Roger Clemens indicted in steroid case

Federal grand jury files perjury charges

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WASHINGTON — Roger Clemens was vehement: "Let me be clear, I have never taken steroids or HGH," he told a House committee in 2008. Now, instead of the Hall of Fame, baseball's seven-time Cy Young winner could go to prison after being indicted by a federal grand jury Thursday for allegedly lying to Congress.

The case writes a new chapter in one of baseball's worst scandals, the rampant use of performance-enhancing drugs in the 1990s and early 2000s, and leaves Clemens' legacy in jeopardy.

The six-count indictment alleges that Clemens obstructed a congressional inquiry with 15 different statements made under oath, including denials that he had ever used steroids or human growth hormone.

Former Rep. Tom Davis of Virginia, the top Republican on the House panel at the time of Clemens' testimony, called it "a self-inflicted wound." Clemens had been prominently mentioned in the Mitchell Report, Major League Baseball's own accounting of its steroid problem, and he went to Capitol Hill on his own to clear his name.

"Clemens was not under subpoena. He came voluntarily," Davis said. "And I sat there in the office with (committee chairman) Henry Waxman and said, "See CLEMENS Page 6A"

Victoria’s restaurant may face lockdown

Recent shooting may be final straw

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BINGHAMTON — A Susquehanna Street restaurant was in hot water with the City of Binghamton even before Sunday, when a second person was shot there in less than six months.

According to police, the victim suffered a nonfatal shot above the knees around 4:30 a.m. Sunday inside Victoria’s, an eatery at 155 Susquehanna St.

A suspect has not yet been apprehended. Police Chief Joseph Zikowski did not respond Thursday to a request for comment on the shooting. The name and gender of the shooting victim were not released.

The first shooting at Victoria’s this year occurred Feb. 28, when Karsen Bealles, 30, a local DJ, was shot four times. The incident occurred at 3:30 a.m. in the bathroom. No suspect has been apprehended in that case, either.

March 12, shortly after Marks was shot, proceedings began for a potential lockdown of 155 Susquehanna St., according to city spokesman Andrew Block.

The city’s "Lockdown Law" assigns points to valid police calls for incidents of violence.

Attorney General Andrew Cuomo listens to questions about natural gas drilling Thursday after making a campaign speech in Ithaca. The Democrat is running for governor of New York. For more photos, go to pressconnects.com/photogalleries.

Anti-drilling activists on hand as candidate preaches reform

‘You want to know when things are going to change? They are going to change when the people of this state demand change.’

ANDREW CUOMO
Governatorial candidate

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ITHACA — Andrew Cuomo made the campaign rounds through the Finger Lakes and Southern Tier on Thursday, promoting his call for reform in Albany.

While here, the Democratic candidate for governor heard from many promoting the need to prevent natural gas drilling in the region’s Marcellus Shale.

Cuomo spoke in Ithaca and in Montour Falls on Thursday, finding natural gas protesters at both sites, especially in Ithaca.

One was dressed in a hazardous material suit marked with the phrase "Inspector for 1000 wells" and holding a "box of logholes." Another held an empty leash and a sign that read "My dog drank the water."

In a gathering on the Ithaca Commons before Cuomo's scheduled appearance, Toxics Targeting president and gas drilling activist Walter Hang congratulated local activists for helping to put the brakes on drilling. See CUOMO Page 5A

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