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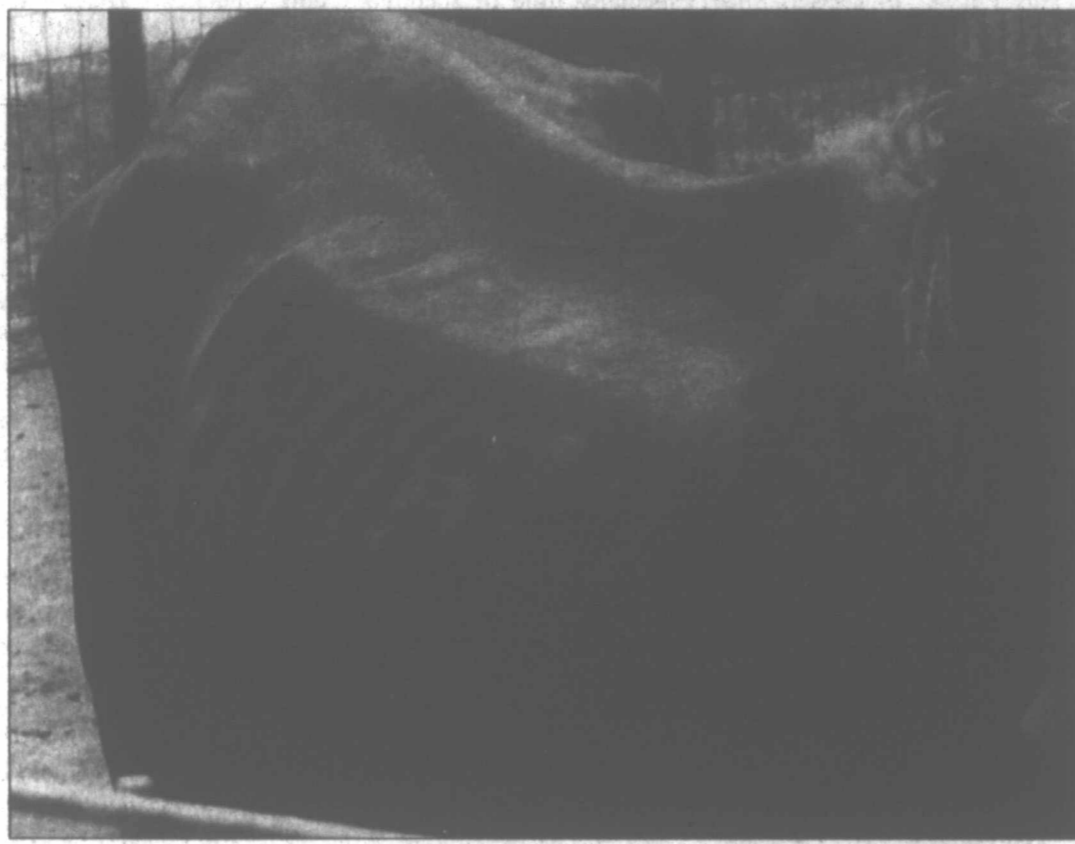
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Horses returned to owner with cautions



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This horse and two others, which appear to be malnourished, were returned to the owner after a judge extended the case for 30 days. The owner has to check in every two weeks with the court and show proof of veterinary care and food purchases for the horses.

By KERRI SMITH
Staff Writer

Horse owner Arturo Villarreal brought three witnesses and a pile of receipts for food and medicine on his behalf and Gray County Sheriff's Office brought a humane society representative and a written statement from a veterinarian on their behalf to a hearing held Thursday to determine what to do with three horses that were seized last week due to signs of malnutrition.

Precinct 2 Justice of the Peace Kurt Curfman heard from GCSO Chief Deputy Kelly Rushing who explained that the sheriff's office took action to get a court order and have three horses seized after receiving complaints from the public about these animals which looked bad because their backbone and ribs could be seen.

Ultimately, Curfman made the ruling in this case for the horses to be returned to Villarreal upon payment

to Gray County Veterinary Clinic for \$308, which is for food and storage since the seizure. He extended the case for 30 days, until Sept. 5, and is requiring Villarreal to check in with his office every two weeks and show proof of food purchases and an exam by a licensed veterinarian.

If Villarreal moves the horses, the court must be notified of the new location where they will be housed. If he chooses to sell the horses, he must notify the court of the new owner and that would close the case. If these conditions are not met and followed, within 90 days the court can re seize the horses and sell them at public auction.

"It appeared these animals were deprived of proper nutrition," Rushing said. "We are not out to get anyone in this case, but we would ask the court to rule so these horses will be cared

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Budget for parks next fiscal year set at \$182,000

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

Kimberly Lincycomb, who oversees the city's parks, told the commission during a budget work session this week that she has budgeted a total of \$182,000 for the next fiscal year for parks.

That drops to \$56,000 for 2008-2009 and rises back to \$104,000 in 2009-2010. She estimates the parks capital improvement budget at \$10,000 in 2010-2011 and \$46,000 in 2011-2012.

Lincycomb has budgeted \$10,000 for picnic tables for each of the next five fiscal years.

"We have a picnic table replacement program," Lincycomb said.

"We started that this year."

She said they have replaced quite a few tables at Central Park so far. The older tables are being replaced by rubber-coated steel tables to lower maintenance costs.

"This is going to get us away from the annual painting and wood replacement," Lincycomb said.

She said she'd like to see that program continue throughout the rest of the parks.

"It saves us quite a bit of labor and money in the long run," she said. "These should really last."

Lincycomb said keeping the older wooden tables repaired and painted

is not cost effective.

She said that in the budget for fiscal year 2007-2008 she added a small single park restroom for the Super Playground that meets the requirements of the Americans With Disabilities Act. It will cost about \$15,000.

"We currently have one that's rented from the portable toilet people," Lincycomb said.

There is a monthly charge for that. She said it may be cheaper to rent the portable, but it is continuously being vandalized.

"We're getting quite a few complaints from citizens about it being nasty and torn up," she said. "We

may want to consider putting in a nice restroom there."

Lincycomb said the parks department is still having vandal problems with the restroom in Central Park.

Central, the Super Playground and Prairie Village area are the worst parks for vandalization, she said.

"It's not as bad at Recreation Park," Lincycomb said. "I think that's because we have the caretaker out there."

A new restroom at the Super Playground may not resolve the vandalism problem, she said, but she added that it might resolve the com-

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Clifford to visit library

By KERRI SMITH
Staff Writer

Clifford the Big Red Dog will be at Lovett Memorial Library at 10 a.m. Tuesday to read to children and have a meet-and-greet event.

KACV-TV is bringing the visitor, which is based on the books by Norman Bridwell and is a series on PBS television.

Anne Stobbe, library director, said that Clifford the Big Red Dog is an enduring American children's book series first published in 1962 by Bridwell.

"The series helped establish See LIBRARY, Page 3




New track taking shape



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Vibrawhirl, the company in charge of constructing a brand new track at the high school stadium, should have this project completed just in time for school to start at the end of August.

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Emergency Services

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents between 7 a.m. Wednesday and 7 a.m. today.

Wednesday, July 25
 Four traffic stops were made.
 Accidents were reported in the 200 block of Russell and the 800 block of Gray.
 Animal control officers made calls concerning animals in the 500 block of North Dwight, the 200 block of Miami, the 100 block of North Sumner, the 100 block of South Faulkner, the 2700 block of North Hobart, the 400 block of Crest, the 1300 block of Garland, the 500 block of Gillespie, the 700 block of Malone, the 500 block of Ballard, the 600 block of North Dwight, the 400 block of North Nelson, the 700 block of North Christy, the 100 block of North Nelson, the 2200 block of North Dwight, the 400 block of North Zimmers, the 300 block of North Dwight, the 700 block of Malone, the 700 block of Octavus, the 800 block of Barnes, the 1500 block of

Williston, the 300 block of West Foster, the 1900 block of North Faulkner and the 1100 block of East Foster.
 Police escorts were provided in the 1300 block of Mary Ellen and the 400 block of North Faulkner.
 Found property, a bicycle valued at \$150, was reported in the 600 block of Wynne and in the 300 block of North Hobart where a baggie containing a white crystal substance was found.
 Silent/abusive 911 calls were reported in the 2500 block of Mary Ellen, the 700 block of North Hobart and the 500 block of Magnolia.
 A welfare check was made in the 1200 block of East Foster.
 An open door was reported in the 700 block of West Brown.
 A civil matter was reported in the 1400 block of Somerville.
 Phone harassment was reported in the 1400 block of Dogwood.
 Criminal mischief/criminal trespass, involving a front door and a door facing,

were reported in the 2100 block of Lea, resulting in an arrest and an estimated \$450 damages.
 Criminal mischief was reported at Allsup's, 140 S. Starkweather, where seven loaves of bread valued at \$10 were allegedly stepped on by a juvenile.
 Criminal trespass was reported in the 1200 block of Wilcox.
 Disorderly conduct was reported in the 600 block of Hazel, the 500 block of North Dwight, the 2800 block of Charles, the 2400 block of Charles and the 900 block of Frost.
 Violation of city ordinance was reported in the 2300 block of Primrose.
 Suspicious persons were reported in the 500 block of North Cuyler, the 1400 block of North Banks and near the intersection of Banks and 18th.
 A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 1600 block of East Highway 60.
 Domestic disturbances were reported in the 700 block of Gray and the 500 block of Magnolia.
 Assault causing bodily injury to an elderly person was reported in the 400 block of Louisiana and resulted in one arrest.
 Burglary of a motor vehicle, involving the theft of \$100 worth of prescription drugs, was reported at the police department lobby.
 Forgery was reported at Frank's Thriftway, 300 E. Brown, and at United Supermarket, 1420 N. Hobart.
 Fraud was reported in the police department lobby.

Identity theft was reported in the 500 block of Frost.
 Theft was reported in the police department lobby, the 900 block of Scott and the 500 block of East Foster, where a paint sprayer valued at \$941 was stolen.
 A prowler was reported in the 100 block of South Sumner.
 Two alarms were reported.
Thursday, July 26
 Three traffic stops were made. One resulted in an arrest.
 Traffic complaints were made in the 1300 block of East Kingsmill and the 100 block of West 30th.
 An accident was reported in the 1900 block of North Hobart.
 Theft was reported in the 2600 block of North Hobart where a cellular telephone valued at \$95 was taken; and the 800 block of Hobart where an iPod with transmitter and music CDs valued at \$390 were taken.
 A police escort was provided in the 800 block of West 23rd.
 Forgeries were reported in the 2800 block of North Charles, where a counterfeit \$20 was discovered at Wal-Mart; the 1400 block of North Hobart; and the 900 block of Duncan.
 Harassment was reported in the 300 block of North Hobart.
 Criminal mischief was reported in the 500 block of North Hobart where the back door of a business was shattered.
 Animal control officers made stops concerning animals in the 1100 block of South Dwight, the 100 block of West Crawford, the 400 block of Graham, the intersection of Randy Matson and Banks, the 300 block of North Ward, the intersection of Foster and Lefors, the 1100 block of East Foster,

the 1700 block of North Chestnut, the intersection of Barnes and McCullough, the 100 block of North Faulkner, the 1500 block of North Faulkner and the 1700 block of Fir.
 Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 600 block of North Faulkner. The door received scratches where entry was made, and tools, drill batteries, two drills and two satellite meters valued at \$1,324 were taken.
 Silent/abuse 911 calls were reported in the 900 block of South Wells and the 1400 block of West Ripley.
 An abandoned vehicle was reported in the 1300 block of Williston.
 Welfare checks were made twice in the 900 block of West Rham and once in the 700 block of East Murphy.
 Disorderly conduct was reported in the 2100 block of North Faulkner, the 900 block of North Hobart and the 700 block of North Magnolia.
 Suspicious persons were reported in the 2000 block of North Charles; the intersection of Barnes and Tuke where an arrest was made; the 1600 block of West Somerville; and the intersection of Hobart and Montagu.
 Suspicious vehicles were reported in the 100 block of North Nelson, and the intersection of Davis and Buckler.
 Burglaries were reported in the 1200 block of East Foster and the 900 block of Cinderella.
 Found property was reported in the 700 block of Municipal Drive.
 Warrant service was reported at seven locations.
 Criminal trespass was reported in the 300 block of North Dwight.
 Power lines were reported down in the 100 block of

East Harvester.
 A civil matter was reported in the police department lobby.
 Agency assistance was provided at the intersection of Price and Gwendolen, the intersection of Highway 60 West and Kingsmill, and the 200 block of North Naida.
 Assaults were reported in the 300 block of Jean and the 70 block of Hazel.
 An alarm was reported in the 2200 block of North Dogwood.
 Domestic disturbances were reported in the 1000 block of Darby and the 1200 block of East Darby.
 Possession of less than one gram of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia were reported in the 100 block of North Nelson.
 Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests today.
Thursday, July 26
 Randy Holt, 52, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for injury to an elderly person.
 Ray Allen Spence, 53, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO on a fugitive warrant for criminal non-support from Lane County, Oregon.
 Albert Tambunga, 48, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa Police Department in the 100 block of North Nelson for possession of a controlled substance.
 Kameron Dewayne Taylor, 18, of Shamrock was arrested by PPD for public intoxication.
 Josue Rodriguez, 26, was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety for possession of marijuana and unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon.
 Cody Hopson, 24, of Pampa was arrested by PPD on two capias pro fines for no seat belt, no insurance and running a stop sign.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Atterbury Grain of White Deer.

Wheat	5.74
Milo	4.63
Corn	5.42
Soybeans	6.94

The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa.

QXY	57.44	-0.73
BP PLC ADR	70.27	-0.63
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Celanese	37.04	-1.95
Cabot Oil Gas	33.80	-0.13
Coca Cola	52.58	-0.30
VLO	68.22	-0.28
HAL	36.64	-0.23
KML	NA	NA
XCEL	20.66	-0.23

Anadarko	49.59	-0.54
XOM	87.07	-1.16
Nat'l Oilwell	122.53	-0.62
Limited	24.51	-0.03
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MCD	48.95	-0.55
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Tenneco	34.08	-0.17
CVX	87.36	-0.10
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Obituaries

Services tomorrow

HATHAWAY, Mary Allen — Memorial services, 10 a.m., Memory Gardens Mausoleum, Pampa.
HESS, Kathy E. — 10 a.m., Central Baptist Church, Pampa.
IVIE, Harvey Earl — Graveside services, 2 p.m., Elmhurst Cemetery, Guymon, Okla.
LANHAM, Jamisen Lynn — 2 p.m., First Baptist Church, Pampa.
SMITH, Allan Ray — 10 a.m., Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

Kathy E. Hess, 61



Kathy E. Hess, 61, of Pampa, Texas, died July 25, 2007, at Amarillo, Texas. Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 28, 2007, at Central Baptist Church with the Rev. Norman Rushing, pastor, officiating.
 Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.
 Mrs. Hess was born July 4, 1946, in Seminole, Okla. She married Ronald Hess on July 1, 1962, in Mexico. She had been a resident of Pampa for 36 years.

She was a member of the American Quarter Horse Association for over 20 years. She was a certified Red Cross life-guard instructor. She was a member of Central Baptist Church.
 Her passion was spending time in her yard and working on her flower garden. She was especially fond of spending time with her family.
 Survivors include her hus-

band, Ron Hess of the home; three daughters, Renae Hotz and husband Chris of Denver, Colo., Margo Cambern and husband Jerod of Pampa, and Michelle Metcalf and husband Chad of Lubbock; four grandchildren, Ellen Cambern and Ariel Cambern, both of Pampa, and Tucker Hotz and Samantha Hotz, both of Denver, Colo.; her mother,

Lou Ellen Penney and husband Lawrence of Moore, Okla.; one brother, Larry Malone of Electra; and two aunts, Esta Malone of Seminole, Okla., and Dorothy Johnson and husband Bill of Norman, Okla.
 She was preceded in death by her father, L.A. Malone.
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Jamisen Lynn Lanham

WHITE DEER — Jamisen Lynn Lanham, 5-day-old infant, died July 25, 2007, at Dallas. Services are scheduled at 2 p.m. Saturday at First Baptist Church in White Deer with the Rev. Alan Wilson, pastor, officiating.
 Burial will be in White

Deer Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.
 Jamisen was born July 20, 2007, in Amarillo.
 She was preceded in death by her great-grandfather, Ervin "Buck" Lavake; and by her great-grandfathers,

William Earl Barker and Fred Jackson.
 Survivors include her parents, Richard and Dondra Lanham, of the home; one brother, Jaxon Rogers of Perryton; grandparents, Butch and Cheryl Lanham of White Deer, and Lynn and Wanda Barker of Groom;

and great-grandparents, Carol and Bobbie Lanham of Amarillo and Joan Lavake of White Deer, Yvonne Barker of Groom and Gene Jackson of Lawrenceville, Ill.
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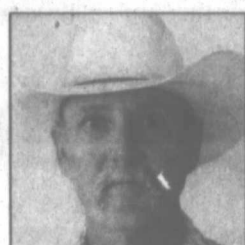
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Evan Merrell
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"I believe horses need love, nutrition & people to care for them & provide food & water. They should be kept in a place with no trash."

Horses

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for properly." Rushing said that Veterinarian Brian Gordzelik had examined the horses and had been caring for them at Gray County Veterinary Clinic. Gordzelik was unable to attend the hearing, but submitted a statement regarding the health status of the horses.

Curfman read from the statement: "The gray stallion has hind limb edema, which may be due to internal parasites. The filly had not shed all of its winter hair and has a large wound on its leg which was initially treated on Oct. 10, 2006, when a second surgery was recommended. Since the horse had changed owners since then, additional treatment had not been requested by the new owner. The three horses are malnourished and have mild to moderate muscle atrophy and no fat deposits."

Ruth Hartman, a volunteer for the humane society who has investigated cruelty

cases for the past seven years, was a witness brought by GCSO. Hartman showed photos that she had taken three weeks prior to the horses being seized and she said they seemed to be in worse shape now.

"I've been around horses all of my life and I think these horses are malnourished," Hartman said. "The conditions where these animals were housed were poor. They did have water, but it was filthy and there was all kinds of junk in the pen. We notified the sheriff's office on June 13 of these conditions and were told by Deputy Robert Douglas that he would talk to Mr. Villarreal and warn him to take better care of his animals."

Hartman said she felt they should be confiscated or put on a 6-12 month monitoring program where the owner would be held accountable for feeding and taking care of the horses.

Villarreal brought numerous receipts showing that he had bought 16 round bales of hay and usually purchased it every other week

at a cost of \$175-\$195.

"I have been feeding these horses and trying really hard to get these horses, especially the filly, healed up," Villarreal said. "When I purchased these horses in the past year, they were sick when I got them. The filly's leg was rotting from a wound and I got recommendations from coworkers and the veterinarian in McLean on how to treat this. Since the filly was pretty sick, she just wouldn't eat. I feed them every day, but I've had trouble with cribbing."

According to Villarreal, 'cribbing' is a condition where horses eat wood and this prevents them from keeping weight on.

Two of the witnesses Villarreal claimed to have seen Villarreal feed the horses on a regular basis. One witness said the filly was a picky eater and when given a horse grain mixture, she would only eat the corn and would leave the oats and other items in the feed.

One witness said she had never seen the horse with the injured leg, but Villarreal had been asking

for suggestions on how to get this wound to heal. He asked her opinion because she has horses and had been around them all of her life.

Rushing made a statement before Curfman made his ruling saying that if these horses were sick or had other health problems they needed to go see a veterinarian.

"I have no reason to doubt what Mr. Villarreal says about feeding these horses," Rushing said. "But something is obviously wrong with these horses so they need to go to the veterinarian and he seems unwilling to take them either for financial or personal reasons. We are not asking for the court to take these horses away from the owner, but we need some assurance that they will be examined and get medical attention if necessary."

Villarreal also said that if he got custody of the horses again he would take them to see the vet in McLean and might possibly move the horses from horse alley to 10 acres of land in Bowers City.

Parks

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plaint issue of the restrooms being nasty and the doors torn off of the portables.

Lincycomb has budgeted \$50,000 for restrooms in 2009-2010.

Another addition to the budget this year is the replacement for the city's 10-foot and 16-foot wide mowers at \$55,000 and \$88,000 respectively.

The 10-foot mower is 11 years old, Lincycomb said. The 16-foot mower is eight years old.

She said it's already been repaired for minor problems this year. Lincycomb said she hopes it will make

it through the summer.

Lincycomb is also requesting \$14,000 for the new fiscal year and the following year as part of a two-year program to replace sprinkler meters.

She said that accurate meter readings are needed to meet state water usage requirements.

Next year, she's proposed spending \$32,000 to replace shelters at Hobart and Highland parks.

For 2009-2010, Lincycomb has proposed \$44,000 to replace the West Coronado Park Bridge, and for 2011-2012, she has budgeted \$36,000 for landscaping Cuyler Underpass Hills.

Each year's budget will have to be approved annually by the city commission.

Library

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lish Scholastic Books as a premier publishing company," Stobbe said. "The

television show premiered in September 2000 and in 2003 PBS began broadcasting Clifford's Puppy Days also."

All children are invited to attend this event.

For more information, contact Stobbe at 669-5780.

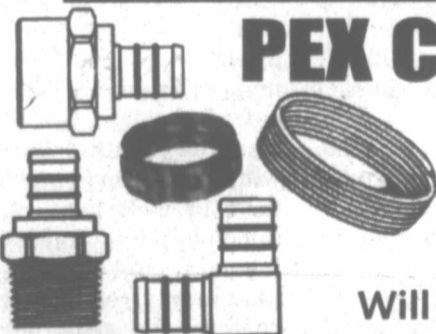
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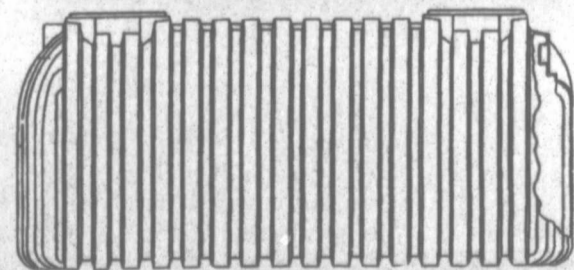
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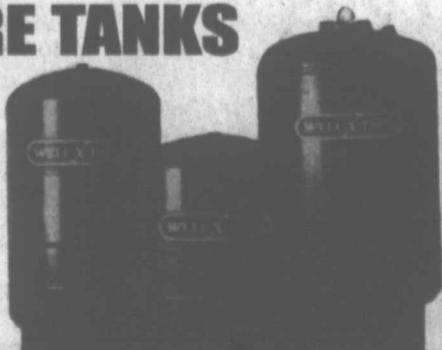
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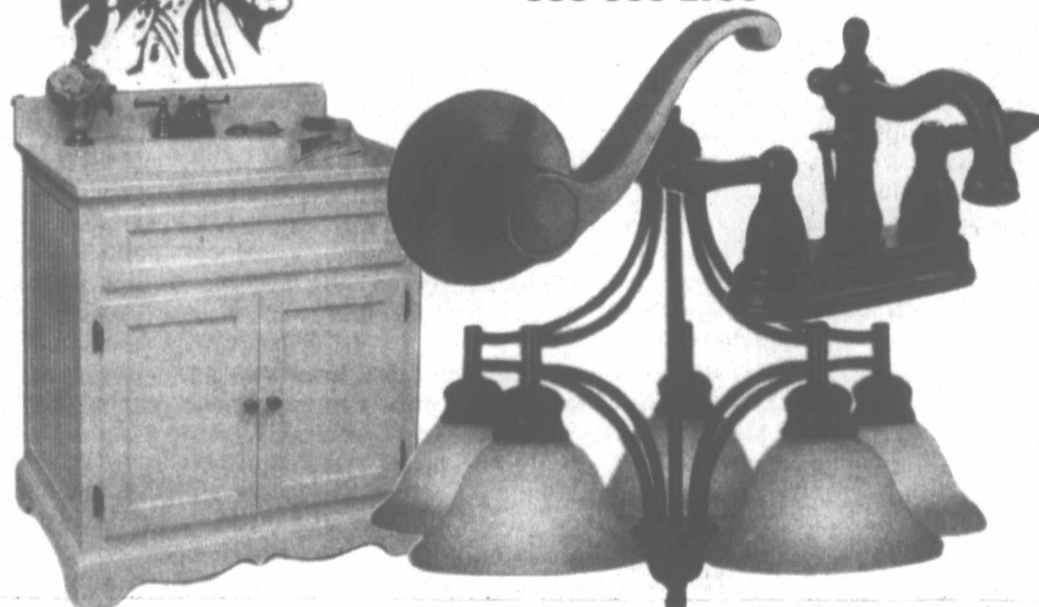
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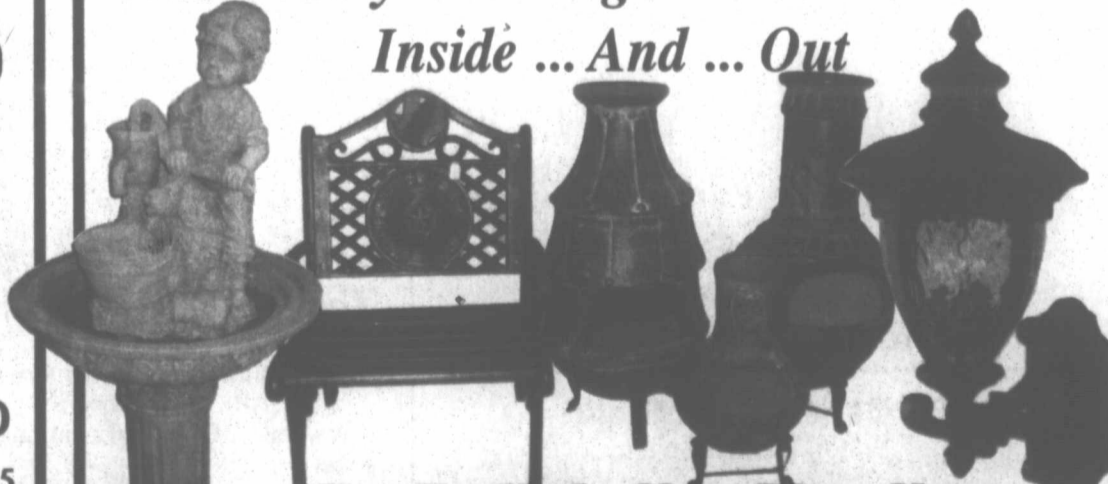
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Kids really do say the darndest things ...

I am amazed almost daily by the things my 4-year-old son says and does. I'm really enjoying him at this age because it seems like we've made it through the terrible 2's and 3's and now have more good days than bad.

Before I had him, I didn't realize how much I let life just pass me by without noticing so many things. It's amazing just how much these little children notice and recognize and are always inquiring about.

We recently took a vacation which involved a five hour car ride. We've been very lucky with our son because he's always traveled well in the car. One thing that I think helps is that I sit

in the back seat of the pickup with him so it's very easy to give him things and talk to him face to face. My husband jokes that he feels lonely because I never sit in the front seat anymore.

During the trip home, he was very tired and was trying just about anything to stay awake. He asked if I wanted him to sing me a song and I said that would be wonderful. The first song he sang was a "real song," about the red, white and blue flag flying high in the sky. It was very cute and patriotic.

Then, he started looking around at things in the truck and outside and making up songs about what he saw. We heard the tall grass song, the

cup song and the sky song. It was funny just how resourceful he was when trying to not take a nap.

When we would drive through towns, he was always noticing if the stop light was hanging crooked or part of it was broken off. He immediately notices if a Ford Mustang drives by and tells us that he wants one of those "tomorrow."

That night while lying in bed, he wanted me to open the blinds so we could look out the window. He first said

we should look for fireflies, which he must have heard at school because I don't think he's ever seen a real one.

Then, he said we could watch for lightning, which we did for a while also.

The next comment he made really made me smile. "Mama, in the morning after you get out of bed, you need to put your clothes on and run outside as fast as you can and look for things you've never seen before."

I'm sure this is also something he heard at school, but I thought that was really

wonderful to tell to a busy adult who usually never looks around at the surroundings because of being too busy. The past few days, I've tried to look for something new and different every day.

I've seen a lot of beautiful flowers and trees all over town that I've never noticed before. Instead of going into a store and rushing with my head down to the product I need to buy, I look around in the store to see if I know anyone. There is normally at least one person who I know in each store and it's nice to smile, say hello and maybe even stop and talk for a few minutes.

I've been noticing if the

sky has beautiful fluffy white clouds or is just a pretty blue. Instead of getting annoyed by noises, when I hear something I look to see exactly what it is making that noise. If I hear a train whistle, I try to see if it is hauling coal, automobiles or semi trailers. If I hear a bird's call, I look to see if it is a sparrow, blue jay or hawk.

I think everyone should slow down a little bit every day and take my son's advice and "look for things you've never seen before." You just might be amazed how many wonderful things that you are passing by every day.



Kerri Smith
Staff Writer

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, July 27, the 208th day of 2007. There are 157 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 27, 1789, President Washington signed a measure establishing the Department of Foreign Affairs, forerunner of the Department of State.

On this date:

In 1794, French revolutionary leader Maximilien Robespierre was overthrown and placed under arrest; he was executed the following day.

In 1857, 150 years ago, Puerto Rican statesman and humanitarian Jose Celso Barbosa was born in Bayamon.

In 1861, Union Gen. George B. McClellan took command of the Army of the Potomac.

In 1866, Cyrus W. Field finally succeeded, after two failures, in laying the first underwater telegraph cable between North America and Europe.

In 1953, the Korean War armistice was signed at Panmunjom, ending three years of fighting.

In 1960, Vice President Richard Nixon was nominated for president at the

Republican national convention in Chicago.

In 1967, in the wake of urban rioting, President Lyndon Johnson appointed the Kerner Commission to assess the causes of the violence, the same day black militant H. Rap Brown said in Washington that violence was "as American as cherry pie."

In 1974, the House Judiciary Committee voted 27-11 to recommend President Nixon's impeachment on a charge that he had personally engaged in a "course of conduct" designed to obstruct justice in the Watergate case.

In 1980, on day 267 of the Iranian hostage crisis, the deposed Shah of Iran died at a military hospital outside Cairo, Egypt, at age 60.

In 1996, terror struck the Atlanta Olympics as a pipe bomb exploded at Centennial Olympic Park, killing one person and injuring 111. (Anti-government extremist Eric Rudolph later pleaded guilty to the bombing.)

Ten years ago: United Auto Workers approved a deal to end a six-day strike at a General Motors parts plant that forced four assembly plant shutdowns and threatened GM's entire North American production.

Today's Birthdays: TV producer Norman Lear is 85. Rhythm-and-blues singer Harvey Fuqua is 78. Actor Jerry Van Dyke is 76. Sportscaster Irv Cross is 68. Actor John Pleshette is 65. Singer Bobbie Gentry is 63. Actress-director Betty Thomas is 59. Olympic gold medal figure skater Peggy Fleming is 59. Actor Maury Chaykin is 58.

'A community is like a ship; everyone ought to be prepared to take the helm.'

— Henrik Ibsen
Norwegian dramatist and poet (1828-1906)



"THE SUPREME COURT LOOSENED RESTRICTIONS TODAY ON PAID POLITICAL ADS ON TELEVISION UNDERWRITTEN BY CORPORATIONS AND UNIONS..."

Cracks in Zionism showing through ...

One of the myths created by the Israeli lobby is that Jews around the world are unanimous in their support of Israel, regardless of what it does. That's not true and never has been true.

Modern political Zionism, whose ideology demands a Jewish state with a Jewish majority, was invented by an Austrian journalist and for decades struggled desperately. It wasn't God who created the modern state of Israel. It was British colonialism, the U.S., the Soviet Union and Zionists.

Only about a third of the world's Jews choose to live in Israel, despite nearly a century of efforts to persuade Jews to immigrate. There were many early Jewish critics of Zionism, and there still are, despite modern Zionists adopting fascist tactics to silence debate.

Joel Beinin, a Jewish liberal who has been on the receiving end of the campaign to silence critics of Israel,

had this to say in a recent article reprinted on Znet: "Organizations claiming to represent American Jews engage in a systematic campaign of defamation, censorship and hate-mongering to silence criticism of Israeli policies. They follow the ethical core out of the Jewish tradition, acting instead as if the highest purpose of being Jewish is to defend Israel, right or wrong."

"Why discredit, defame and silence those with opposing viewpoints?" he writes. "I believe it is because the Zionist lobby

knows it cannot win based on facts. An honest discussion can only lead to one conclusion: The status quo in which

Israel declares it alone has rights and intends to impose its will on the weaker Palestinians, stripping them permanently of their land, resources and rights, cannot lead to a lasting peace. "We need an open debate and the freedom to discuss uncomfortable facts and explore a full range of policy options. Only then can we adopt a foreign policy that serves American interests."

Avigail Abarbanel, a native-born Israeli Jew who lived there 27 years before emigrating, has even harsher words.



Charley Reese
Columnist

"Palestinian citizens of Israel live under an arbitrary and brutal police state. Their dealings with Israeli bureaucracy are not just frustrating but can be outright dangerous," she writes.

"The Palestinians in the Occupied Territories live under a Pinochet-like regime. They can and do disappear in the middle of the night. They are blindfolded, cuffed, beaten, humiliated, taken to unknown locations with no information given to them or their families, tortured physically and psychologically and incarcerated indefinitely, often without charges and regardless of whether they are guilty of anything."

"Israel is not a nice country. It is a powerful police state founded on pathological paranoia with only a

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Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

July 16

San Antonio Express-News on a VA hospital in the Rio Grande Valley:

The road to Gravina Island is paved with absurdity.

You remember Gravina Island. It is the strip of land that Americans now refer to as "nowhere." About two years ago, Congress approved almost \$300 million to connect the island, population around 50, with Ketchikan, Alaska, population around 14,000.

The appropriation was outrageous, but the outrage intensifies when you consider what Congress deems worth funding and what it deems not worth

funding.

A "bridge to nowhere": worth funding. A Department of Veterans Affairs hospital in South Texas: not worth funding.

"The veterans (in South Texas) have had it consistently awful for decades, with just pre-9-11 veterans," Cathy Travis, the communications director and senior advisor to Rep. Solomon Ortiz, D-Corpus Christi, said.

While VA officials have no statistics on the number of veterans who must seek medical care at San Antonio's Audie Murphy VA Hospital, officials know one thing: The war on terror is exacerbating the problem. Travis called it a "simple math equation." The veterans health care system, already burdened, becomes more strained as sol-

diers return from the Middle East.

"After the war in Afghanistan, the numbers (of veterans needing care) started creeping up, then they exploded when we invaded Iraq," Travis said. "So, given that, the burden of not having a hospital means the VA services insufficient to begin with must now cover many more people."

The situation is frustrating to the veterans and their advocates.

"It's akin to having a chicken to feed a hungry family of five, then the whole neighborhood comes over for lunch," she said. "There just ain't enough, period."

Pressured by a group of lawmakers, including Ortiz and Sen. Kay Bailey

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Lions Club



At a recent Lions Club banquet held at Cottonwood Springs, outgoing president Greg Brown, left, handed over the president responsibilities for 2007-2008 to Kyle Parnell.

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Fund-raiser



Amanda Harkins, Haley Smith, Wakely Pairsh, Seth Scully and Tyler Kimbly, all members of Pampa's Calvary Baptist Church Youth Group, picked blackeyed peas and sweet corn from fields in Hale Center recently to sell as a fund-raiser for the youth group. The sale will open at 9 a.m. Saturday in the parking lot of Wayne's Western Wear in Pampa and continue while supplies last. Fresh-picked watermelons and cantaloupes will also be for sale.

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Reese

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vener of civility, carefully crafted and maintained for the consumption of those who still believe in the myth of Israeli democracy," she writes.

You might want to send that paragraph to the next politician you hear repeating

AIPAC (American Israel Public Affairs Committee) propaganda that "Israel is the only democracy in the Middle East."

Abarbanel is a psychotherapist, and her article appeared on the Web site ElectronicIntifada.net, which I highly recommend as a source of information about the Middle East.

America badly needs an open and frank debate, based on facts, with no name-calling.

Our politicians are as timid as an introverted baby when it comes to Israel. The Israeli lobby likes to boast about defeating candidates who don't toe the Israel-right-or-wrong line. As a tip to the not-completely-gutless politicians, the way to handle that is to make AIPAC an issue in the campaign.

A group of Zionist leaders met in Israel as I wrote this, worrying about an increase

in criticism of them for stifling debate. They are not invincible. They can't silence any American unless the American succumbs to fear of being called names, and I learned as a child that sticks and stones can break bones, but words can't hurt you.

—Write to Charley Reese at P.O. Box 2446, Orlando, FL 32802.



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Wendy Pachas spoke at a recent Pampa Lions Club meeting. Pachas is enrollment services counselor for Clarendon College-Pampa Center.



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Valley

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Hutchison, R-Texas, the Department of Veterans Affairs commissioned a study to determine if South Texas needs a veterans hospital or a partnership with private hospitals in the area.

"I support trying to make veterans' health care service as convenient and accessible as possible," U.S. Secretary of Veterans Affairs James Nicholson told the Express-News last summer. "The question of a (new) hospital, that's a big issue, and that's why we do these big studies. We are concerned (for Valley veterans)."

Hutchison requested that the study, conducted by the Virginia firm Booz Allen Hamilton, be completed by the end of this month.

"We don't know what will be in the study, but it should be presented to the VA secretary by the end of July," Diana Struski, public affairs officer for the South Texas Veterans Health Care System, said. "He will review the study and its recommendations, and he will make the announcements."

If the study calls for the construction of a VA hospital in South Texas, congressional action to provide funding still would be needed.

"This study has taken an awfully long time, and I am anxious to learn the results," Hutchison, the ranking member of the Senate Veterans Affairs Appropriations Subcommittee, said in a statement following a hearing in April. "Our veterans in the Valley deserve accessible, quality care."

Ortiz has been pushing for a hospital for more than 20 years, but the bills have never gotten out of committee. The country seems more sensitive to the plight of veterans now, thanks in part to reports about the problems at Walter Reed Medical Center and other VA facilities throughout the country. But some officials remain pessimistic.

"I'm not optimistic," Placido Salazar, 67, a veterans affairs officer with the American GI Forum in San Antonio, said. "For years, the government has turned a deaf ear on our veterans. It's just unconscionable."

Jose Sanchez, 78, who served in the Army during the Korean War, is among the hundreds of veterans who must take a van from the Valley to Audie Murphy VA Hospital in San Antonio.

"I have a bad back, and the ride is rough," he said. "Oh, hell, yes, it hurts."

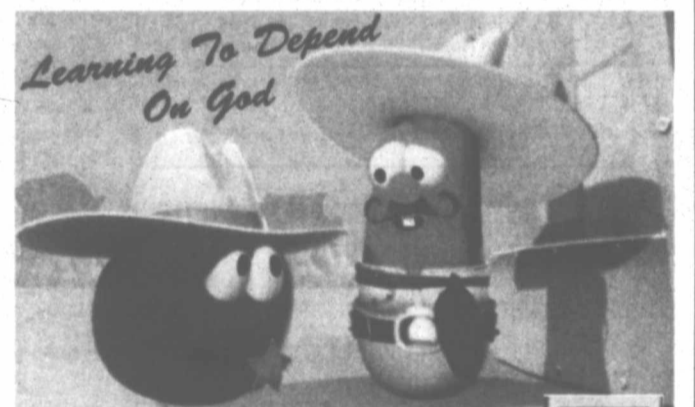
In 2005, hundreds of veterans marched from their communities to San Antonio, dramatizing the need for a veterans hospital in the Valley.

"These are soldiers who love their country," State Rep. Aaron Peña, D-Edinburg, said. "They love it so much that it is in every fiber, in every sinew, in every vessel, in every corpuscle. They bleed love for their country, and to think the government has forgotten about them just tears at them. They have given so much."

When the results of the study are released at the end of this month, they will find out if the country is ready to give back.

It is time to put the "vet vans" in storage. The veterans need and deserve a hospital in the Rio Grande Valley.

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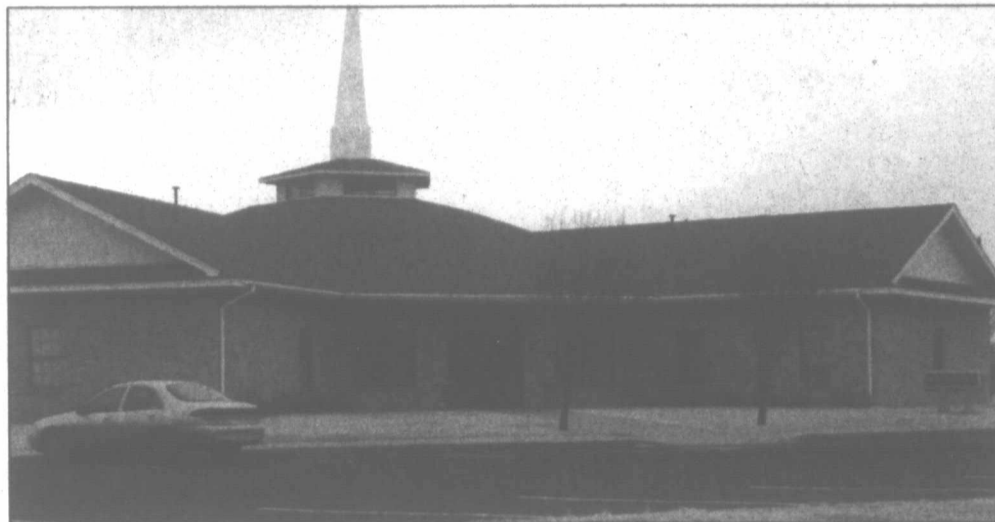
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Family day

Soloman Cruz recently enjoyed a ride down the 50-foot "Wet Willie Water Slide" during "family day" staged by Calvary Baptist Church in Pampa at Panfork Baptist Camp near Shamrock.

God's word, His truth are real

Is this not the United States of America? Is it not then the United States of America that God says He is going to send a fire on?

You will notice that when God destroys the armies which will invade Israel, that He, Himself, will do it with an "overflowing of rain and great hailstones, fire and brimstone." (Ezekiel 38:22)

However, God says He will "send a fire on Magog (the land area of Russia) and among them that dwell carelessly in the isles."

Dr. Jimmy Flynn
Evangelist



An article published in the July 1976 issue of the Reader's Digest plainly tells us how God can easily "send a fire" ... an atomic fire. Russia and the United States now have nuclear submarines poised and ready to fire at a moment's notice at each other.

When God destroys the armies of Russia, upon the mountains of Israel, will not Moscow, thinking it this has been done by the United States then send orders to their nuclear submarines to fire their atomic bombs all over America?

They surely will! Then America will no doubt retaliate, bringing the fulfillment of God's holy word.

Russia will then know that there is a God in heaven, and America will know that "God is not mocked!" Sinners will know that "The wages of sin is death!"

Can you not see why America should be startled? Can you not see why our leaders should be told these truths? We should be as Ninevah at the preaching of Jonah, willing to repent of our sins.

But will we do it? No! However, God's word is going to be fulfilled. It appears certain God is going to send a fire upon America as well as Russia.

When the Anti-Christ world ruler appears on the scene, and the Bible says that he is going to appear soon, America or Russia are not even mentioned! The 10 nations of Europe, out of the Old Roman Empire, however, are mentioned.

They will "give their power and strength unto the beast" (Revelations 17:13)

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MINISTER'S MUSINGS

How the 'faithful' handle their troubles

Can you name the 10 worst mistakes that you ever made? I don't know if you can and I know that I can't name all 10, but I can surely name one of the 10. It was the night when a 12-year-old boy taught me more about prayer and courage and faithfulness to the Lord than I ever dreamed possible. His name is Josh Brittingham.

I met Josh in our Little League Baseball and Pop Warner Football programs in Ontario, Ore. In 1990, Josh was on the football team that I coached for 11- to 12-year-old boys. He was a hard worker and was one of our second string running backs. He had the sweetest smile and was one of the real encouragers on our team.

That particular year our team was the POWERHOUSE of the league. You see, at that time our league didn't equally divide the boys according to talent. Some teams were "stacked," while others were doomed. That same thing happens all over America when adults run children's programs for adults and not in the best interests of the children. That's why many leagues have teams that regularly go undefeated, while others never win. But that's enough about the failure of adults. Let's get back to Josh.

We were playing in the championship game — the Super Bowl. During the regular season, every single one of our offensive players (receivers, running backs, quarterbacks) had either scored a touchdown or an extra point, everybody, that is, except Josh Woods. I pulled Josh Woods aside before the game and said that I would do my best to

get him a score.

The game was no contest, we won by a landslide. All I could think of throughout the game was getting Josh Woods a score. I kept telling my assistant to keep sending Josh Woods in, but to no avail. He didn't score.

After the game, as we walked back to the high school gym to make sure that the boys turned in all of their gear, I looked up and saw Josh Brittingham walk out of the gym with his dad, get in their car and drive off. Then it hit me: I had completely forgotten to call for Josh Brittingham to play in the game. Other than kick-offs, he hadn't played a single play in the championship game. Why? Because his coach went brain

dead. And to make matters worse, his dad, Jim, and I were very close friends.

I cried all of the way home in the car. How do you make up for something like that? How do you heal a hurt that big in a boy?

I walked straight to the phone when I got to our house, and Jim answered the phone. I started apologizing, but there just weren't any words that could make everything well. I explained how it happened and that I would do anything to just back the clock up. I then asked if I could speak to Josh for a moment. That's when it happened. That's when the lesson came. It impacted like a lightning bolt straight to my heart.

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Mike Sublett
Hi-Land Christian



"Ivory Palaces"

One evening in 1915, evangelist Wilbur Chapman preached at a retreat outside Asheville, North Carolina. Chapman spoke on Psalm 45:8 which says "All thy garments shall smell of myrrh, and aloes, and cassia, out of the ivory palaces." Chapman was speaking on one of his favorite themes, having previously written a book entitled *Ivory Palaces of the King*. Henry Barraclough, a young pianist for the retreat, was so moved by the sermon that he scribbled the words to the hymn on a visitor's card, developed his hymn through the night, and the next morning, it was sung as a duet at the retreat. This became one of Billy Graham's great hymn stories.

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St. Vincent's preparing for vacation Bible school

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"This year our parish is a stampede of excitement as we visit Avalanche Ranch," a press release from the church said. "Our Avalanche Ranch program will provide fun, memorable Scripture-based activities for kids of all ages. Each day kids will sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, nibble Chuck Wagon Chow, take on a Daily Challenge to celebrate God's love, experience electrifying Bible Adventures, collect Bible

Memory Buddies and People of Faith Cards and create Bible Point Crafts they'll take home and play will all summer long."

Part of the Bible school will be given over to a special community service project called "Operation Kid-to-Kid." Bible school participants will make "prayer bears" to give to the Texas Department of Public Safety. "Operation Kid-to-Kid will show kids that with Jesus' help, they can impact another child's world," the release said.

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By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My mother is constantly calling me to say, "Did you just call me?" Anytime her phone rings and she can't get to it, she calls everyone she knows and asks that question. It is particularly irritating if I am in the middle of something that's difficult to put down when that's the only reason she called. Then she hurries on to the next person on her list to check. I have repeatedly suggested caller ID, but she won't get it, saying she'll just check around. She knows it's irritating, especially when she calls me at work. Any suggestions on how I can either learn to live with this, or get her to stop it? — **LYNN IN WHITEHOUSE, TEXAS**

DEAR LYNN: It appears your mother has too much free time on her hands. She may be reaching out because she is lonely and needs to talk to somebody. (If she calls enough people, surely someone will spend some time with her.) I don't know what her mental status is, but she could also be losing it. If her phone rang, it could have been a telemarketing call. So if your mother feels that caller ID isn't for her, ask her if she might compromise and get an answering machine.

DEAR ABBY: I have been seeing my boyfriend for 2 1/2 years, and ever since we started dating he has had another woman in his life -- his sister. It seems whenever we're around her, I do not exist! He uses her as his confidante and solicits her opinion about everything without consulting me at all. People have asked them before if they are dating. I have expressed my discomfort with his relationship with his sister before, but he doesn't care. He just says he doesn't mean to hurt me -- but it does. He has been talking about our becoming engaged lately, but I don't think I can marry a man who puts his sister before me. Am I wrong to feel this way? — **TIRED OF COMING IN SECOND IN S.C.**

DEAR TIRED: Not in my opinion. Not knowing your boyfriend and/or his sister, nor having witnessed the dynamic between them, I am not in a position to note whether their closeness is excessive. However, because they seem to be unusually bonded, the woman who marries your boyfriend will have to be willing to accept a "package deal." And you don't appear to be that kind of person. Caveat emptor.

DEAR ABBY: Am I being old-fashioned to expect servers to bring me all the change due me when I pay my bill at a restaurant? Three times in the last few months, I have been shortchanged. The amounts are small, from a few cents to almost a dollar. It's not the amount that concerns me; it's the notion that it's the proper thing to do. When I politely request the remainder of my change, I have been subjected to thinly disguised disdain and a rude reply. On one occasion, I was informed that the server didn't have the correct change, and then additional coins were dropped on the table. In every case, some mention was made of their expectation that I would include the shortage in their gratuity. I feel it's my money, and I'll decide how to leave the tip. Am I living in the past by expecting correct change? — **MICHAEL IN CHELSEA, ALA.**

DEAR MICHAEL: Heck no! The servers you describe are extremely presumptuous. You have every right to tell the server that you expect all the change that's coming to you, and you should inform the manager of the restaurant about what's going on. If the situation isn't corrected, you also have the right to take your business elsewhere. That's what I'd do.

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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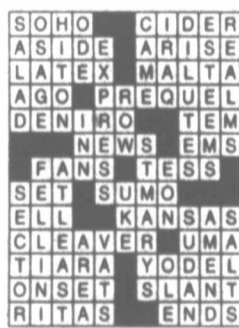
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Amarillo's Ken Pierce, Bo Cook from Houston, and Chuck White from Pampa stop for a picture after completing hole 4 this morning at the 73rd Annual Tri-State Senior Golf Tournament held at the Pampa Country Club.

Pampa News photos by JORDAN REAGAN

18th stage of Tour de France under way with Spaniard in lead

CAHORS, France (AP) — Reeling the withdrawal of race leader Michael Rasmussen amid several doping scandals, riders set off today on the 18th stage of the Tour de France with the finish line on the Champs-Elysees drawing ever nearer.

Spanish rider Alberto Contador wore the yellow jersey and looked to extend his lead over Cadel Evans on the 131-mile route from Cahors to Angouleme, a flat stage favoring sprinters.

Rasmussen of Denmark was kicked out of the race by his own Rabobank team on Wednesday.

The Danish cycling federation announced on July 19 it had sacked Rasmussen for missing doping tests in June. Rasmussen said it was an oversight and claimed he was in Mexico in June, but a former rider — Davide Cassani — said he had seen him in Italy.

On Wednesday night, it was announced that Rasmussen had been booted out of the race.

He left a pack of dispirited riders heading toward the weekend finish in Paris, burdened by the latest jolt to the sport.

"It is bad for the Tour, the yellow jersey leaving," said 21-year-old Geraint Thomas, the Tour's youngest rider.

Kazakh cyclist Alexandre Vinokourov was ejected for testing positive for a banned blood transfusion earlier in the week.

While the main pack was reeling from losing Vinokourov, its most popular rider, it was announced midway through Wednesday's stage that Cristian Moreni had tested positive for testosterone. The Italian rider didn't deny it, and he was carted off by police.

"Too much, too much," said German rider Markus Fothen, who rides for Gerolsteiner and finished second in Thursday's 117-mile stage from Pau to Castelsarrasin. "Every day it's new news. Moreni yesterday, Rasmussen. I'm so tired."

Mahan has 3 eagles in a 62 that matched Canadian Open record

MARKHAM, Ontario (AP) — Hunter Mahan barely had time to savor his record-tying round in the Canadian Open when he was asked about following the 9-under 62.

No problem, he was ready to put his opening round behind him.

"It's not about shooting a great round," Mahan said. "It's about trying to play good for four days. So, I just think you forget this round and move on."

The 25-year-old former Oklahoma State star opened with a 62 late last month in Connecticut in the Travelers Championship. He followed with rounds of 71, 67 and 65 and beat Jay Williamson in a playoff for his first PGA Tour title.

"I've got three days that I have to go out there and I have to play well," Mahan said. "There's a lot of good players here."

Playing in perfect scoring conditions Thursday on Angus Glen's North Course, Mahan made three eagles — twice holing approach shots on par-4s — in his record-matching round that gave him a two-stroke lead. He holed a 189-yard, 6-iron on 18 — his ninth hole — and made an 81-yard shot on No. 9.

"Golf's a funny game," Mahan said. "Sometimes you have it and sometimes you don't. Sometimes you do everything you're supposed to do and it doesn't work out. You have to be

patient and you've just got to keep working."

Three others have shot 62s in the Canadian Open, all at Glen Abbey. Leonard Thompson set the mark in 1981 and Andy Bean matched it in 1983, both when Glen Abbey played to a par of 71. Greg Norman did it in 1986, when the par was 72.

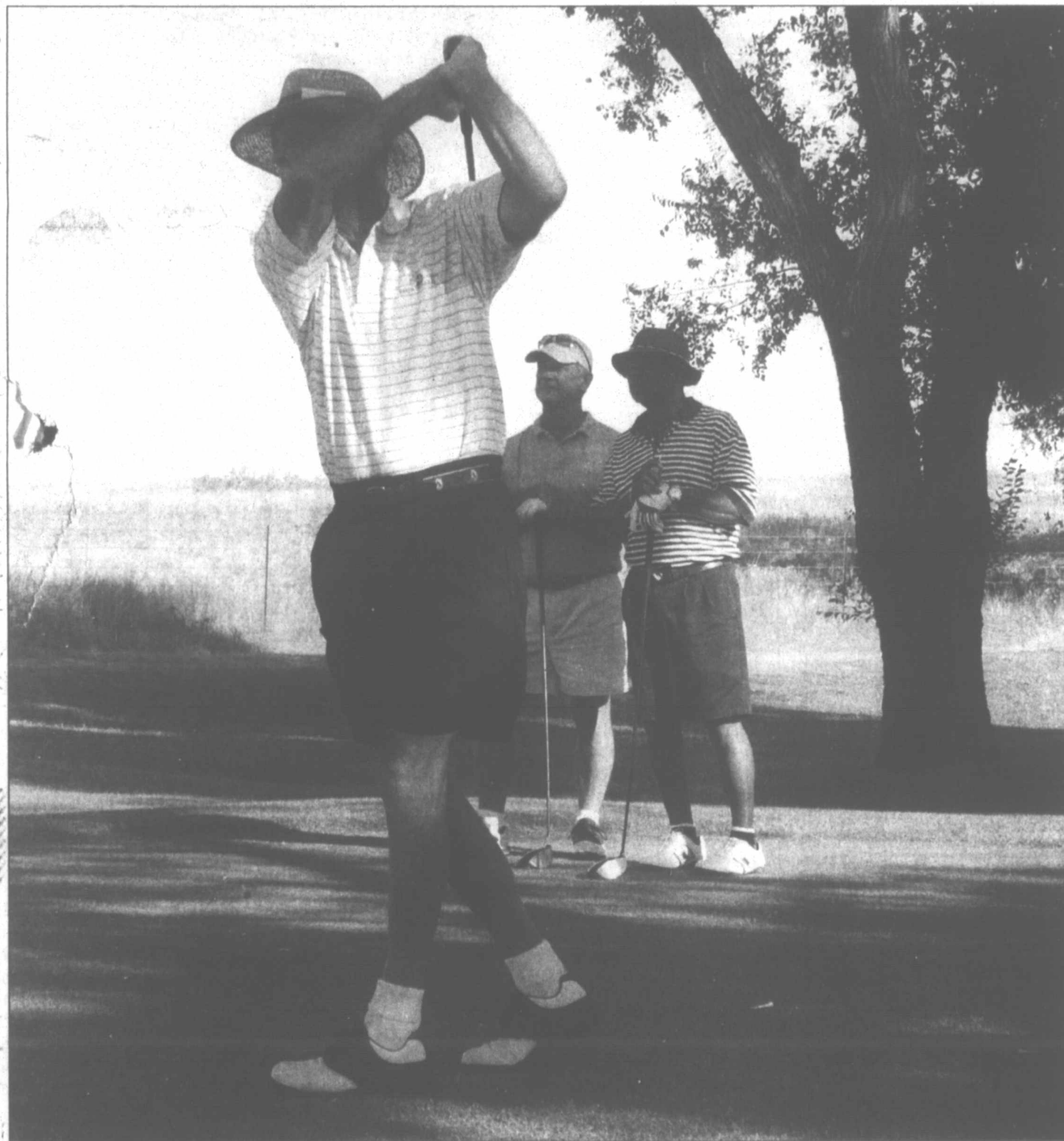
"That is pretty special," said Mahan, the only one of the four to do it in the first round. "Especially, a tournament like this that's been around forever."

After winning in Connecticut, Mahan tied for eighth in the AT&T National and finished in a sixth-place tie in last week's British Open.

"My mind is kind of catching up with my game," Mahan said. "I've been swinging great. I've been driving it really, really well and hitting my irons solid."

Steve Allan of Australia was second after a 64, and David Hearn of Canada was another stroke back along with Tripp Isenhour. Mark Calcavecchia, the 2005 champion at Shaughnessy in Vancouver, shot a 67 in the breezy afternoon session. Jim Furyk, the winner last year at Hamilton Golf and Country Club, had a 69, also in the afternoon.

Mike Weir shot an even-par 71, putting him well back in his bid to become the first Canadian winner since Pat Fletcher in 1954.



Scott Mack tees off on hole 6 this morning at the Tri-State Senior Golf Tournament as teammates Bill Bridges and Donald Shauklin look on.

Manny Ramirez hits 'monumental' home run and Red Sox defeat Indians

By The Associated Press

Manny Ramirez hit a ball nearly 500 feet into a monument park, and Wily Mo Pena hit a ball so hard his manager thought it was going to go through the outfield wall.

Ramirez added another shot that barely cleared the wall, and the Boston Red Sox feasted on Indians pitching in a 12-9 win at Cleveland on Thursday night.

It was Ramirez's shot in the second inning off Cliff

Lee (5-8), conservatively estimated at 481 feet, that had everyone talking. The solo shot soaring over a row of shrubs and into a line of trees in Heritage Park, a two-tiered monument park that opened this season.

"It was a bomb," said Red Sox first baseman Kevin Youkilis. "I don't know how they measure it, but he crushed it."

Ramirez's first homer was unlike all but two others in the Jake's history. Only Jim Thome's 511-footer (1999) and Mark McGwire's 485-

footer (1997) traveled further in the ballpark's 13-year existence.

"I'm not amazed," Indians catcher Victor Martinez said. "We all know what he can do."

Following the game, Ramirez declined an interview request as he dressed in the corner of Boston's clubhouse.

In other AL games on Thursday, it was Baltimore 10, Tampa Bay 7; Chicago 4, Detroit 3; Kansas City 7, New York 0; and Oakland 6, Seattle 2.

After the Indians closed to 12-9, Ramirez connected again with an eighth-inning drive that barely cleared the wall in center. It was his 49th multihomer game, tying Hall of Famers Mel Ott and Eddie Mathews for 12th on the career list.

Pena hit a three-run homer and had four RBIs, and Jason Varitek and Mike Lowell drove in two runs apiece as the Red Sox and Indians combined for 23 runs after consecutive 1-0 games.

Pena's fifth homer, a laser shot off reliever Tom

Mastny's first pitch in the seventh, gave Boston a 12-5 lead.

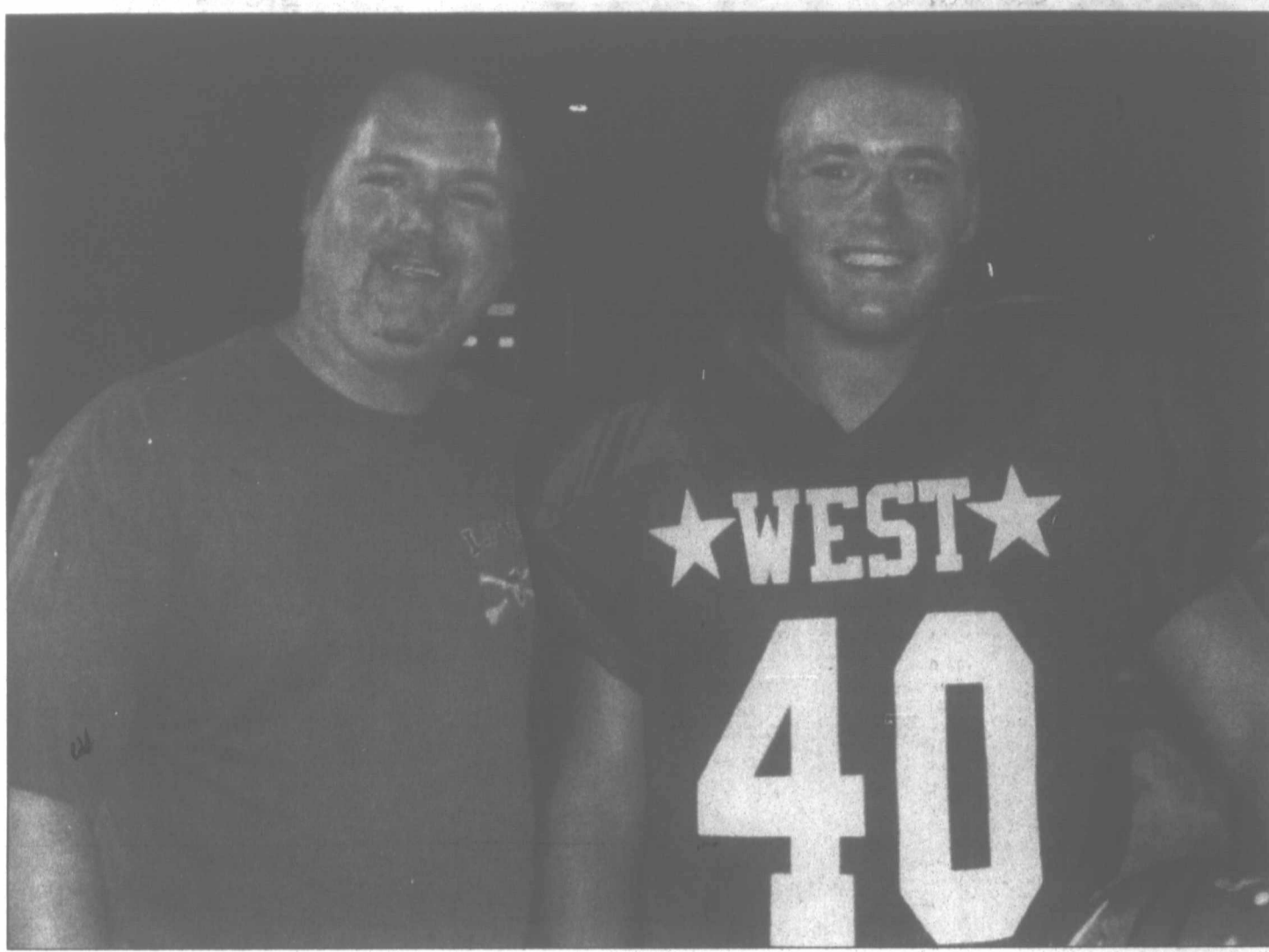
"That was one of the hardest balls I've seen go out," Francona said. "I thought it might go through (the wall)."

Julian Tavarez (6-8) relieved starter Kason Gabbard in the fifth, working out of a bases-loaded jam. He pitched 2 1-3 innings.

The Red Sox opened a 9-1 lead with a five-run fifth, putting Gabbard in position to improve to 5-0.

But the rookie left-hander let the Indians back in it as Cleveland scored four in their half. Josh Barfield hit a two-run double and scored on Grady Sizemore's single off the 25-year-old Gabbard, who then walked two to load the bases.

Travis Hafner was hit with a pitch to force in a run and Boston manager Terry Francona pulled Gabbard before things got any worse. Tavarez came on and got Ryan Garko to line out to center.



Pictured here is Tanner Ray (right) and Lefors High School football coach Joey Czubinski after the Division II 6-man All-Star game last week. Courtesy photo

Lefors' Ray plays for the winning team

Tanner Ray, a recent graduate of Lefors High School, competed in the Division II 6-man All-Star game last Friday at Lowrey Field in Lubbock. Ray played for the West All-Stars, who easily defeated the East 51-20.

Ray also graduated as valedictorian of his class, was MVP of the basketball team, Co-MVP for tennis and voted Best Teammate by his peers. Lefors High School head football coach Joey Czubinski said, "He is one

of the good guys, the team captain and an outstanding person. To say he'll be missed is an understatement." Ray will attend Frank Phillips College as a freshman in the fall.

Rodriguez pitches 7 strong innings in Astros' win over Padres

HOUSTON (AP) — The Wandy Rodriguez mystery continues.

Rodriguez (7-9) allowed a run and five hits in seven innings, striking out five to lead the Houston Astros to a 7-1 win over the San Diego Padres on Thursday.

Carlos Lee, Morgan Ensberg and Craig Biggio hit home runs. It was Biggio's second home run in three games since announcing his retirement.

The Astros have won five of seven while the Padres have lost six of seven.

Rodriguez improved to 6-2 with a 1.76 ERA at home. The left-hander is 1-7 with a

7.43 ERA on the road and nobody seems to know why his pitching is so different at home, not even Rodriguez.

"I don't know," Rodriguez said through an interpreter. "I also feel good when I pitch on the road."

His manager and teammates are also mystified.

"I don't have an explanation for it," manager Phil Garner said. "I was a little concerned about him after the first inning, but he settled right in after that and pitched a very good game."

The Padres thought they had Rodriguez going when they scored a run early in the first inning. Brian Giles led

off with a single and Mike Cameron doubled to left to drive Giles in. But Rodriguez struck out Milton Bradley, and then with two on and two out, Rodriguez caught Khalil Greene looking.

"We had a couple of chances early, but after he got out of that, he pretty much shut us down," Giles said. "It was big for him to escape that first inning jam. But when things are going your way, those things just seem to happen to you."

David Wells wasn't so lucky. With two out in the bottom of the first, Lance Berkman doubled off Wells

and Lee followed with his 21st home run of the year. Ensberg hit Wells' next pitch into the left-field Crawford Boxes for his eighth home run of the year and a 3-1 lead.

Manager Bud Black added, "I think the first inning really set the tone tonight. (Wells) just left some pitches over the plate and the Astros didn't miss."

Wells (5-7) lasted only three innings and gave up seven runs and seven hits with four walks. Wells matched his season high for runs allowed, previously set in his last start against Philadelphia.

Cowboys QB Tony Romo eager to show success was no fluke

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Four years ago, Tony Romo went into training camp just hoping to make the Dallas Cowboys.

By last summer, he'd worked his way up to being the promising backup.

Now Romo is the marquee attraction, the Pro Bowler whose love life recently was examined by National Enquirer and the guy whom Jerry Jones has singled out as the key to the team's success.

Big change, right?

Nope, Romo insists. "I try to come out here and be as good as I can be," he said at the start of training camp. "Whatever that is, I don't know."

Nor do the Cowboys. They hope he'll be the quarterback who won five of his first six starts, beating the eventual Super Bowl champion Colts when they were 9-0 and throwing five touchdown passes against Tampa Bay on Thanksgiving. But they have to be wary of the player who finished 1-4, capped by botching the hold on a short go-ahead field goal attempt, knocking Dallas out of the playoffs in the first round.

Romo's flub, and his teary locker room apology, was a dramatic end to a breakout season that at times seemed too good to be true. He got to enjoy some of the spoils of success over the summer — the Pro Bowl in Hawaii, judging the Miss Universe pageant, dating country singer Carrie Underwood — but is now serious about getting back to work.

After all, he's the starter. This is his team.

So when he hears his boss, Jones, say the onus is on him to play well if the Cowboys are going to reach their goals, Romo agrees. He knows quarterbacks will always face that pressure.

"Guys are going to look to you," said Romo, who hasn't gone into a season in this

role since 2002, when he was a senior at Eastern Illinois. "No matter what you've done, you've got to go out and perform. You've got to win ballgames. You're playing for a Super Bowl. If you're not, there is no reason to play the game."

When Romo wasn't in the spotlight this offseason, he was at team headquarters working with coach Wade Phillips, coordinator Jason Garrett and quarterbacks coach Wade Wilson, all new hires. They worked on specific routes, footwork and, most of all, consistency.

"You work hard so you can improve," he said. "I feel like I have, but we'll see when the time comes."

Another time that's coming is contract negotiations.

Romo is in the final year of a deal signed last summer. He receives a \$1 million salary on top of a \$2 million signing bonus, making him one of the cheapest starters in the league. By comparison, Houston gave highly touted but unproven Matt Schaub a \$48 million, six-year deal.

The question facing Romo and the Cowboys is whether to sign now or let him play out this season to better gauge how much he's worth.

Will Romo risk sacrificing the security of money in the bank now in hopes of a lot more later? Then again, how much security would the team give a quarterback with only 11 career starts?

The two sides have started to exchange numbers and ideas. The Cowboys are willing to do some creative structuring, but they also know they have the luxury of time. At worst, they could always keep him by using their franchise designation, although it's something club officials proudly say they've never used.

"If the conditions were right, then I could be real happy before the season starts," Jones said.

Wake Forest coach Skip Prosser dies of apparent heart attack at 56

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. (AP) — Skip Prosser, who led Wake Forest to its first basketball No. 1 ranking three seasons ago, died Thursday of an apparent heart attack, the university said. He was 56.

Prosser was found slumped on his office couch and unresponsive by director of basketball operations Mike Muse shortly after returning from his noon jog, athletics director Ron Wellman said. Medical personnel performed CPR and used a defibrillator on Prosser, who was taken to Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center and pronounced dead at 1:41 p.m.

Wellman said he was unaware of any previous

health issues for Prosser, calling his death "a devastating loss" during a news conference Thursday night.

"Because of his strength, we'll be able to go on and we'll be just fine eventually," Wellman said. "We're not right now. We're all suffering right now."

Dr. William Applegate, the dean of the university medical school, said the events were "typical of a sudden massive heart attack."

"This kind of attack, when it's not witnessed by someone next to the person and CPR is not started within seconds, then the outcome is often not good," Applegate said.

Prosser had been in Orlando, Fla., earlier this

week for an AAU national tournament and had lunch Wednesday with South Carolina coach Dave Odom, his predecessor at Wake Forest.

Prosser spent six seasons with the Demon Deacons, winning an Atlantic Coast Conference regular-season title in 2003 and reaching the NCAA tournament in his first four seasons. Wake Forest went to No. 1 for the first time during the 2004-05 season.

Chris Paul, who went on to star in the NBA, was the point guard on that team.

"His passing is a tremendous loss for the entire Wake Forest community," Paul said in a statement. "He played a very significant role in my life and his influence extended well beyond the game of basketball. He taught me many valuable life lessons and was someone I admired with the utmost respect."

Before arriving in Winston-Salem, Prosser was head coach at Xavier for seven seasons and at Loyola of Maryland for one.

Prosser had a career record of 291-146 as a head coach, including 126-68 with Wake Forest. While there, he coached future NBA stars Paul and Josh Howard, and was the ACC coach of the year in 2003. He is the only coach to take three schools to the NCAA tournament in his first season at each.

Phillies lose All-Star Utley to broken hand, blow lead against Nationals

By The Associated Press

Chase Utley isn't likely to forget John Lannan's major league debut. Neither is the Nationals rookie.

Lannan was ejected after hitting the Phillies' All-Star second baseman and slugger Ryan Howard in consecutive at-bats in the fifth inning of Washington's 7-6 victory Thursday night in Philadelphia.

Utley finished the game, going 2-for-4, but X-rays afterward showed he broke a bone in his right hand. He planned to see a specialist today to determine the first step in his recovery.

"As breaks go, it's not that bad of a break," Utley said. "It's definitely disappointing."

Utley, batting .336 with 17 homers and 82 RBIs, said he is optimistic he will be back within a month. Philadelphia is five games back of the Mets in the NL East and trails wild-card-leading Arizona by 2 1/2 games.

Phillies manager Charlie Manuel said Abraham Nunez likely will replace Utley at second base.

"Chase is a big part of this team," Manuel said. "He's one of our best players, both on defense and offense. We're going to fight our way through this."

After Lannan was ejected, Washington manager Manny Acta was also ejected by plate umpire Hunter

Wendelstedt.

"His explanation was that Howard hit a home run in his previous at-bat and then he got hit in his next at-bat," Acta said. "I was very surprised. I don't think the kid is going to come up here and start throwing at people."

Lannan was called up by Washington after going a combined 12-3 with a 2.35 ERA in 20 games with three minor league teams this season. But after getting battered for three runs and six hits in the first four innings, he plunked Utley and hit Howard on the right shoulder.

"I was pretty shocked," Lannan said of the ejection. "Those were two fastballs that just got away from me. I've had to make adjustments at each of my stops. This was just a little weird."

Lannan was replaced by Chris Schroder, who gave up a two-run single to Pat Burrell that put the Phillies ahead 5-2. But Washington scored twice in the seventh and Jesus Flores hit a three-run homer in the eighth to complete the comeback.

Jon Rauch (6-2) pitched two scoreless innings, and Chad Cordero finished for his 20th save in 27 chances, snapping the Phillies' five-game winning streak.

In other NL games, it was Cincinnati 6, Milwaukee 5; Pittsburgh 8, the New York Mets 4; Arizona 7, Florida

4; the Los Angeles Dodgers 5, Colorado 4; Houston 7, San Diego 1; and St. Louis 11, the Chicago Cubs 1.

Philadelphia led 5-2 when Felipe Lopez hit a two-run, two-out single off J.C. Romero in the seventh. Ryan Zimmerman grounded to third leading off the eighth but reached on a throwing error by Wes Helms. Jose Mesa (0-2), pitching in his 1,000th major league game, walked Austin Kearns with one out before Flores connected off Mike Zagurski.

"That comes from playing every day," Flores said. "The last two days, I felt like I'm playing every day. I just want to get comfortable and every time I play and make good swings, I feel more comfortable."

Howard put the Phillies ahead 3-2 in the third with his 29th homer, a two-run drive. Howard has 13 homers and 34 RBIs off left-handers — both tops in the majors.

At Cincinnati, Ken Griffey Jr. hit his 588th homer, and the Reds rallied against All-Star closer Francisco Cordero.

After Scott Hatteberg's single off Cordero (0-3) tied it in the ninth, Javier Valentin's single in the 10th gave the Reds three victories in their four-game series against the fading NL Central leaders. Jared Burton (2-1) got the win in relief.

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The Anti-Christ will then rule the whole world for 42 months. (Rev. 13:5)

The Bible says, "and it was given unto him to make war with the saints (Christians) and to overcome them! and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations. And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the Book of Life and of the Lamb (Jesus Christ) slain from the foundation of the world." (Rev. 13:7-8)

During this 42 months, the Bible says that it will become necessary to receive a "mark" on your right hand or forehead in

order to buy or sell. (Rev. 13:16-18)

The Bible warns us: "If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of His indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name."

Jesus has told us that unless we repent, we will perish. God is not mocked. Every sin will be punished. God is a God of wrath as well as being a God of love. His word is absolute truth.

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Jim said, "Mike, I think that it would be better if you waited until tomorrow to talk to Josh. He's in his bedroom right now reading his Bible and praying. You and I can't make everything well, but God can."

That 12-year-old boy didn't run home and throw a fit. He didn't get on the phone and call all of his friends and tell

them all how rotten his coach was. He didn't even hibernate in his room so that he could sulk and pout. He talked to his dad a little and then went to his room to talk to his heavenly Father. Now that's how a faithful child of God handles troubles.

That year at our awards party we gave out two MVP awards: Most Valuable Player and Most Valuable Person. Want to guess which one Josh Brittingham won? And he still is a most valuable person, and he's still a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ. God bless.

Town aids lemonade stand robbery victim

OSHKOSH, Wis. (AP) — An 11-year-old boy who was robbed at his lemonade stand is seeing another side of humankind in the outpouring of support he has received since his story was reported.

Austin Cundy says some people have asked if he would like to set up a lemonade stand at their businesses, while others have sent cards with money or offered to replace the \$20 that was in his plastic container when it was taken Tuesday.

"I think it's very nice that

people care," he said Thursday.

Austin was using the stand to raise money to go camping with his grandparents and to buy his mother a birthday present.

He told police he saw two teens eyeballing him as they bicycled past, then one of them punched him, shoved him off his chair and took the container along with his wallet.

A tip from the public led officers to the home of a 17-year-old boy on Wednesday

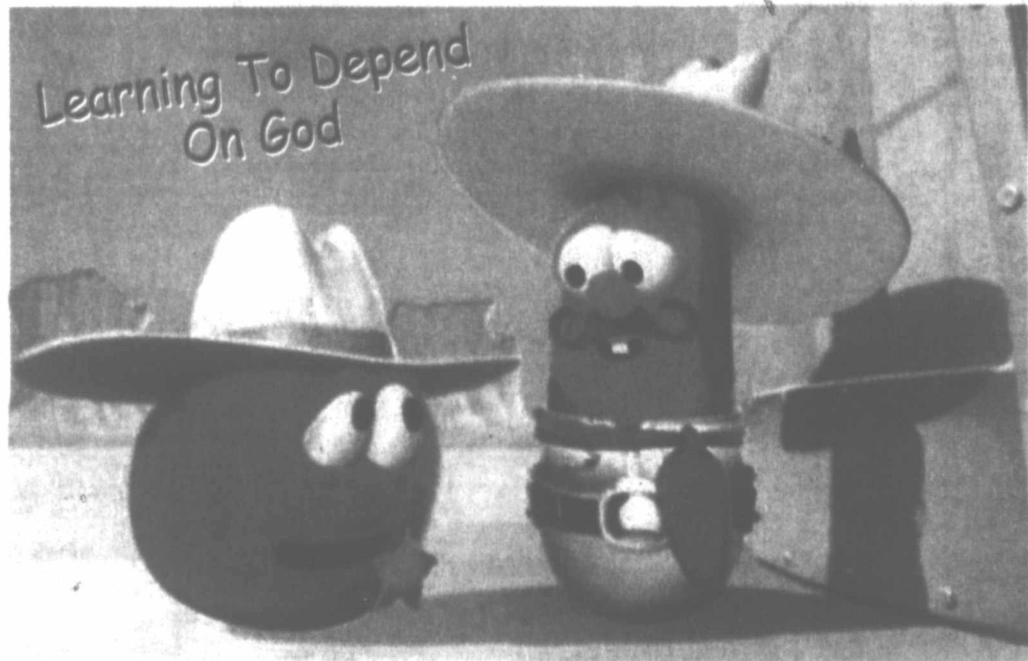
where officers found a container but no money, police Sgt. Steve Sagmeister said. The teen was being held on suspicion of robbery and physical abuse of a child, pending formal charges, he said.

Austin's mother, Nicole Cundy, said the community's response has been impressive.

"All of these people are showing how much they care about a little boy they don't even know," she said. "It's wonderful."

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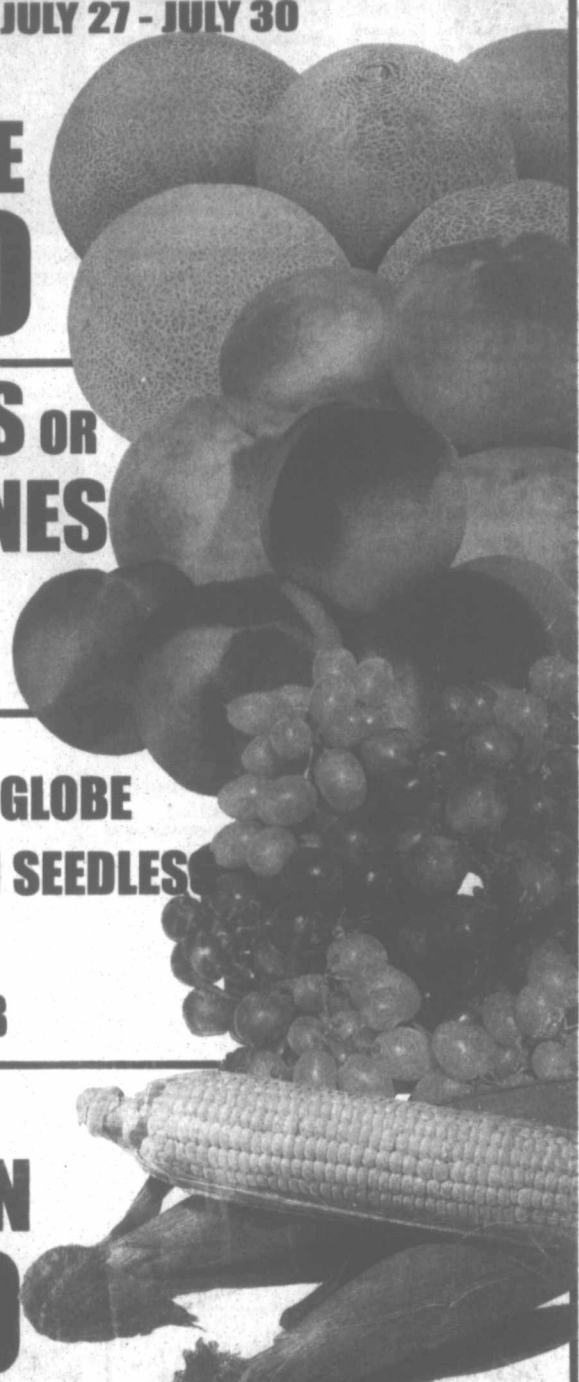
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