's dependence on foreign oil, more than 80 percent of which comes from the Middle East. They say nuclear energy is also better for the environment because it does not emit greenhouse gases.

Detractors say this offers little comfort to worried citizens.

"We've entered a difficult era," said Hideyuki Ban, a co-chair of the Citizens' Nuclear Information Center, an anti-nuclear group. "Like with the Mihama plant, many of Japan's reactors are old, creating the conditions for trouble. The conditions are being created for a very serious accident."

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CIA nominee once operated in Latin America

MEXICO CITY (AP) — There was plenty for a young CIA officer to do when Porter J. Goss, almost fresh out of Yale, arrived in Latin America in the early 1960s.

The Republican congressman nominated Tuesday to head the CIA apparently spent most of his career as a clandestine operative in the region, with postings to Mexico, the Dominican Republic and Haiti, though the dates for his service in each country remain unclear.

Cuba was the dominant issue. Its 1959 revolution — at first a broadly based movement to topple a dicta-

tor — was sharply veering toward the left, putting a major Soviet ally just 90 miles off U.S. shores in the middle of the Cold War.

Details of Goss' career remain shrouded by four decades of secrecy. It is among the least-explored decades of any current U.S. politician's past. Neither he nor the CIA have given any but the sketchiest description.

Goss apparently joined the CIA just out of Yale, where he earned a degree in ancient Greek in 1960.

He worked in Miami, which was becoming a magnet for Cuban émigrés.

Some were recruited by the CIA and trained for what turned out to be one of the agency's greatest disasters: the 1961 invasion of Cuba that was crushed by Fidel Castro at the Bay of Pigs.

A year later, the world narrowly averted nuclear war during the Cuban missile crisis involving the United States and Soviet Union.

During a 2002 interview with The Washington Post, Goss joked that he performed photo interpretation and "small-boat handling," which led to "some very interesting moments in the Florida Straits." He acknowledged he had recruited and run foreign agents.

The Bay of Pigs plan had been inspired partly by a successful CIA-backed overthrow of Guatemala's populist government in 1954. That helped set off Guatemala's 34-year civil war, which was growing as Goss worked in the region.

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