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County goes after rehab grant

By JEFF WEST
Staff Writer

After some pointed questions, Gray County Commissioners approved, 3-2, an appropriation of \$235,270 in matching funds to go after a state grant to open a juvenile drug rehab center in Pampa.

Chief Juvenile Probation Officer Albert Nichols discovered a state grant that uses federal funds to build, remodel and operate such facilities.

The merits and drawbacks of creating a lock-down drug rehab center in a county-owned building, has been the subject of much public debate recently. While much talk centers on the proposed location, between NBC Bank and Bill Allison Auto Sales on North Hobart, most of the debate from commissioners yesterday dealt with financing.

The grant was not originally known

about, Nichols said, adding he was told about it recently by members of Representative Warren Chisum's staff.

Nichols found a grant writer in Amarillo and the Juvenile Probation Board recently asked him to proceed with the application that's due in Austin July 6. Submitting the application is contingent upon final approval, by the Juvenile Board, of the grant language.

The grant calls for a one-fourth match by the county. Nichols said the grant amount requested is \$903,164. The county would be required to contribute \$235,270 to the project if the grant is approved.

Since most of the operating expenses for the first year would be paid for by the grant, Nichols believes the county could be reimbursed from the funds paid for treatment.

The state pays \$83.43 per day for treatment of young offenders, more for more

seriously addicted. Nichols contends if 24 beds in the 30-bed unit are filled year round, the facility will make \$730,847 a year, at the \$83 figure.

"I always have a bad feeling on this kind of deal, I feel like I'm going down a path and a bear is right behind me and unknowns can jump up and get us," said Commissioner James Hefley.

Commissioner Jim Greene asked about the nurses who are staying in the facility now. The building was built for nurses' housing when the county owned a hospital. It has been used by the private hospitals for the same purpose since the county sold its hospital in 1982. Greene said he'd heard there were 13 or 14 nurses staying there.

Judge Richard Peet said he had heard from Gary Moody of Columbia Medical Center that only two or three stayed there. When contacted by *The Pampa News*

today, Moody said he is not sure of the number but believes seven or eight stay full time. More nurses, those who work weekend shifts, stay on weekends.

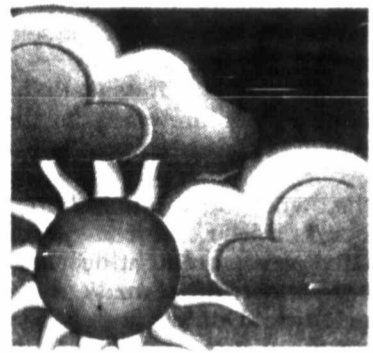
Greene also asked if the court could go on to another item while the commissioners "digested" all the new information.

"I do not know that there is any more digesting to do," Peet said.

Commissioner Joe Wheeley said, "I'm sure there are more questions. I haven't had time to think of them. This is a lot to think about."

Commissioner Gerald Wright made the motion to approve the matching funds and Peet seconded it. Hefley joined them in supporting the measure and Wheeley and Greene voted against the measure.

Approval of the grant application is scheduled to be voted on by the Juvenile Probation Board of Gray County at 3 p.m. today.



High today 97
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No ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

A winning ticket would have been worth \$19 million.

The numbers drawn from a field of 50 were 1-5-7-20-23-43.

Saturday night's drawing will be worth an estimated \$25 million.

HOUSTON (AP) — A former groom was convicted today of lying to a grand jury investigating the 1990 death of the famed race horse Alydar, which was insured for \$36.5 million.

Alton Stone was convicted of two counts of making a false statement to a grand jury that was investigating whether Alydar's death was engineered to collect the insurance money.

The charges involved questions about why he replaced the horse's regular watchman at Calumet Farm in Lexington, Ky., and how he discovered Alydar's mortal injury.

Stone's 1997 grand jury appearance was during an investigation into loan activity involving now defunct First City Bancorporation of Houston. First City, which failed in 1988 and again in 1992, was Calumet's biggest creditor and received \$20 million from Alydar's insurance payout.

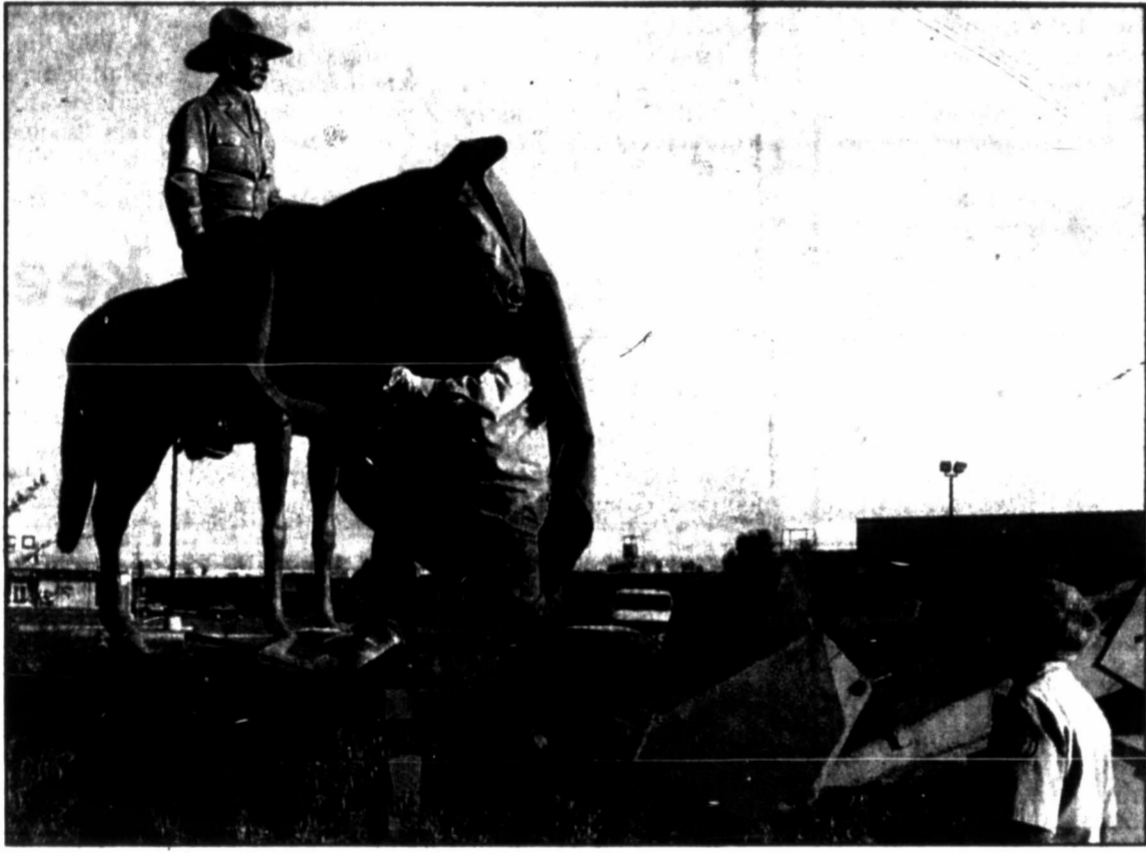
- Joyce C. Mann, 68, Pampa resident since 1942.
- Raymond Creston McPherson, 83, retired employee of 4R Industrial and Cities Service, rancher.
- W.A. "Bill" Monce, 70, services pending.

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Repairing tack...



Rusty Neef of Neef Welding and city employees make a tack repair today to the bridle on the horse on the Perry LeFors statue in front of the Coronado Inn.

County fire ban extended

(See related story this page)

A ban on open fires in Gray County has been extended and law enforcement officers will be on the lookout for violators and people shooting fireworks from county roads.

That decision came yesterday when the Gray County Commissioners Court extended a ban on open fires until July 15.

Commissioners also authorized overtime pay for sheriff's deputies and constables in order to beef up patrols. They'll be looking for violations of the burn ban, as well as for people illegally shooting fireworks from county roads.

The commission stressed there will be no warnings issued — only the real thing. Any violation of the law will be ticketed, and prosecuted, and fines can reach a maximum of \$1,000 per violation. If fireworks cause a fire, that is a violation of the burn ban and those responsible will be subject to fines and possibly civil suits from the land owners.

Fire Marshal Gary Stevens previously stressed that no warnings will be issued inside the city limits. Shooting fireworks is illegal for private individuals in all cases inside the city. If caught, the fine is nearly \$100, Stevens said.

FBI mum on biological weapons arrests

OLMITO, Texas (AP) — The FBI is saying little about the arrests of three South Texas men accused of threatening federal agents with biological weapons.

Johnnie Wise, 72; Jack Abbott Grebe Jr., 43, and Oliver Dean Emigh, 63, were arrested Wednesday and charged with federal conspiracy to use "weapons of mass destruction."

FBI Special Agent John J. DeLeon III said the weapons were biological but he refused to give other details, saying criminal complaints against the suspects were sealed.

He wouldn't discuss the type of chemical involved or how much the suspects allegedly possessed.

The three, who were held overnight in the Cameron County Jail after an initial arraignment Wednesday, were expected to have a detention hearing today in Brownsville federal court.

They were arrested at a mobile home in this town five miles north of Brownsville. FBI agents, a fire truck and a hazardous materials

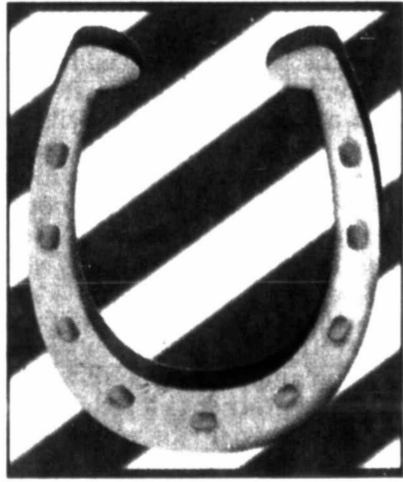
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Hunt for Horseshoe still on

The Top O' Texas Rodeo Association is sponsoring the "Golden Horseshoe Treasure Hunt" again in conjunction with the Top O' Texas Rodeo, July 9, 10, and 11. A "Golden Horseshoe" has been hidden in the area and clues will be given each day that will help locate the horseshoe.

Wednesday's clue was at Holmes Sport Shop and the Friday Clue can be found at a hotel.

The lucky person who finds the horseshoe will receive a Box



Seat to all three performances of the 52nd Annual Top O' Texas Rodeo. The Box Seat is valued at \$150. They will also be able to ride in the rodeo parade on Saturday, July 11.

This year the clues will be placed in selected stores in Pampa and you can only get the clues by going into that store. The kind of store will be listed each day in *The Pampa News*. The name of that store will be listed the next day along with the kind of store for the current day's clue.

Should fireworks be more regulated? Opinions vary by group

By JEFF WEST
Staff Writer

How and if fireworks should be more tightly regulated may be a matter of debate among fireworks dealers, landowners and government officials but all agree extreme caution needs to be taken with the dry conditions that exist.

Rain earlier this week was spotty and those areas that received moisture did not get enough to remove the fire danger, officials said.

While the governor of Florida recently banned all fireworks in his state, such action can't be taken in Texas. According to Gray County Judge Richard Peet, even counties in emergency conditions can't, by law, totally ban fireworks. Counties can ban aerial fireworks, as several counties have done. He also recalled that the last time the county tried to take action against fireworks, a lawsuit was filed and the test case between Waco and the fireworks industry was a defeat for the ban.

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Kay Smith is an independent fireworks operator who has been selling in Gray County for 10 years. Her stand is near the intersection of Price Road and Highway 60.

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Business highlights...

Manufacturing activity slows

NEW YORK (AP) — Manufacturing activity slowed last month for the first time in nearly two years, damaged by Asia's economic crisis and two crippling strikes against General Motors.

Separate reports Wednesday said a measure of future economic activity remained unchanged in May, suggesting growth will slow later this year, and U.S. construction spending in May recorded its steepest drop in more than four years.

The reports supported the Federal Reserve's decision Wednesday to leave interest rates unchanged amid signs that economic growth is cooling on its own without the need for a pre-emptive strike against inflation.

Strikes don't cut into auto buying

DETROIT (AP) — Strikes that nearly halted General Motors' North American production had no effect on booming U.S. sales of cars and trucks in June as motorists continued to take advantage of manufacturers' discounts.

With enough inventory to meet demand, GM had a 24 percent increase in sales over June 1997, according to preliminary figures the automaker released Wednesday.

Chrysler Corp. reported its sales again set a record for any month, up 10.5 percent over year-ago levels. Toyota had its best-ever June, with U.S. sales up 17 percent, while Honda reported an 8 percent increase.

Boeing layoffs delayed for 12,000

SEATTLE (AP) — Scheduled layoffs of 12,000 workers have been delayed at Boeing Co. and the number of jobs cuts may be revised, executives of the No. 1 aircraft manufacturer said Wednesday.

The decision was announced as Boeing reported that production bottlenecks that cost the company more than \$2 billion have been largely cleared and commercial jets are being delivered at record rates.

At the same time, Boeing said Asia's financial crisis has resulted in more completed planes going undelivered, with some being offered for sale to other buyers.

Experts say small investors pay too much in fees

WASHINGTON (AP) — Small investors are paying too much in complicated fees charged by the booming mutual fund industry, several experts said Wednesday, warning that people may feel cheated when the long-running bull market fizzles.

"Far too many investors are paying far too much (in fees) and they simply don't know that," said Neal Sullivan, executive director of the North American Securities Administrators Association.

Sullivan, whose group represents state securities regulators, added that the government shouldn't impose limits on mutual fund fees and should leave the industry to police itself.

Prime minister seeks approval of economic plan

MOSCOW (AP) — Russia's prime minister beseeched parliament Wednesday to approve the Kremlin's economic rescue plan, warning that the economy has lost much of the little ground it gained and is again on the decline.

But lawmakers in the opposition-dominated parliament made clear they lack confidence in President Boris Yeltsin and would not rubber-stamp his administration's proposals.

"This government's course is bankrupt," said Communist Party chief Gennady Zyuganov, head of parliament's largest faction. "We must either change it or the end is very close."

Firm fined for phony birth control pills

SAO PAULO, Brazil (AP) — Brazil fined Schering AG \$2.5 million after 10 women became pregnant while taking phony birth control pills.

The fine followed reports by women from the state of Sao Paulo that they became pregnant after taking the fake Microvlar contraceptives manufactured by Schering, officials at Brazil's Justice Ministry said Wednesday.

A spokesman for the German drug maker said the bogus pills were intended solely to test out new packaging equipment. The placebo tablets, made of lactose and sugar, were supposed to have been incinerated after the tests, but were stolen and sold illegally.

Bank launches different kind of mutual fund

NEW YORK (AP) — A New Orleans bank launched a mutual fund Wednesday that aggressively targets potential investors through black social, political and economic organizations.

Backers of the Liberty Freedom Fund said that it has \$10 million in commitments and hopes to grow into a \$100 million fund within a year.

The fund's originator, Liberty Bank and Trust Co., a regionally acclaimed bank known for lending to first-time homeowners, also claimed it's the first black bank to launch a mutual fund.

Workers in 401(K) plans paying more of cost

WASHINGTON (AP) — Workers whose retirement savings are in company-sponsored 401(k) plans are paying an increasing share of the cost of maintaining their accounts, the government said Wednesday.

As a first step toward ensuring that workers — some of whom aren't even aware of the fees — don't get shortchanged, the Labor Department released a booklet explaining what kinds of costs are typically deducted from 401(k) accounts and how consumers can find out what's being charged.

"Higher fees do depress earnings and eat away at a retirement nest egg," said Labor Secretary Alexis Herman. "What appears to be a small fee can make a big difference."

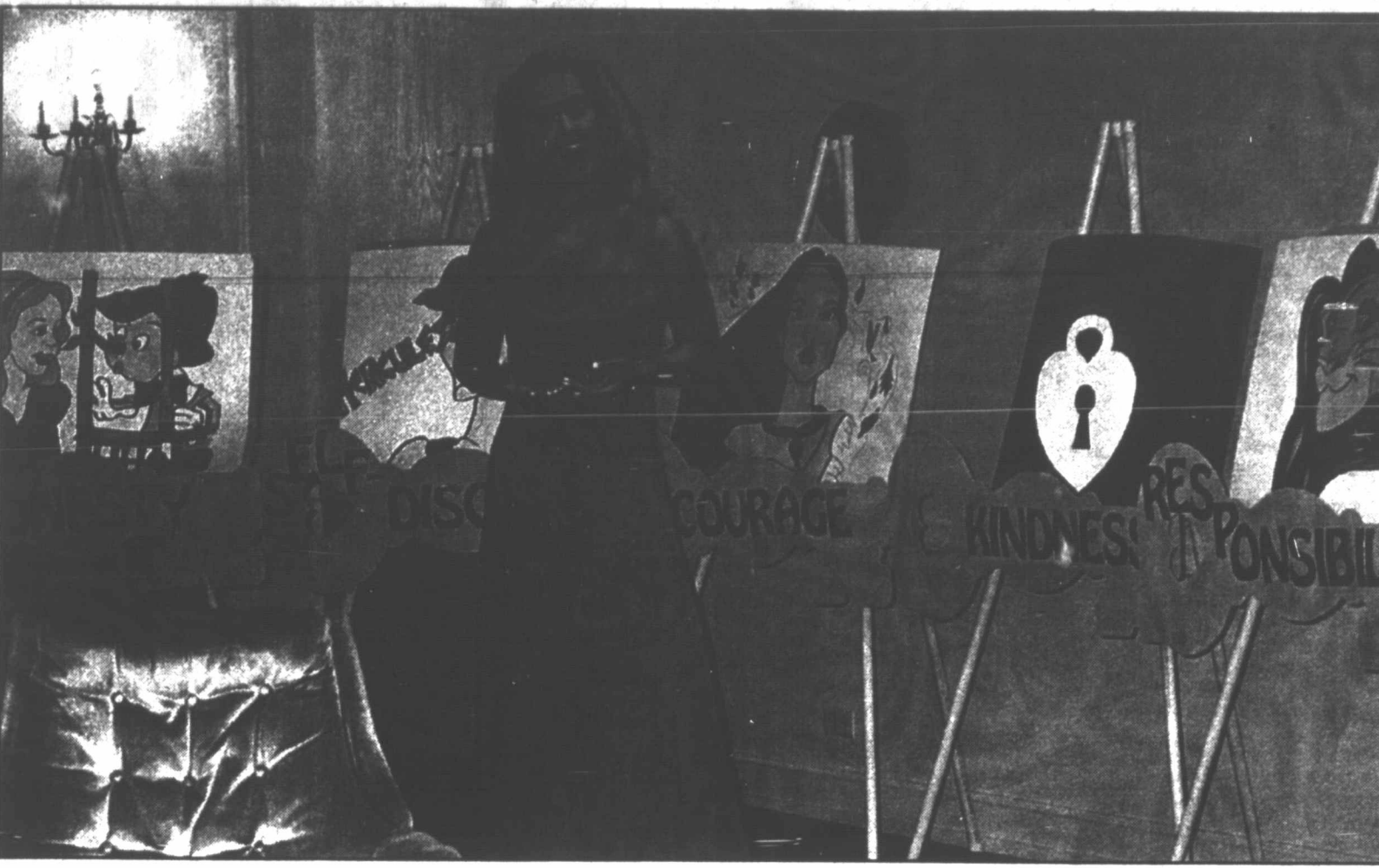
Some big ships flunk new standards test

LONDON (AP) — Thirteen percent of the world's big ships are flunking new standards for safety and pollution control, a United Nations maritime agency reported Wednesday as the tighter rules took effect.

The International Maritime Organization tallied about 1,650 ships — out of a total of some 12,700 — that were not in compliance with the new rules.

But secretary-general William A. O'Neil acknowledged there was no good way to identify all the cheaters.

Competing for Miss Texas



(Pampa News photo by Miranda Bailey)

Well-wishers gathered to send Miss Lake Meredith Laura Jaye Johnson, daughter of Dr. Jay A. and Linda Johnson, off to Fort Worth for the Miss Texas competition late last week. Johnson, who modeled her contest fashions and performed her talent for the Pampa audience, is competing this week for the title with 50 other Texas women. Contest officials encourage communities to support their area contestants by sending letters this week to: The Holiday Inn, 100 E. Alta Mesa, Fort Worth, Texas, 76134.

Museum shows Diana the child, the princess, the advocate

GREAT BRINGTON, England (AP) — She was a little girl in a scarlet school uniform who loved to dance and press flowers, but whose math teacher once wrote of her, "I fear numbers mean little to Diana."

On what would have been her 37th birthday, 2,500 people visited a new museum full of Princess Diana's personal effects at the Spencer family's ancestral home, Althorp House.

Princess Diana's brother opened the \$5 million museum Wednesday, allowing visitors to see Diana's ballet shoes, her school uniform, scrapbooks, drawings and a school report, all lovingly preserved in glass cases with careful notes. One of the most popular items was her frothy silk wedding dress by David and Elizabeth Emanuel with its beaded bodice.

Outside, visitors strolled the

wide gravel path around the ornamental lake where Diana is buried on a wooded island. At one end, mourners laid armfuls of her favorite lilies and white roses beside a small temple decorated with Diana's silhouette and excerpts from the funeral oration given by her brother Charles, the 9th Earl Spencer.

Many regretted it was the nearest they could get to Diana's grave.

"She is home, but she seems so on her own out there," said Sheila Gee, who brought a bouquet of white roses and carnations.

Others feared the world's most photographed woman, killed in an Aug. 31 car crash while fleeing the paparazzi in Paris, still gets too much attention.

"Even in death, she has not got peace," said Isabel Don, cry-

ing quietly as she surveyed the visitors and helicopters overhead carrying TV crews.

Spencer, who has been accused of trying to cash in on Diana's memory, spent much of the day mingling with visitors. "I hope you find this appropriate," he murmured.

Many in the crowd were journalists, who bought tickets through a telephone sales line like everyone else. Arthur Edwards, a photographer for Britain's Sun tabloid, photographed Diana throughout her royal life.

"I miss her," Edwards said. "She was so lively, so down to earth. I have photographed her on so many birthdays, and this year we are here. ... I still can't believe it."

It was unclear how Diana's sons marked their mother's birthday. Prince William, 16,

was on holiday from Eton College and Prince Harry, 13, was still at Ludgrove School. Diana's former husband, Prince Charles, had a full schedule of official engagements, but made no public comments.

Earl Spencer also has opened Althorp House, with its collection of family portraits and valuable paintings, through Aug. 30.

Nearly 150,000 tickets have been sold at prices of \$8.25 for children, \$12.50 for senior citizens and \$15.75 for adults.

The earl has said museum profits will go to Diana's favorite charities, and that he expects to open the estate to visitors every summer. He does not expect the venture to profit immediately because of startup costs, but has said he still will give a minimum of 10 percent of ticket sales this year to charity.

'Frugal Gourmet' settles sexual abuse suits

SEATTLE (AP) — Jeff Smith, public television's "Frugal Gourmet," agreed to pay an undisclosed amount of money to seven men a week before their sexual abuse lawsuits against him were scheduled for trial, their lawyer said today.

"It was a very attractive settlement for my clients," said the attorney, F. Mike Shaffer.

Neither Shaffer nor Edward S. Winskill, Smith's lawyer, would disclose the amount of the settlement. Most of the money will come from Smith, but some will also be covered by insurance, and his future earnings could be affected.

Shaffer said the first plaintiff to file suit, George Heitman, 38, was disappointed because he wouldn't get a chance to prove in court that his accusations were true.

"I'm dissatisfied with the terms of confidentiality of the agreement. In fact, I'm kind of dissatisfied with the whole thing," Heitman told The Oregonian newspaper of Portland, Ore.

Another plaintiff, Karl E. Washburn, 42, said he heard last week that a settlement might be in the works and learned the terms Wednesday.

"I hope this case brings awareness to a problem in our nation," Washburn said. "Pedophiles — there's more than you think."

He said it would be some time before he could decide whether the settlement was fair.

"I had to really dig up everything in the last two years that I had really put away in my mind," Washburn said. "It takes time — and therapy."

Shaffer said the settlement offer was made some time ago, but "we really didn't expect them to settle."

The terms are not subject to judicial approval, he noted.

There was no word on whether Smith planned to resume his culinary career, which has been on hold since the lawsuits were filed early last year. His literary agent and television producer did not immediately return calls today.

Smith's dozen cookbooks have sold a reported 12 million copies, and his series — the most popular cooking show in TV history — once was viewed by an estimated 15 million people a week on 300 public TV stations.

A Methodist minister and the father of two grown sons, Smith had denied all of the accusations. He wouldn't comment Wednesday.

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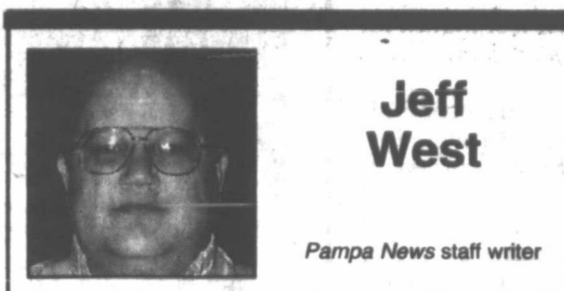
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What will be will be ...

It was Mark Twain who said "Everybody talks about the weather but nobody does anything about it." That's certainly true but I'd like to update the thought. If you can't do anything about the weather then shut-up about it. First, this is the weather you were asking for when it took you 10 minutes to scrape the ice off your windows in January. Second, everyone wants to lay out on a tropical island beach, soaking up rays. Well splash some salt water in your eyes and give a kid \$5 to bring you a canned coke and you're there baby.

Third, this is July. Adults should remember from year to year. Generally it's hot in July, most years. People who have windows facing east shouldn't really whine EVERY morning that the sun comes in through the window. For those who have forgotten, it will be hot next month too. Want that winter-time feeling again? Wear your bathing suit and stock your local convenience store cooler, for about an hour. The store could use the help and you can get that old feeling back. Or throw some marbles on the sidewalk and try to walk on them to get that icy drive feeling. You get the idea.



Jeff West
 Pampa News staff writer

And speaking of complaining, (smooth transition, huh?), we usually love it. That's "we" news people not "we" as in the royal "we" (we are not amused), or the medical "we" (how are we feeling this morning) or the little piggie "wee" (this little piggie went wee wee wee all the way home). There wouldn't be nearly as much for news people to do if half the people weren't complaining about what the other half is doing. Or at least if a couple of grumpy of sourpusses weren't complaining about what everybody else was doing. I really haven't ever found anything that somebody didn't hate or wouldn't argue about. I heard about a guy who wrote a column on the flag, mom, and apple pie who got nasty

letters from the American Civil Liberties Union, Joan Crawford's daughter, and PETFV (people for the ethical treatment of fruits and vegetables). But I digress. We love gripes, we love letters to the editor, as long as they follow one simple philosophy. (Actually there are several rules but I'm running out of space here, work with me).

Opinions are great, they are like arm pits (I'm glad you've got yours so you don't have to use mine), everybody's entitled to their own, but facts are facts. Try to figure out the difference before you express a Rosanna Dana Dana opinion. I know I'm not the editor, but a lot of the letters the paper gets deal with stories I've written, or written about, or have a hand in. It's usually me who's being called a liar or idiot or puppet tool of some group or another. I don't knowingly lie, I have been both and idiot and an unwitting puppet (also a pirate, a pauper, and a pawn), but not nearly so often as people who don't really pay attention to the facts would believe. So to those people, ask Pat and Vanna if you can buy a clue before you express an opinion based on ka-ka. Thank you for your kind attention, if you paid attention. Be good to one another and be good to yourself

Opinion

Celestial debris finds new space

■Municipal officials in Monahans took the correct stance when they returned a meteorite to the youngsters who found it.

This time the Monahans City Council got it meteor-right. After much hesitation, the elected officials finally gave the proper civic lesson to the seven Monahans boys who literally had good luck fall into their presence.

The council voted unanimously to give a black, grapefruit-sized meteorite back to the boys who found it in a vacant lot near where they were playing basketball in late March.

Parents of the boys are hoping the meteorite can be sold and the money used to start a college fund for the treasure finders. The oldest is Neri Armendariz, 12, while Alvaro Lyles and Jose Felan are both 11, Eron Hernandez is 10, both Flavio Armendariz and Javier Juarez are 9 and Patrick Lyles is 8.

After the object fell from the sky - Flavio Armendariz described it as "heavy and warm" when the boys rushed over to check it out - it became a hot property because a meteorite broker speculated it may be worth thousands of dollars to collectors or scientists.

At first, Monahans municipal officials declared the intention to keep the object and perhaps display it publicly. (A second meteorite was found later by a Monahans law enforcement officer and will be kept by the city.)

But the only legal justification the city could muster was the claim that it should be government property because it fell on city land.

The boys and their families stood by the more logical "finders keepers" doctrine of common law. Parents had indicated a preference to sue the city for the rights to the meteorite if the council had voted not to return it.

To the credit of council members, the meteorite was returned to the finders. And perhaps that will teach the boys at an early age that government occasionally can operate with common sense.

To boot, some of the city officials sent a warning to meteorite broker Steve Arnold of Tulsa, Okla., who has said the rock could be worth as much as \$50,000, but used the estimated worth of \$31,000 during the council meeting.

But Mayor Pro Tem Clarence Gough and Councilman Curtis Howard expressed concern about comments Arnold had made on his Internet web site prior to the council's vote. Other council members, after the vote, warned Arnold that he'd better deal fairly with the boys because he will be under scrutiny in the wake of the now-resolved controversy. Indeed, the war of words over the meteorite drew attention from the national news media.

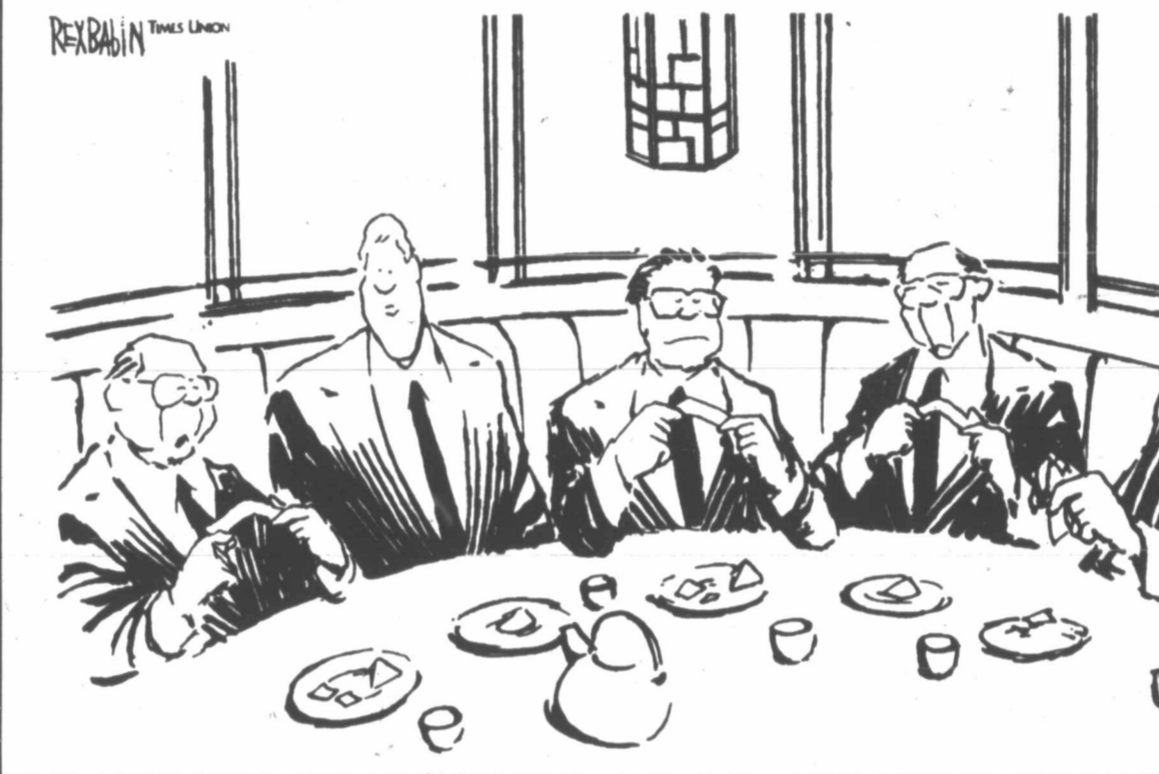
All in all, the right choice was made. Government has no business seizing heavenly objects and claiming some sort of divine power simply as a result of where the meteorite happened to strike ground.

Besides, any litigation that might have resulted wouldn't have been in the best interests of taxpayers. Why should public money be used to fight for an object that was found at random by members of that same public?

Besides, using whatever money is generated from the sale of the meteorite to finance future education for the finders is a much preferable option. Plus it is quite a proper lesson in the free enterprise system for the boys.

And who says you can't fight city-hall?

—Odessa American



Clinton invents own reality

"We are encouraged by the level of compliance so far with the U.N. inspections." — President Clinton, May 1, 1998

So you think it doesn't matter that President Clinton has trouble telling the truth? You suppose that he lies only to conceal his tawdry personal conduct?

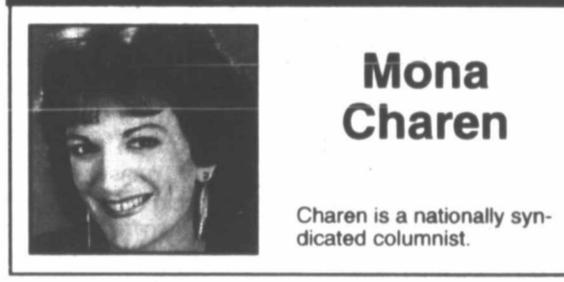
Well, consider the state of U.S. policy toward Iraq.

The quote above is from the president's last press conference. By announcing himself "encouraged," President Clinton in effect changed U.S. policy toward Iraq. It moved us subtly, yet unmistakably, away from confrontation and toward appeasement of that regime.

Since the Gulf War, it has been our policy - an inadequate one, but we'll come to that in a moment - to maintain pressure on the Iraqi regime through sanctions until it complies with all of the relevant U.N. resolutions passed before and after the Gulf War. The most important resolutions relate to weapons of mass destruction. Iraq is suffering from U.N.-imposed economic sanctions because it refuses to comply with international weapons inspectors.

Now, some of the nations imposing sanctions, notably France, Russia and China, are tiring of this policy. They are prepared to ignore Iraq's depredations in order to lay their hands on Iraq's oil. The president's comments, it was later explained, were intended for their ears.

But how in the world does pretending that Iraq is complying with U.N. resolutions strengthen the resolve of those nations? They are seeking any excuse to end the sanctions. The president's comments can only undermine his own policy.



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In any case, the president's declaration stands in stark contrast to reality. Just a few days before the president's statement that he was "encouraged" by Iraq's conduct, Richard Butler, the United Nations' chief weapons inspector, reported to the Security Council that there had been "virtually no progress" in six months.

And as Fred Hiatt reported in the Cleveland Plain Dealer, even the president's own administration has expressed nothing but contempt for the lies, evasions and double talk issuing from Iraq. Jamie Rubin, the State Department spokesman, scorned Iraqi officials for "continuing to lie and hide the truth," and the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, Bill Richardson, said that "in the area of chemical and biological weapons, we agree with the U.N. inspectors that there's been zero progress."

The Iraqis have blocked U.N. inspectors from hundreds of sites, dogged inspectors and forbidden them from making unannounced or return visits to suspect sites.

The prospect of nuclear, chemical and biological weapons in the hands of Saddam Hussein is more horrifying than their ownership by others because

he has used them, not just against enemies like Iran but against unarmed civilians in his own country.

Here is where character matters. The president's Iraq policy is in tatters. The international coalition is wearying of the sanctions regime and willing to look the other way about nuclear and other weapons in Iraqi hands. This is the moment for strong U.S. leadership.

Yet this president, when confronted by uncomfortable truths, simply invents his own truth. The Iraqis are making fools of us by kicking U.S. inspectors out of the country? They are acquiring ballistic missile technology? They are stockpiling nerve gas and chemical weapons? Just say it isn't so.

A group of leading foreign-policy thinkers, including Reagan-era State and Defense Department officials Elliott Abrams, Richard Perle, Paul Wolfowitz and Paula Dobriansky, former Clinton CIA chief R. James Woolsey, as well as Donald Rumsfeld and William Bennett have sent a letter to House Speaker Newt Gingrich and Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott calling upon the United States to adopt a more muscular policy of removing Saddam from power before it is too late. The alternative, already emerging, is an Iraq that can threaten and intimidate its neighbors, impede American interests in the region and sabotage any prospects for peace between Israel and her neighbors.

Unless the president - or the Congress taking the lead - can free U.S. foreign policy from fantasies of a "contained" Iraq, we will soon face a revived Saddam Hussein, with a biological weapon under one arm and a chemical one under the other. And all of the sacrifice of blood and treasure fighting and winning the Gulf War will have been in vain.

Biology is not really the issue

When it comes to the concept of sin, secular folks just don't get it.

I was reminded of that reading a news story about the homosexual lobby sulking about some remarks made by Sen. Trent Lott, R-Miss. The remarks were just the standard Christian approach: Homosexuality is a sin, but love the sinner and try to correct the sin.

The ad hominem attack of the homosexual spokesmen can be discounted. They have adopted the usual dog bark of ideologues in these days: If you don't agree with my political agenda, you are an extremist and a hater. Let us ignore barking dogs.

What is interesting is the reporter's comment that Lott had stepped into the controversy of whether homosexuality is learned or biological. The secular position is that if it is biological, then, of course, it's OK. But that is not the Christian position.

That's what I mean about secular folks not getting it. The concept of sin is that there are certain acts that God, for reasons of his own, does not wish people to perform. It doesn't matter if people are biologically or environmentally disposed toward performing them.

One could say, for example, that adultery is biological and so is murder. Some men have high testosterone levels that incline them toward an aggressive sex life. Some people, biologically, have bad tempers. Some people,



Charley Reese
 Syndicated columnist

though probably not all homosexuals, are biologically inclined toward homosexuality.

It doesn't matter. Morality is about actions, not about desires, impulses or inclinations. If you survey all religions and moral philosophies, you see plainly that the whole idea of ethics is to impose order - by regulating behavior - on the human being. Put another way, precisely the idea of morality is to forgo "acting biologically."

Biology, after all, is about nothing but survival and reproduction. Nature is cruelly indifferent to all else. Hence, biologically, homosexuality is just a defect that destroys itself.

Christianity leaves the homosexual with an admittedly narrow choice: celibacy or heterosexuality. To be fair, Christianity doesn't leave the heterosexuals any play room either; their choice is celibacy or marriage. That's probably why more and more Americans choose to practice what Rev. J. Steven Wilkins, a League of the South colleague, calls "churchianity" rather than Christianity. Christianity among the ruins is definitely becoming politically incorrect and is far too restrictive for postmodern tastes.

Of course, people who don't believe in God or any religion are free of all that. They have what's left: self-indulgence, if they can manage it, and then obliteration, both equally meaningless.

Personally, I have no evangelical impulse or any desire to run other people's lives. They can do what they wish, as far as I'm concerned. I disagree with the homosexual political agenda on two points:

1. Homosexuals wish to be classified as an official government-designated victim, and I'm against that. I don't think any group should be a government-designated victim.

2. They seem to want to force people to approve of them. Nobody has a right to be approved of or even liked - only to be let alone.

My own city, in a fit of silliness, agreed to allow the rainbow flag to be flown from city staffs during gay pride month. They use the excuse of celebrating diversity. That is not what homosexuals are celebrating. They are celebrating sodomy, pederasty, fellatio and lesbianism. Those seem like silly things for a city government to condone officially.

But that's OK. If the city can fly the flag for sodomy, then certainly the city can fly the Confederate flag during Confederate history month. I look forward to watching the city mamas and papas squirm on that issue.

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Hunters undergo more scrutiny with new fed law

WASHINGTON (AP) — The National Rifle Association and gun control advocates are in rare agreement about one aspect of a new federal restriction on rifles and shotguns — few people know about it.

Starting Dec. 1, deer hunters and other sportsmen will have to pass an instant background check before they can buy a long-barreled gun.

The background check, done on the spot in the gun store, will be the first national screening of hunters, target shooters and others buying rifles and shotguns.

Handgun Control Inc. President Bob Walker said the inclusion of long guns drew little notice when Congress passed the Brady law in late 1993 and even less since then.

"There appear to be quite a few people that have either forgotten about this or never paid any attention in the first place," agreed Tanya Metaksa, the NRA's chief lobbyist.

Buyers of "long guns" were exempt from the Brady Act's requirement of a background check and five-day waiting period for handgun purchases. The law took effect in early 1994.

But that compromise legislation also looked ahead five years to a day when an instant, national computerized background check system would be in place, eliminating the need for the five-day waiting period and allowing the expansion of background checks to all gun purchases from registered dealers. That day is Dec. 1.

Both sides in the perennial argument over gun control are girding for friction as gun buyers confront the new restriction. Gun merchants, who must explain the new system to prospective buyers, predict startled and angry customers.

"Unless they are pretty active in gun issues or very well-read, I bet you the overwhelming majority of gun owners are totally unaware this is going to kick in," said Steve Schneider, owner of Atlantic Guns in Silver Spring, Md.

Joe Garcia, looking over the shotguns at a Wal-Mart near Waldorf, Md., knew the law will change but was unclear about the details.

"They're trying to take away the people's freedom by pieces," he complained.

Until now, there was no comprehensive check on whether long gun buyers were telling the truth on federal firearms forms. The forms ask buyers whether they are felons or otherwise barred by law from owning guns.

Eight states — Illinois, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Virginia, Florida, Pennsylvania, Connecticut and Delaware — already have some form of background check covering long guns, according to Handgun Control, which led the fight for the Brady law on Capitol Hill.

The issue is tricky for the NRA, which helped engineer the switch from a waiting period to the instant check system when the Brady bill was before Congress. The NRA regards the instant check as less onerous, since the vast majority of buyers will be able to walk out of the store with their guns instead of returning to pick them up later.

The instant background check system will be much the same as the instant checks now done in many states on would-be handgun purchasers.

It will scan criminal and mental health records, military discharge rosters and other databases to see whether a customer may legally buy a gun. The system will not reveal why a customer has been rejected.

If it rejects a would-be buyer, it will put a "hold" on the sale, giving the store and customer three days to assess the problem. If the computer then rejects the buyer again, there is an appeal process.

The Brady law was named for President Reagan's press secretary, James Brady, who was wounded in the 1981 assassination attempt on the president. It is most closely identified with the five-day waiting period for handgun purchases.

Birthday bash



During Coyle Ford's 88th birthday celebration, Paul Jorgenson, violin, and C.J. Johnston, guitar, played to wish their friend many more happy birthdays. Johnston, bottom, also played the piano.

Exhibit spotlights photographer

PANHANDLE — The Square House Museum in Panhandle will exhibit the work of William M. "Bill" Rhew, a retrospective and part tribute to a great artist. "Remember Rhew" can be seen through the end of July in the Square House Museum Annex from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Saturday and from 1-5 p.m. on Sunday at the Square House Museum located at the intersections of Texas Hwy. 207 and Fifth Street in Panhandle. Admission is free.

There are six sections in the exhibit. "The Artist at Work" includes photographs of the photographer, spanning his 40 years in Amarillo covering news stories, making commercials and recording history. "Clowning Around" is another section in which Rhew himself is featured, demonstrating that sense of fun and good humor for which he was so well known. Four sections examine aspects of Bill's work. As a photojournalist, he was "there" when General MacArthur, politicians Eisenhower, Kennedy, Johnson and physicist Edward Teller came to town.

For 40 years, William M. "Bill" Rhew was a well-known figure in Amarillo and around the region. Expert in still photography, motion pictures and videography, Rhew moved equally well in advertising, artistic and media circles. His death of heart failure in 1994, at the age of 65, drew mourners from all over Texas and surrounding states.

At the time of his death in 1994, Bill Rhew was the director of photography and senior vice president of Berneta Communications, Inc., in Amarillo. While obtaining his degree in social science at East Texas State University, he owned and operated the William Rhew Studio. He spent two years with the U.S. Army Pictorial Service doing training films and other photography projects. After leaving the army in 1955, he moved to Amarillo to work in the farm and ranch division of KGNC radio. Continuing with the entrepreneurial spirit, he also remained in business for himself until merging with the Rosenwald-Batson Advertising Agency (now Berneta Communications).

During his career, he won many awards locally, regionally, and nationally. These awards included

first place in the United States for a United Way film, two gold and two silver Mitch Wilder Awards from the Texas Association of Museums, and the 1989 first place award from the National Agriculture Marketing Association. His photographs appeared in "Better Homes and Gardens," "Modern Maturity," "National Geographic," "Southern Living" and "Traveler." Rhew worked in diverse parts of the world, including Europe, Asia, Russia and Australia on both educational and commercial presentations. He was also associated with the Texas Panhandle Heritage Foundation's outdoor musical drama "TEXAS" since its beginning in 1965. The Carson County

Square House Museum was very fortunate to have had Rhew involved in the production of a series of oral history videotapes documenting individuals and families who made Texas history.

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Grandpa With Early Bedtime Gets Heave-Ho From Wedding

DEAR ABBY: Please correct me if I am wrong, but I believe my cousin, "Lenore," is the most selfish person I know.

Lenore is getting married in an evening ceremony and has decided to dis-invite our grandfather, Pop-Pop. Pop-Pop was so excited about attending, he bought a new suit and showed it off to everyone who visited him.

Pop-Pop's health is failing and he goes to bed early — 8:00 p.m. The wedding is at 6:00 p.m., and Lenore and her mother (my aunt) have decided it would interrupt the "perfect wedding" if Pop-Pop were to leave early, so he has been told to stay home. This means Grandmom will attend her first grandchild's wedding alone. Also, my grandparents will have to pay for a nurse to stay with Pop-Pop.

Many people have volunteered to take Pop-Pop home when he becomes tired, but my cousin and her mother say the decision has been made.

What do you think, Abby? Isn't it awful to exclude Pop-Pop just because he is old?

APPALLED COUSIN

DEAR APPALLED COUSIN: Yes, it is awful, particularly since your grandfather was looking forward to attending the wedding. Short of boycotting the wedding, there is little to be done. Lenore's day, however, will be perfect in her eyes only. The rest of the family will remember it as the day



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

Pop-Pop was dishonored.

DEAR ABBY: You told the mother of "Disappointed but Seeking Help" that her daughter didn't become sexually active because she was looking for the kind of affection and attention she could receive from her family.

While I cannot speak for that girl, I know that is exactly the reason I became sexually active in high school. My parents had their jobs, their parties, their worries and their lives. I didn't think they would notice me even if I were dead.

I planned suicide, until a male teacher held me in his arms and told me that I mattered. I would have given anything to have even this semblance of love and affection. I needed someone to care about me. My parents didn't and he did. Sex was a very small price to pay. And my parents never noticed a thing.

Yes, I am aware that what the teacher did was wrong. But I will never forget how much it meant to me at the time. At least he could see my pain when my family was obli-

ous to it.

We all seek love, and many of us will take whatever is offered when that is all there is. If children are to love appropriately, they must learn to give and receive love in the right places — from their family in youth, then from friends, and later from a lover and mate.

Parents: If you don't want your children "looking for love in all the wrong places," perhaps you should make sure they're getting enough in the right places.

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DEAR ABBY: I apologize for having said so emphatically that the teenage daughter did not become sexually active because she was looking for the kind of affection and attention she could receive from her family. Teen-agers begin having sex for varied and sometimes complicated reasons that are not always related to sexual needs as much as emotional needs.

P.S. Although the high school teacher recognized your neediness and vulnerability, if his motives had been humanitarian instead of predatory, he would have found some other way of letting you know you were worthwhile. The fact that you were a willing participant does not mean that you were not taken advantage of.

Horoscope

FRIDAY, JULY 3, 1998

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

Close relating reveals a viewpoint that could confuse you more. Pressure intensifies around money. All the talk in the world isn't going to change the situation. Stay as clear and direct as you can. Time reveals a broader perspective. Tonight: A close encounter.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

You rain on your own parade. Pull back, and take responsibility. It seems that someone doesn't think the way you do. Confusion surrounds your home life. Nothing will change now. A boss's messages aren't clear. Ask for more feedback. Tonight: Scurry out the door.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

Work needs to be primary, especially if you want to get out the door early. Confirm meetings and appointments; don't stand on ceremony. Communications are off; you are tired. Thinking grows more muddled as the day progresses. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

Tap into your creativity, and let it all hang out. Your humor helps you, even if doesn't make those around you more cheery. Someone is

unusually somber, but listen to him graciously. Use special care with money. Tonight: Welcome the weekend with open arms.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Someone doesn't mean to pressure you, but that is how you feel. Establish stronger boundaries. Perhaps you need to bow out more often. Work is demanding, and a family member reacts to your professional push. Don't worry about a tiff; it will pass. Tonight: Head home.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Consider what you want from someone. It might be very little, perhaps simply some moral support. Your pace becomes hectic; delay plans, if need be. Confirm all appointments. There could be a change. Make yourself a priority. Tonight: Listen to favorite music.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

You try to balance everything. Juggling seems to backfire now. A loved one lets you know that you have enough on your plate. He could be disillusioned. A partner is unusually difficult, but that isn't new. Curb confusion; just ask. Tonight: Spend time with a loved one.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Though you feel energetic, you still cannot resolve a domestic matter. Don't take it personally; that's the kind of day this is. A boss is also unusually foggy and indirect. Maintain a sense of humor, and proceed with your good sense. Tonight: Beam in what you want.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Consider taking a day off. You

need downtime to get yourself centered. You have an odd sense of what is needed. Intuition is off. Pressure is intense at work, and may be more than you care to handle. Tonight: A good night's sleep.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Aim for what you want. Being shy doesn't cut it, especially if you are dealing with financial matters. A loved one continues to be demanding and draining. A decision needs rethinking, as you will see later in the day. Tonight: Spend time with friends!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Others look to you for feedback. Accept your responsibilities, but do not take on anything else. You are happy that others defer now, but in the long run, you won't like it. A family member needs your attention. Advice only brings confusion! Tonight: Clean up details at work.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

Your mind is already in weekend mode. Intuition is off; don't rely on it. Your reverie interferes with communications and getting the job done. If you can, take the day off. If you can't, stay as focused as possible. You won't want to do any extra work. Tonight: Escape.

BORN TODAY

Actress Betty Buckley (1947), actor Tom Cruise (1962), actor Montel Williams (1956)

Crossword Puzzle

by THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

- 1 Borders
- 5 Deadly
- 10 Pitcher
- 11 Hersher's
- 12 Running mate of the '90s
- 13 Diminish
- 14 Peruse
- 15 anew
- 16 Window-washing need
- 17 Master's female student
- 18 Humble
- 19 Eggs, to Nero
- 20 Addicts
- 21 Nickname for Dr. McCoy
- 22 Carpentry need
- 23 Composer Bloch
- 24 Alabama school
- 25 Dressing gown
- 26 Matador's foe
- 27 Pro —
- 28 Quartet member
- 29 Actor Epps
- 30 Gift for the teacher
- 31 Costner role of 1987

DOWN

- 1 Tiers
- 2 Syria
- 3 neighbor
- 4 List of choices
- 5 Surprise hit
- 6 Armada
- 7 Concur
- 8 Boot part
- 9 Coach
- 10 Parseghian
- 11 Conducted
- 12 Inert gas
- 13 Historic times
- 14 Departed
- 15 Times before
- 16 Sunup site
- 17 Goad
- 18 Small hill house-work
- 19 Spooky
- 20 Ready and willing
- 21 Jacob's twin
- 22 Small letters
- 23 Dumbo's "wings"
- 24 Zsa Zsa's sister
- 25 Sassiness
- 26 Summit

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"Shall we bug out right now?"

The Family Circus

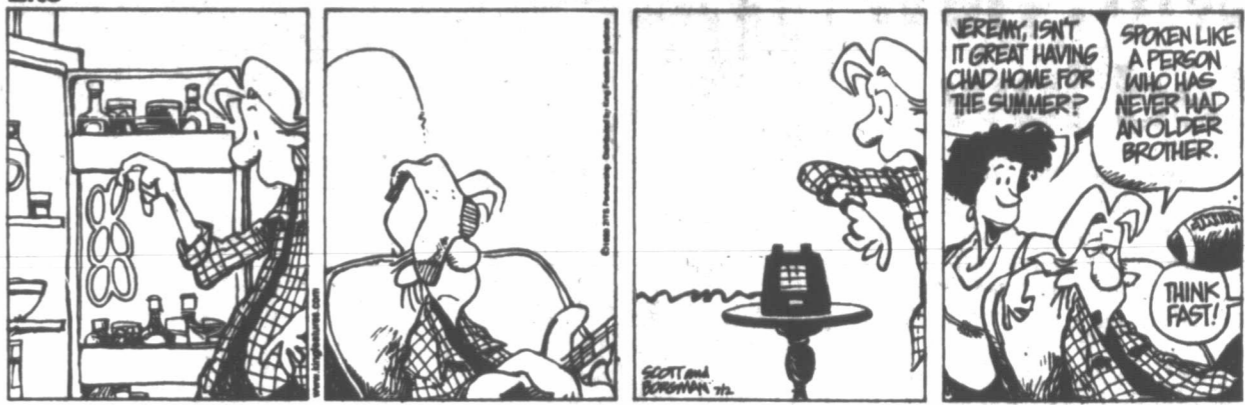


"I hafta go to the bathroom. Could you put the game on 'pause'?"

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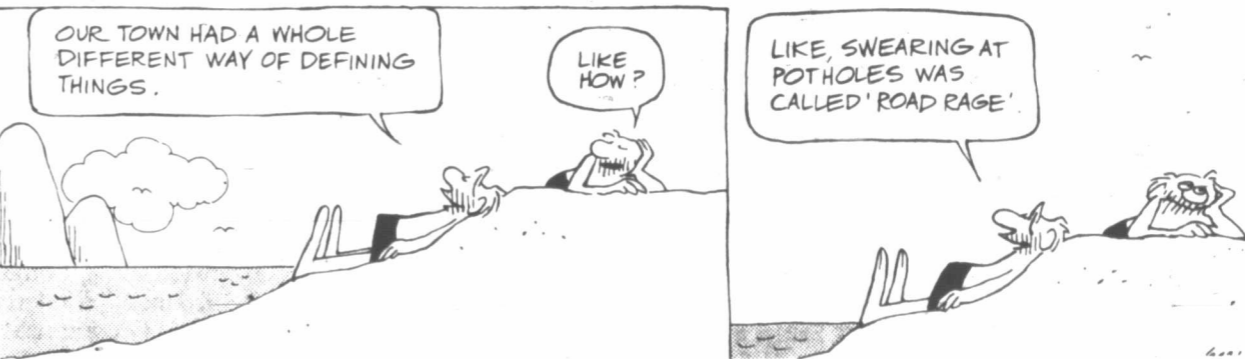
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Softball

There will be a men's softball tournament July 10 through the 11th at the Wheeler City Park. Entry fees for the tournament are \$100 per team or \$10 per person. Deadline for entries will be July 8th. For more information please contact Kristen Marion at (800) 826-5878 or Whitney Simmons at (800) 826-3719 or (800) 826-5679.

The City of Pampa Recreation Department will be offering the following leagues for Fall Softball: Men's Open, Women's open, and Mixed Open.

The entry fees or sponsor's fees for teams are \$200.00 per team (\$185.00 if the team is already sanctioned). The player's fee is \$12.00 per player with a minimum of 11 persons for Mens Open and Womens Open, and 12 persons for Mixed Open.

The entry deadline is July 13, 1998 at 5:00 p.m. There will be no teams added after this date.

Schedules will be available after 1:00 p.m. on July 16, 1998 at the Recreation Office. Play will begin on July 20 for Mens Open and Womens Open, and July 21 for Mixed Open.

Roster forms, fact sheets and bylaws are available at the Recreation Office at 816 S. Hobart between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

If you have any questions or would like more information on the Fall Softball Leagues, please contact the Recreation Office at 669-5770 during business hours.

Basketball

Entries are now being accepted for the 1998 Streetball Challenge. The region's largest 3-on-3 basketball event is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, July 25-26, in the streets of downtown Amarillo. All teams are guaranteed a minimum of three games.

This is the seventh consecutive year that Kids, Incorporated has brought the event to Amarillo. The 1997 event witnessed 322 teams competing in forty-two divisions. The event is open to individuals ages eight and older. Teams will be placed in divisions with players of similar age and ability.

The fee for entries received or postmarked by Friday, July 17, is \$80. A \$90 fee will be imposed on all entries received or postmarked after Friday, July 17. The deadline for all team entries is Tuesday, July 21. Entry forms are available at any Toot'n Totum location in Amarillo, Buck's Sporting Goods, the offices of Kids, Incorporated at 820 W. 8th, or via the internet at www.kidsinc.org.

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Utah Jazz coach Jerry Sloan has signed a three-year contract.

The agreement, which runs through the 2000-2001 season, was finalized while Sloan was in Utah for last week's NBA draft.

"It's done," Jazz general manager Tim Howells told The Salt Lake Tribune, which quoted him in a copyright story.

Sloan, 56, Utah's head coach since Dec. 9, 1988, had one year remaining on his contract. Howells said Sloan signed a "completely new" deal with the Jazz, not simply a two-year extension.

Terms were not released. Last season, Sloan guided the Jazz to a 62-20 record and a second straight trip to the NBA Finals, where the team lost to the Chicago Bulls.

"Jerry is a great coach who embodies the ethics and values of this organization," Howells said. "A lot of the positive notoriety our team has received the last few years is a direct reflection on Jerry."

Dodgers rally against Wetteland for 7-5 win

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — From 1985-91, John Wetteland was an erratic pitcher in the Los Angeles Dodgers' organization. He's polished his act since then, and when he blows a save opportunity these days, it's a rare event.

Wednesday night was one of those times.

Eric Karros' two-run double capped a ninth-inning rally against the All-Star closer that was helped along by a Texas error on a potential game-ending double-play grounder, giving the Dodgers a 7-5 victory over the Rangers.

"John Wetteland is a tremendous closer," Dodgers manager Glenn Hoffman said. "To get Wetteland like that at the end, down to the last strike, a lot of guys showed me something. A lot of guys picked up the team."

Wetteland (2-1), named to his second All-Star team earlier in the day, entered the ninth with a 5-4 lead. He gave up a one-out single to Wilton Guerrero before second baseman Mark McLemore booted Jim Eisenreich's potential game-ending grounder.

One out later, Gary Sheffield singled home Guerrero, tying the game. Karros then hit a liner into the right-field corner, scoring Eisenreich and Sheffield to hand Texas its first loss in 43 games when leading after eight innings.

It was Wetteland's third blown save in 25 chances as Texas dropped its fourth straight.

McLemore tried to hurry on Eisenreich's seemingly routine grounder, and in retrospect, McLemore felt he should have settled for the out at first.

"I was trying to do too much," McLemore said. "I was just trying to keep the run out of scoring position. I should have just got the out at first base. We've got John Wetteland out there and he's going to get the next guy."

Wetteland took his share of the blame, especially giving up the hit to Sheffield on an 0-2 pitch.

"The record will show I was one pitch away from getting the job done and I didn't get the job done," Wetteland said.

Scott Radinsky (3-4) pitched the eighth for the win and Antonio Osuna got three outs for his sixth save. Raul Mondesi homered, tripled and drove in three runs for the Dodgers, who have won four of five.

Osuna has a chance to nail down the closer's role, and he's trying to take advantage.

"It's the opportunity I've been working for," Osuna said through an interpreter. "Coming from behind is a big one for us. That's the situation I've liked to pitch in all my life."

The Rangers trailed 4-0 before rallying to take a 5-4 lead in the sixth when Tom Goodwin scored Roberto Kelly was in a rundown between first and second.

The Rangers tied the game 4-4 on two-out singles by Fernando Tatis, Goodwin and Kelly off reliever Greg McMichael.

With McLemore batting, McMichael faked a throw to third, then fired to first. Kelly had already taken off in an attempt to steal second, and Goodwin dashed home from third before the Dodgers completed the rundown of Kelly.

"We didn't execute the play all the way through, but give credit to Goody," Hoffman said. "There are guys who are just flyers and he's one of them. He was just a blur."

Todd Van Poppel gave up four runs and eight hits in six innings for the Rangers. He struck out five and walked one while winning for the second time in three starts since being called up from Triple-A Oklahoma on June 20.

Mondesi gave Los Angeles a 2-0 lead with a two-run homer in the first inning. He also had an RBI triple in the third before coming home on Sheffield's sacrifice fly to make it 4-0.

Texas rallied against starter Dennis Reyes in the third on run-scoring doubles by Kelly and Ivan Rodriguez and McLemore's RBI single.

First Bank victorious; champs

First Bank Southwest defeated Dean's Pharmacy in Tuesday Evening's 9-10 year old championship game by a final score of 14-4.

In the top of the first inning, First Bank jumped to a quick start, scoring five quick runs. Nick Robbins got on base with an infield hit, and was followed by Stucki Grant, who nialied an R.B.I. double to score the runner, Robbins. Consecutive walks to Brett Ferrell, Robbie Dixon, Corin Biehler, and Julian Nickolas helped give First Bank their five quick runs.

In the bottom of the first inning Dean's answered back with a run as Craig Stone singled, Eric Kingcade singled and Jake Craig had a sacrifice fly to score Stone, making the score 5-1 in favor of First Bank after one inning of play. Both teams were scoreless in the second inning.

Grant Stucki started things rolling for First Bank in the top of the third inning with his second double of the night. Stucki then stole third before scoring on an R.B.I. single by Robbie Dixon.

In the bottom of the third inning, Tyler Klein reached first base on an error, and was followed by a Craig Stone triple that brought Klein in. Eric Kingcade then connected for an R.B.I. single to score Stone, and then stole second base and later went on to third after a passball and then scored on an Andrew Van Houtensacrifice fly to right field, to make the score 6-4 after a complete three innings of play.

First Bank would go on to hold Dean's Pharmacy scoreless the rest of the way, and score two more runs in the top of the fourth and then six more runs in the top of the fifth inning to take the championship by a final score of 14-4.

First Bank, the league and tournament champions, compiled an overall record of 15 wins, no losses, and one tie. Manager Robert Dixon, Coach David Ferrell and assistants Lonnie Robbie and Marie Hickman all deserve a special congratulations as they put together a very fine ball club.

The season ended this week but the 9-10 year-old All-Stars will begin practice before travelling to Andrews, Texas on July 11. The All-Stars will be coached by Robert Dixon, David Ferrell, and Larry Craig. The All-Stars are as follows: Jake Craig, Braydon Barker, Weston Teichman, Eric Kingcade, Grant Stucki, Brett Ferrell, Robbie Dixon, Reese Dills, Brodie Smith, Trevor Thomas, Tyson Hickman, Tyler Klein, and Jared Moler. This club will represent Pampa against other all-star squads in Andrews and will hopefully advance past Andrews to face other squads from Texas and beyond. This club will represent Pampa very well and we wish them good luck.

Pampa Optimist Club 10-12 Softball Champions



First Bank Southwest claimed the ages 10-12 softball championship this season. Members of the squad include (front row left to right) Shannon Smith, Lacie Long, Teryn Garner, Jennie Rogers, Ashlee Lucas, and Ashlee Ferguson. In the middle row left to right are Amber Asher, Keisha Childress, Chelsey Davis, Robin Reidle, and Patricia Jones. On the top row are coaches Terry Garner and Steven Rogers.

As usual, some get All-Star snub

By TOM WITHERS
AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Kerry Wood didn't mind, Brian Jordan did and Rafael Palmeiro expected it.

All three players were passed over Wednesday when All-Star game reserves for both leagues were named for next week's game at Coors Field in Denver.

Wood was among the most noteworthy omissions by NL manager Jim Leyland, who selected five of his former Florida players, but couldn't find room for Jordan, the NL's leading hitter.

"What are you going to do?" Jordan said. "What are you going to do?"

Wood, who tied a major league record with 20 strikeouts in a nine-inning game this season, got the news he wasn't an All-Star after striking out 13 in eight innings of a win over Arizona on Wednesday.

"I wasn't expecting to make it," Wood said. "Maybe next year."

One of his teammates thinks Wood belongs among the stars. "I think baseball missed a big chance to get great ratings," Mark Grace said. "They could market it 'Kerry Wood starts against the best American League hitters.' That's the one that's an oversight. That kid is too good to not go."

Another Cub too good not to go was Sammy Sosa, who has 33 homers. He finished sixth among NL outfielders in the fan vote, but was placed on the team by Leyland.

Despite having a banner year, Palmeiro didn't get a nod from Cleveland manager Mike Hargrove, who made Boston's Mo Vaughn the backup for starter Jim Thome at first.

"Some guys are going to be left out when you have so many great players at one position, as we have at first base in the American League," he said.

Leyland named five members of the 1997 World Series championship team that were traded away in an offseason payroll purge by Florida management. Moises Alou (Astros), Kevin Brown (Padres), Robb Nen (Giants), Gary Sheffield (Dodgers) and Devon White (Diamondbacks) will now join Edgar Renteria, the lone representative from this year's club, for a mile-high Marlins reunion.

"It's nice that we're pretty well-represented from our championship team," Leyland said. "But that's the way it should be. We won the World Series."

Meanwhile, the New York Yankees, snubbed by fans in the starter's vote, had five players picked. However, 11-game winner David Cone and Hideki Irabu, the AL's ERA leader, both were left off, as were Boston's Nomar Garciaparra, Chicago's Frank Thomas and Texas' Rick Helling (11 wins).

Cone might have been eliminated because he'll make his next start on Sunday, and would not have been available to pitch.

"A lot of things aren't fair about the All-Star game," he said.

Gillom suprised to get coaching job

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — Van Chancellor interrupted when someone called him recently, inquiring about a good hire for the vacant Texas A&M women's basketball coaching job.

Chancellor said he had a better choice, his assistant coach. From there, the selection

process quickly focused on Peggie Gillom, who was hired last week and formally presented Wednesday at a news conference at Reed Arena as the Lady Aggies' sixth women's coach.

"It is every assistant coach's dream to become a head coach, but at the right situation," she said.

"There have been opportunities for me before, but I feel this is the right situation for me because of the commitment and support here."

Gillom accepted the A&M job Thursday and coached her last game with the Comets on Monday.

The only one of three finalists without head coaching experience, Gillom's people skills and experience as an assistant earned her a five-year contract with a guaranteed package of \$198,000 per year.

She can earn extra money through summer camps and incentive bonuses.

Shannon Smith, Lacie Long, Teryn Garner, Jennie Rogers, Ashlee Lucas, and Ashlee Ferguson. In the middle row left to right are Amber Asher, Keisha Childress, Chelsey Davis, Robin Reidle, and Patricia Jones. On the top row are coaches Terry Garner and Steven Rogers.

David Wells, whose perfect game on May 17 is this season's top moment, was among the Yankees chosen to represent the team with baseball's best record. Shortstop Derek Jeter, third baseman Scott Brosius and outfielders Bernie Williams and Paul O'Neill also were selected.

"I think it's a recognition of what we've done as a team," said Brosius, a first time All-Star. "It's a team honor for all of us."

Hargrove also has five of his players, with pitcher Bartolo Colon, catcher Sandy Alomar Jr. and shortstop Omar Vizquel joining Thome and outfielder Kenny Lofton, both elected as starters.

Vizquel, who has won five straight Gold Gloves, is one of 14 AL players who'll play in their first All-Star game.

Four Atlanta Braves were picked as reserves, giving them the most All-Stars with six. Tom Glavine and Greg Maddux were selected for the pitching staff, Javy Lopez will be a backup catcher and Andres Galarraga will be a backup first baseman. Walt Weiss was elected to start at shortstop and Chipper Jones was voted the starter at third.

San Diego will have five players on the team, including pitchers Brown, Andy Ashby and Trevor Hoffman. Greg Vaughn was selected as a backup outfielder and Tony Gwynn was voted to start.

Leyland rounded out his pitching staff with Rick Reed of the Mets, a replacement player three years ago; Philadelphia's Curt Schilling; Cincinnati's Jeff Shaw; and Montreal's Ugueth Urbina.

"The road that I've taken to get where I am right now has been a long bumpy road, but they always say hard work pays off and it has paid off," said Reed, who broke in with Pittsburgh in 1988.

Pedro Martinez and Tom Gordon of the Red Sox were selected for the AL staff, which also includes former Boston pitchers Roger Clemens (now with Toronto) and Aaron Sele (now with Texas). Other AL pitchers are Rolando Arrojo of Tampa Bay, Troy Percival of Anaheim, Brad Radke of Minnesota and John Wetteland of Texas.

Arrojo and Oakland outfielder Ben Grieve were the only rookies selected for the game. The hometown Rockies, who have outfielder Larry Walker in the starting lineup, added a pair of reserves in third baseman Vinny Castilla and outfielder Dante Bichette.

Backup AL infielders include Ray Durham (White Sox), Damion Easley (Tigers), Dean Palmer (Royals) and Mo Vaughn (Red Sox). Anaheim's Darin Erstad will be a reserve outfielder.

Pittsburgh's Jason Kendall will be a backup catcher in the NL, and the reserve infielders include Milwaukee's Fernando Vina.

Wells celebrates all-star selection

Hours after making his first All-Star team, David Wells showed why he belongs on the AL squad.

Wells pitched seven strong innings and Tino Martinez drove in four runs to lead the New York Yankees to a 5-2 victory over the Philadelphia Phillies on Wednesday night.

Wells (11-2) held the Phillies to one earned run and extended his streak of innings without a walk to 36.

"I had no breaking ball whatsoever," said Wells, one of five Yankees picked for the AL All-Star team earlier in the day. "If you don't have your best stuff, you have to pull a rabbit out of your hat."

Wells won for the eighth time in nine starts, and Mariano Rivera got five outs for his 20th save in 23 chances.

The Yankees got all the offense they needed from Martinez, who broke out of a slump with a two-run homer in the second and a two-run single in the fifth.

"I was just happy I was able to come through," said Martinez, who was 18-for-101 (.178) since being hit in the back by a pitch from Baltimore's Armando Benitez in mid-May. "I just want to be consistent and I haven't been doing that."

The Yankees won for the sixth time in seven games and improved to 12-3 against NL teams, the best interleague mark in the majors. Scott Rolen homered for the Phillies, who lost their fourth in a row.

In other interleague games, it was Toronto 15, New York Mets 10; San Diego 8, Oakland 4; Detroit 9, Pittsburgh 1; Boston 6, Montreal 1; Minnesota 2, Cincinnati 1; Atlanta 6, Tampa Bay 5; Florida 5, Baltimore 3; Cleveland 5, Milwaukee 2; Kansas City 6, St. Louis 4; Los Angeles 7, Texas 5; Houston 10, Chicago White Sox 4; Seattle 9, Colorado 5; and San Francisco 6, Anaheim 3 in 10 innings.

In the only non-interleague game, the Chicago Cubs beat Arizona 6-4 in the NL.

Mariners 9, Rockies 5

Ken Griffey Jr. hit his AL-leading 34th home run and David Segui, left off the AL All-Star team earlier in the day, hit two homers for Seattle.

Griffey went 4-for-5 with three doubles, giving him a major league-leading 56 extra-base hits. Segui hit a solo shot in the third and a two-run homer in the fifth. Edgar Martinez also homered for the host Mariners, who lead the majors with 133 homers even though they're in last place in the AL West.

Blue Jays 15, Mets 10

Alex Gonzalez hit a three-run homer in an eight-run eighth inning for Toronto, which had its biggest offensive day of the season.

The Blue Jays, who won for the eighth time in 10 games, scored their most runs since beating Milwaukee 15-7 on July 13, 1996. Edgardo Alfonzo homered twice for the visiting Mets.

Padres 8, Athletics 4
Greg Vaughn hit his 28th homer, a controversial three-run shot, and Kevin Brown got his 10th win for San Diego at Oakland.

Vaughn, named an NL All-Star reserve before the game, got credit for his fourth-inning homer after an appeal to the umpires — who first ruled the ball hit the center-field wall and was in play. The Padres argued that the ball bounced off a camera booth beyond the wall, and the umpires eventually agreed.

Tigers 9, Pirates 1

Seth Greisinger (1-3) held Pittsburgh to five hits in eight innings for his first major league victory.

The host Pirates were in danger of being shut out for the third time in four games until scoring in the eighth on Doug Strange's sacrifice fly. Bobby Higginson had a two-run double in a three-run fifth for Detroit.

Red Sox 6, Expos 1

At Boston, Bret Saberhagen pitched seven innings of three-hit ball and Nomar Garciaparra

extended his hitting streak to 22 games for the Red Sox.

Saberhagen (10-5) retired the first 10 batters and had still faced the minimum before Shane Andrews homered with one out in the sixth. That was the only run allowed by the two-time Cy Young Award winner, who struck out five and walked none.

Twins 2, Reds 1

Brad Radke, Minnesota's lone All-Star representative, got his ninth win as the Twins halted Cincinnati's five-game winning streak.

Radke (9-6) allowed nine hits and struck out four in six innings after being named to his first All-Star team earlier in the day. Rick Aguilera pitched a perfect bottom of the ninth for his 17th save.

Braves 6, Devil Rays 5

Chipper Jones' second homer of the game — a two-run, two-out shot off Roberto Hernandez in the ninth inning — lifted Atlanta to victory at Tampa Bay.

Jones lined a 1-1 pitch over the right-field wall after Walt Weiss singled off Hernandez (0-3), who was trying to protect a 5-4 lead the Devil Rays took with two runs in the eighth.

Marlins 5, Orioles 3

Livan Hernandez won his fourth straight decision as Florida handed host Baltimore its eighth straight loss.

Florida scored two runs in the first inning without a hit and never trailed en route to its ninth win in 13 games. Hernandez (7-4) gave up three runs and 10 hits in 7 2-3 innings.

Indians 5, Brewers 2

All-Stars Jim Thome and Omar Vizquel each drove in two runs and Kenny Lofton had three hits as Cleveland snapped a three-game losing streak by winning at Milwaukee.

Lofton added a season-high three steals and scored twice for the Indians. Dave Burba (10-5) allowed two runs and four hits in 6 2-3 innings, and Mike Jackson pitched the ninth for his 18th save.

Royals 6, Cardinals 4

Tim Belcher won for the fifth time in six decisions, and Jeff Conine and Dean Palmer each had three RBIs as host Kansas City won for the eighth time in 10 games.

Mark McGwire, who hit his major league-leading 37th homer the previous night, went 0-for-3 with a walk and two strikeouts for St. Louis. The Cardinals have lost seven of eight.

Dodgers 7, Rangers 5

Los Angeles won at Texas as Eric Karros' two-run double capped a three-run rally in the ninth inning off All-Star closer John Wetteland.

Wetteland (2-1) entered the ninth with a 5-4 lead, but he gave up a one-out single to Wilton Guerrero before second baseman Mark McLemore booted Jim Eisenreich's potential game-ending, double-play grounder.

One out later, Gary Sheffield singled home Guerrero. Karros then hit a liner into the right-field corner to hand Texas its first loss in 43 games when leading after eight innings.

Cubs 6, Diamondbacks 4

Chicago rookie Kerry Wood, left off the NL All-Star team, struck out 13 in eight innings and improved his home record to 6-0.

Wood (8-3) gave up two runs and three hits. Sammy Sosa, who hit a record 20 homers in June, began July with a pair of RBI doubles for the Cubs.

Astros 10, White Sox 4

At Houston, Moises Alou drove in four runs and Sean Berry tied his career-high with four hits as the Astros continued their scoring splurge.

Alou hit a two-run double in the first inning and a two-run homer in the seventh. Jeff Bagwell added a two-run homer in the eighth for the Astros, who have scored 48 runs in their last four games.

Giants 6, Angels 3

Bill Mueller hit a three-run homer in the 10th inning after failing in two sacrifice attempts, lifting San Francisco to victory at Anaheim.

Lockout continues

NEW YORK (AP) — The NBA players union secured several lines of credit from major banks and received promises of financial assistance from the baseball, football and hockey unions on the first full day of the league's lockout.

The union also filed a grievance with arbitrator John Feerick, who ruled in the Latrell Sprewell case, on behalf of the 200-plus players with guaranteed contracts — including 11 who were supposed to be paid this month.

On a busy day of developments in the labor stalemate, it was also learned that CBS and Fox are considering televising exhibition games involving NBA free agents if the lockout lasts into the fall.

The heads of the two network sports divisions also have talked about creating a new league if the 1998-99 NBA season ends up being canceled.

"If you look at it, it's a lot easier to start a rival basketball league than a football league," agent Mark Fleisher said. "The rosters are only 11 or 12 deep, rather than 45 or 50 in football, almost a third of the NBA's players just became free agents and arenas are easier to secure than stadiums."

"Also, you have Michael Jordan unsure of what he'll do. What if you offered him \$100 million to join a start-up league. You'd be immediately viable right there," Fleisher said.

With both sides expecting a protracted deadlock, financial matters were foremost on the minds of the union.

In addition to securing lines of credit from several banks for any players who run low on money during a long lockout, the union received loan promises from NFL Players Association executive director Gene Upshaw, baseball union leader Donald Fehr and NHL Players Association director Bob Goodenow.

Kenny Anderson of the Boston Celtics on Wednesday became the first player to miss a paycheck. His contract calls for him to receive his entire 1998-99 salary of \$5.8 million on July 1.

Rookie of the year Tim Duncan and union officers Dikembe Mutombo and Jim McIlvaine also are due to receive portions of their salary during the month of July.

Even though Anderson didn't go unpaid until July 1, the union claims the NBA and the Celtics committed an "anticipatory breach of contract" by announcing their intentions on June 29.

"But aside from the procedural deficiencies, we're confident there's no merit to their claim that players should be paid during a lockout," NBA attorney Jeffrey Mishkin said.

CBS and Fox took a direct shot at commissioner David Stern by exploring different ventures with locked-out players. The two networks were angered last month when Stern expressed interest in a new football league being developed by NBC and Turner Sports.

Promoters from around the world have already contacted the players association about the possibility of an exhibition tour.

Players under contract for next season and beyond would likely stay away from exhibition games, fearing a breach of their contracts, but the 150 or so current free agents — including Jordan, Scottie Pippen, Charles Barkley and Dennis Rodman — would form a large talent pool.

In other lockout-related news, an exhibition game scheduled for July 14 in Auburn Hills, Mich., between the U.S. world championship team and the Goodwill Games team was canceled.

The 12 NBA players originally chosen for the world championships were removed from the team last month when they refused to play in the event of a lockout. A replacement team will be chosen after a tryout camp is held July 8-14 in Chicago.

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Vikings entertain offers

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — There were some surprises among the offers to buy the Minnesota Vikings: Roger Headrick is out, and at least one mystery bidder is in.

Headrick, one of 10 current owners, proceeded with plans to submit an offer for the second time this year until shortly before Wednesday's deadline, according to his assistant. But he apparently decided his contentious relationship with the other owners, who repeatedly have criticized him publicly, was too big an obstacle to overcome.

Headrick did not return telephone calls to The Associated Press on Wednesday.

"I just felt that the way this whole thing has been strung out so long, and the way they structured the bidding process and the terms — and really, what they said publicly — it just wasn't in my interest to pursue it," Headrick told the Star Tribune.

Two of the bidders came as no surprise as Glen Taylor and Red McCombs submitted offers.

Team attorney John Mooty refused to say exactly how many bids came in by the deadline, preferring to wait until the owners began studying the offers today.

"We know that there are more than three, but I don't know how many," owner John Skoglund said. "And I won't know until (this) morning."

The owners could have a decision today, but a more likely scenario would be an announcement on Friday or Monday.

"It seems to me that if we've got a number of bids or if we want to have some discussion

with the best bidders, that could pretty well take up Thursday and Friday," owner Jaye Dyer said.

When bids first were taken in February, Tom Clancy's \$200 million offer was chosen over offers from Headrick (\$186 million) and McCombs (\$178.5 million). But Clancy didn't have enough money to make good on his offer, and it fell apart last month.

This time around, Taylor, who owns the NBA's Minnesota Timberwolves, widely is believed to be the leading candidate, especially with Headrick out of the picture. His local roots, success with the Wolves, political connections from his days as a state senator and a personal fortune estimated around \$1.5 billion all make him appealing.

"I think he'd have to stand out," Skoglund said.

Taylor has tried to downplay that role.

"Whatever way it works out, I know that we've done our job," he said. "I won't have any regrets however it works out."

Taylor wouldn't say how much he offered to pay. He confirmed that he has 14 partners, including Les Alexander, owner of the NBA's Houston Rockets.

"The other people are 'known' Minnesotans," he said.

Dyer, who has been perceived as Headrick's closest ally among the owners, gave Headrick a rare public vote of confidence Wednesday before Headrick decided to back out.

That's something none of the owners were willing to do in recent months as their relationship with Headrick deteriorated.

"The easiest transition we could make would be to Roger," Dyer said. "He knows the people, he knows whose salary is subject to review, who's been waiting in the wings to discuss a possible (pay) increase. All of that sort of thing he is intimate with, and (the team) would just be his to handle. So from that standpoint, he would be ideal."

McCombs, a loquacious San Antonio businessman, has been conspicuously quiet since learning the Vikings were using Clancy's \$200 million offer as a target price in the second round of bidding. However, the owners have softened recently on that target.

McCombs, active this week in trying to help bring the 2000 National Republican Convention to San Antonio, was unavailable for comment Wednesday.

If Taylor is the highest bidder, the Vikings' decision will be easy. He received positive feedback everywhere he turned while he was considering making a bid, including at NFL headquarters in New York, at the state Capitol in St. Paul and on a downtown Minneapolis street Monday.

"People in cars recognized me and stopped," Taylor said. "That's the fans."

He was easy to recognize on the front of a newspaper Wednesday, when a caricature of him dominated the front of the sports section.

"I laugh at it," Taylor said of the caricature. "I've got a good sense of humor. My mother might not appreciate it. I was in politics too long to worry about it."

All-Star's get big bonuses

NEW YORK (AP) — Big homers meant big money for Mark McGwire when he was elected to the NL All-Star team.

The St. Louis Cardinals first baseman, who has 37 homers, will get \$150,000 in All-Star related bonuses, according to a contract study by The Associated Press.

McGwire, who has an \$8 million base salary, gets a \$50,000 bonus because he was elected to start in Tuesday

night's game at Denver, and another \$100,000 for leading NL players in fan voting.

Cal Ripken was No. 2 on the bonus list. The Baltimore third baseman, an All-Star for the 16th consecutive season, gets \$100,000 added to his \$6.3 million base.

Orioles second baseman Roberto Alomar was third, with a \$75,000 bonus.

The most popular All-Star bonus was \$50,000,

with 24 players getting that amount. Sixteen players get \$25,000. Gary Sheffield gets \$20,000, two get \$15,000 and two get \$10,000.

Just 12 All-Star players didn't get any bonus money: Barry Bonds, Bartolo Colon, Tom Glavine, Ben Grieve, Derek Jeter, Greg Maddux, Pedro Martinez, Mike Piazza, Edgar Renteria, Jeff Shaw, Sammy Sosa and Fernando Vina.

Fami-Lee holds reunion before the millenium, has 100 million members

BOSTON (AP) — Imagine a family with almost 100 million members worldwide. Lined up side-by-side for a family photo, the relatives would stretch around the world one-and-a-half times.

The Lee family — or Li, depending on how you transliterate it from Chinese — is so big it even has its own credit union, worth \$22 million. It is considered taboo to marry another Lee.

"Technically speaking, when you're married to a Lee, you're not expanding. You're downsizing. You have to bring other surnames into the flock," said Yon Lee, one of nearly

500 Lees here this week for the family's last mass reunion before the millenium. Downsizing doesn't appear to be a problem.

Lee recently edged out Chang (or Zhang) as the largest surname in China, and, therefore, the world. There are about 100,000 Lees in the United States alone.

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Summer school program



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