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Ass't. chief, sergeant demoted

3 more suspended; all avoid charges

By Joe Burchell and Inger Sandel
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Assistant Tucson Police Chief Daniel Sharp and a patrol sergeant were demoted yesterday for mishandling the investigation of Capt. Kevin Danaher's alleged drunk driving crash.

Three other officers were suspended. All five avoided criminal charges, however.

"The errors that were made . . . may have been egregious mistakes, but it wasn't criminal conduct," Pima County Attorney Barbara LaWall said.

Police Chief Douglas Smith said some officers and their commanders handled the crash "without regard to their training and experience and without adherence to the values of this agency."

"My responsibility is to ensure that their conduct is not condoned or tolerated," he said.

Danaher triggered the inquiry into how police responded to a possible crime by one of their own when his BMW crashed into a utility pole shortly after 1 a.m. April 8. He faces two DUI charges as well as likely departmental sanctions as soon as next week, Smith said.

Danaher, 44, who suffered a fractured hip, remains on paid medical leave.

Mayor George Miller, who was notified of the disciplinary actions about 90 minutes before they were announced, said he was surprised none of the officers was fired or charged with a crime.

But he added that for higher-ranking officers, the effect of this type of discipline on their careers can be significant.

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 Assistant Chief Daniel Sharp <small>\$81,962 base pay. Demoted one rank to captain. Captains are paid \$45,000 to \$75,600.</small>	 Lt. Charles Armijo <small>\$55,478 base pay. Suspended 10 days, docked \$2,134.</small>	 Sgt. James W. Driscoll <small>\$43,439 base pay. Suspended 20 days, docked \$3,342.</small>	 Sgt. James C. Webb <small>\$41,388 base pay. Demoted one rank to officer. Officers are paid \$29,400 to \$40,392.</small>	 Officer Geraldine Ortiz <small>\$38,484 base pay. Suspended one day, docked \$148.</small>
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Tree-ring study backs greenhouse gas theory

By Jim Erickson
The Arizona Daily Star

It has been warmer in the 1990s than at any time since the end of the Middle Ages, according to a UA tree-ring researcher and his colleagues.

Three of the past eight years — 1996, 1995 and 1997 — were warmer in the Northern Hemisphere than in any year since at least A.D. 1400. The researchers say rising levels of carbon dioxide and other so-called greenhouse gases are likely responsible.

The University of Arizona and University of Massachusetts researchers used data from tree rings, solar ice cores and coral reefs, along with historical records, to reconstruct global temperature in the Northern Hemisphere over the last 600 years.

They found that temperatures in the 1990s have been 1.3 degrees higher than the average temperature in the 500 years that preceded the 20th century.

Data from more than 100 sites around the world were used in the study, reported in today's edition of the British scientific journal *Nature*. It is the most comprehensive study of its kind ever undertaken, said Malcolm Hughes, director of the UA Laboratory of Tree-Ring Research and one of the paper's three authors.

"I would say this is supporting

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Dad dies to save son, 2



Bruce McClelland, The Arizona Daily Star

The 2-year-old's screams alerted his parents; he and his father were found unconscious in a smoke-filled bedroom

Mom gets girl out of fiery trailer; boy in critical shape

"You think about what this father did in an effort to save his son. He basically sacrificed his life to go back in and save that boy."

Les Caldwell
Tucson fire battalion chief

By Inger Sandel
The Arizona Daily Star

Robert Costell safely escaped the flames that ravaged his family's northside manufactured home early yesterday — then he ran back inside to save his 2-year-old son.

Costell, 30, was pronounced dead minutes after firefighters found him and his son, Michael, unconscious in a smoke-filled back bedroom.

Michael was rushed to University Medical Center in extremely critical condition.

Both appeared to have been overcome by smoke, although Costell also suffered burns, Tucson Fire Capt. Brian Delfs said.

"You think about what this father did in an effort to save his son. He basically sacrificed his life to go back in and save that boy," said Tucson fire battalion Chief Les Caldwell, who watched firefighters carry the victims away from the flames.

Costell and his wife, Melissa, were awakened by their toddler's screams and found their home filling with black smoke, authorities said.

Melissa Costell saved their 3-month-old daughter, Kathryn, by breaking out a bathroom window and dropping the baby outside onto a plastic swimming pool that leaned against the home, Delfs said. "The only injury that child had was a bump on her head," he said.

Melissa Costell was taken to UMC for evaluation of possible carbon monoxide poisoning. She was covered in soot when crews arrived.

The blaze was reported by neighbors at 8:25 a.m. and gutted the single-wide home in the Westward Ho Mobile Home Estates, 3810 N. Romero Road. It apparently started accidentally by an open flame exposed to papers on top of the refrigerator, said

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In tomorrow's Star



Title doesn't tell all

Robert Downey Jr. stars with Natasha Gregson Wagner (Natalie Wood's daughter) and Heather Graham (Rollergirl in "Boogie Nights") in "Two Girls and a Guy."

Softball slugger

Happily married, Arizona senior outfielder Alison McCutcheon is enjoying another All-American season and should break the NCAA hits record this weekend.

McCartney died in Tucson; locals kept site a secret

By M. Scott Skinner
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Linda McCartney's family members cherished their privacy in Tucson, and locals helped them keep her death a secret for almost a week.

An Arizona Cancer Center doctor signed the death certificate last week, and Pima County Medical Examiner Bruce O. Parks authorized her cremation, a local government official said last night.

The 56-year-old wife of Paul McCartney, a photographer and animal rights activist, was diagnosed in 1995 with breast cancer, which spread to her liver.

While the media worldwide reported Monday morning that McCartney died while vacationing in Santa Barbara, Calif., officials and friends who knew she died here kept mum.

The director of the Arizona Cancer Center at the University of Arizona refused to comment yesterday.

"There are legal issues involved concerning patient privacy," said Dr. Sydney Salmon. "I really take offense at the type of thing. Patients are entitled to privacy, whoever they are."

Parks, who could not be reached for comment last night, on Tuesday declined to confirm or deny whether his office authorized McCartney's cremation.

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Calif. county removes 24 youths from Boys Ranch

San Joaquin worried about their welfare

By Eric Volante and Rhonda Bodfield
The Arizona Daily Star

A California county decided yesterday to remove 24 youths from Arizona Boys Ranch after reviewing allegations of "deplorable" abuse and neglect.

The San Joaquin County Probation Department sent three officers to Arizona to remove the boys this week because of concerns for their welfare, Chief Probation Officer Nick Cademartori said yesterday.

California halted new placements in early March, but yesterday's decision marks the only large-scale removal of youths, California's 325 youths comprised more than half the population of the eight Boys Ranch campuses, a ranch official said at the time.

Boys Ranch came under scrutiny after the March 2 death of Nicholas Contreras, 16, of Sacramento, Calif.

Two autopsies showed he died of complications from a lung infection that was exacerbated by physical activities at Boys Ranch.

A 37-page Pinal County sheriff's report released Friday showed that some staff members thought Contreras was a malingerer, though he repeatedly coughed and vomited in the days before he died.

The report also included allegations by four boys that they had been thrown into walls by staff members. A fifth boy said a staff member "took him to an empty barracks and threw him around the barracks for having too much food in his mouth during dinner."

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The Associated Press

Singer Eric Burdon, who gained fame in the Beatles, places a candle for a portrait of Linda McCartney in Santa Barbara, Calif.

WEATHER

Warm enough Look for a high today in the lower 90s, with breezes picking up in the afternoon. Tonight will be fair with a low in the lower 50s. Yesterday's high was 93. The low was 59. Details on Page 13A.

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