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Burn ban extended; City fireworks display OK'd

By **MARILYN POWERS**
 Staff Writer
 The City of Pampa's fireworks display will be the only exception to a Gray County burn ban which was continued today by county commissioners at their 9 a.m. meeting in the second-floor courtroom of the county courthouse.

Commissioners approved another emergency disaster declaration, which is required in order to vote on a burn ban, and then approved the ban after some discussion on whether to allow a short period of

time for some county residents to burn their household trash. The burn ban which was first approved on Jan. 3 and has been in place since that time makes no exceptions for burning household trash, which is allowed when no ban is in place and could be allowed under the terms of some burn bans.

Precinct 4 Commissioner James Hefley said some rural residents in his precinct who do not have Dumpsters have large amounts of household trash which have been accumulating since the ban was put

into effect. Precinct 1 Commissioner Joe Wheeley and Precinct 2 Commissioner Gary Willoughby suggested the residents take the trash to the McLean landfill.

Hefley pointed out the cost of using that landfill, and Willoughby and County Judge Richard Peet pointed out that residents in other parts of the county who have trash pickup must pay comparable amounts for such service.

The ban on sales and use of aerial fireworks was continued along with the other provisions of the burn ban.

Commissioners voted to make an exception in the case of the city fireworks display because, they said, the display is staged by professionals under controlled conditions with proper precautions, and fire trucks are kept on site during the show in case of any fires.

Commissioners also discussed the fact that there was precedent for excepting the city fireworks display from a burn ban. On at least one previous occasion, the display was

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Carnival time



Pampa News photos by MARILYN POWERS

Samantha Van Houten, second from right in photo at left, and Amy Gonzalez, right, hook a prize bag at the Pampa Band Boosters Carnival Wednesday evening. Taylor Shaller, in photo at right, rides a colorful dragon into the air Wednesday evening at one of the rides on the midway. The Boosters begin serving food at 6 p.m. nightly, and the midway opens at 7 p.m. nightly. The carnival closes at midnight each day and continues through Saturday at the M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium parking lot.

Dismissal of murder charges considered for suspect King

By **DAVID BOWSER**
 Staff Writer
 and **JOHN FORD**
 Associate Editor
 Neosho, Mo., Daily News
 PINEVILLE, Mo. -- A Missouri judge is giving the state and defense more time to respond to a motion to dismiss murder charges against a man accused of killing two people here and a Gray County family south of Pampa.

Levi King's defense team has until June 19 to submit suggestions in support of their motion to dismiss first-degree murder charges against King in Missouri.

Prosecutors have until July 5 to respond. A preliminary hearing set for July 6 has been postponed until Aug. 18, in the

McDonald County Associate Circuit Court of Judge John LePage.

King is accused of killing Orlie McCool, 70, and his daughter-in-law, Dawn Burr McCool, 47, on Sept. 29.

King has also been linked to the deaths of a Gray County family south of Pampa on Sept. 30.

Charles Moreland, King's attorney, filed a motion on May 2, to dismiss the Missouri murder charges against his client, saying the Associate Circuit Court no longer has jurisdiction in the case.

On March 21, King pleaded guilty to charges that he killed the McCools. At the time, the prosecutors had not indicated that

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Pampa boy, 4, critical but stable

By **MARILYN POWERS**
 Staff Writer
 A Pampa boy was in critical but stable condition as of Monday afternoon, the latest information available, after he was hit by a pickup while riding his bicycle along South Faulkner street on June 8, according to a Pampa Police Department accident report.

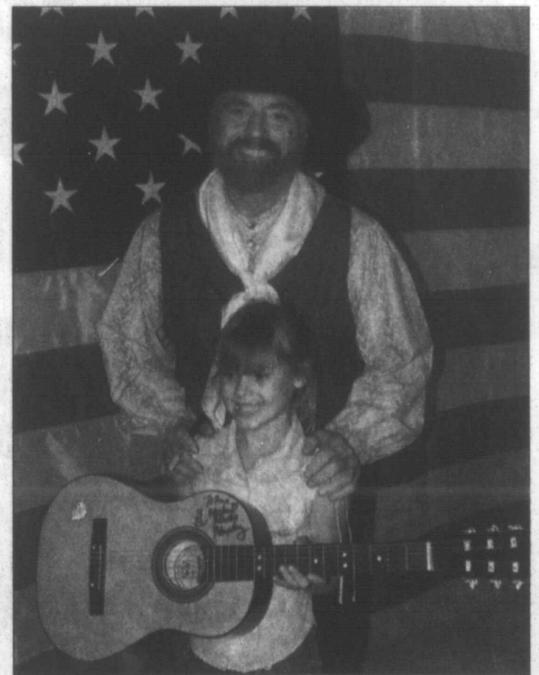
Four-year-old Arian Duarte of 120 N. Nelson was taken by Guardian EMS ambulance service to White Deer and then transported by LifeStar to Northwest Texas Hospital with incapacitating injuries after the accident, which occurred at 10:13 p.m. Conley Kenneth Bowles, 55, of 113 S. Faulkner was southbound in the 200 block of North Faulkner in a 1996

Dodge Ram 1500 when he struck Duarte at the intersection of Faulkner and Carter streets. Duarte was westbound on Carter at the time.

Bowles did not see Duarte when he struck the boy and bicycle, according to the police report. Bowles "continued a few feet and

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Special souvenir



Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS

Country singer Michael Martin Murphey autographed a guitar for Ana Wilson of Midland, who traveled to Pampa to attend Murphey's "Burned But Not Burned Out" concert. The concert, held at Clyde Carruth Pavilion in Recreation Park, was a benefit performance to raise funds for volunteer fire departments which fought the March and April wildfires that swept through many parts of the Panhandle, including Gray County. Approximately 300 attended the event.

Obituaries

Services tomorrow

BRIDGES, Johnny Dewayne — Graveside services, 10 a.m., Fairview Cemetery, Pampa.

Johnny Dewayne Bridges, 24

Johnny Dewayne Bridges, 24, a lifelong Pampa resident, died June 13, 2006. Graveside services are scheduled at 10 a.m. Friday in Fairview Cemetery with the Rev. Richard Bartel, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, officiating.

Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Bridges was born April 13, 1982, at Canadian. He attended Pampa schools and

was an oil field worker. He was preceded in death by his paternal grandmother, Ruby Bridges, and his maternal grandfather, Hershell Herring.

Survivors include a son, Michael Shane Bridges of Wheeler; his parents, Johnny and Debbie Bridges of Pampa; a brother, Phillip Bridges of Pampa; and his maternal grandmother, Leta Herring of Pampa.

—Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

Gray County Weather

Today: Partly cloudy and hot, with a high around 97. Windy, with a south wind 15 to 20 mph increasing to between 25 and 30 mph. Winds could gust as high as 40 mph.

Tonight: A 20 percent chance of showers and thun-

derstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 69. Windy, with a south-southeast wind between 20 and 30 mph, with gusts as high as 40 mph.

Friday: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon.

Partly cloudy, with a high near 92. South wind between 15 and 20 mph.

Friday Night: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly

cloudy, with a low near 64. North-northwest wind between 5 and 15 mph.

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Oma Lee Speck, 90

Oma Lee Speck, 90, of Pampa, died June 14, 2006, in Panhandle. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Floyd James Simpson, 87

WICHITA FALLS, Texas — Floyd James Simpson, 87, of Wichita Falls died June 13, 2006, at Wichita Falls. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.



Simpson

Mr. Simpson was born June 27, 1918, in Wellington. His family moved to McLean in 1920. He married Martha LaVicia on March 3, 1940, in Sayre, Okla. She preceded him in death in 1992.

He moved to Amarillo in 1946 and then to Pampa in 1958. He owned and operated the Skelly Service Station for 28 years. He later worked at Utility Oil from 1986 until 2000 when he moved to Wichita Falls.

He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Pampa. He loved to cook and was a chef during his time in Amarillo.

Survivors include one son, James Roy

Simpson and wife Linda of Wichita Falls; one sister, Jeanette Kennedy and husband W.C. of Pampa; four brothers, Edward Simpson and wife Helen of Purcell, Okla., Kenneth Ross Simpson and wife Bonnie of Hobbs, N.M., Frank Simpson and W.C. Simpson and wife Rac, all of McLean; and two grandchildren, Stephanie Childs and husband Sam of Austin, and Deborah Ross and husband Brett of Wichita Falls.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, Lloyd Simpson, Cecil Simpson and Bill Simpson; and one sister, Ruth Howard.

The family requests memorials be to Hospice of Wichita Falls, P.O. Box 4804, Wichita Falls, TX 76308.

—Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today

Four traffic stops were made.

One traffic complaint was made in the 2700 block of Beech Lane.

Vehicle accidents were reported at the intersection of Somerville and Hobart, and the 2800 block of Perryton Parkway.

Burglary of a motor vehicle reports were received from the 1100 block of North Hobart where tools valued at \$730 were taken, and the 900 block of South Barnes where a jacket valued at \$50 was taken.

A burglary was reported in the 400 block of North Carr where cash and pictures valued at \$35 were taken.

Assaults were reported in the 1100 block of North Hobart, the 2200 block of North Christy, the 1100 block of South Summer, and the 300 block of South Canadian.

Thefts were reported in the 100 block of South Wells where an air conditioner valued at \$170 was missing, the 1900 block of North Hamilton, where water of unknown value was missing, the 1100 block of North Hobart, and in the police department lobby.

A telephone harassment/threat was reported in the police department lobby.

A forgery call was received from the 1400 block of North Hobart.

Escort service was provided in the 200 block of East Foster.

Alarms were checked in the 1600 block of West Somerville, the 900 block of Cindrella Drive, and the 300 block of South Starkweather.

A gas drive off was reported in the 1900 block of North Hobart.

Animal complaints were received in the 600 block of North Banks, the 1100 block of Neel Road, the 700 block of East Murphy, and the 400 block of East 17th.

An injured animal call was received from Highway 60 East.

A 911 hangup call was received from the 1900 block of North Lea.

Suspicious persons were investigated in the 600 block of North Gray and the intersection of Gwendolyn and Banks.

Criminal mischief calls were received from the 200 block of West 28th, where a vehicle was keyed, and the 700 block of North Wells.

Warrant service was attempted at one location where an arrest was made.

Civil matters were reported in the police department lobby, and the 2200 block of North Evergreen.

Violation of a city ordinance was reported in the 700 block of East Murphy.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 600 block of North Doucette.

Criminal trespass calls were reported from the 2600 block of North Navajo Road and the 1200 block of North Christine.

A welfare check was made in the Alcock and Dwight vicinity.

Accidents

Pampa Police Department reported the following accident today.

Wednesday, June 14

A 2000 Pontiac GrandAm driven by Shawnta' Lee Slaybaugh, 18, of 210 W. 28th, and a 2004 Ford Expedition driven by Amber Henton Oler, 36, of Carrollton, were in collision in the 1100 block of North Hobart. No injuries were reported. Slaybaugh was issued a citation for following too closely.

Sheriff

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests today.

William Anthony Sharp, 25, of Amarillo was arrested by GCSO on a charge of burglary of a habitation.

Terry Glenn Honeycutt, 39, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Ronnie Lynn Chase, 61, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa Police Department on a charge of theft by check.

Zachary Wade Skinner, 21, of Pampa, was arrested on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

Fire

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

Wednesday, June 14

8:41 a.m. — One unit and four personnel responded to the 100 block of Harvester on a service call.

1:52 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the intersection of Hobart and McMullough on a vehicle accident.

Ambulance

Guardian EMS ambulance reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Wednesday, June 14

9:51 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center and transferred a patient(s) to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

11:59 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1300 block of West Somerville and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

1:51 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to Hobart and McCullough. No transport.

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Correction

The name of Little Miss Texas SisaLeah Stouard was misspelled in a photograph caption in Wednesday's newspaper.

King

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they would seek the death penalty. The maximum sentence King could have gotten in the case was life without parole.

The judge allowed a 15-minute recess while prosecutors filed a motion to seek the death penalty and King was allowed to withdraw his plea.

Prosecutors later dismissed the charges and refilled them, starting the process over again, but King's attorneys say King had already pleaded guilty before the death penalty was sought and want to continue on that basis.

In the meantime, King was sent back to prison on charges that he violated his parole when he failed to return to a halfway house in St. Louis last year.

In July, 2003, King was sentenced to 14 years in prison in connection with a Jan. 8, 2003, arson, theft and burglary. After serving two years of his sentence, King was paroled to a halfway house in St. Louis. He left and failed to return to the halfway house on Sept. 23.

The bodies of the McCools were discovered about 10 a.m., Sept. 30. They had been shot with a 9mm weapon. Ballistics tests indicated that the shell casings at the scene of the murders match a 9mm Smith and Wesson pistol

taken from the home of Scott King, Levi King's father.

King has also been indicted by a Gray County grand jury in the Sept 30, shooting deaths of Brian Conrad, 31; his pregnant wife, Michell Conrad, 35; and her son, Zach Doan, 14.

King was arrested shortly before midnight trying to cross the border from Mexico into the United States at El Paso.

He was driving Orlie McCool's red 2005 Dodge Dakota pickup. Authorities said they found a number of weapons in the truck along with an identification card belonging to Conrad.

Officials said bullets found at the Conrad home matched one of the weapons found in the truck.

County

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allowed during a ban.

Bids on tax delinquent property at 920 Jordan and 1117 Huff Road were accepted. Both addresses consist of vacant lots.

The property at 920 Jordan is valued at \$2,300, and \$5,000 in back taxes is owed on it. The property at 1117 Huff Road is valued at \$1,100, and \$7,500 in back

taxes is owed on it.

The bids by Scott Lindsey of Las Vegas, N.M., for \$110 each, or a total of \$220, were accepted.

An interlocal participation agreement with the Local Government Purchasing Cooperative was renewed. The cooperative is used by the county to purchase some equipment at a reduced rate, Peet said.

Precinct 3 Commissioner Gerald Wright was recognized after the meeting for his retirement from Cabot

Corp. after 29 years and for his birthday, which is today.

Sheriff Don Copeland and his staff were recognized for certification of Gray County Jail after a May 26 inspection by the state Commission on Jail Standards.

"The jail was found to be in compliance with minimum jail standards," Peet said.

Peet also announced that the Pampa Albertson's supermarket would begin closing Aug. 5, and be closed on Aug. 19.

Aggravated assault charge filed

By DENNIS SPIES
Editor

A Pampa man was arrested Thursday on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon after he reportedly pulled a gun on another man.

Terry Glenn Honeycutt, 38, was in an altercation with another man in the parking lot of Allsup's at Wilks and Faulkner when the incident occurred on Tuesday, according to Lt. Joe B. Hoard of the sheriff's office.

"The suspect was in a vehicle and the victim was walking and there was an ongoing altercation between the two," Hoard said. "This went on for a block and ended at the parking lot at Wilks and Faulkner. These two men knew each other and had a history previously."

Perry names Smith 110th District judge

AUSTIN — Gov. Rick Perry has announced the appointment of William Paul "Bill" Smith of Silverton as judge of the 110th Judicial District Court serving Briscoe, Dickens, Floyd and Motley counties. Smith will serve until the next general election.

Smith, a native of Briscoe County, has served the past 10 years as the Briscoe County Attorney. He is a member of the Amarillo Area Bar Association and the Texas District and County Attorney Association, where he formerly served on the board of directors and training committee. Smith is also a member of the State Bar College of Texas.

Boy

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stopped when he noticed that he hit something," according to the report.

Items found at the scene between the point of impact and the final stopping point of the pickup included two shoes, a plastic drinking bottle, the bicycle, blood spatter and some of the child's hair, according to the police report.

Bowles, who was not injured in the accident, was cited for no insurance.

Hoard said a warrant was issued for Honeycutt and he was arrested Wednesday and remains in Gray County jail.

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A Gold Mine in Bedroom Drawers
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Viewpoints

'PHR' may be a life saver in time of emergency

Have you drafted a PHR lately? The folks at Risk Management Partners LLC, a self-described health care consulting and brokerage firm, recommend you take the time to make a PHR for every member of your family today.

What is a PHR, you ask? You're not alone. I had never heard of a PHR either until recently.

PHR is short for personal health record. According to Risk Management Partners, "(a) PHR should be kept in a

secure and accessible place" for the following reasons:

- in case of emergency;
 - when several doctors are coordinating care;
 - when you travel;
 - if you are an adult caregiver of an aging parent;
 - if you are a living will executor;
 - have power of attorney for an individual;
 - when your kids go to camp/leave for college;
 - if you live by yourself."
- "A Personal Health Record," the release from

Risk Management Partners explains, "is a collection of important information about your health or the health of someone you care for — a partner, child or parent — that you actively maintain and update."

The firm said each PHR should include a complete medical history, present existing medical conditions, aller-

gies, medicines, vaccinations, insurance information, and names and phone numbers of whom to contact in case of emergency.



Skyla Bryant
News Editor

partner for the firm, "you have complete control and access to your records. You are able to create, manage and share this information at your

discretion with physicians and health care providers. This is especially important if you change jobs, doctors, insurance companies or if you move to a new location."

Edman outlines six steps, provided verbatim below, to creating a PHR:

- 1) Contact each health facility where you've received treatment.
- 2) Ask for an "Authorization for the Release of Information" form.
- 3) Decide how you want to

gather your information — strictly storing it in a file folder or binder, or in electronic format.

4) Take your PHR with you to all doctors' visits for easy updates.

5) Create a card to carry with you at all times which includes vital information such as medications and allergies (for when you don't have your PHR with you).

6) Inform all caregivers where information is stored and how it can be retrieved.

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, June 15, the 166th day of 2006. There are 199 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 15, 1215, England's King John put his seal to Magna Carta ("the Great Charter") at Runnymede.

On this date:

In 1520, Pope Leo X threatened to excommunicate Martin Luther if he did not recant his religious beliefs.

In 1775, the Second Continental Congress voted unanimously to appoint George Washington head of the Continental Army.

In 1836, Arkansas became the 25th state.

In 1844, Charles Goodyear received a patent for his process to strengthen rubber.

In 1849, James Polk, the 11th president of the United States, died in Nashville, Tenn.

In 1864, Secretary of War Edwin M. Stanton signed an order establishing a military burial ground, which became Arlington National Cemetery.

In 1904, more than a thousand people died when fire erupted aboard the steamboat General Slocum in New York's East River.

'In trying to make something new, half the undertaking lies in discovering whether it can be done. Once it has been established that it can, duplication is inevitable.'

— Helen Gahagan Douglas
U.S. representative (1900-1980)

In 1944, American forces began their successful invasion of Saipan during World War II. Meanwhile, B-29 Superfortresses made their first raids on Japan.

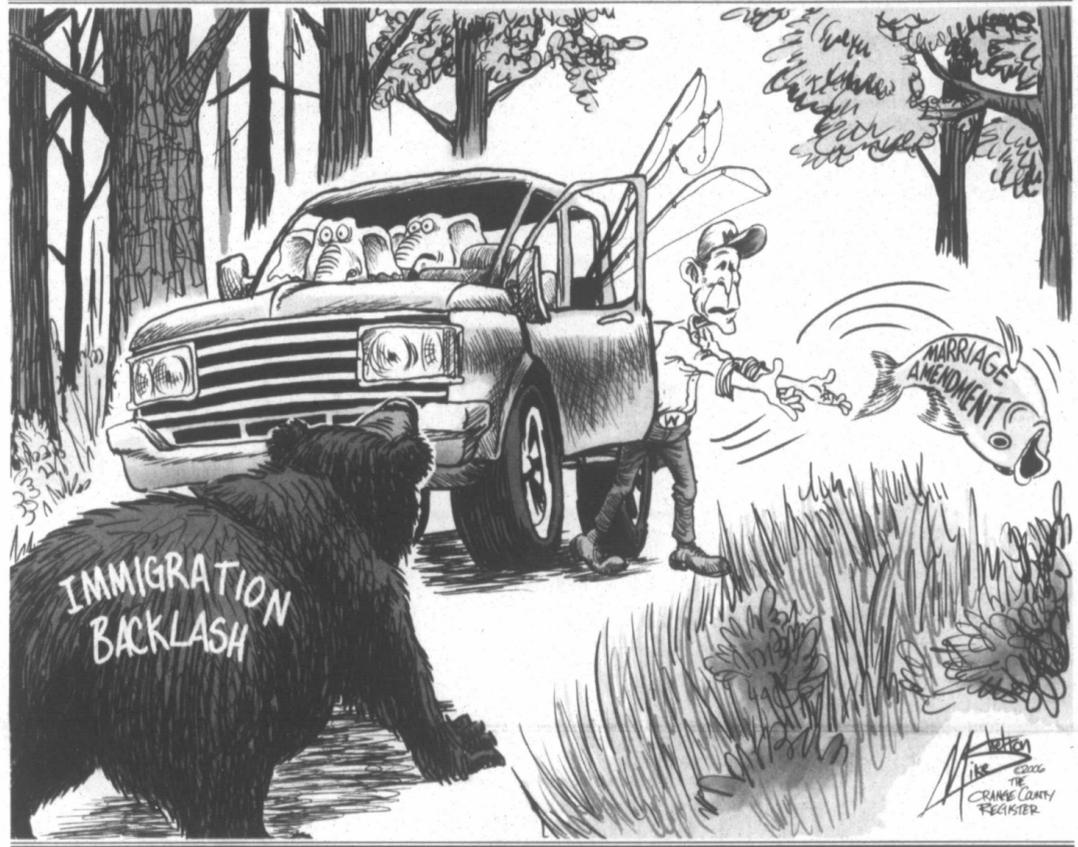
In 1978, King Hussein of Jordan married 26-year-old American Lisa Halaby, who became Queen Noor.

In 1994, Israel and the Vatican established full diplomatic relations.

Ten years ago: A truck bomb blew up in a retail district of Manchester, England, injuring more than 200 people in an attack claimed by the Irish Republican Army. Ella Fitzgerald, the "first lady of song," died in Beverly Hills, Calif., at age 78.

Five years ago: On the eve of his first meeting with Vladimir Putin, President Bush, in Poland, chastised Russia for suspected nuclear commerce and encouraged the former Cold War rival to help "erase the false lines that have divided Europe." The Los Angeles Lakers defeated the Philadelphia 76ers 108-96 in Game 5 to win their second straight NBA championship.

One year ago: The autopsy released on Terri Schiavo backed the contention of her husband, Michael, that she was in a persistent vegetative state, finding she was severely and irreversibly brain-damaged and blind as well. Iraqi and U.S. forces freed Australian hostage Douglas Wood. Former Baylor basketball player Carlton Dotson was sentenced to 35 years in prison, a week after he unexpectedly pleaded guilty to murdering teammate Patrick Dennehy.



Start a business with help from the Web

Have you ever wanted to run your own business? Do you have a surefire idea, but no idea how to proceed? Let the Web help. About a year and a half ago, I started contemplating starting my own company. Having never attempted such a project before, I had little idea where to start. Luckily, I had some great Web resources to get me going.

Step One ...
I first surfed to the Small Business Administration's Small Business Startup Kit (<http://www.sba.gov/startup/>). This site offers an impressive "beginning-to-end" checklist of critical decisions you must make during this process.

In the middle column, locate the main title, "Startup Basics." Find the link labeled, "Free Small Business Startup Guide" below it and click it. The page that appears will list a myriad of small business resource links in the form of a guide. Make sure you have

enough printer ink. You'll find yourself printing out many of its sections.

Another great site is the Entrepreneur section of About.com (<http://entrepreneurs.about.com>). Here,

you'll find hundreds of opinions and expert advice from people who've "been there and done that." I found so many useful articles and links, I made this site a favorite. To this day, I still check in to read about the latest trends.

Need Money?
A great idea without money is just a "great idea." If you're looking for potential investors, go no further than Finance (<http://www.vfinance.com>). This site matches entrepreneurs and investors through a unique networking resource. Another great site to check out is Raising

Money (<http://www.raising-money.com>). While offering a paid investor/entrepreneur matching service, they also have numerous articles on business plans, proposals, and what investors are looking for.

On the Cheap
Once you get your business going, finding the services

and products you'll need to operate can be an expensive search. However, the Web can help here, too.

Why Buy Software?
You can easily spend a lot of money in equipping your new office ... especially in the software arena. After all, you'll need an accounting package, contact management, lead tracking, inventory control, and a host of other expensive tools.

However, many small businesses are now turning to outsourced solutions. Two

players dominate this market — Microsoft and Oracle.

Sales Boom (<http://www.salesboom.com>) is an excellent choice for customer management and lead tracking. Their various modules integrate well, allowing the user to enter information once and have it available in a variety of forms. Pricing starts at \$249/year.

Salesboom shines the brightest in customer management and collaboration resources. However, it lacks any type of accounting package. Instead, consider QuickBooks Online (<http://www.qboe.com>). It has all the features of its CD-based cousin with none of the setup headaches.

You no longer have to worry about updates or backing up. It's done for you! Pricing for QuickBooks Online runs \$19.95/month to \$39.95/month depending on how many modules you choose.

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Eric Spellmann
Columnist



Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

June 5
Austin American-Statesman on Texas' hurricane evacuation plan:

Gov. Rick Perry's emergency response plan, developed to avoid a disaster like last year's evacuation as Hurricane Rita bore down on the Texas coast, has brewed up a minor storm of its own.

After the most destructive hurricane year on record, forecasters are predicting another active Atlantic hurricane season. No one expects the Gulf of Mexico to churn up another Katrina or Rita, but after the horror wreaked by those two storms last summer, every-

one along the Texas coast is concerned.

They should be. Forecasters predict 17 named storms this season, nine of them hurricanes and five of those with winds over 110 miles per hour.

Planning for a coastal evacuation has improved, and the governor's task force on emergency preparation has produced a new blueprint. But state and local officials are bickering over who should order an evacuation. Perry argues that the state should coordinate any evacuation because storms don't strike a single city or county. City and county officials say their emergency professionals are better equipped and more knowledgeable about a specific situation than bureaucrats in Austin.

It seems obvious that the state's emergency management division and

local emergency professionals should coordinate efforts to respond quickly to a major storm. Neither can be as effective working alone as they can acting in concert.

Despite the haggling, an improved hurricane emergency plan has been fashioned. It includes opening inbound highway lanes to outgoing traffic, having service stations remain open to sell gasoline and supplies, and providing gas generators to emergency facilities such as hospitals.

All of that is welcome, and it should help avoid the catastrophe that befell Texans trying to flee Hurricane Rita. More than 3 million people tried to leave the Texas coast, causing an

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The Oracle NetSuite program (<http://www.netsuite.com>) is a bit more comprehensive in its offerings. While not as powerful in the customer management aspect as Salesboom, Oracle offers an ample accounting module. In addition, the Oracle solution includes extensive human resource tools not found in Salesboom, further enhancing the product. Pricing starts at \$99/month.

Both Microsoft's bCentral and Oracle's NetSuite are known as ASPs (Application Service Providers). In other words, the actual software is located on the Internet and not your computer. This scenario presents various advantages and disadvantages. On the plus side, you don't have to worry about upgrades or system maintenance. The only detractor I've seen, however, is the Internet access necessity. If your Internet connection goes down, you lose access to your data.

So, what are you waiting for? Make the jump! "Lack of information" is no longer an excuse.

I'll see you in Cyberspace!

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incredible traffic jam that lasted for nearly 24 hours. More than 100 people died during that exodus, most of them from heat stress and heart attacks.

Efforts to craft a better response that is, to save lives ought not be tied up by bickering over who is in charge. Hurricane season began last week, so a command-and-coordinate agreement among state and local officials is imperative. No one wishes to repeat the experience of last September.

But even the best plan won't make

evacuation easy or pleasant. When millions of people leave the same place going the same way, it will be a mess no matter who is in charge.

Everyone along the Texas coast should be prepared for another hurricane season with flashlights, batteries, radios, water and food on hand. And if the Hurricane Rita experience left one lesson, it is to stay put if you aren't in imminent danger. Most of those who died from Hurricane Rita died on the road.

Be prepared. For evacuation maps, preparation tips and to view the report from the governor's task force on emergency preparation go to <http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/dem/pages/index.htm>.

Oklahoma officials accuse Kansan of causing fatal crash

PAULS VALLEY, Okla. (AP) — Garvin County prosecutors will consider whether to charge a Kansan man for his alleged role in a February bus crash that killed two people.

A four-month investigation into the crash near Pauls Valley found no conclusive evidence that the bus driver acted improperly or that safety violations on the bus contributed to the accident, Lt. Ronnie Hampton, troop commander for the

Oklahoma Highway Patrol investigations division, said Wednesday.

"We did find mechanical violations on the bus that were in place prior to the crash, but we don't feel like those violations caused or contributed to the crash," Hampton said.

Investigators believe Tony Sims of Wichita, Kan., was driving a Cadillac that pulled in front of the bus, causing it to swerve and roll over.

Troopers initially thought

the bus was traveling too fast for the icy road conditions when the driver, Miguel Esqueda of Fort Worth, lost control of the bus, Hampton said. But they changed their minds after interviewing witnesses.

The bus was "driving in the right lane at a rate of speed reasonable for the road conditions" when a silver Cadillac passed it at "a high rate of speed for the conditions," he said.

Events calendar

• **Pampa Independent School District** has announced that diplomas are available for pick-up by graduating high school seniors at the counselor's office at PHS. Diplomas for Pampa Learning Center graduates are available at the center.

• **Habitat For Horses, Inc.**, is in the area distributing horse feed, hay, medical and barn supplies. The volunteer organization will continue to organize feed and hay drives to the fire damaged area and coordinate distribution centers as needed. For more information, call (866) 434-5737 or (806) 681-5858.

• **Pampa High School Class of 1956** needs help locating the following students: Aurelia (Adams) Gallaher, Beverly (Bonnell) Carruth, Andrena (Chisum) Greasby, Bobbie Jean Lindley, Dorothy Payne, Zona (Ruttman) McNeely, Velda Thompson and Bill Weatherford. Contact Glenda Malone at 665-4563 with any information.

• **Regional Specialist for the Deaf**, Edith Tillery and Hard of Hearing Specialist Phil Smith will present a technology program from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Saturday at Paramount Baptist Deaf Church in Amarillo. Participants will learn about assistive equipment for the deaf. For more information, call Tillery at (806) 378-9500 or via e-mail at edith.tillery@dars.state.tx.us.

• **The Texas Department of State Health Services** will offer immunization clinics for vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases including polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps, HIB (haemophilus influenzae Type B) and chickenpox (varicella). Flu vaccines may also be offered at designated clinics. The TDH

will charge money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay. The following clinic will be offered: 9:30-11:45 a.m. and 1-3:30 p.m., June 21, TDH, 736 S. Cuyler, Pampa.

• **The Texas Panhandle Chapter of National Alliance for the Mentally Ill** is planning a bicycle tour in Pampa June 24. Sign-in will begin at 6 a.m. at Coronado Shopping Center. Registration is \$30 for adults and \$20 for children 18 and under. To find out more or to register, call Texas Panhandle Mental Health Mental Retardation at (806) 349-5663.

• **Pampa Cancer Support Group** will meet at 6:30 p.m. June 27 at Pampa Regional Medical

Center. For more information, call 669-7190 or 669-9667.

• **The Pampa High School Class of 1986** reunion will be held July 28 and 29. For more information, call 665-8685 or 669-4800.

• **The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center** has announced the following upcoming breast cancer screening clinic(s): June 27, Shephard's Crook Nursing Agency, 916 N. Crest, both in Pampa. Participants will receive a low-cost self-exam mammogram and a breast health appraisal along with individual instruction by a registered nurse in breast self-examination. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health.

MEDICAL HEADLINES

Conjoined twins doing well after surgery

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Regina and Renata Salinas Fierros were "doing great" after doctors separated the 10-month-old conjoined twins and rebuilt their bodies during a daylong operation, a hospital spokeswoman said Thursday.

The twins were transferred early Thursday to side-by-side beds in an intensive care unit after their surgeries were complete, said Childrens Hospital Los Angeles spokeswoman Janet Dotson.

"The girls are doing great," she said.

Ten-month-old Regina and Renata Salinas Fierros were born facing each other, joined from the lower chest to the pelvis. They were fused in several places, including the liver and genitals,

and they shared a large intestine, and Regina was born with one kidney.

During the operation, doctors made an incision at the breastbone and then divided the internal organs.

Late Wednesday, the young twins spent their first moments apart, when one was wheeled to another room so plastic surgeons could begin the reconstruction work.

Several doctors on the 80-person medical team also took part in the 2003 separation of conjoined twins from a set of triplets at the hospital. Wednesday's surgery was considered more complex because it involved more organs.

Despite the risks, doctors said they expected a successful operation.

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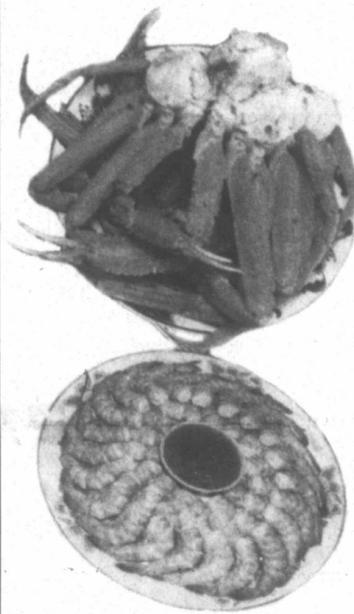
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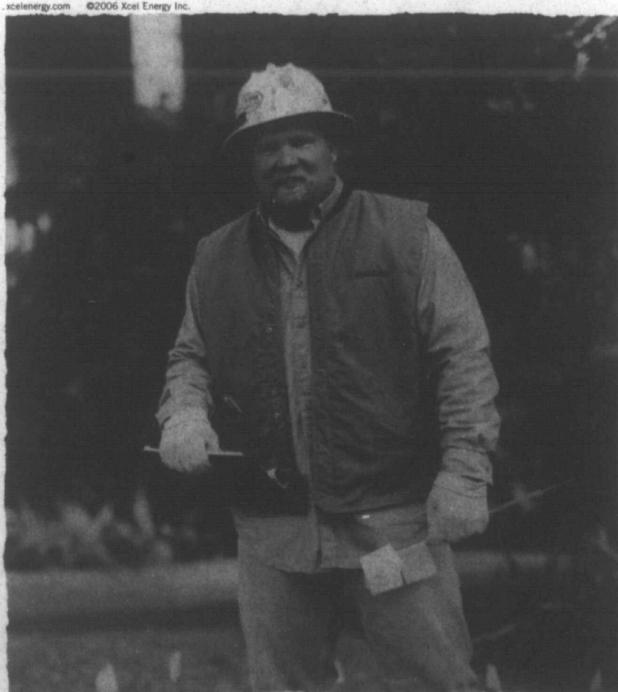
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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I just read the letter from "Edith in Sweden," regarding the American woman who was talking loudly in a restaurant there, thinking no one could understand what she was saying. You commented that Americans need to understand that many people in other countries can understand English. I have had the opposite experience. Foreigners need to understand that sometimes Americans can understand them, too. My daughter was assigned to NATO security, and while I was visiting her in Italy, the two of us went shopping in a town near Naples. The owner of a pottery shop was talking to a friend as we browsed. My daughter translated the conversation for me, in a whisper. "She's saying she can't stand the Americans and the Brits, and wishes they would leave." The woman then approached us, all smiles, and asked if she could show us something. My blue-eyed, red-haired daughter replied in fluent Italian. "Thank you, but there's nothing in this shop that we could possibly be interested in," and we left. — **AMERICAN MOM, NAPERVILLE, ILL.**

DEAR AMERICAN MOM: I don't blame you for leaving -- I couldn't have gotten out of there fast enough, either. The reactions from readers about that letter are amusing and fascinating. Putting a foot in one's mouth appears to be a universal trait. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: My son, an 18-year-old college football player of Italian/Irish heritage, was sitting in an airport in Austin, Texas, during a layover. A family from Japan was sitting next to him, complaining about their flight and their food, and finally, that someone nearby smelled bad. My son turned to them and, in perfect Japanese, said, "Yes, something does smell funny." He said they looked at him in shock, got up and literally ran away. He said the same thing your writer did: People shouldn't automatically assume others

don't speak their language, even those visiting our country. — **DORIS IN KAILUA, HAWAII**

DEAR ABBY: That letter reminded me of an incident in Munich. We were invited to dinner at a nice restaurant by a German friend. Our host, as is customary there, brought along his miniature poodle. As we passed one table, an American woman said loudly to her companions, "I wonder why the Germans always bring their pets to a restaurant?" I leaned over and said, "Probably because they have better manners than some of the people." She was speechless. — **RALPH IN SANTA BARBARA**

DEAR ABBY: My mother is from Germany, and I speak German. I vacationed there with my husband, two children, my mother and my in-laws. On the way home, my father-in-law and I went to the flight desk to check in. The woman behind the counter told us our plane had left two hours before! Then, in German, she said to her co-workers that we were stupid Americans, and she'd make us stay another night and take a flight the next day. I replied in German that we were not stupid, and we'd take a flight that day. Her jaw dropped, and her boss came over and ran with us to the next flight. — **CAROL IN PORTLAND, ORE.**

DEAR ABBY: Our local paper ran the letter about foreign languages from a woman in Sweden, and your reply, which alluded to "bi-" and "trilingual" people. If people speak many languages, they are multi-lingual. Three, of course, is trilingual. Two is bilingual. But what would you call a person who speaks only one language? American! — **DAVE IN ST. JOSEPH, MICH.**

DEAR DAVE: Not necessarily!

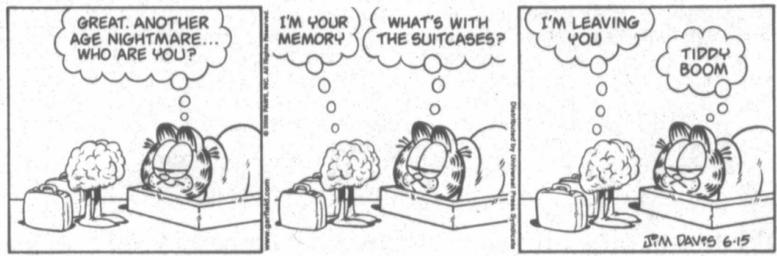
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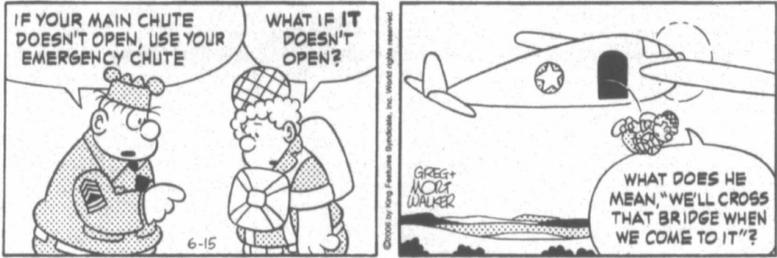
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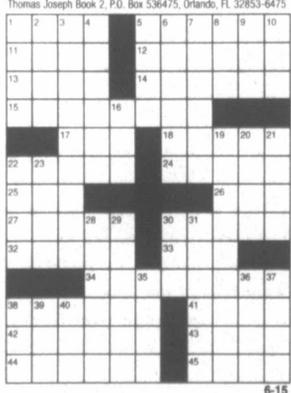
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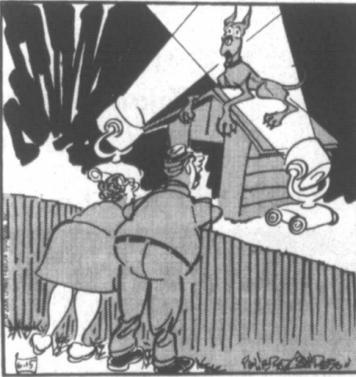
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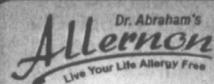
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Until now, I didn't know it existed

So it's not like the movie King Pin?

When I was in high school — I believe it was in my junior year — one of the required classes for P.E. was a quarter of bowling. That's right, bowling.

Each day, those that had a license drove to the local bowling alley. Those without either caught a ride or were ferried by a parent. A couple of friends and I soon discovered if we got there early enough, we could hang in the game room and hone our Defender and Asteroids skills.

I enjoyed bowling, though most thought it odd it was actually a required element. The class did, however lead directly to me joining a league where I did fairly well. My highest game ever was a 270 which came at about that time.

I knew who Earl Anthony, Pete Weber and Mark Roth were. I just never really thought of them on the same level as say Billy 'White Shoes' Johnson, Dan Pastorini or Ken Stabler (some of my favorite football players at the time).

I was looking for a commercial killer while watching Me, Myself and Irene one night last week. While scanning my options, I came across College Bowling. On my new system, I can still see what I am watching and the channel choices as I surf. I stopped for a moment then kept scrolling. Moments later, I stopped again. "You can't resist, can you?" my son asked. "You've got to know what it is."

I had to see what college bowling was all about.

We tuned in to a replay of Farleigh Dickinson defeating Alabama A&M for the 2006 NCAA college bowling title. We caught the very end of the match. As the Knights celebrated their win, coach Mike LoPresti said, "These were my first two recruits and to make it this far and win the whole thing in four years is poetic justice."

The girls he spoke of were seniors Kristina Szalay and Lisa Friscioni. I found his quote to be very interesting. I'll explain why in a moment.

I don't know why, and I doubt this wins me any favor with

bowlers, but I was sort of surprised to realize there was such an animal as college bowling. "Oh, yeah. WT has a bowling team," said my editor, Dennis Spies when I first shared this revelation with him. So I went Google-ing and, lo and behold, there she blew. It's listed as a winter sport. So I looked up the NCAA playoff bracket. With the possible exception of Nebraska (Lincoln), Vanderbilt and maybe Bethune-Cookman, most were schools you probably haven't heard of. I wonder how many of you are like me and are just now learning college bowling existed at all?

OK, so why did Coach LoPresti's "These were my first two recruits..." quote strike an odd note with me? How does a bowling coach recruit at all? Where does he go to scout?

World Nirvana

I am really coming around to soccer. Though a little sluggish at times, it's the speed in which fortunes can change and goals scored that captures the attention.

I have tuned in to a couple World Cup matches. Though a sports editor, I am man enough to admit I don't know enough about the game or this particular event to make any qualified observations other than what I have just shared.

However, the promotional television spot leading up to the World Cup was something of a curiosity to me. The whole "one soccer ball can bring a world at war together for a moment of peace and harmony" thing was a bit of a stretch.

"And if history is any indication, the world as we know it is about to change." A soccer ball can do that? Not in some of the matches I have seen.

I thought the purpose of a promotional spot was to pique my interest enough to get me to tune in. Instead, I felt like running out to buy a soccer ball to throw in my neighbor's yard so their dogs would shut up and let me enjoy some peace.

Commercial aside, I'm sort of enjoying the World Cup.



Michael J. Stevens
Sports Editor

Wade insists he will not miss Game 4

MIAMI (AP) — Dwyane Wade's game is built on his ability to blow past defenders and soar to the hoop.

On Wednesday, Miami's star guard could hardly walk.

Getting the Heat back into the NBA finals came at a steep price.

Wade, who had to be driven on a cart to and from an interview session, spent the off day before Game 4 receiving treatment on a bum left knee he injured in a freakish collision with teammate Shaquille O'Neal during the second half of Miami's 98-96 win in Game 3 over the Dallas Mavericks.

"It's very stiff and very sore," said Wade, who scored 42 points. "So the only thing I can continue to do is what I'm ordered to do, and that's a lot of icing and stim (electric stimulation). I'm confident in my training staff that they'll get me as close as I can be to 100 percent."

"So, you know, I'm hoping." Hope isn't enough in these parts. Considering the stakes in Game 4, prayer may be required of the Heat faithful.

Although Wade wasn't at full speed late in Tuesday's game, he scored 15 points — 12 during the

final 6:34 — in the fourth quarter to rally Miami from a 13-point hole and pull the Heat within 2-1 in the series.

According to the league, it was the second largest fourth-quarter comeback in finals history, and, it was the latest testament to Wade's soaring status as one of the game's best clutch players.

"He's just fabulous," O'Neal said. "He's a great one. And he's so young with a lot of room to improve. It's going to be fun to watch him."

Wade insists he'll be able to play in Game 4. However, he looked to be a long way from game ready as he grabbed the handrails to steady himself for the short climb up to the interview podium.

He'll be on the floor, no doubt. But how effective will he be?

Wade has been battling an assortment of nagging during these playoffs. He had the flu and a sinus infection in this series, a holdover from the Eastern Conference finals against Detroit when he was briefly hospitalized for dehydration.

Last season, he was slowed by bruised ribs, an injury which prevented the Heat from getting past

the Pistons. Now, it's his knee, and at the worst possible time for Miami, which is hoping to even the series.

"I can't even explain it," he said. "You know, it's just happens to me, man. Wrong place, wrong time," Wade said. "I just want them (teammates) to know that hurt or not, I'm going to give it my all, and hopefully that's enough."

He was more than good enough in Game 3. In the final 12 minutes, with a nonexistent margin for error and the stakes as high as possible, Wade was magnificent from start to finish. Seizing control of the game, the 24-year-old played the last 10:56 with five fouls and simply refused to allow the Heat to lose.

He made jumpers. He darted for layups. He grabbed rebounds. He even tipped away the Mavericks' last-second inbounds play.

Like Michael Jordan used to do.

"No one should be compared to MJ, man," he said. "There will only ever be one MJ. That's it. I'm not him."

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Astros 5, Cubs 4

CHICAGO (AP) — As a pitcher and also as a hitter, Roy Oswalt got rid of the rust quickly.

"Roy for just coming off the disabled list looked pretty good," Chicago's Phil Nevin said after Oswalt pitched and batted the Houston Astros to a 5-4 victory over the Cubs on Wednesday night. "Oswalt is Oswalt. I don't care what day it is. He's not won all those games by luck," the Cubs' Matt Murton added.

Oswalt (6-3), who'd been on the DL with a strained back and hadn't pitched since May 29, allowed eight hits and three runs in six innings.

It was the right-hander's first win in his last six starts, dating back to his last win on May 3, a stretch that had included two losses and three no-decisions.

He also had two of Houston's 11 hits off Greg Maddux, both with two outs.

"I was hoping to last six, seven

innings and go deep into the game," said Oswalt, a 20-game winner in each of the last two seasons. "I felt the first two innings I would try to get warm and not try to go too hard right out of the gate. After the fourth, I started feeling better and better."

Maddux (7-6), who started the season 5-0, gave up five runs and the 11 hits in seven innings.

Craig Biggio and Preston Wilson drove in two runs each for the Astros, who have won seven of eight. Three of Houston's five runs came off two-out hits against Maddux.

"I left pitches up with two strikes that I was trying to throw in the dirt," Maddux said.

"It's kind of a tough way to get beat. If they go down and pick it, that's one thing. But to hang pitches like that with two strikes way ahead in the count. ..."

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Mears hired by Hendrick Motorsports

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Casey Mears was hired to drive for Hendrick Motorsports, earning a seat with one of NASCAR's super-teams.

Last week, Mears informed car owner Chip Ganassi he would not be coming back in 2007, the same day Brian Vickers asked to be released from his Hendrick contract.

Correction

In the June 13 edition of Sports Day, the picture captioned "Champs" should have included Colton Lesley as a player not pictured.

Hidden Hills results

Long & Short Senior Scramble
Hidden Hills Golf Course
June 14, 2006

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Bill King
Jerry South
Charlie Byrum
Louis Haydon

Closest to the Pin
Harley Knutson (#6)
Bob Young (#15)

Knee

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Wade's virtual one-man show — his 42 points were the most since Allen Iverson scored 48 and O'Neal 44 in Game 1 of the 2001 finals — was aided by Dallas' inexplicable collapse down the stretch.

Minutes away from a 3-0 lead in the series, the Mavericks went 2-of-7 from the field, committed five turnovers and were outscored 22-7 during the

final 6:15.

"I don't think we let up," guard Jason Terry said. "We just didn't have that killer instinct. It just wasn't there."

The Mavericks aren't panicking. They recognize an opportunity has slipped away, and they're determined not to let the next one sneak by.

"We didn't really come ready to play from the start," said Dirk Nowitzki, who could have tied it at 97-all but missed the second of two free throws with 3.4 seconds left. "We fell behind. We were backpedaling pretty much the whole first half,

and we have to make sure we correct that."

Almost since the day he stepped into the league, Wade has been measure against 2003 rookie classmates Carmelo Anthony and LeBron James, and the trio has been ordained as the NBA's next generation.

But Wade, undoubtedly helped by playing alongside O'Neal, is the first of the trio to make it to the NBA finals.

"That's one of the things we made a point to him about when we were playing Detroit," Heat coach Pat Riley said. "Our objective was to win a championship

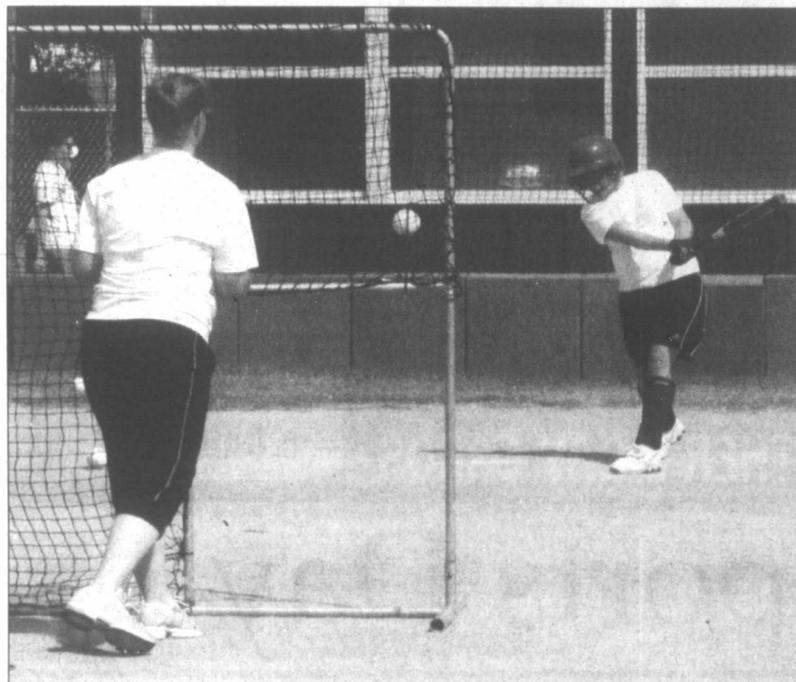
this year and with all of the comparisons of that class, I said to him, 'OK, be the first one to win one (title).' That might change the opinion on everybody."

No one doubts Wade's toughness, and he promised to do everything he could to get ready for Miami's latest, biggest game of the season.

"I'm confident that the therapy that I do and the massages I get, that I'll feel a lot better," he said. "So I don't think we've reached the (pain-killer) injection stage. I hope not, anyway. I'm scared of needles."

Summer swing

Soon to be 9th grader Shelbie Watson swats a ball back toward Pampa High School head softball coach Bobbi Gill during Gill's softball camp earlier today. Watson, who said she has been competing in the sport since T-ball, showed great form as she rocketed a number of crisp line drives and a few flies to the field.



Pampa News photo by MICHAEL J. STEVENS

Astros

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Trailing 5-3, the Cubs rallied in the eighth off reliever Chad Qualls, who walked pinch-hitter Tony Womack and gave up a single to Michael Barrett. Nevin delivered a run-scoring infield single on a ball hit to shortstop Adam Everett, whose throw to second for a force was wide. Qualls then got Aramis Ramirez to hit into a double play and struck out Jacques Jones to end the inning.

The Astros turned three double plays. That and Oswald's two hits were the difference. At least according to Cubs manager Dusty Baker.

"What hurt us was Oswald got a couple of key knocks for them," Baker said. "His hits accounted for two runs and ended up beating us."

Houston had five hits in a three-run second inning off the 40-year-old Maddux, a 325-game winner.

Lance Berkman had an infield single to start the second and after Jason Lane lined a ball over left fielder Murton's head for a double, Wilson hit an RBI grounder. Brad Ausmus singled and the Astros made it 2-0 when Everett laid down a squeeze bunt to score Lane. Oswald followed with a single and Biggio gave the Astros a three-run cushion with an RBI single.

The Astros are awaiting the season debut of Roger Clemens but getting Oswald back was a big deal, as well. His pitching was what they were looking for, his bat just an added plus.

"It's huge," Biggio said. "He is one of the nastiest guys in the National League. It's a huge lift to get him

back tonight." Jones hit a sacrifice fly after Nevin's leadoff double and a single by Ramirez in the bottom half of the second for the Cubs' first run. Chicago closed to within 3-2 in the third when Ronny Cedeno tripled and Maddux delivered a run-scoring grounder.

Oswald helped himself in the fourth, doubling with two outs and coming home on another RBI single by Biggio.

"I told the guys I was going back to my old style of hitting," Oswald said. "When I was in high school I was straight up and I was able to see the ball. ... I don't know what it (the pitch) was, I just saw it and swung."

Barrett, Nevin and Ramirez hit three straight singles to start the bottom of the fourth and cut the lead to 4-3 before Oswald struck out Jones and got Murton to hit into a double play.

Wilson had a two-out RBI single in the fifth, scoring Chris Burke, who'd singled and stole second.

Brad Lidge pitched a perfect ninth for his 17th save in 20 chances.

Notes: Barrett's appeal hearing on his 10-game suspension for punching the White Sox's A.J. Pierzynski and starting a brawl last month is scheduled for Friday in Chicago. ... Oswald's two hits matched his season total (2-for-27) entering the game. It was his first two-hit game since Sept. 11, 2005. He now has eight multi-hit games in his career. ... Oswald is now 10-6 in his career against the Cubs and 4-1 in his last five starts against them. He beat them for his 20th victory last October. Wednesday night's outing marked his first at Wrigley Field since Aug. 27, 2004. ... Nevin and Barrett each had three hits.

Padilla, Rangers shut down White Sox

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Vicente Padilla kept throwing fastballs, one after another. Inside and outside. Up and down.

"Each one of those pitches looks different halfway to home plate. His ability to mix them all in, use every part of the strike zone was key," Texas catcher Rod Barajas said. "I had the easiest job on the field. He had it going on."

Padilla pitched eight shutout innings, allowing only three singles, and the Rangers beat the Chicago White Sox 8-0 on Wednesday night.

After allowing runners in each of the first four innings, twice hitting A.J. Pierzynski with pitches, Padilla (6-4) retired 14 of his last 16 batters. The right-hander struck out seven — five

in a six-batter span — and walked three.

Pitching coach Mark Connor said the first 50 pitches Padilla threw, into the fourth, were fastballs.

"You want the other team to make the adjustment, and for some reason they weren't able to get on that fastball," Barajas said.

Francisco Cordero pitched the ninth to wrap up the Rangers' fifth shutout of the season. The White Sox were held scoreless for only the second time.

Hank Blalock snapped out of his offensive slump with a homer and an RBI double in his turn as the Texas designated hitter.

Blalock led off the second with his 10th homer — a 416-foot blast into the

second deck of seats in right field — that put the Rangers ahead to stay. His double an inning later was part of a four-run outburst in which they batted around to go up 5-0.

Blalock was the DH for only the second time this season. The two-time All-Star third baseman was 2-for-17 his previous four games, 0-for-8 in the series, before his 21st multihit game.

Gary Matthews Jr. was 3-for-5 and also homered for Texas, which avoided its first three-game losing streak since being swept May 5-7 by the New York Yankees.

Javier Vazquez (7-4) struck out seven over six innings, but allowed six runs and 10 hits to end his three-game winning streak.

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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)
★ ★ Know when to cash in your chips. You will be much happier if you don't get involved. A friend could be difficult. Manifesting what you want could be close to impossible. Know when to give up, and you will be better off for the experience. Tonight: Quit while you are ahead.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★ ★ The best intentions can get you tripped up and headed in another direction. You discover what makes you tick and what is important to you. A partnership might appear to be on the rocks. Wait before you decide it is over. Tonight: Find your friends.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★ ★ ★ Others look to you for direction. You could be flabbergasted at what goes

down. You might want to cocoon, but you cannot. You might think that many people around you are acting up. You aren't far from wrong. Tonight: Do only what you must.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★ ★ ★ You might have a strong sense of what you want to accomplish. But the facts don't follow your intellect. You find a schism in your physical reality and your mind's desire. Detach, and you will be OK. Tonight: Early to bed, with some good reading.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★ ★ A risk could cause a bigger problem within a relationship than you are willing to deal with. Be willing to walk a different path and say no to what might seem like a sure bet or a fun adventure. Tonight: Play it smart.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★ ★ ★ Trouble will start before you know it if you insist on having your way. If you allow someone else to have it his way, he can see the end results. The good news is, you don't need to squabble over an issue if you let go. Tonight: The only answer is yes.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★ ★ Don't allow a squabble or bad mood to interfere with what you must do. After you accomplish what you must, if you want to get into a tizzy, do just that. Understand your limits and, at the same time, work with a situation. Tonight: Easy does it.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★ ★ A money matter could become a problem if you aren't careful. Think positively about what needs to happen with a child or a loved one. Risking would be ill-advised. Stay on the conservative path if you can. Tonight: Use your imagina-

tion.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★ ★ Do you think you are in-a-pressure cooker? You might be the one who forced the situation to this point. You might be more controlling and/or difficult than you realize. If you chill out, so will others. Promise. Tonight: Easy does it.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★ ★ Know when to hit the delete button, especially regarding plans, events or your recall of what might be going down right now. Ultimately, being a little forgetful might be the best solution to what is happening. Tonight: Relax.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★ ★ ★ The push and pull that occurs between you and someone else could overwhelm you. You are a livewire, though clearly you have little control over others. Pressure builds, as you feel everyone tells it like it is. Tonight: Focus on one new person at a time.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
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Army post put on notice for not paying utility bills

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Fort Sam Houston has received 1,300 utility service termination notices for delinquent bill payments, which officials blamed on a major budget shortfall.

CPS Energy warned commanders at the post to pay \$4.2 million by Wednesday or risk losing power. The post is three months behind on its bills, but both Army and utility officials said the two parties were talking and no cutoff was imminent.

"Who would imagine us not paying our bill?" said Col. Wendy Martinson, Fort Sam Houston's garrison commander. "I worry about it. I can't sleep at night."

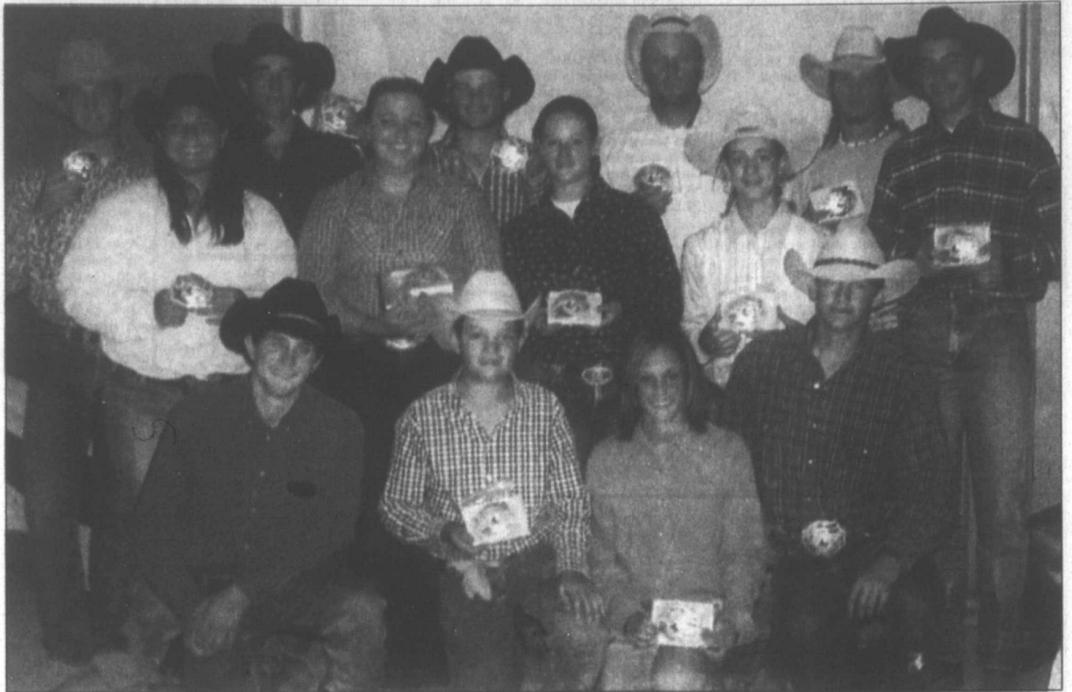
The post, which trains medics, faces a \$26 million budget shortfall this year — a problem that officials said is symptomatic of the financial woes facing posts worldwide.

Only commands at Fort Sam Houston funded by the Army Installation Management Agency are affected, which excludes Brooke Army Medical Center.

The installation management agency is wrestling with a \$530 million deficit and is awaiting funding from a \$94.5 billion supplemental appropriations bill. The Senate is set to vote on a revised supplemental bill following House approval earlier this week. The funds are intended for the war in Iraq and Afghanistan, as well as hurricane relief.

Martinson said the supplemental funding would be a temporary fix. To deal with the budget crunch, the post has fired 100 contract workers, frozen hiring, shut off cell phones and BlackBerry devices, turned in leased cars and stopped troops from using government credit cards.

Rodeo Bible camp



▲ Top O' Texas Fellowship of Christian Cowboys is sponsoring its annual Texas Rodeo Bible Camp in Pampa June 18-21. The camp strives to accept every camper, regardless of ability to pay. Donations are welcome and may be mailed to Texas Rodeo Bible Camp, c/o Top O' Texas Fellowship of Christian Cowboys, P.O. Box 91, Pampa, TX 79066. Above: (first row, from left) Cody Meyer, Drew Sageser, Tori Blankenship, Cody Adams; (second row) Sky Niccum, Randal Wilkens, Larri Golleher, Maci McCabe; (third row) Adam Raney, Cody Cochran, Kutter Anderson, Hunter Neel, Ross Burroughs and Kyle Weldon.

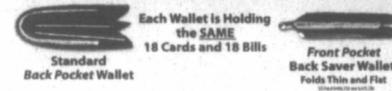


▲ Randal Wilkens of Lubbock and Larri Golleher at Texas Rodeo Bible Camp. The nondenominational camp is open to youth 13-18 years of age. Deadline to register for the camp is 6 p.m. Sunday at the Clyde Carruth Pavilion.

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Homeless man arrested in NYC stabbings

NEW YORK (AP) — The rampage came as violent crime in the city continues to drop: four people, including two Canadian tourists and a visitor from Texas, stabbed in a bloody 12-hour span.

The person behind the attacks, police said, was Kenny Alexis, a homeless man who was arrested on charges including attempted murder, assault and criminal possession of a weapon.

Alexis, 21, was taken into custody without incident around 4:15 a.m. Wednesday outside a fast-food restaurant in midtown Manhattan shortly after the two Montreal women, ages 22 and 25, were stabbed, Police Commissioner Ray Kelly said.

The police department's top spokesman, Paul Browne, said Alexis admitted to stabbing the

Canadians, a Brooklyn man and a Texas man. The latter two were ambushed in separate subway attacks. Browne also said witnesses identified Alexis in all the attacks but one.

Alexis was carrying the folding knife used in the attacks on the two Canadians when he was apprehended, Kelly said.

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Police said they did not see any signs that Alexis is mentally ill. Kelly said there was no evidence to suggest Alexis targeted tourists and that police are still determining his motive.

Three of the victims remained hospitalized Wednesday. All are expected to survive.

The father of Christopher McCarthy, 21, of Houston, who police say was stabbed on a subway car on Manhattan's Upper West Side, said during a news conference that his son had forgiven the assailant.

"He hopes that (the attacker) can get help," Joe McCarthy said.

McCarthy and his girlfriend, Ganda Krisananuwatara, 20, were on the second day of a planned two-week vacation in New York, according to the New York Times.

"Everyone was so excited," Krisananuwatara told the Times. "They told me to take pictures — now I'll have the most terrible story when I get back."

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