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LOCAL

Canadian car show to benefit youth fund

CANADIAN - Canadian's annual 4th of July Benefit Car Show begins at 11 a.m. at the Jones Pavilion Center, north of Canadian, next to the rodeo grounds. All proceeds go to the Hemphill County Youth Fund. Vehicles to be shown will be divided into the following classes with awards presented in all classes: Pre-60 Classic, 60 & Up Classic, Pre-70 Pick-up, 70 & Up Pick-up, Harley Davidson Motorcycle, Other Motorcycle, Street Rod, Muscle Car, and Special Interest.

Door prizes will be presented throughout the day and dash plaques and goody bags for the first 100 entries. Car show participants will also receive a coupon for two to see a special showing at The Palace Theatre. Entry fee is \$10. For entry and details, contact Billy or Rick Zenor, Canadian Parts, 1010 S. 2nd St., or call (806) 323-6552 or (806) 323-6556.

STATE

Fed's driving crackdown to target Texas drivers

DALLAS (AP) — It took the shiny burn scars on his forearms and the deaths of his wife and daughter in a traffic accident with a drunken driver to convince Carlos Ybarra that he himself shouldn't drink and drive. Federal, state and local officials are hoping a strong injection of TV ads and intensified enforcement of drunken driving laws around the Fourth of July holiday will have the same effect on Texas drivers.

DEATHS

Douglas N. Banister, 21, grandson of Pampan.
Kenneth A. Dunn, 71, Colorado native.
Johnnie Morris Rowe, 66, G.E. retiree.

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Celebrating July 4th: Pampa-style

Fireworks, program planned for Friday at Recreation Park

By **DEE DEE LARAMORE**
 EDITOR

"Rockets red glare, bombs bursting in air," a patriotic program, and hot dogs are on the menu for the City of Pampa's annual Independence Day Celebration, Friday, at Recreation Park, one mile east of Pampa on U.S. Highway 60.

"The pyrotechnics showed up at 11 p.m. Monday," said Bill Hildebrandt, City of Pampa public service director. "I've got them safely stored and locked up."

The fireworks - 420 pounds of pyrotechnics provided by Western Enterprises of Carrier, Okla., range in size from one-inch to six-inch casings.

"Once again we have shooter Steve Lindell, who is real good at what he does," Hildebrandt said. "We're going to have a good show - at least as good as we've ever had."

Recent rains lessen the danger of



(Courtesy photo)

Rick Crosswhite dressed as Uncle Sam and Bill Daves as a Revolutionary War Soldier show some of the costumes used in Calvary Baptist Church's patriotic program to be presented at Recreation Park on July 4.

grass fires caused by the pyrotechnics and that "will make things a lot calmer," he said.

This year's July 4th Celebration will again include music and drama per-

formed by members of a local church.

For the fifth year in a row, except for last year's rain-out, Pampa's Calvary Baptist Church members will present the patriotic program. "One

Nation Under God," prior to the annual fireworks display.

The church generally sets up near the group shelter building at the north end of Recreation Park. Hildebrandt said.

The program, presented on a portable stage with a 19-foot x 26-foot American flag backdrop, will contain musical selections by the Calvary Praise Band and the Adult Choir.

In between the songs will be appearances by Abe Lincoln, George Washington, Paul Revere, the Statue of Liberty, a New York firefighter's wife, and several other characters from the pages of history.

The patriotic program, directed by Gary Jameson, starts at 8 p.m. At the conclusion of the presentation, Uncle Sam will lead the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the choir singing the National Anthem.

The entire audience will be served free hot dogs, beginning at 7 p.m. by Calvary Baptist Church.

Hildebrandt said he has already received calls from the public asking when the fireworks display begins.

"The bottom line is, the show starts

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Low water sales concern for city

By **MIRANDA G. BAILEY**
 FOR THE NEWS

Even with next year's tentative \$15 million dollar city budget projected to be about \$300,000 less than this year's, water conservation was still a major topic of discussion during the city commission's work session Tuesday night.

The third budget work session, scheduled to result in an

adopted budget by July 25, consisted primarily of departmental reports. But during the four hours of listening to each department's projected budget figures for next year, the commission spent a considerable amount of time discussing the need to re-evaluate a pressing, more volatile budgetary expense - water.

With the wet month of June, financial director John Horst

reported that city water sales plummeted adding to water-related revenue concerns. The city is off about \$9,000 in water sales budgeted for June, he said, and waste water sales were also disappointing.

"We are \$200,000 in the red right now," Horst said of this year's water budget. "If we continue to drop, we won't make it up."

To compensate for budget-

ary shortages, commissioners discussed the possibility of making water rate changes next year for those entities who receive water at minimum or fixed rates, and in some cases, free of charge.

"I also don't want fixed income citizens or seniors to subsidize these," Commissioner Jeff Andrews said. "To say the least, we've got to do conservation."

Optimist Park, the Pampa Soccer Association and the cemetery all receive city water on minimum or fixed rates that entitle them to unlimited water usage. Gray County is able to take city water for free from water hydrants for road work and fires.

"To those organizations we need to either cover our cost or

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Gray County plans technology update

By **DAVID BOWSER**
 STAFF WRITER

Gray County is updating and upgrading its technology.

The Gray County Commissioners Tuesday authorized County Judge Richard Peet to apply for a crime victim's notification system that would allow victim's to track the status of those who committed violent crimes against them.

District Attorney Rick Roach told the commissioners court during their special meeting Tuesday that the four other counties that make up the 31st Judicial District along with Gray County had approved applications for

the system.

By law, the county is required under certain conditions to notify victims when the perpetrators of crimes are released from custody. The VINE system, an acronym for Victim Information and Notification Everyday, automatically updates the status of offenders, whether it's a release from custody or trial dates.

Dr. Gary Walker, Texas VINE program manager, told the commissioners that the state legislature is funding the project, and it shouldn't cost the county anything. The state provides the computers, dedicated phone lines, soft-

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(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

Commissioners Gerald Wright, center, and James Hefley, right, listen to Dr. Gary Walker talk about the state-funding victims notification system concerning violent offenders during Tuesday's special meeting of the Gray County Commissioners Court while Sandra Martin, the county judge's secretary looks on.

Man charged in murder transferred to Amarillo

By **DAVID BOWSER**
 STAFF WRITER

Kenneth Lloyd Dean was in Potter County jail today in lieu of \$25,000 bond after being charged with murder in the death of Charles Douglas Alexander.

Dean was arrested Monday morning in Pampa after calling police here.

Lt. Gary Trupe of the Amarillo Special Crimes Unit said both men have ties to Pampa.

Police officers in Pampa, responding to a 911 call about 7 a.m. Monday, went to 211 N. Nelson where they found Dean in a t-shirt and sandals, his head bleeding.

After questioning Dean, Pampa officers called the Amarillo Police

Department and asked them to check on a house at 1105 N. Spring in East Amarillo, the house that Dean gives as his home address. Amarillo officers found Alexander's bludgeoned body in the weathered white frame house.

Dean was taken to Pampa Regional Medical Center by Rural Metro Ambulance Service for treatment of injuries to his scalp and right hand. Pampa police records indicate Dean was arrested at the hospital shortly before 8 a.m. Monday in connection with the beating death of Alexander.

Two homicide detectives from the Amarillo Special Crimes Unit traveled to Pampa Monday morning to question Dean. After three hours, Dean was booked into Gray County

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New hot check clerk set up for JP's office

By **DAVID BOWSER**
 STAFF WRITER

Tina Bolton will soon be back at work processing hot checks.

Bolton, who had worked in the Gray County Attorney's office until about April as the hot check clerk, is now the hot check clerk for Gray County Justice of the Peace Kurt Curfman.

The new position is part of an out-of-court settlement designed to avoid a potentially expensive lawsuit against the county.

Gray County Attorney Todd Alvey said he fired Bolton earlier this spring. "We had some disagreements about some personal matters and what was going on in the office," Alvey said.

When Bolton threatened to file a whistle blower's lawsuit against the county, Gray County Judge Richard

Peet said the county commissioners court conferred in executive session last month with an attorney representing the insurance company that covers the county.

Based on the attorney's advice, the commissioners court chose to settle the dispute before a lawsuit was filed.

Judge Peet said that in negotiations with the plaintiff, the county was able to resolve the issue that could have cost the county a great deal of money.

As part of that settlement, the county created a new position for Bolton in Judge Curfman's office with the same pay, paid her back pay and reinstated county benefits including vacation time, longevity and insurance.

The insurance company is expected to pay her \$10,000, much less than the \$75,000 that her attorney had threatened.

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ON RECORD

POLICE

Pampa Police Department today reported the following incidents.

Monday, June 30

Mark Anthony Klepper, 46, 1200 N. Wells #29, was arrested on charges of criminal trespass.

A Staffordshire puppy was reported stolen in the 1100 block of South Christy.

A purse was reported stolen in the 1100 block of Gwendolyn.

A vehicle was reported stolen in the 200 block of Tyng.

A domestic dispute was reported in the 600 block of Roberta.

A CD player was stolen from a vehicle in the 1100 block of South Wells.

Tuesday, July 1

A rape was reported to the Pampa Police Department.

A bottle was thrown at a car in the 700 block of North Nelson.

Monday, June 30

A possible insurance scam was reported in the 300 block of North Dwight. An older, sharply dressed male was reported as attempting to obtain information on subjects that had handicap plates to get them to reveal information concerning their checking account.

Tuesday, July 1

Burglary was reported at 1233 N. Hobart with an undetermined amount of loss.

A report of assault on a family member was taken in the 700 block of North West. No injuries were reported.

Two juveniles displayed a firearm in the 300 block of North Wynne.

A report of theft was taken in the 300 block of East Brown. Six packages of meat were reported stolen with an estimated loss of \$60.

A report of theft was taken in the 200 block of East Brown. A gold heart charm was reportedly stolen at an estimated value of \$24.

Theft of gas was reported at 309 N. Hobart with an estimated loss of \$6.96.

AMBULANCE

Rural/Metro Ambulance reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Tuesday, July 1

9:29 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center and took a patient to Baptist-St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo.

4:07 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of Prairie Drive and transported one person to PRMC.

4:40 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Hobart and Somerville streets and took one to PRMC.

6:14 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing facility and transported one to PRMC.

7:44 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of North Wells on a call for lifting assistance.

10:48 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 700 block of Bradley and transported one to PRMC.

Wednesday, July 2

1:10 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported one to Veterans Administration Medical Center in Amarillo.

CORRECTION

In two articles printed regarding the beating death of a former Pampa resident in Amarillo, 211 N. Nelson was referred to as the father's address of Kenneth Lloyd Dean, who was arrested in connection with the incident. That is not the father's address. Dean family members said today.

In a front-page article Tuesday, an incorrect description was given for a man sought by police in connection with a recent shooting of five people on June 29. The suspect, Jesus Villegas Jr., is described by police as 5-foot, 11-inches tall, weighs approximately 280 pounds, and has multiple body tattoos.

SHERIFF

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

Tuesday, July 1

Clinton M. Oldham, 25, 921 S. Wells, was arrested on charges of failure to display a driver's license and failure to dim headlights.

Earl Jiles III, 37, 1109 Terry Rd., was arrested on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and no insurance.

Dale Rasmussen, 22, 1101 Garland, was arrested on charges of displaying expired registration.

Mark Klepper, 46, 1200 N. Wells, was arrested on charges of criminal trespass and public intoxication.

Melford Neil Hanks Sr., 47, 1214 S. Barnes, was arrested on charges of burglary of a building.

William David Wortham Jr., 1012 Prairie, was arrested on charges of violation of probation and possession of a controlled substance.

Amanda Butler, 24, Amarillo, was arrested on charges of failure to identify as a fugitive.

Rhonda C. Callaway, 36, Amarillo, was arrested on charges of theft by check.

Sixto Felipe Albear, 20, 1119 W. Ripley, was arrested on charges of intoxicated assault.

Michael Dennis, 42, 611 Barnes, was arrested on charges of criminal trespass and motion to revoke evading with a vehicle.

Tuesday, July 2

Billy Dale Bush, 47, 833 Gordon, was arrested on charges of public intoxication.

FIRE

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

Tuesday, July 1

4:08 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 1000 block of Prairie Drive.

4:40 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a minor motor vehicle collision at Hobart and Somerville streets.

9:22 p.m. — Two units and seven firefighters responded to a fire alarm at Pampa Regional Medical Center, One Medical Plaza. The alarm had malfunctioned due to a bad heat sensor in one of the units, fire officials said.

STOCKS

The following grain quotations are provided by Atebury Grain of Pampa.			Triad	24.20	-0.21
Wheat	2.77	XCEL	15.00	+0.18	
Milo	3.75	Kerr McGee	44.45	-0.41	
Corn	4.24	Limited	15.60	-0.01	
Soybeans	5.20	Williams	7.73	+0.14	
The following show prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation:			XOM	21.88	-0.06
OXY	33.81	+0.14	Exxon Mobil	36.00	-0.18
The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa.			Atmos	24.82	+0.07
BP	41.34	-0.71	Pioneer Nat	26.19	-0.03
Celanese	24.25	+0.10	Penney's	16.43	-0.19
Cabot Corp	28.60	+0.13	COP	54.82	-0.21
Cabot Oil Gas	27.57	-0.14	SLB	47.89	+0.04
Coca Cola	46.34	-0.15	Tenneco	3.89	+0.04
VLO	35.95	-0.19	CVX	72.26	-0.19
HAL	22.78	+0.06	Wal-Mart	55.05	+0.70
			OKE	20.04	-0.02
			NS Grp	9.71	+0.13
			New York Gold	351.00	
			Silver	4.58	
			West Texas Crude	30.40	

ACCIDENTS

Pampa Police Department today reported the following accidents.

Sunday, June 29

A 2000 GMC van driven by Ever Serrano, 28, Dallas, was in collision with a 2001 Ford pickup belonging to Douglas Lee Kidwell, 54, 733 Lefors. Serrano was cited for driving while intoxicated.

Monday, June 30

A 1996 Toyota pickup driven by Stephen

Lynn Sugar, 25, 2705 Navajo, was in collision at Wilks and Hobart with a 1978 Ford pickup driven by Jose Soto, 21, 309 Canadian. Sugar was cited for driving without a license and failure to yield right of way. A 1979 Chevrolet pickup driven by Teresa Renee Lester, 23, 723 E. Malone, was in collision in the McDonald's parking lot with a parked 2003 Dodge pickup owned by Shawn Peter Derek, 1621 N. Dwight.

OBITUARIES

DOUGLAS "DOUG" N. BANISTER 1981-2003

AMARILLO—Douglas "Doug" N. Banister, 21, died July 1, 2003. Services will be at 2 p.m., Thursday, July 3, 2003, at Lifeway Fellowship Baptist Church with Dr. Randy Davis officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens in Amarillo. Arrangements are under the direction of Schooler-Gordon Funeral Directors of Amarillo.

Doug graduated from Randall High School in 2000. He enjoyed snow skiing, softball and football. He was Baptized November 13, 1988, at the Lamount Drive Baptist Church in Amarillo. He

attended Lifeway Fellowship Baptist Church. Survivors: Parents: Kelsey and Ann Banister of Amarillo; one sister, Traci Banister of Lubbock and Fiancé David Fredman; grandmothers, Mary Banister of Clarendon and Audrey Huff of Pampa; and several aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 6-8 p.m. today.

Memorials: Lifeway Fellowship Baptist Church Youth Group Scholarship, 3315 Hancock, Amarillo, TX.

KENNETH A. DUNN 1931-2003

Kenneth A. Dunn was born November 24, 1931, and died June 30, 2003. A native son of Colorado, he served his country in the military, raised a family in Texas and retired in the mountains of Durango. He is survived by his beloved wife Glenda; his mother Josephine; his five children, Kent, Kimberly, Keith, Karl, Kevin; his seven grandchildren, Kaitlyn,

Bethany, Anna, Katherine, Megan, John, Zach and many loving family and friends, especially Ian Frech. Rosary service will be at St. Columba in Durango today at 7 p.m. Funeral Mass will be at St. Columba on Thursday at 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Connelly Hospitality House, 710 South Lake Street, Farmington, NM 87401.

JOHNNIE MORRIS ROWE

LAKESIDE VILLAGE

Johnnie Morris Rowe, 66, of Lakeside Village, died Sunday, June 29, 2003. Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m., Monday, July 7, at Dallas/FW National Cemetery Grand Prairie.

Mr. Rowe served 20 years in the Navy and retired as an EMC. He also retired from GE after 20 years of service.

He is survived by seven children, 14 grandchildren



and two great grandchildren.

SERVICES TOMORROW

ALEXANDER, Charles Douglas — Graveside services, 10:30 a.m., Miami Cemetery, Miami.

BANISTER, Douglas "Doug" N. — 2 p.m., Lifeway Fellowship Baptist Church, Amarillo.

DUNN, Kenneth A. — Funeral mass, 11 a.m., St. Columba, Durango, Colo.

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WEATHER FOCUS

PAMPA

Today's forecast is calling for sunny skies, highs in the mid 90s

and south winds 10 to 20 mph. Tonight...Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 60s. South winds 10 to 20 mph. Thursday should see mostly sunny skies, highs in the upper 90s and south winds 5 to 15 mph. Thursday night should be mostly clear. Lows in the upper 60s. South winds 10 to 15 mph. Independence Day, mostly

sunny. Highs in the mid 90s. South winds 10 to 15 mph. Friday night, mostly clear. Lows in the upper 60s. Saturday, partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 90s. Saturday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 60s. Sunday, partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 90s. Sunday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 60s.

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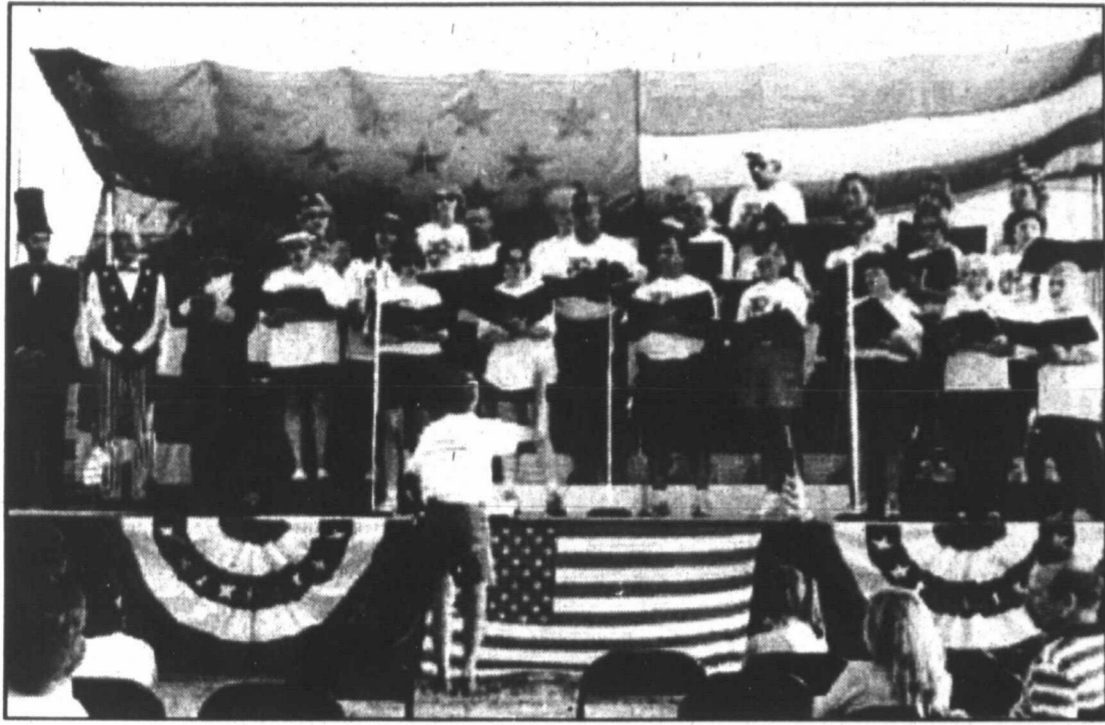
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(Courtesy photo)

Calvary Baptist Church's adult choir perform during the 2001 July 4 presentation of "One Nation Under God" at Recreation Park.

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when it starts," he said. "It's really up to the contractors."

Hildebrandt said that the contractors wait until all twilight is gone so the fireworks will have the maximum effect against the dark sky.

"That's usually about 9:57 (p.m.), plus or minus 15 minutes," he said. "Sometimes it's right at 10 o'clock."

"I always encourage people to come out for the day, bring a picnic, have fun, but don't bring your own fireworks," Hildebrandt said.

He reminded citizens that is against the law to detonate any kind of fireworks within the city limits and Recreation Park is considered part of the city, he said.

"It's a Catch-22 situation. You can buy fireworks, but you can't legally fire them

off unless you have the permission of private landowners (outside the city limits). It is my understanding that it's not legal to shoot fireworks on country roads or county bar ditches," he added.

"I encourage people to come for our professional show, but don't bring personal fireworks. We just don't have the ability to allow that."

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COUNTY

ware and labor. There was some concern, however, as to whether the project would be paid for by the state up front or whether the county would be reimbursed.

There are 14 counties across Texas that are online, Walker said, and another 126 that have signed up for the system.

"Eventually," Walker said, "it will be nationwide."

All victims have to do, Walker said, is to call one free statewide number to find out the custody or court status of offenders.

"A lot of domestic violence victims are going to be interested in this system," said Kelly Rushing, chief deputy at the Gray County Sheriff's office.

The commission also approved two new IBM work stations for Justice of the Peace Joe Martinez and updated systems for Justices of the Peace Kurt Curfman and Mary Ann

Carpenter. Justice of the Peace Curfman will get an additional work station for the new hot check clerk in his office (See related story).

The computer systems in their offices, installed in March 1999, are showing their obsolescence, Judge Peet admitted.

The money to update the systems will be paid for by funds from fines levied by the JPs and designated for their technology use only.

The commissioners also authorized Judge Peet to apply for a Texas Department of Health grant, up to \$10,000, that would connect the county to the Homeland Security Department and notify the county through a direct computer connection of bio-terrorism and homeland security alerts.

They also approved an indigent health care computer program that, according to Robert Baird, founder of the Indigent Health Care company, would ensure that the county pays no more than the least legal

amount for indigent health care, beginning with their new fiscal year on Oct. 1.

Baird said he intends to install the program about Aug. 15, but there would be no charge to the county until October.

Commissioner Gary Willoughby moved to cut payments for indigent funerals to \$595. He said the county spent about \$18,000 on indigent funerals last year. He said cremation costs \$595, while burial costs \$1,325. He suggested committing the county, which by law must provide funerals for indigents, to \$595. If the family of a pauper wants to bury the person, they would have to negotiate the additional expense with the funeral home.

Willoughby's motion died for the lack of a second.

In other business, the commissioners approved budget transfer requests for the Veteran's Service Office, the Road and Bridge Fund for Precinct One, 223rd District

CLERK

ened to sue for.

Peet said she would be handling hot check cases as well as other work that the justice of the peace may need done.

Alvey said he has chosen not to replace Bolton in his office.

The county attorney said he thinks Judge Curfman has an increased work load in recent years. Alvey said he thinks Curfman needed the additional staff he had requested.

The hot check clerk's position in the county attorney's office was created a number of years ago and was supposed to be funded through the fees collected on hot checks, but county officials said the fees have not been enough to cover the clerk's salary in recent years.

Judge Peet, in announcing the new position Tuesday during a special session of the commissioners court, said the county has supplemented the position from the general fund. He indicated that the money would now go to Curfman's office for a hot check clerk. He said that the fees on the checks collected in Curfman's court would go toward offsetting the clerk's salary.

Curfman's court has been increasingly involved in collecting on hot checks, Peet said.

The county judge said Tuesday that the creation of a new position was not a change in county policy on hot checks.

"He will continue to collect hot checks," Peet said of Alvey.

Alvey said that merchants wanting collections on hot checks have the choice of using his office or going to the justice of the peace court.

Peet indicated that under the law, Alvey can

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The hot check clerk's position in the county attorney's office was created a number of years ago and was supposed to be funded through the fees collected on hot checks, but county officials said the fees have not been enough to cover the clerk's salary in recent years.

prosecute offenders who write hot checks and ask for jail time. In the case of a justice of the peace, the judge can only fine the offender.

Despite no longer having a hot check clerk, Alvey said the county attorney's office will continue prosecuting hot checks.

Peet said he was disappointed that Alvey did not attend the commissioners meeting Tuesday despite Peet's special request that the county attorney do so.

"We have no control over what he does," Peet said, "except for his budget."

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WATER

have conservation," Andrews said. "Because every time they're turning on their sprinklers, they're costing the citizens of Pampa."

All city commissioners were present, with the exception of Robert Dixon. The next session is scheduled for Tuesday, July 8 at 4 p.m. in City Hall.

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MURDER

jail pending the filing of formal charges.

Potter County officials issued a warrant late Tuesday morning charging Dean with murder.

Gray County Justice of the Peace Joe Martinez set bond for Dean on the murder charge at \$25,000.

Dean was transferred to the Potter County jail later Tuesday afternoon.

Lt. Trupe said this morning that Dean remained in Potter County Jail and was to be arraigned again today before a Potter county justice.

Editor Dee Dee Laramore contributed to this report.

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DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

Teenager Stuck In 'Park' Needs To Get Up And Go

DEAR ABBY: I am what you might call a "lazy person." I am 18 and still live at home with my parents.

My mother just told me that I have to be out of the house by September. The thing is, I quit high school and don't have a job. I don't have my GED, but when I do get it, I want to enroll in hairdressing school.

I don't know how my mother and stepfather think I can make it on my own if I don't have the money. How can I convince them that I will need more time?

FEELING PRESSURED IN CALGARY

DEAR PRESSURED: By giving them a much-needed show of faith. Contact your local department of education and enroll in classes now so you can get your GED. Once you're signed up, contact temp agencies and search the classified section of your newspaper for job openings. I'm betting that once your mom and stepfather see that you are making a sincere effort, they'll relent a little.

Your future is in your own hands, and the next move is up to you.

DEAR ABBY: Is it standard procedure for a woman to keep her husband's name after a divorce? It bothers me that the man I plan to marry already has an ex-wife with his last name. He says it's because of their children. I would like her to go back to her maiden name.

HE'S NOT YOUR HUSBAND ANYMORE, COLUMBIA, S.C.

DEAR HE'S NOT YOUR HUSBAND: The kindest advice I can offer is to accept the fact that your intended has baggage. You cannot make his first marriage "disappear." Many women retain their husband's name after a divorce for the exact reason she is doing so. If you marry this man, your name will be "Mrs. John Smith." His former wife is now "Mrs. Linda Smith." You'll all be happier if you just get over it.

DEAR ABBY: I was raised in a small rural community. When I was 8 or 9 years old, I was molested and sodomized. I am now a 61-year-old single man, and I have never been able to have an intimate relationship with anyone.

I was not molested by a priest, preacher, teacher, coach or any adult. I was molested by another child — a boy of 12 or 13. I knew of three boys in my seventh grade class who were also molested by another boy. By the time I was a senior in high school, I had learned of two more.

The boys who victimized us are now married and have children. At least three of their victims never married. I have no doubt that these abuses continue today. This is not an issue of homosexuality or pedophilia. The issue is the dominant, aggressive nature of male sexuality.

Parents must realize that their child is potentially both a victim and an abuser. All boys should be alerted to the possibility that even some of their best friends may have dangerous curiosities — and no one has more influence over a child than a friend.

Boys must be taught self-respect and respect for the privacy of others. Because of the complexities of our society, we cannot leave the development and socialization of a child's sexuality to chance or to nature.

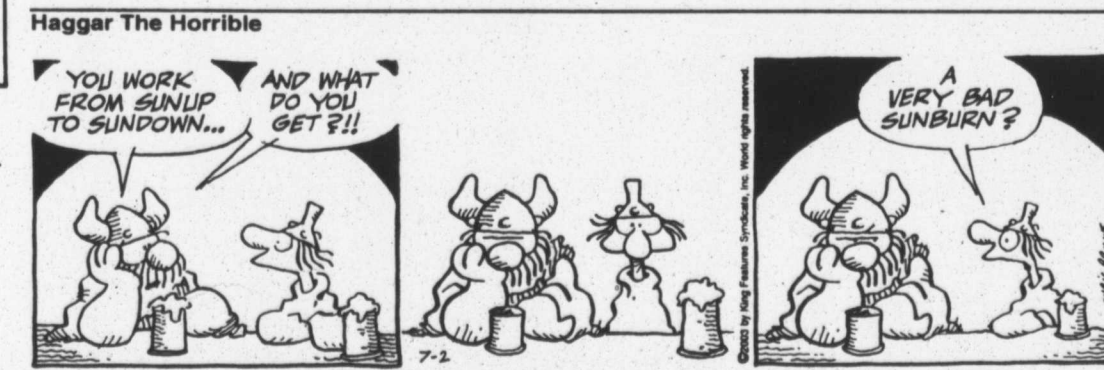
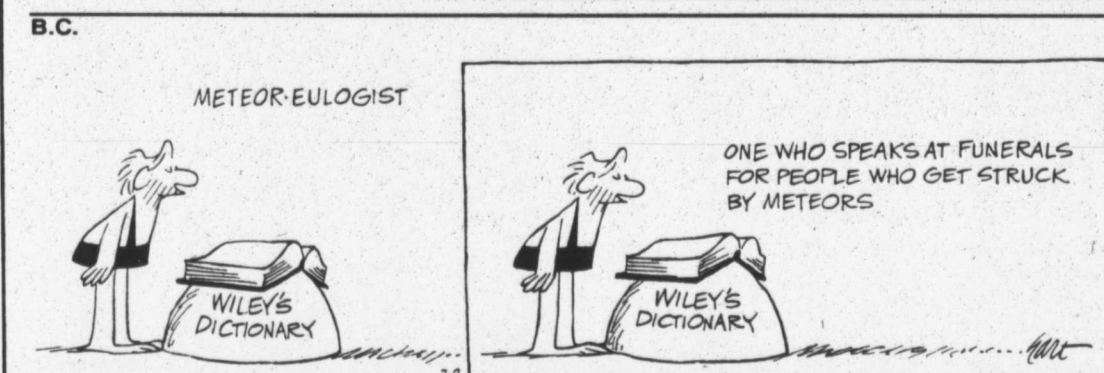
ALONE IN ARIZONA

DEAR ALONE: Your letter is troubling as well as thought-provoking. All children should be taught how to say no — whether verbally or through self-defense — if they are asked to do something that doesn't feel right and is against their better judgment.

It is imperative that parents also teach children the importance of treating one another with respect. This is a valuable lesson that will benefit them for the rest of their lives.

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For Better or For Worse



Crossword Puzzle

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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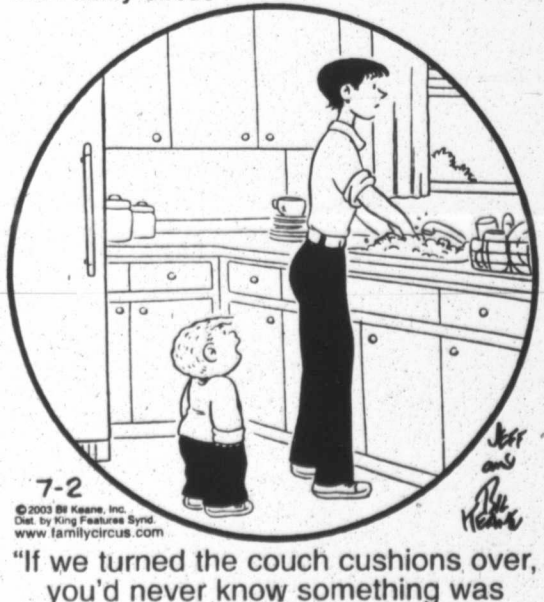
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SPORTS

Pampa 14-15 All-Stars are in championship round

CANYON — Pampa All-Stars continued their torrid pitching and hitting in the Babe Ruth 14-15 District Babe Ruth Tournament with a dominating performance against North Plains, winning 11-1. The victory avenged an earlier loss to the Dumas and Stinnett players.

Tyson Hickman scattered three hits and allowed no runs in four innings of work to gain credit for the win. He struck out two and walked one. Sameer Kelley pitched the last inning. He allowed one run and one hit. He

struck out two and walked one.

Jake Craig supplied the power with a three-run homer in the first and a run-scoring single in the third. Eric Kingcade, Jarred Moler and Robbie Dixon also had a hit and two RBI for Pampa.

Good defense by Pampa had the North Plains team off-balance in the first inning.

After a leadoff single, Kingcade started a 4-6-3 double play. The next batter was safe on an error, but

catcher Keenan Davis began the inning with walks. Matthew Trusty sacrificed them to second and third. After a pop up caused the second out, Dixon came through with a single to center sending both runners home. Hickman aided his own cause with a double. Kingcade stroked a single up the middle to bring in Dixon and Hickman. Moler blasted a triple down the right field line scoring Kingcade. Moler tallied on a single by Craig and Pampa led 10-0.

In the bottom of the first, Kingcade and Moler walked. Craig crushed the next pitch, sending it over the left field fence for a 3-0 Pampa lead. Pampa wound up scoring in every inning.

Four walks forced Davis home in the second inning.

Pampa's big inning was the third which saw six runners cross the plate. Ryan Torres and Bradley Johnson

walk to Torres. He went to scored on a wild pitch and scored on a single by Davis to give Pampa an 11-0 lead.

The run was needed as North Plains put together a walk, an infield out and a single against Kelley to avoid a shutout, but not a defeat in five innings by the 10-run rule.

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NOTEBOOK

AUTO RACING

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — The nation's second-largest food company signed a four-year agreement to sponsor the NASCAR race at Kansas Speedway. The first Banquet 400 presented by ConAgra Foods, a Winston Cup event, will be held Oct. 5 at the track in Kansas City, Kan.

GOLF

LEMONT, Ill. (AP) — The PGA Tour will begin using a test in January that determines whether clubs are legal.

At issue is a physics term called the "coefficient of restitution" (COR), which measures how quickly a golf ball springs off the face of a club at impact. When the face is ultra thin, it allows for more of a trampoline effect.

Golf's ruling bodies last year set the limit at 0.83 for professional tours.

A new machine to test the clubs will be onsite at all events starting next year, commissioner Tim Finchem said.

According to Finchem, the test won't be mandatory. Players will be expected to police themselves.

BASEBALL

MIAMI (AP) — A photographer at the Florida Marlins' game was hospitalized after being hit in the head by a flying bat, causing significant bleeding.

The unidentified photographer sustained lacerations to the face and never lost consciousness, the Marlins said. He was airlifted to Jackson Memorial Hospital, and there was no immediate word on his condition.

The game between the Atlanta Braves and Marlins was delayed 18 minutes after the man was hit in the seventh inning when a bat slipped out of the hands of Atlanta's Darren Bragg.

NEW YORK (AP) — The New York Mets traded 12-time All-Star second baseman Roberto Alomar to the Chicago White Sox for three minor league prospects.

In exchange for Alomar, the Mets received pitchers Royce Ring and Edwin Almonte and infielder Andrew Salvo.

The busy White Sox acquired outfielder Carl Everett from the Texas Rangers, hours after making the deal for Alomar.

Chicago will let the Rangers pick either two or three minor leaguers from a pool. The White Sox will also receive cash from Texas to offset part of Everett's \$9.15 million contract.

MIAMI (AP) — Florida Marlins general manager Larry Beinfest announced that the team will not trade third baseman Mike Lowell, ending weeks of speculation.

Lowell is having his best year with Florida, where he's played five seasons.

Astros win in 10th

HOUSTON (AP) — When Gregg Zaun and Geoff Blum came up in a crucial, late-game situation, they both figured the pitcher they were facing was in trouble.

They were both right. Blum's ninth-inning homer tied it, and Zaun's sacrifice fly in the 10th gave the Houston Astros a 6-5 win over the Milwaukee Brewers on Tuesday night.

Blum faced Mike DeJean knowing he had rarely made an out against the Brewers' closer.

"Oh yes, there are very few guys like that for me," Blum said. "I realize I have a better chance than most against him. It's just one of the key things. He throws a good fastball and slider, but I just know he's a guy who's going to throw strikes."

Blum is 4-for-6 against DeJean with two homers and two RBIs.

Houston's Morgan Ensberg then led off the 10th with a double down the left-field line and went to third on a passed ball by Keith Osik.

DeJean (2-6) intentionally walked Brad Ausmus and Adam Everett to load the bases before Zaun hit a high fly to the right

field corner. Ensberg easily beat Brady Clark's throw to the plate, scoring the winning running standing.

"When I was a very young player, Frank Robinson told me when you go up in those situations you're not the one in trouble, (the pitcher) is," Zaun said. "That's always stayed with me. So when I got up there, there's no more anxiety than any other time."

Richard Hidalgo hit two home runs, a solo shot in the sixth and a two-run blast in the seventh for a 4-3 lead. Lance Berkman hit an RBI single in the third for Houston's first run.

But closer Billy Wagner couldn't hold the lead in the top of the ninth. Eric Young hit his seventh homer to tie it and Wagner then walked two batters and allowed a single by Geoff Jenkins to load the bases.

Then he hit Wes Helms with a pitch, forcing in a run and giving Milwaukee a 5-4 lead.

"It was pretty miserable," Wagner said. "You're going to give up a home run when you throw a fastball probably where he wanted it. What really frustrates you are the walks."

Miami, Virginia Tech join Atlantic Coast Conference

CORAL GABLES, Fla. (AP) — Money played a large role in Miami's decision to leave the Big East and join the Atlantic Coast Conference.

But not in the way that might have been expected.

Miami officials relied less on the amounts of the offers from the two conferences and more on the ways the leagues distribute profits to all sports.

If guaranteed money over the next five years was the most important factor, then university president Donna Shalala and athletic director Paul Dee would have kept the Hurricanes in the Big East.

"Frankly, the Big East made us a better financial offer," Shalala said after the announcement Monday. "It was a sense of the future. They're fundamentally different in the way in which they distribute money."

So, Miami went to the ACC largely because that conference pays all its members the same amount. In the Big East, teams received some base money, then more in a sliding bonus system that rewarded national championships and other achievements.

"More importantly, if there is a revenue-sharing situation, you can budget accordingly because you pretty much know what you're going to get," Miami athletic spokesman Mark Pray said Tuesday. "It's not predicated solely by what you get in football, and that really helps our Olympic sports."

In the 2001-02 academic year, ACC members received \$9.7 million each, the highest disbursement in that conference's history. Miami earned a reported \$9.3 million that year, but even with a substantial bonus for appearing in a Bowl Championship Series game and winning the national title, the Hurricanes made less than every other ACC school.

Miami made \$4 million by appearing in the 2001 season's BCS title game at the Rose Bowl; they would have made \$1.7 million less otherwise.

Much of the ACC money comes from TV deals.

The schools will split \$69 million for the three seasons left on the conference's football TV contracts with ABC, ESPN and Jefferson-Pilot Sports. By adding Miami and Virginia Tech, the ACC figures to negotiate a much better deal next time around.

"In the Big East, which has worked for us up until now, the more successful you were, the more money you got," Shalala said. "If you look at the ACC, it's an even distribution. Everyone gets the same thing. In addition to that, the ACC could better accommodate all of our sports."

Specifically, baseball. Miami remained independent in baseball when it joined the Big East 12 years ago, a move that kept the Hurricanes from committing to at least six road trips to the Northeast every spring.



(Courtesy photo)

First Bank Southwest team members display the second-place trophies from the City Tournament. Front row, l-r, Trace Carter, Scott Kelly, Rance Schindler, Zac Hernandez, Cole Engle, and bat boy Cade Engle; Middle row, l-r, Dwight Hamlin, Trent Carter, Tyler Rabel and Braxton Reagen; Back row, l-r, Coaches David Carter, Chris Engle and Terry Conn.

First Bank Southwest team came on strong in 9-10 City Tournament

PAMPA — The First Bank Southwest team was a late bloomer in the Optimist baseball league this season.

After finishing fourth in the 9-10 year-old standings with a 6-4-3 record, First Bank Southwest came on strong to place second in the City Tournament at Optimist Park.

The Bankers dropped the tournament opener to Celanese (7-6), but bounced back to win three games in a row. They defeated Operating Company (8-6), Dean's Pharmacy (15-6) and Celanese (15-3). The Bank went onto to lose the rain-shortened champi-

onship game (5-4) to Moose Lodge behind the outstanding pitching of Tyler Malone.

For the year, First Bank was led offensively by Trent Carter, who had 16 hits, 15 RBI and a slugging percentage of .550.

Braxton Reagen had the honor of posting the best batting average with a .474, while Rance Schindler led in runs scored with 26. Trace Carter had the best on-base percentage of 67 percent.

In pitching statistics, Cole Engle led the pitchers with a 5-1 record, including one save. Tyler Rabel,

Braxton Reagen, Trent Carter and Trace Carter had one win each. Trent Carter led the team in saves with six. Notching one save each were Trace Carter and Dwight Hamlin.

Most of the Bank's defensive fielding categories were led by Rance Schindler, Trace Carter, Trent Carter and Cole Engle. Other team members playing a big role in First Bank's success were Colton Henderson, Scott Kelly, Zac Hernandez, A.J. Ledbetter and Travis Chester.

First Bank is coached by Chris Engle, Terry Conn and David Carter.

Reports: Friends said missing Baylor athlete feared threats

WACO, Texas (AP) — Before he disappeared three weeks ago, missing Baylor basketball player Patrick Dennehy told a friend he was concerned about threats to his safety and fired guns with his roommate that the two had acquired for protection, according to newspaper reports.

Police have not found the Baylor forward, don't know how his vehicle ended up on the East Coast and have not named roommate Carlton Dotson as a suspect. A search warrant affidavit, citing a police informant, said Dotson had shot Dennehy in the head during an altercation.

Authorities said Tuesday they were still holding out hope that Dennehy was alive.

"There's still a glimmer of hope Mr. Dennehy will show up and say, 'Hey, this is where

I've been the whole time,'" Waco police spokesman Steve Anderson said Tuesday.

Search dogs found no sign of Dennehy when the FBI helped Waco police search about 50 acres of private land north of town last week, Anderson said.

Dotson, who played basketball at Baylor last season and had been staying at Dennehy's apartment, told a cousin he shot Dennehy as the two argued while firing guns, according to the warrant that cited an unidentified informant in Delaware.

Authorities simply called Dotson of Hurlock, Md., a "person of interest" and said Tuesday they have no single suspect.

"We have nothing at all right now to indicate (Dotson's) a suspect. He's just a citizen. It's a missing per-

son's case," said Chris Flynn, captain of the Hurlock police department.

No charges have been filed, Anderson said. He said a Waco investigator interviewed Dotson on Friday, but he didn't know whether police had spoken to him since the search warrant affidavit was made public Monday.

Dotson has hired an attorney, he told The Washington Post on Tuesday.

"I want everyone associated with this to know my prayers are with them," Dotson told the newspaper, which did not cite his whereabouts.

At Hurlock, a rural community on Maryland's eastern shore, Dotson's aunt, Pat Waters, said Tuesday that he returned to town for the summer and was at her house Sunday, but they didn't discuss Dennehy.

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Summer basketball



(Courtesy photo)

This group of Pampa High basketball players took first place in the MAYB Basketball Tournament last month in Panhandle. They are (l-r) Britten East, Clayton Hall, Brandon Johnston, Heath Miller, Andy Rogers, Collin Bowers, Chance Bowers and coach Terry Hall. The players recently returned from the Eastern New Mexico University Basketball Camp in Portales. Pampa completes its tournaments at Woodward, Okla. on July 4-7 and Edmond, Okla. on July 25-27.

Rodeo Money Leaders

Professional Rodeo Association	Cowboys	\$26,114	Cowboys	\$26,114		
10. Chad Klein, Clinton, La. (30)	11. Forest Bramwell, Pagosa Springs, Colo. (23) \$24,475	12. Darren Clarke, Lewisville, Texas (25) \$23,764	13. Kelly Timberman, Mills, Wyo. (25)	\$23,200		
14. Chuck Logue, New Braunfels, Texas (25) \$21,431	15. Royce Ford, Kersey, Colo. (28)	\$20,596	16. Scott Drennan, Buffalo, Texas (30)	\$19,520		
17. Cody Jessee, Prineville, Ore. (20)	\$18,196	18. Jason Jeter, Mansfield, Texas (26)	\$18,194	19. Scott Johnston, Gustine, Texas (19)	\$18,176	
20. Pete Hawkins, Weatherford, Texas (26) \$16,049	STEER WRESTLING					
1. Shawn Greenfield, Lakeview, Ore. (15) \$42,188	2. Rope Myers, Van, Texas (18) \$41,161	3. Joey Bell Jr., Salem, N.J. (17) \$35,222	4. Todd Suhn, Brighton, Colo. (14)	\$34,134		
5. Curtis Cassidy, Donalda, Alberta (23)	\$28,688	6. Rod Lyman, Victor, Mont. (13)	\$27,985	7. Bryan Fields, Conroe, Texas (14)	\$26,315	
8. K.C. Jones, Las Animas, Colo. (15)	\$25,166	9. John Diedrichs, Blackhawk, S.D. (13) \$24,270	10. Teddy Johnson, Checotah, Okla. (18) \$22,642	11. Jeff Corbello, Iowa, La. (16)	\$21,435	
12. Mike Garthwaite, Merritt, British Columbia (18) \$19,310	13. Kyle Hughes, Model, Colo. (15)	\$18,585	14. Cash Myers, Athens, Texas (16)	\$17,761	15. Jason Lahr, Emporia, Kan. (15)	\$17,659
16. Bray Ames, Stephenville, Texas (18) \$16,865	17. Randy Suhn, Riverton, Wyo. (13)	\$16,547	18. Chuck Jankowski, Simonton, Texas (17) \$16,032	19. Joe Butterfield, Red Deer, Alberta (16) \$15,940	20. Luke Branquinho, Los Alamos, Calif. (18) \$15,700	
TEAM ROPING (HEADING)						
1. Travis Tryan, Billings, Mont. (14)	\$37,250	2. Speed Williams, Amarillo, Texas (20)	\$35,752	3. Tee Woolman, Llano, Texas (20)	\$35,444	
4. Chad Masters, Adams, Tenn. (18)	\$30,236	5. David Key, Caldwell, Texas (19)	\$27,265	6. Matt Tyler, Dennis, Texas (20)	\$26,131	
7. Daniel Green, Oakdale, Calif. (19)	\$25,249	8. Trevor Brazile, Anson, Texas (17)	\$22,015	9. Lance Brooks, Shandon, Calif. (14)	\$21,437	
10. Charles Pogue, Ringling, Okla. (18)	\$21,004	11. Nick Sartain, Yukon, Okla. (17)	\$20,749	12. Steve Purcella, Hereford, Texas (20) \$19,841	13. Tanner Bryson, Cornville, Ariz. (19) \$19,699	
14. Shain Sproul, Arlee, Mont. (16)	\$18,390	15. Brady Wren, Kerrville, Texas (19) \$18,278	16. Jason Stewart, Royal City, Wash. (14) \$17,073	17. Bobby Simmons, Breckenridge, Texas (18) \$16,223	18. Camish Jennings, Houston, Texas (17) \$15,810	
19. Billy Holland Jr., Oroville, Calif. (17) \$15,618	20. Jimmy Tanner, Tifton, Ga. (21)	\$13,645				

Rangers' mound staff falters again in setback to Anaheim

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Jarrod Washburn and Ismael Valdes have given new meaning to the term "power pitchers."

Washburn has allowed 13 home runs over 30 2-3 innings over his last five starts with the Anaheim Angels, including three in Tuesday night's 7-5 victory over the Texas Rangers.

Bengie Molina and Troy Glaus went deep against Valdes, who has surrendered eight homers in 12 1-3 innings over his last three starts for the Rangers.

"I heard on the TV before the game that Washburn had given up a lot of home runs in his last four starts, and I'm pretty close to that — or worse than that," Valdes said.

Valdes (6-5) lost his third straight start, allowing seven runs and seven hits in five-plus innings. Two of the runs were unearned, the result of errors by catcher Todd Greene and center fielder Doug Glanville.

"I don't know what it is — I'm just not getting the job done," Valdes said. "It's the worst slump of my life. I was the most consistent guy on the team, but right now I'm the worst consistent guy on the team. I'm not giving my team a chance to win."

The right-hander has allowed 21 earned runs and 28 hits over his last three outings.

Before this skid, Valdes was 4-0 with a 3.78 ERA in six starts after spending almost a month on the dis-

abled list because of tendinitis in his shoulder.

"It's even more frustrating for him because he knows what he's capable of, and we've seen it," manager Buck Showalter said. "His health doesn't seem to be an issue anymore, but other teams are an issue."

Molina put the Angels ahead 4-1 in the fourth with his seventh homer after Valdes issued his only two walks. Glaus, who hadn't homered in 62 at-bats since June 8, chased Valdes with a leadoff homer in the sixth, giving the Angels a 7-1 cushion. It was Glaus' 15th homer, and the first at home by the World Series MVP since May 24.

But Washburn (7-9) couldn't make out of the eighth after limiting the Rangers to four hits over the first seven — including the first of Michael Young's two homers leading off the game.

Young connected again with a man on after Donnie Sadler beat first baseman Shawn Wooten in a footrace to the bag.

Alex Rodriguez chased Washburn with his 21st homer after a single by Mark Teixeira, but Brendan Donnelly struck out Juan Gonzalez to end the eighth and Troy Percival pitched a perfect ninth for his 17th save in 18 attempts.

Despite ending a personal four-game losing streak, Washburn left with a bad taste in his mouth after

being charged with five runs and eight hits in his 7 2-3 innings.

"I wish I could have made that 7-1 lead stand up," Washburn said. "But it looks like Young is on fire right now. He's an awfully good hitter. A-Rod is the highest paid player in this game for a reason. He hits good pitches. It was a changeup and he whacked it."

Garret Anderson had an RBI double for the defending World Series champions, who reached the midway point of their schedule with a 41-40 record and trailed Seattle by 1 1/2 games in the AL West. After 81 games last season, they were 47-34 and four games out of first place before making the playoffs as a wild card.

Notes: After the game, the Rangers traded OF Carl Everett to the Chicago White Sox for a couple of minor leaguers to be named later, and possibly a third. ... Washburn has given up 22 homers, two more than last year. ... Young's two-homer game was the fourth of his career and first this season. ... Angels DH Brad Fullmer underwent reconstructive surgery to repair the ruptured patella tendon in his right knee. His leg will be immobilized for six months before he begins a rehabilitation program. ... Gonzalez was back in the lineup after sitting out Monday's game because of tightness in his left hamstring.



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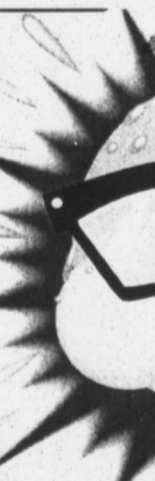
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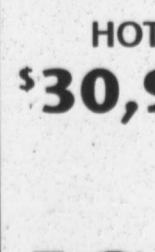
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Ex-Florida State quarterback McPherson pleads no contest to gambling, theft charges

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — Former Florida State quarterback Adrian McPherson pleaded no contest Wednesday to gambling and theft charges under a deal in which he avoids jail time but will serve 30 months of probation.

McPherson had faced up 20 years in jail on charges stemming from allegations he stole a blank check, filled it out and cashed it. Under the agreement with prosecutors, he also will have to perform at least 25 hours of community service and serve 90 days on a county work detail.

"I'm just relieved it's all over. I'm ready to get back in school and get on with my life," McPherson said.

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The stolen check allegation led to his dismissal from the Florida State football team in November. Trial had been set for July 14 on felony charges that McPherson stole a blank check from R&R Truck Accessories in Tallahassee and with receiving stolen goods after the check was cashed for \$3,500.

McPherson also agreed to pay back the money.

denying you important information. Tonight: So what if you get into the weekend spirit a little early? SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) *** Take charge at work. At first you might think an associate is greasing the wheels of the system for you. Still, don't be taken aback by a surprise or two on the way. Don't try to predict, but rather go with the flow. Tonight: Visit with your friends. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ***** Explore and get more information, if possible. Unexpected developments occur. You might want to consider options as they appear. Listen to the rumor mill, but don't take others' words as 100 percent accurate until you do your own investigating. Tonight: Try something new. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ***** Build on a relationship rather than causing yourself a problem. You find working together with an associate to be unusually successful. You can both prosper as long as you maintain a stable stance, especially financially. Tonight: Opt for togetherness. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ***** Do and say what you want, but understand that others have their expectations. You could inadvertently put off someone when you least intend to. Eye the long term; think "success." Creativity needs a solid form of self-expression. Tonight: Say "yes" to a loved one.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, July 3, 2003:

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Silver Stars fall to Shock

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. (AP) — The Detroit Shock played like a team on a mission from the opening tip.

"I think this was one of our more important games because we had to show that we could bounce right back from a loss," Detroit's Swin Cash said.

Cash scored a career-high 26 points, and the Shock set a WNBA record for the most first-half points in a 99-88 victory over the San Antonio Silver Stars on Tuesday night.

"Normally, 88 points is going to be more than enough to win a game," Silver Stars coach Candi Harvey said. "But that was an offensive machine that we just ran into."

The win came in Detroit's first game since Phoenix snapped its eight-game winning streak Saturday.

"San Antonio wanted to run in spurts, but we can run for 40 minutes," Cash said. "That's what teams don't expect."

The Shock's first-half total broke Los Angeles' record of 55 against Utah last Aug. 4.

"This was our kind of game tonight," said Detroit's Kedra Holland-Corn, who scored 14 points. "When we can run, we are a very good ballclub and very tough to handle. When it is a halfcourt game, we seem to get bored and lethargic."

In other WNBA games, it was: New York 90, Connecticut 64 and Houston 71, Minnesota 69.

Deanna Nolan added 15 points for Detroit, while Cheryl Ford had 12 points and 15 rebounds. Detroit had six players score in double figures for the third time this season.

"In a running game like this, everyone is going to get a chance to score," Shock coach Bill Laimbeer said. "San Antonio came out with their running shoes on, and we were able to attack them. When we can do that, we are at our best."

Marie Ferdinand had 26 points and Adrienne Goodson added 22 — both season highs for the San Antonio players.

"We didn't play well on defense, but give them credit," Goodson said. "They push the ball and they never let up. They just have so many weapons."

San Antonio led by as many as eight in the first half, but Detroit rallied behind Cash's 16 points to take a 56-47 halftime lead.

The Shock increased their lead to 13 early in the second half, but the Silver Stars answered with a 20-8 run to pull within 70-68 with 12:06 left. Ferdinand had six points in the run.

The Silver Stars got as close as 72-71, but Holland-Corn's 3-pointer started a 9-0 run that gave Detroit a 10-point lead. The Shock led by as many as 17 late in the game.

Liberty 90, Sun 64

Crystal Robinson matched her season high with 22 points and Tamika Whitmore added 17 points and six rebounds as New York beat Connecticut.

New York won in its first game since losing leading scorer Becky Hammon to a season-ending ACL injury last Wednesday.

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Kuwaiti women cast ballots in mock election

KUWAIT CITY, (AP) — Rola Dashti felt a surge of joy when she first held a voter registration card with her name on it. But it faded quickly. The card, after all, wasn't real.

Dashti will cast her ballot Saturday when the country's next parliament is chosen, thanks to a journalists' association that has organized mock elections for women. Only men can vote in Kuwait.

Under pressure from both at home and abroad, however, there are signs that Kuwait may eventually allow women to vote. They make up just over half the country's 850,000 people.

"It is as if Kuwait is their country, but not ours," said Dashti, 38, a U.S.-educated

economist who runs a consultancy firm in Kuwait City. "We are in the same boat."

The country's emir, Sheik Jaber Al Ahmed Al Sabah, has tried to enfranchise women, liberal legislators have pushed to overturn the law, and women's activists have taken their challenge to court. All those efforts have failed, mainly because of Muslim fundamentalism and tribal traditions.

Kuwaiti law has barred women from elections for more than four decades. Men 21 and older may vote and run for office in legislative polls that happen every four years.

The Kuwait Journalists' Association arranged the symbolic poll for election

day. Women can vote at its headquarters in Kuwait City's suburbs, and the results will be published in the local press.

"It is no different from picketing in front of parliament," said Faisal al-Kanai, the secretary-general of the journalists' union. "Awareness is increasing, though. Women's political rights would have caused trouble in the streets 20 years ago."

Opponents of women's rights say few women want to vote, and that most cannot be bothered. Moreover, much of the sentiment for women's voting rights is limited to Kuwait City; outside the capital, conservative tribal authority and tradi-

tions remain strong.

"Imagine if you went to a woman lawmaker and found she was on maternity leave, wouldn't you be convinced she was not fit for parliamentary work?" Mubarak al-Waalan, who is running for parliament, told a rally recently.

Pressure from Kuwait's neighbors may eventually effect more change than progressives at home. In the past 12 months, Qatar and Bahrain have held elections in which women voted. Qatar has appointed its first female Cabinet minister.

"I personally believe that the next parliament will sanction this right so that Kuwait will not lag behind our brothers in the Gulf and the rest of the world," Deputy Prime Minister Sheik Sabah Al Ahmed Al Sabah told a magazine earlier this month.

In 1999, liberal lawmakers introduced legislation in parliament but it was narrowly rejected, 32-30.

Activist Fatima al-Abdali fears the symbolic balloting will backfire if the turnout is too small.

"What really angers me is that women believe they are too emotional and not ready," said al-Abdali, who runs a health and environment department at the state-owned Kuwait Oil Co.

A group of young Kuwaiti men sympathetic to women's suffrage has arranged a mock election on the Internet. Already, 11,166 people have registered to vote, including 2,074 women, said Bashar al-Sayegh, one of the Web site's designers.

Award winners



(Courtesy photo)

Garrett Coutts, left, and Brooklyn Barker were named Outstanding Boy and Girl Choir Students at Travis Elementary School.



(Courtesy photo)

Rachel Heuston was congratulated by Mrs. Collins at Travis Elementary School for achieving the school's Outstanding Band Student award.

Girl Scout camp



(Courtesy photo)

Fifty-three Girl Scouts recently participated in a three-evening camp, overseen by a total of 15 volunteers. The scouts made stick horses, bandanas, windsocks, unit flags, danced, played games and learned songs. The event culminated in a parade and stick horse rodeo. The girls enjoyed hot dogs cooked by James Wheat.

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