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Commissioners to cool their heels over jail issue

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

The Howard County Commissioners Court has called a time-out on the increasingly controversial law enforcement center issue.

During their regular meeting Monday, commissioners voted to table any further discussion on the issue for the next two months, effectively pushing any bond election to finance a new jail into 2006 at the earliest.

The issue has evenly divided

the four commissioners, with Jerry Kilgore and Bill Crooker supporting construction of a building that would house police and sheriff administrative offices and a 144-bed jail. Gary Simer and Emma Brown, on the other hand, support building a 96-bed, jail-only facility.

With commissioners split down the middle on the issue, County Judge Ben Lockhart — the potential swing vote in the matter — decided a cooling-off period was called for.

"I want us to put a little moratorium on the issue for awhile," Lockhart said. "With something this big, we're going to

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Lockhart

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Lockhart said the issue will be tabled until commissioners finalize work on the county budget for the coming fiscal year, a process that will be completed in late August. Until that time, no more money will be expended on the project, he added.

Cost is the major point dividing commissioners. It will cost about \$12 million to construct the proposed joint law enforce-

ment center. There has been no firm estimate on how much a 96-bed jail-only facility will cost, but supporters have said it could be constructed for as little as \$7 million.

It is unsure what effect a delay will have on costs. Kilgore said interest rates are likely to rise in the next few months, but those increases could be offset elsewhere.

Kilgore agreed that the moratorium could provide everyone with a much-needed cooling-

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County

Commissioners approve health services clinic funding for another year

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

Howard County commissioners decided at their Monday meeting to continue paying the county's share of expenses at the local Texas Department of State Health Services Clinic. Despite reluctance on the part of the city of Big Spring to keep financing its share of the clinic's costs, commissioners agreed to contribute \$15,000 during the next year's clinic operating budget.

The clinic provides public health, family planning and immunization to low-income individuals in Howard County. In addition, it also provides sanitary inspection services, said Charles Gaiser of the TDSHS office in El Paso.

The county and city originally entered into a contract with the Texas Department of Health 10 years ago to share in the operating costs of the facility, Gaiser said. That contract recently expired, and city officials have notified Gaiser of their

intention to terminate their share of the agreement, although he said he would revisit the issue with them in the near future.

The clinic's total annual operating costs are currently about \$300,000, he said.

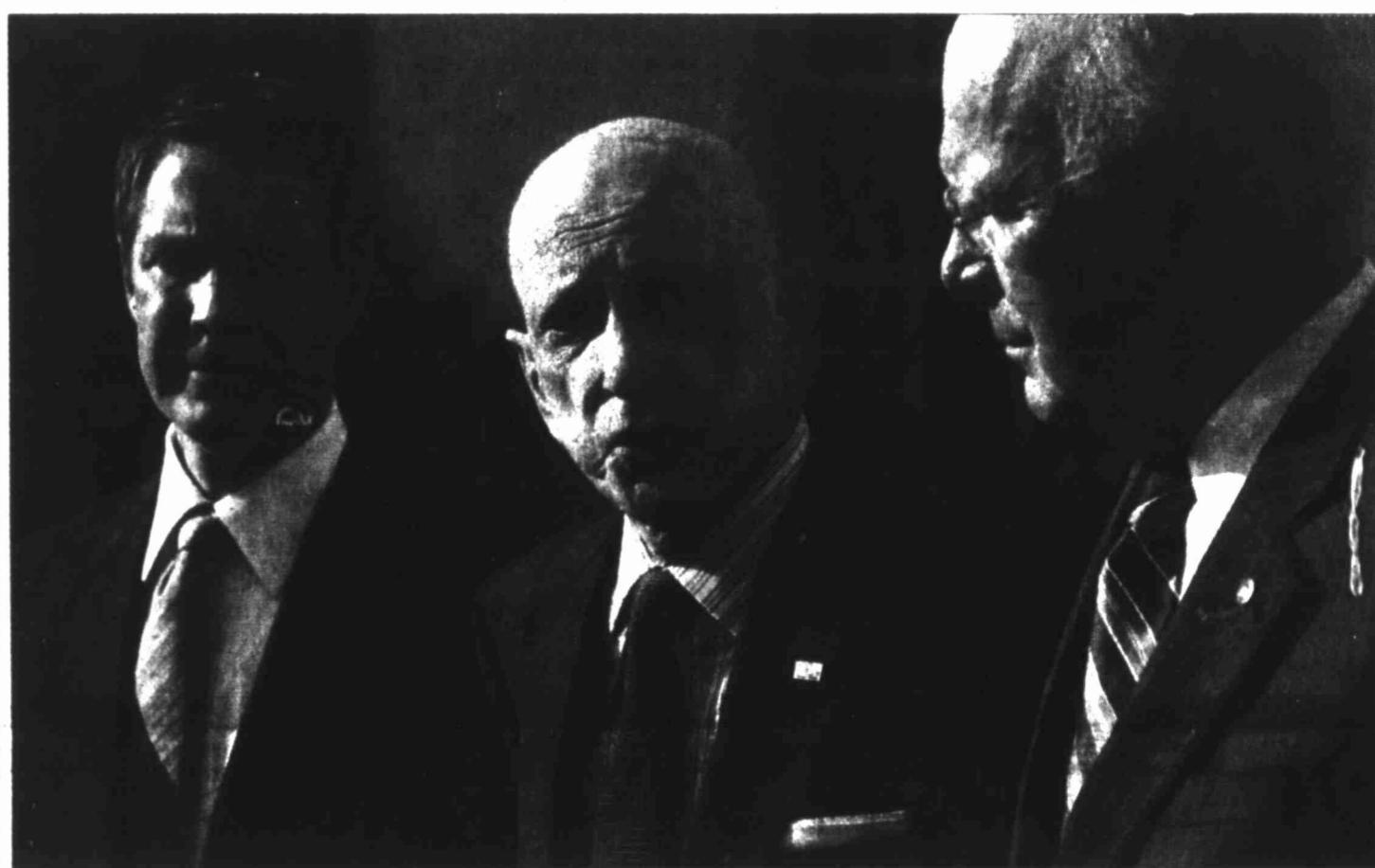
"I feel like this is something we should support," Commissioner Bill Crooker said in calling for the motion, which passed unanimously.

Also Monday, commissioners learned that their share of operating the local senior citizens center likely will increase in the future.

County Auditor Jackie Olson said the county will probably have to pay more than its current allotment of \$20,000. Olson said, the exact amount needed wouldn't be finalized until next month.

In other business, commissioners approved:

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KRT photo/Chuck Kennedy

Senate leaders speak outside the White House following a meeting with President George W. Bush on nominees for the U.S. Supreme Court. From left are, Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn.; Arlen Specter, R-Pa.; and Patrick Leahy, D-Vt.

Bush conferring with senators over Supreme Court nomination

By DEB RIECHMANN
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Four leading senators went to the White House Tuesday for an "advice-and-consent" meeting with President Bush on the Supreme Court vacancy but came away without a list of candidates to ponder.

"He didn't give us any names," Democratic Leader Harry Reid of Nevada told reporters after the

breakfast meeting.

Besides Reid, Bush met with Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee; Sen. Patrick Leahy of Vermont, the ranking Democrat on the committee; and Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn.

While the president has held telephone conversations with the four before, his breakfast with them was their first meeting in person on the issue since Justice Sandra

Day O'Connor announced her retirement. All four lawmakers said the meeting was the first step in bipartisan consultation with the White House on whom Bush will nominate to replace O'Connor.

Laura Bush, meanwhile, said she hoped her husband would pick a woman.

"I would really like him to name another woman," Mrs. Bush said

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BSISD to consider Martin Luther King holiday in the future

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

Big Spring Independent School District officials will study the possibility of declaring Martin Luther King's birthday as a student holiday in the near future.

City Councilwoman Stephanie Horton

addressed the school board during its regular meeting Monday night and requested that the district observe the civil rights leader's birthday as a holiday.

Horton noted that acceptance of the holiday is widespread among West Texas school districts, with Big Spring and

Coahoma being the only ones in this area not having the holiday during the 2004-05 school year.

While trustees were sympathetic to the idea, they also told Horton that tinkering with the school calendar is no easy thing.

The calendar for the 2005-06 school year, for instance, was finalized

only after months of committee work within the district, review by teachers and administrators and two votes by the school board.

Also compounding the problem is that the state mandates much of the school calendar, including the length of the school year,

Superintendent Michael Downes told Horton.

"We basically have only three options (in making MLK's birthday a holiday)," Downes said. "We can cut a day off Christmas break, cut a day off spring break, or extend the school year."

Board Member Mike Dawson offered a compro-

mise that Horton found amenable — the board agreed to "look very strongly" at adding the holiday for the 2006-07 school year.

"We have a lot of things to consider, but we'll look long and hard at this," Board President Irene

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GOOD NAP SPOILED

SANDUSKY, Ohio (AP) — Two Coast Guard helicopters and divers spent nearly two hours searching Lake Erie for a 4-year-old boy who was napping on his family's boat the whole time.

Eric Lile was under blankets in a sleeping compartment while relatives, authorities and volunteers searched an area between Catawba and Kelleys islands on Saturday, fearing he had fallen overboard without a life jacket.

Relatives screamed and shook with relief when the boy emerged from the sleeping compartment.

COMING THIS WEEKEND



Cover Story: Volunteer Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) are not as common as they used to be in rural areas and small towns. Still, they're the first

to respond during medical emergencies in places such as Nowata, Okla. (pop. 3,971) and Browns Valley, Minn. (pop. 690).

TAAS TESTING SLATED

Big Spring Independent School District officials said testing in the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS) and the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) retesting will occur this week.

All testing will take place at the Big Spring Junior High School Library.

The schedule for the remainder of the week includes:

- 8:30 a.m. Wednesday — TAAS and TAKS Math.
- 8:30 a.m. Thursday — TAAS Reading and TAKS Social Studies.
- 8:30 a.m. Friday — TAKS Science. Call 264-3600 for more information.



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Obituaries

Bernie L. Spinks

Bernie L. Spinks, 79, of Stanton died Sunday, July 10, 2005, in a Midland hospital. Funeral services are 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 13, 2005, at the First Baptist Church in Stanton with the Rev. Kenneth Buchanan of Alamo Heights Baptist Church in Midland officiating. Interment will follow at Evergreen Cemetery.



The family will receive friends today from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

She was born Jan. 2, 1926, in Rule and married Guy Spinks Sept. 22, 1945, in Fort Worth. He preceded her in death Oct. 13, 2004. She and her husband opened Guy's Restaurant in 1985 and operated it until 1999 and she worked for an insurance company for more than 27 years. She was a member of First Baptist Church.

Survivors include two sons and daughters-in-law, Danny and Joni Spinks of Midland and Tracey and Sheryl Spinks of Stanton; three daughters, Lou A. Pearson of Midland, Jeannine S. Celey and Tim Cain of Midland and Stacey Spinks and her fiancé, Tim Bryand of Stanton; five grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, two brothers and one sister. The family suggests memorials to Home Hospice of Midland, 901 W. Missouri Ave, Midland 79701 or to the Martin County Library, P.O. Box 1187, Stanton 79782.

Arrangements under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com.

Richard Haro Jr.

Richard Haro Jr., 20, of Big Spring died Tuesday, July 12, 2005, at his residence. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Esther Marquez

Esther Marquez, 69, of Mereta died Monday, July 11, 2005, at her residence. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Take note

GROUP PHOTOS TAKEN BY BRUCE SCHOOLER AT BIG SPRING DAY IN AUSTIN are available for purchase from the chamber of commerce Tuesday through July 15. Cost is \$10 for an 8x10 and \$5 for a 5x7. For more information, call Schooler at 264-7728 or 213-1760.

PERMIAN BASIN MENSA is accepting donations of cash or merchandise for their scholarship program. For more information, e-mail scholarships@pb.us.mensa.org or write to 301 E. Fifth St., Big Spring.

THE BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL OLDTIMERS (those who graduated before 1940) are planning a reunion for the annual BSHS Homecoming Sept. 16-17. Anyone able to attend a reunion Sept. 17 should call 432-267-2900 and leave phone and address information.

TEXAS LIONS CAMP is looking for children interested in attending camp this summer. Sessions are for children with physical disabilities 7 through 16 years of age. Camp is free for these children. For more information, call Bob Noyes at 267-5811 or 270-0811.

A MEMORIAL FUND HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED FOR THE FAMILY OF TYBO JACOBS at the First Bank of West Texas in Coahoma and Big Spring to help with funeral costs. He died in an automobile accident March 10.

DEREK CHURCHWELL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP has been established at Howard College. Donations may be made to the Howard College Foundation in care of Jan Foresyth, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Designate the Derek Churchwell Scholarship Fund.

HOWARD COUNTY CHILD WELFARE BOARD is seeking financial donations to provide support for children in Howard County who have been removed from their home due to abuse or neglect. Contact Patti Richard at 432-559-6953 or mail donations to HCCWB P.O. Box 3101 Big Spring, 79721.

LEGAL AID OF NORTHWEST TEXAS is accepting appointments for 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of each month. Individuals seeking legal advice for matters concerning family law, divorce, custody and child support issues, social security cases, employment and housing may contact the office to schedule an appointment. Criminal cases are not accepted. Anyone recently served with legal documents should call the office immediately at 800-926-5630 or 432-686-0647.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Monday and 8 a.m. today:

- **AMBER MACKIE**, 21, of 2619 Langley, was arrested Monday on a charge of theft.
- **SHAWNA GRAYSON**, 34, of 3811 Old Colorado City Highway, was arrested Monday on warrants from Midland and Ector counties and a charge of theft - enhanced.
- **THEFT** was reported:
 - in the 200 block of Marcy.
 - in the 3600 block of Connally.
 - in the 900 block of Willia.
 - in the 400 block of Gregg Street.
 - in the 400 block of Birdwell Lane.
 - in the 300 block of Owens.
 - in the 1800 block of Gregg Street.
 - in the 1200 block of 11th Place.
- **FAILURE TO IDENTIFY AS A FUGITIVE FROM JUSTICE** was reported in the 200 block of Marcy.
- **BURGLARY OF A BUILDING** was reported in the 2000 block of Birdwell Lane.
- **ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported in the 1400 block of Lexington.

Sheriff's report

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity:

- **KEMBERLY SHAVON BROWN**, 28, was arrested Monday by DPS on charges of failure to identify as a fugitive from justice - giving false information, revocation of probation for credit card abuse, capias pro fines for failure to identify and revocation of probation for theft by check.
- **CARMEN NELL BROWN**, 30, was arrested Monday by DPS on charges of escape while confined/arrested and possession of a controlled substance - cocaine.
- **ERIK PAUL WAYNE QUALLS**, 39, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a charge of criminal trespass.
- **BRANDON LEE EDWARDS**, 19, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of violation of parole.
- **PHILLIP GARCIA**, 28, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for driving while license suspended/invalid.

Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 300 block of Veterans Blvd. One person was transported to a doctor's office.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1100 block of E. 15th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 300 block of Veterans Blvd. One person was transported to the airport flightline.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1600 block of Lark. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 1600 block of Martin Luther King Blvd. One person was transported to Covenant Hospital in Lubbock.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 300 block of N.E. 10th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **GRASS FIRE** was reported in the area of Interstate Highway 20 near Refinery Road.
- **GRASS FIRE** was reported near the 175 mile marker of Interstate Highway 20.
- **STRUCTURE FIRE** was reported in the 900 block of N.E. Ninth Street.

Support groups

TUESDAY

• The Multiple Sclerosis Support Group meets at 6 p.m., a new time, the last Tuesday of each month in the College Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 1005 Birdwell Lane. Call Tracey at 263-4948 for more information.

THURSDAY

• Narcotics Anonymous, non-smoking discussion meeting, 8-9 p.m., at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Gollad.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30-7:30 p.m. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8-9 p.m.

FRIDAY

• Alzheimers Support Group meets at noon the fourth Friday of each month at Spring City Senior Citizens Center. Lunch is provided. RSVP to Cindy Lopez at 213-4976.

• AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Noon open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

Bulletin board

If you have items for the Bulletin board, contact the Herald news room at 263-7331 or email editor@bigspringherald.com

TODAY

- Howard-Glasscock Counties American Cancer Society director's meeting in the dining room at Scenic Mountain Medical Center at noon. Call Sherry Hodnett at 264-7599 for more information.
- Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

WEDNESDAY

- Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- Senior Circle meets at 11 a.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center classroom for Stretch and Tone. Call 268-4721.
- Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.
- Line dancing begins at 1 p.m. at the Spring City Senior Citizen's Center in the Industrial Park. Call 267-6966 or 267-1628.
- Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.
- Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third.

THURSDAY

- Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 6-8-14-30-32.
Number matching five of five: none.
Matching four of five: 108. Prize: \$465.
Matching three of five: 3,239. Prize: \$11.
Matching two of five: 34,109. Prize: \$2.
Next Cash 5 drawing: Tuesday night.

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Monday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 5-10-16-27. Bonus Ball: 8.
Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 1.
Prize: \$875,000.

Winning ticket sold in: Duncanville.

Number matching four of four: 16. Prize: \$1,034.
Number matching three of four, plus Bonus Ball: 38.
Prize: \$53.

Number matching three of four: 1,630. Prize: \$17.
Number matching two of four, plus Bonus Ball: 906.
Prize: \$20.

Number matching one of four, plus Bonus Ball: 5,783.
Prize: \$7.

Number matching Bonus Ball alone: 9,972. Prize: \$5.
Estimated jackpot for Thursday night drawing: \$200,000.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 1-6-3

Weather

Tonight—Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 60s. East winds around 10 mph.

Wednesday—Partly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 90s. Light and variable winds becoming east around 10 mph in the afternoon.

Wednesday night—Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows around 70. Southeast winds around 10 mph in the evening becoming light and variable.

Thursday—Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 90s. Light and variable winds.

Thursday night—Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 70s.

Friday—Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 90s. Friday night...Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 70s.

Saturday—Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 90s.

Saturday night—Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 70s.

Sunday—Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 90s.

Sunday night—Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 70s.

Monday—Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 90s.

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White House under fire over leaking CIA officer's name

By PETE YOST

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House is suddenly facing damaging evidence that it misled the public by insisting for two years that presidential adviser Karl Rove wasn't involved in leaking the identity of a female CIA officer.

Rove told Time magazine reporter Matthew Cooper that the woman "apparently works" for the CIA and that she had authorized her husband's trip to Africa to assess allegations that Iraq was trying to obtain yellowcake uranium for nuclear weapons, according to a July 11, 2003, e-mail by Cooper obtained by Newsweek magazine.

The e-mail is now in the hands of federal prosecutors who are hunting down the leakers inside the Bush administration who revealed the name of Valerie Plame to the news media.

The revelation about Rove prompted Democratic calls for President Bush to follow through on his promise to fire leakers of Plame's identity, and triggered 61 questions during two press briefings for White House spokesman Scott McClellan.

It was McClellan who provided the previous assurances about no role for Rove, but he

refused to repeat those assurances Monday.

"Did Karl Rove commit a crime?" a reporter asked McClellan.

"This is a question relating to an ongoing investigation," McClellan replied.

McClellan gave the same answer when asked whether President Bush has confidence in Rove, the architect of the president's successful political campaigns.

The investigation was ongoing in 2003 when McClellan assured the public Rove wasn't involved, a reporter pointed out, but the spokesman refused to elaborate.

In September and October 2003, McClellan said he had spoken directly with Rove about the matter and that "he was not involved" in leaking Plame's identity to the news media. McClellan said at the time: "The president knows that Karl Rove wasn't involved." "It was a ridiculous suggestion" and "It's not true."

Rove's own public denials at the time and since have been more narrowly worded: "I didn't know her name and didn't leak her name," Rove said last year.

Democrats pressed Bush to act.

"The White House promised if anyone was involved in the Valerie Plame affair, they



A lawyer for Karl Rove, pictured above, says his client did not disclose Plame's name.

would no longer be in this administration," said Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev.

"I trust they will follow through on this pledge. If these allegations are true, this rises above politics and is about our national security."

Democratic consultant Paul Begala, appearing on ABC's "Good Morning America" Tuesday, said Rove has both a

legal problem and a political problem.

He said the legal issue should be resolved by the grand jury. Begala also said the White House has a political problem because "people are going to look at this crowd and say, Gee, we can't trust a thing they say after the WMD (weapons of mass destruction) controversy."

New York Times reporter Judith Miller is in jail for refusing to reveal who in the administration talked to her about Plame.

Cooper had also planned to go to jail rather than talk, but at the last minute he agreed to cooperate with investigators when a source, Rove, gave him permission to do so. Cooper's employer, Time Inc., also turned over Cooper's e-mail and notes.

One of the e-mails was a note from Cooper to his boss in which he said he had spoken to Rove, who described the wife of former U.S. Ambassador and Bush administration critic Joe Wilson as someone who "apparently works" at the CIA, Newsweek magazine reported.

It said "Wilson's wife" — not CIA Director George Tenet or Vice President Dick Cheney — authorized a trip by Wilson to Africa.

The purpose was to check out reports that Iraq had tried to

obtain yellowcake uranium for use in nuclear weapons.

Rove's conversation with Cooper took place five days after Plame's husband suggested in a New York Times op-ed piece that the Bush administration had manipulated intelligence on weapons of mass destruction to justify the invasion of Iraq. Wilson's trip to Africa provided the basis for his criticism.

Robert Luskin, Rove's lawyer, said his client did not disclose Plame's name. Luskin declined to say how Rove found out that Wilson's wife worked for the CIA and refused to say how Rove came across the information that it was Wilson's wife who authorized his trip to Africa.

"In the conversation, Karl is warning Cooper not to get too far out in front of the story," Luskin said.

"There were false allegations out there that Vice President Cheney sent Wilson to Niger and that Wilson had reported back to Cheney about his trip to Niger. Neither was true."

Luskin added, "A fair-minded reading of Cooper's e-mail is that Rove was trying to discourage Time magazine from circulating false allegations about Cheney, not trying to encourage them by saying anything about Wilson or his wife."

British troops hunt for explosives in bombing raids

By THOMAS WAGNER

Associated Press Writer

LEEDS, England (AP) — British troops blasted their way into a home in northern England in what they said was a search for explosives, and police conducted a series of raids linked to last week's London bombings.

Police said 500 people were evacuated from the area, and the streets were cordoned off. Hours earlier, police searched five residences elsewhere in Leeds as part of the investigation of Thursday's subway and bus bombings that killed at least 52 people.

There was no immedi-

ate word of any arrests.

Metropolitan Police Commissioner Sir Ian Blair declined to provide details about the raids, which began about 6:30 a.m. in Leeds, about 185 miles north of London.

"There have been a series of searches carried out in Yorkshire. Those searches are still going on. There's very little else I can say at the moment, but this activity is directly connected to the outrages on Thursday," Blair said in an interview with BBC radio.

Metropolitan Police described the raids as part of an "intelligence-led operation."

Police sealed off a sec-

tion of road in Leeds, according to Press Association, the British news agency. A red Volkswagen car, marked off with police tape, apparently attracted special attention, it said.

The families of those missing since the terrorist bombings, meanwhile, endured an agonizing wait for word of the fate of their loved ones.

"I need to know, I want to protect him," said Marie Fatayi-Williams, who arrived from Nigeria to find out what happened to her immigrant son Anthony, 26. "How many tears shall we cry? How many mothers' hearts must be maimed? My

heart is maimed at this moment."

The family of Michael Matsushita, a New Yorker who moved abroad in the spring of 2001, said it was likely he was dead. The 37-year-old left home Thursday to go to work and never returned.

"At this time, we've been told that there is virtually no possibility that he is alive," said David Golovner, a spokesman for Matsushita's family. "We realize the police wouldn't have told us that unless they were certain. We have given up, basically, any sort of extravagant theories about how he might still be alive." Prime Minister Tony Blair promised authorities would hunt relentlessly for the bombers. Police said their painstaking investigation was moving ahead, and warned that the death toll, which went from 49 to 52 on Monday, would rise. Some 700 were injured in the attacks; 56 of those remained hospitalized.

The names of two more victims were released Tuesday. The families of 30-year-old financial adviser Jamie Gordon and Philip Stuart Russell — whose 29th birthday would have been Monday — said the two men were on the No. 30 bus that exploded near Tavistock

Square.

So far, the names of four of the dead have been released.

Forensics experts have warned it could take days or weeks to identify the bodies, many of which were blown apart and would have to be identified through dental records or DNA analysis.

Ian Blair said forensic experts were scouring the tunnel where a bomb exploded aboard a Piccadilly line train, the deadliest of the four blasts. Police said they are also scrutinizing 2,500 closed-circuit television tapes taken from cameras around the explosion sites.

House, Senate chairmen disagree on continuing Patriot Act

By JESSE J. HOLLAND

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — They agree the Patriot Act should not be allowed to expire, but the House and Senate judiciary committee chairmen disagree on whether to extend all the law's expiring provisions permanently.

The House Judiciary Committee chairman, Rep. James Sensenbrenner, R-Wis., plans to push through legislation Wednesday that would eliminate all expiration dates in the government's premier

anti-terrorism act, which would make it permanent law.

The Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman, Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., is working on a proposal that would keep some of the Patriot Act's expiration dates while continuing the law in force.

President Bush called on Congress again Monday to make permanent the expiring provisions of the nation's premier anti-terrorism law, days after London was struck by terrorist bombs.

"The terrorist threats against us will not expire at the end of

this year, and neither should the protections of the Patriot Act," Bush said in a speech at the FBI's training academy in Quantico, Va.

The Patriot Act, the result of Congress' swift response to the Sept. 11 attacks, allowed expanded surveillance of terror suspects, increased use of material witness warrants to hold suspects incommunicado and permitted secret proceedings in immigration cases.

More than a dozen provisions are set to expire at the end of this year, some of which have aroused civil liberties concerns

among liberals and conservatives.

Sensenbrenner plans to go along with Bush's call on the House side, with his committee on Wednesday working on legislation that would strike all the "sunset" provisions — the predetermined dates when a law or provision expires — from the Patriot Act.

Specter, meanwhile, plans to keep several of the sunsets in the Senate bill when the law's continuation is debated in the Senate Judiciary Committee, setting up a conflict between the two versions that would

have to be reconciled before the provision's expiration on Dec. 31 if they are unchanged in the House and Senate.

Sensenbrenner and Specter both plan to call for additional reporting requirements and modifications for the Patriot Act in their reauthorization bills, especially on the so-called "library provision."

That provision, by far the most controversial in the Patriot Act, permits secret warrants for "books, records, papers, documents and other items" from businesses, hospitals and other organizations.

Boy on sidewalk dies after being hit by SUV

FORT WORTH (AP) — A 3-year-old boy waiting for his mother to unlock their front door died when he was struck by a sport utility vehicle that pinned him to an apartment wall, police said.

Francisco Martinez was standing on a sidewalk Sunday night when the SUV driven by a family friend started to move, said

Fort Worth police Sgt. Don Hanlon, supervisor of the traffic investigation unit.

"The Jeep, for an unknown reason, accelerated forward instead of backing up and ran over the 3-year-old and then continued on through the wall of the apartment," Hanlon said.

The driver, Saturnina Ibarra, and the boy's mother worked

together at a local restaurant. Hanlon said Ibarra had just dropped off Francisco and his mother late Sunday night when Ibarra apparently put the gear shift in forward instead of reverse.

The vehicle traveled 14 feet into the family's living room and pinned Francisco against a wall, Hanlon said.

Police arrested Ibarra, 44, on a charge of suspicion of intoxication manslaughter.

Witnesses told police she had been drinking, and she failed a field sobriety test, Hanlon said. Bail was set at \$25,000.

The boy was taken to a hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

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OUR VIEWS

Terri Shiavo's family finally gets closure

Terri Schiavo died more than three months ago, but the closure that usually comes with death proved elusive. Exploiting her death for their own gain, politicians tried to keep alive the pandering her condition inspired.

That shameful episode may have finally ended. Florida Gov. Jeb Bush has declared an end to the state inquiry he requested into the collapse Schiavo suffered 15 years ago.

In requesting the investigation, Bush pointed to discrepancies in the statements Michael Schiavo made about the time his wife collapsed and the time he dialed 911.

Investigators found no wrongdoing. "Based on your conclusions, I will follow your recommendation that the inquiry by the state be closed," Bush said in a letter to State Attorney Bernie McCabe.

The episode ended with less fanfare than it began, with a rebuff to the pandering Bush and other politicians wanted to prolong.

Perhaps the Schiavo family can now get what it deserved all along closure.

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Will big oil take over electric market?

The trouble with deregulation is that it always takes some disaster like Enron before we realize there was a reason for the regulation to begin with.

We are about to repeat one of the huge mistakes of the 1920s and '30s because we have forgotten why PUHCA (pronounced Pooka) was instituted in the first place. PUHCA is the Public Utility Holding Company Act, passed in 1935, which prevents concentration of ownership of power plants. Both the House and Senate versions of the energy bill contain a repeal of PUHCA.

As Kelpie Wilson pointed out in article for Truthout, "For 50 years we have had reliable, cheap electric power that has allowed strong economic growth, and no PUHCA-regulated energy holding company has ever gone broke."

PUHCA was partially repealed in the '90s, and even that much deregulation was part of what led to Enron, Westar and other slight mishaps.

PUHCA puts utilities under strict regulation by both state and federal governments. It restricts ownership of utilities to public or private companies that are in the business of producing power.

The most likely candidates to take over power companies are the big oil companies, now awash in cash. There goes the electrical grid: Why fix it when you can charge more for doing nothing?

Lynn Hargis, an attorney who spent 10 years at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and is now with Public Citizen, says repeal means a repeat of the same dreary mistakes. In the 1920s, three huge companies owned half of the nation's power plants and built them into speculative power-holding companies that used the reliable money from utilities

for flights of fancy in the stock market.

When you are paying your electric bill to ExxonMobil, Halliburton or some Chinese firm, you will see why this is a monumentally bad idea. (Speaking of the veep's former home company, according to HalliburtonWatch.org, the company is employing its workers in Iraq through its subsidiary in the Cayman Islands. This means Halliburton won't have to pay unemployment benefits for the workers when they return home.)

CROW EATEN HERE: This is a horror. In a column written June 28, I asserted that more Iraqis (civilians) had now been killed in this war than had been killed by Saddam Hussein over his 24-year rule. **WRONG.** Really, really wrong.

The only problem is figuring out by how large a factor I was wrong. I had been keeping an eye on civilian deaths in Iraq for a couple of months, waiting for the most conservative estimates to creep over 20,000, which I had fixed in my mind as the number of Iraqi civilians Saddam had killed.

The high-end estimate of Iraqi civilian deaths in this war is 100,000, according to a Johns Hopkins University study published in the British medical journal *The Lancet* last October, but I was sticking to the low-end, most conservative estimates because I didn't want to be accused of exaggeration.

Ha! I could hardly have been more wrong, no matter how you count Saddam's killing of civilians. According to Human Rights Watch, Hussein killed several hundred thousand of his fellow citizens. The massacre of the Kurdish Barzani tribe in 1983 killed at least 8,000; the infamous gas attack on the Kurdish village of Halabja killed 5,000 in 1988; and seized documents from Iraqi security organizations show 182,000 were murdered during the Anfal ethnic cleansing campaign against Kurds,

also in 1988.

In 1991, following the first Gulf War, both the Kurds and the Shiites rebelled. The allied forces did not intervene, and Saddam brutally suppressed both uprisings and drained the southern marshes that had been home to a local population for more than 5,000 years.

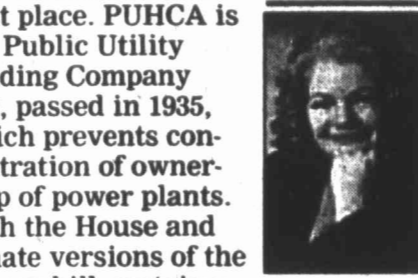
Saddam's regime left 271 mass graves with more still being discovered. That figure alone was the source for my original mistaken estimate of 20,000. Saddam's widespread use of systematic torture, including rape, has been verified by the U.N. Committee on Human Rights and other human rights groups over the years.

There are wildly varying estimates of the number of civilians, especially babies and young children, who died as a result of the sanctions that followed the Gulf War. While it is true that the ill-advised sanctions were put in place by the United Nations, I do not see that that lessens Hussein's moral culpability, whatever blame attaches to the sanctions themselves — particularly since Saddam promptly corrupted the Oil for Food Program put in place to mitigate the effects of the sanctions, and used the proceeds to build more palaces, etc.

There have been estimates as high as 1 million civilians killed by Saddam, though most agree on the 300,000 to 400,000 range, making my comparison to 20,000 civilian dead in this war pathetically wrong.

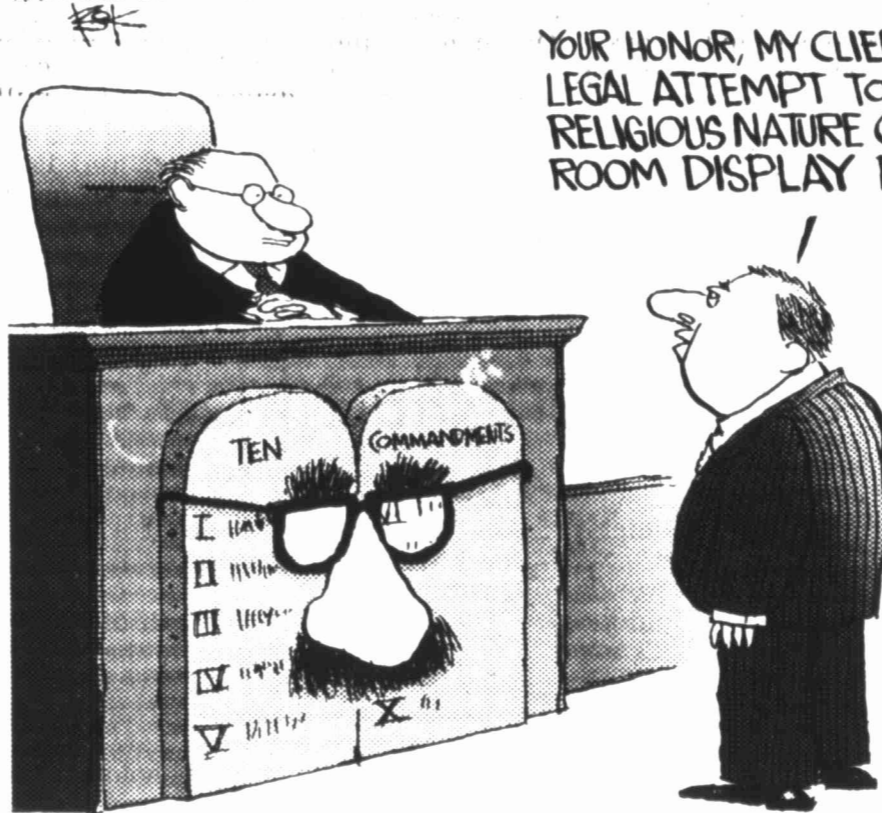
I was certainly under no illusions regarding Saddam Hussein, whom I have opposed through human rights work for decades. My sincere apologies. It is unforgivable of me not have checked. I am so sorry.

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Frozen margaritas, cheating at solitaire

SIMON SAYS: Pinatas are seldom worth the effort. Who cares if China buys the American oil company Unocal? I say make the Chinese buy Amtrak and the Postal Service, too. Let them lose their shirts, instead of us.

Oh, grow up and buy a headboard. You're not in college anymore.

Although they are always hilarious in the New Yorker cartoons, do stores still have "Complaint Departments"?

It's a fact: Nobody has ever left a job without taking office supplies. If you remember when light switches turned on and off with a loud click, you are getting pretty old.

I don't believe anybody really uses picture-in-picture on their TV.

Is there anything as good as a frozen margarita?

It is true: The Grand Canyon is one of the few things in life that won't disappoint you.

Do you think the people who drive Hummers realize how much they are loathed?

People who cheat at solitaire will cheat at anything.

How come hotels don't put those "sanitized" strips across the toilets anymore? Did too many people for-

get to take the strips off?

I don't care what anybody says: I still like Jerry Lewis.

A question young singles often ask themselves: If I have a Crock-Pot, do I really need a spouse?

Why do they make the commercials so much louder than the TV shows? Don't they realize it annoys people?

Someday you will clean the tracks of your shower door. But not today.

I have never gotten one, but I have a feeling a pedicure would be worth the money.

Why are hotels spending fortunes providing fancy music systems for their guests when most guests would just prefer a quiet room?

I don't think anybody really knows which way to pronounce desultory.

In "xoxo," which are the hugs and which are the kisses?

Just admit it: All these new, fancy, smaller SUVs are just station wagons.

Something I learned this week that is probably not worth knowing: The term "duffel bag" comes from the cloth produced in the

Flemish town of Duffel.

Paperback Pick of the Month: "The Island at the Center of the World: The Epic Story of Dutch Manhattan and the Forgotten Colony That Shaped America" by Russell Shorto, in which we learn that we can thank the Dutch for the words boss, cookie, coleslaw and Springsteen.

If you had to, could you put your hands on your high school diploma right now? Would you even know where to look?

There are only two types of people in the world: those who tear the bandage off in one swoop and those who eek it off. They usually marry each other.

Remember pencil boxes? With that little slide thing on top that was supposed to do multiplication tables? Whatever happened to those?

"Being Bobby Brown" on Bravo may be the most astonishing show on television. But not in the way Bobby Brown and his wife, Whitney Houston, intended.

It seems to me the chief purpose of hurricanes is so TV reporters can stand in front of a camera and get wet. If more than one of them gets wet, it's called "team coverage."

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ROGER SIMON

Teen pregnancy declining But advocates say rate is still too high

HOUSTON (AP) — The rate of teen pregnancy has declined in Texas over the last 10 years, but studies show Texas teens are more likely to have babies than their peers in other parts of the country. One national study said Texas had the second highest rank, next to Mississippi, in teen birth rates. However, state statistics show the rate dropped 32 percent in Texas between 1996 and 2003.

The decline indicates Texas is following a nationwide trend, which some attribute to teens using effective contraception and delaying sex.

"I do think we are, for the most part, following a national trend," said Chan McDermott, perinatal coordinator for the Texas Department of State Health Services. "We are just following a little bit behind it, and it will probably take us a little bit longer to reach the same level of achievement that has been reached in other states."

Reasons for the nationwide decline are about evenly split between delays in sexual activity and better contraceptive use, according to research by Dr. John S. Santelli, a pediatrician and professor of population and family health at Columbia University in

New York City.

"We have made progress," he said, "and a lot of people should be patting themselves on the back. But clearly, there is a lot of work to be done."

Teen pregnancy rates see sharp differences across racial lines.

Hispanic teens in Texas were more than 3 1/2 times as likely to give birth than their white peers in 2003. And black teens were more than twice as likely as whites to have a baby.

The differences reflect religious, social, cultural and economic factors. Public health experts say the high numbers in Texas are associated with the state's large population of Hispanic immigrants.

There is a direct correlation between high rates of teen pregnancy and poverty, said Debra Delgado, a senior associate at the social services-oriented Annie E. Casey Foundation in Baltimore.

"It's a worldwide phenomenon," she said.

"We just see that when people live in poverty, their chances at becoming pregnant at an earlier age are much higher, and when you improve economic circumstances, you will see that the rates of early child-bearing will be reduced."

Yet the rates have steadily declined among the poor since 1991. Youth advocates explain that condom use has increased as a result of the HIV/AIDS scare.

And teens have more birth control options including wearing a patch or getting an injection instead of remembering to take the pill every day.

Another factor is abstinence. More teens look at delaying sexual activity as an effective way to prevent pregnancy and disease. And virginity has become more accepted.

However, many teens still participate in risky sexual behavior.

Chris Markham, a behavioral sciences professor at the University of Texas School of Public Health in Houston, is working on a study with Houston middle school students. She said about 14 percent of seventh-graders say they have had sex and about 8 percent have had oral sex.

There are few studies to compare her statistics with past generations, but Markham said the numbers show a continuing trend in teen pregnancy.

"I think we can't be complacent and assume these declines we've seen are going to keep on declining," she said.

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down period.

"I can't see anyone backing off of their positions right now," he said. "Maybe we can all give a little bit on the issue, and present to the public a plan we can all support."

Also, the delay will likely push any bond election into next year, Kilgore

added.

"I thought we would have an election this year, but I think we've missed that window of opportunity," he said. "We were hoping for (an election in) November, but I don't think we can do that now. I think it'll be after the first of the year."

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COUNTY

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• Purchase of a 3/4-ton pickup for road and bridge department from Bob Brock Ford of Big Spring.

• Formalization of a burn ban instituted by County Judge Ben

Lockhart earlier this month.

• Purchase of a \$23,000 server for the county's computer network.

• Resolutions to participate in two purchasing cooperatives.

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Bustamante promised Horton.

In other business, trustees:

• Set Aug. 11 as the date for a public hearing on the proposed budget and

tax rate for the 2005-06 school year.

• Approved a student code of conduct for 2005-06.

• Approved the hiring of Tina Miles as an elementary teacher.

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NOMINATION

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Tuesday on NBC's "Today" show, in an interview from Cape Town, South Africa, where she is traveling. "I admire and respect Sandra Day O'Connor, but I know that my husband will pick somebody who has a lot of integrity and strength."

White House press secretary Scott McClellan said Bush and his advisers have reached out to more than 60 senators. "He wants to hear what their views are and hear what they have to say as we move forward on a Supreme Court nominee," he said.

Bush has said that he wants his nominee confirmed and sitting on the bench of the high court when it resumes in October.

Unless the president announces his nominee soon, that might be difficult to achieve, given that Congress is typically out on recess in August.

"The schedule is something that we took up in some detail," Specter said. "There are some limitations as to August."

Specter also took a shot at interest groups on the right and left, suggesting that they are "vastly overstating" their influence in the selection process and that, at times, their input is both "counterproductive and insulting."

Study: Drivers using cell phones more likely to crash

WASHINGTON (AP) — Using a cell phone — even a hands-free one — while driving quadruples the risk of getting into a crash with serious injuries, a study finds.

Research released Tuesday by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety suggests that using a hands-free device instead of a handheld phone while behind the wheel will not necessarily improve safety.

"You'd think using a hands-free phone would be less distracting, so it wouldn't increase crash risk as much as using a handheld phone."

"But we found that either phone type

increased the risk," said Anne McCartt, one of the study's authors and the institute's vice president for research.

The study found that handheld devices were very slightly riskier than hands-free ones, but the difference was not statistically significant.

The study, published in the British Medical Journal, found no difference in the risk posed to male and female drivers or to drivers older and younger than 30.

More motorists are using cell phones on the road than ever, and lawmakers are grappling for ways to reduce driver distraction.

Talking on handheld cell phones while driving is banned in New York, New Jersey and the District of Columbia. In Connecticut, drivers will have to use hands-free devices beginning Oct. 1. Some cities, such as Chicago, Santa Fe, N.M., and Brookline, Mass., require hands-free devices in automobiles.

Eight states — Florida, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Nevada, New York, Oklahoma and Oregon — prevent local governments from restricting cell phone use in motor vehicles, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures.

The study found injurious crashes were four times as likely when drivers were using cell phones.

The researchers used cell phone records to compare phone use within 10 minutes before an actual crash with cell use by the same driver during the previous week.

A survey released earlier this year by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration found that 8 percent of drivers, or 1.2 million people, were using cell phones during daylight hours last year. It represented a 50 percent increase since 2002.

Former assistant police chief suspended

SAN ANGELO (AP) — A former assistant police chief who was indicted last week on charges accusing him of handcuffing a woman who refused to perform a sex act has surrendered to authorities and been suspended without pay.

San Angelo Police Lt. Ron Dooley, who had been demoted from assistant police chief in May, was indicted by a grand jury on a charge of unlawful restraint. A woman

alleges Dooley handcuffed her because she would not consent to sex acts with him or a female federal agent, court records show.

Dooley had been on paid administrative leave with pay before Monday's suspension without pay. The suspension is for up to 180 days from May 2 while police complete their investigation.

He was released on \$2,000 bond within hours of arriving at the jail

Monday.

Dooley, a 15-year veteran, and Jennifer Sedgbeer, an agent with Immigration and Customs Enforcement, were off-duty at the time of the May incident.

Dooley said in court records that he handcuffed the woman because she had become "emotionally upset and uncontrollable" after spending time in a hot tub with him and Sedgbeer.

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Snipers shape the battlefield with deadly skills learned at home

By RICHARD WHITTLE
(KRT)

QUANTICO, Va. — On a grassy rifle range at Marine Corps Base Quantico, Gunnery Sgt. Robert Reidsma explained his extraordinary profession as a dozen combat veterans trained to join it. "There's a lot of romanticism associated with it," Reidsma said as his students cracked the air with shots from high-powered rifles aimed at man-sized paper targets 10 football fields away. "But really, the Marine sniper is nothing more than a highly trained infantryman."

In a sense, that's true. But the sniper does something ordinary infantrymen don't do. With calm calculation, usually from hiding, he stalks an unsuspecting enemy through the scope of a long-range precision rifle. Then he kills him.

As one Marine sniper puts it: "You're out here to hunt man."

Fabled in fiction and feared in fact for their ability to pick off enemy leaders and change the course of battles, snipers today are key weapons for the U.S. military in Iraq and Afghanistan — wars where the foe fights by ambush and hides among civilians.

Each Marine infantry battalion includes a platoon of 16 snipers. The military sharpshooters played a key role during November's assault on the Iraqi insurgent stronghold of Fallujah.

Technically, they are "scout/snipers," and for three weeks before the battle, they infiltrated the edges of the city, gathering intelligence on enemy positions. They also shot insurgents who ventured out to launch attacks.

"We were shaping the battlefield," said one who took part, speaking on condition he be identified only as "Staff Sgt. Sniper."

"We would go in, push in about 300-400 yards as a team, maybe a three-to-six-man team," he said. "We'd wait for guys to come out who were setting up IEDs (roadside bombs) and shooting mortars. What we'd do is, we'd eliminate 'em at that point."

Sniping takes a toll on an enemy, literally and psychologically, he said. "If you can't find somebody, you don't know where they're at, and people are dying, and you

can't figure out why and where and how far (away from the shooter is), it's like a ghost warrior," he said proudly.

Andrew Krepinevich, a retired lieutenant colonel who wrote a book on the Army's conduct of the Vietnam War, said that in guerrilla warfare, snipers take on an even more important role.

"Firepower," he said, "is a lot less important than precise, discriminate fire."

Sniping also takes a toll on the snipers. For one thing, they often operate beyond front lines, and they themselves are prime targets.

"There are enemy snipers in Iraq," Reidsma said. "It's a big concern."

Snipers also bear psychological burdens, for a target's face often fills the scope before they fire.

"It's a very personal way to kill," said former Gunnery Sgt. Jack Coughlin, a recently retired Marine sniper. "The only more personal way is to stab somebody."

Partly for that reason, not everyone is cut out for this work.

The Army has candidates for its sniper school at Fort Benning, Ga., undergo a psychological evaluation. The Marines don't, said Reidsma, the Quantico school's senior instructor.

"It's left more to the (applicant's) command and commander to say, 'Yes, this is a good, mature, balanced individual,'" he said.

Beyond the right psychological makeup, a sniper needs the intelligence and mental and physical stamina to master a large set of special skills. Those range from using mathematical formulas to calculate the effects of distance and wind on bullet trajectory to enduring sun, rain or jungle slime and insects for hours while stalking a target or getting away.

During a 10-week course, taught in a small, white stucco building in a back corner of Quantico and on the base's ranges, students must become proficient with the M40A3 Sniper Rifle, which fires a clip of five deadly 7.62 mm rounds — a cartridge 2.8 inches long. The weapon is equipped with a scope that makes objects 1,000 yards away appear an arm's length away.

Students train to oper-

ate in two-man teams — shooter and spotter. To pass their final tests, they must hit 28 of 35 targets, including 10 that move, from 300 to 1,000 yards — more than half a mile away.

On average, six to nine of the 24 students in each sniper school class fail, but usually not for poor marksmanship. Three to six will flunk because of inadequate patience and skill at stalking. Two or three others won't grasp observation and surveillance techniques or some aspect of the math, Reidsma said.

Shooting is only part of the job. Emphasis also is placed on learning to use special camouflage gear, such as the ghillie suit, which a sniper constructs by tucking natural vegetation into a special mesh uniform.

How to deal psychologically with killing people is "not technically part of the training," said Reidsma, 37, a Williamston, Mich., native whose ready smile, wire-rimmed glasses and patient manner lend him a gentle air that belies his trade. "We do talk about it, of course."

Sniper school students are taught to "dehumanize" those they shoot.

When he is in combat, said Staff Sgt. Sniper: "It's just a target, and that's all it is. The target comes up and presents itself, and the target goes down, and you move on to the next one."

They're also taught to remember that those they kill posed a threat to fellow Marines.

Killing also comes up when they watch a security-camera video of a woman being shot in the chest point-blank with a .357 Magnum pistol yet remaining on her feet. The point is clear: While their motto is "One Shot, One Kill," one shot may not be enough.

Who applies?

"It's usually the country kid, the kid who grew up in the hills of Tennessee or Texas or something, grew up with a love for hunting," said former sniper Coughlin, co-author of a book on his experiences, "Shooter: The Autobiography of the Top-Ranked Marine Sniper." But city boys apply as well, said Coughlin, who grew up in a Boston suburb.

Cpl. John Stalvey, 22, of Conroe, Texas, a veteran



Cpl. John Stalvey cleans the barrel of his rifle after target practice at the Marine Corps Sniper School at the Marine Corps Base Quantico, Va.

of the Afghanistan conflict, and Sgt. Matt Walker, 27, of San Antonio, who fought in Iraq in 2003, said they applied because they wanted a bigger challenge.

Stalvey, a Baptist preacher's son and a 2001 graduate of Faith Baptist Christian Academy in Ludowici, Ga., was inspired partly by working with snipers in Afghanistan. They would perch on mountainsides and protect Marine patrols as they hunted al-Qaida and Taliban insurgents.

Stalvey said he doesn't know whether he killed anyone in Afghanistan, but the possibility doesn't rattle him.

"I look at it not as shooting a person, but shooting a threat," he said.

Veteran snipers don't often discuss their job except with other snipers. Movies and books portraying them as psy-

chopaths and ruthless bushwhackers make their work hard to explain to outsiders, even friends and family, they said.

Sgt. Dagan Van Oosten, 25, of Polo, Ill., an instructor at the Quantico school whose arms ripple with muscles and tattoos, said even some fellow Marines vilify snipers.

As he descended from a roof where he had been sniping one day in Iraq and walked past a chow line, Van Oosten said, he heard a Marine sneer in a stage whisper: "Hoo-rraaa. Sniper: swift ... silent ... murderer."

And when his wife, herself a Marine, has told fellow service members what her husband does, Van Oosten added, "They often say, 'Oh, that must be awful.'"

No official records are kept of how many foes are killed by U.S. military snipers — a statistic that was dropped from sniper service records after the Vietnam War.

Staff Sgt. Sniper said every sniper keeps a tally, at least in his head. People who go into such special-operations jobs are by nature intensely competitive, he said.

"It is like an Alpha-male ...contest," he said. "Everyone tries to outdo everybody."

Even so, said Van Oosten: "It's not a numbers game. You're not out there to index targets (shoot people) indiscriminately."

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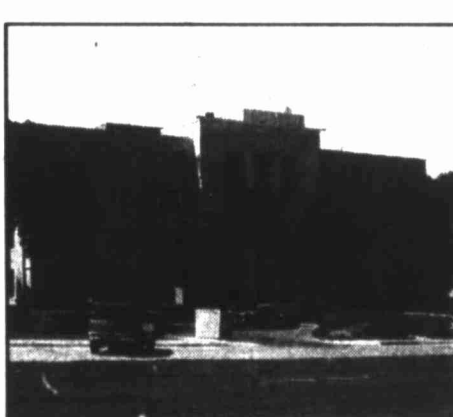
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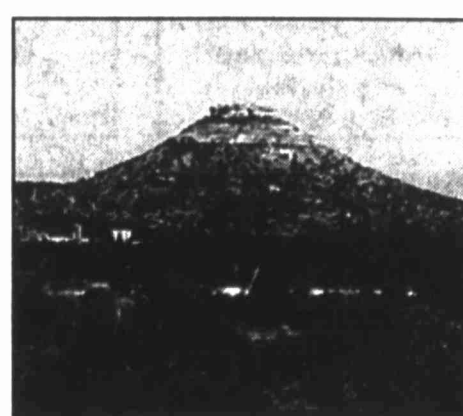
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In three small Texas towns, mom-and-pop theaters still packing 'em in

By MICHAEL GRANBERRY
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DALLAS — They are all survivors. They have weathered wars and recessions, even the Great Depression. And nothing has beaten them — not TV, or satellite or cable, videos or DVDs. Not even those big-city megaplexes they curse under their breath.

In an era when small-town movie theaters are a rarity anywhere in America, eastern Texas has three that give new meaning to the last of the last picture shows. The Select in Mineola, the Majestic in Wills Point and the Morris in Daingerfield have shown movies to faithful filmgoers for generations.

"I love coming to the Majestic because my grandparents did," says Stephanie Campbell, 15. "You might say it's worked its way through my bloodline."

The Campbells have plenty of company. All three theaters have served as the place where many a married-couple-to-be have enjoyed first dates — as Stephanie's parents did at the Majestic — or where children saw their first movie.

Their owners say they survive because of their own stubborn will, a refusal to die or give in when trends suggest they should have perished a long time ago. Each is just far enough away from a thriving megaplex to be out of danger. They are aided by their own rich histories and the public's love of nostalgia.

They also survive by knowing their audience, sometimes on a first-name basis. Mineola and Wills Point have an anti-R-rated-movie policy, and much of Daingerfield's lure comes in the price: 99 cents for everyone.

"It takes a special kind of love and patience to run a small, indoor theater," says Susan Sanders, who, with her husband, Don, is the co-producer of "Drive-In Movie Memories," now playing nationally on PBS stations. "It takes even more love and patience to run an indoor theater in a small town in particular."

Jim Kozak, a spokesman for the National Association of Theater Owners, says that while his organization keeps no statistics on small-town theaters, it does chart the well-being of single-screen theaters. The prognosis isn't good. In 2004, there were 6,030 "actual locations of cinemas" in the United States, but only about a fourth (1,629) were single-screen sites. And that number had fallen from 1,684 just a year earlier.

"In respect to small towns, there was a huge dip in admissions with the arrival of television in the 1950s and 1960s," says Kozak, "and the dip has continued."

Sanders contends that Wills Point, Mineola and Daingerfield have survived partly because all three still have vital downtowns. "I think the loss of downtowns in small towns is a bigger reason for the demise of

small-town movie theaters than the advent of television."

Because of their remarkable longevity, all three theaters have served as witnesses to American history, including even its uglier moments.

Until 1964, when the Civil Rights Act ended the "Jim Crow" laws of racial segregation, blacks were either denied access to local businesses or confined to separate areas. The "Jim Crow" balconies have become storage areas in Wills Point and Mineola (which also uses the former 54-seat space as a light-and-sound booth for live theatrical productions). Daingerfield has converted its upstairs area to a small, second-screen theater.

Former San Francisco Mayor Willie Brown, 71, remembers his own days at the segregated Select.

"I certainly did sit in the buzzard's roost," says the Mineola native, who for years was one of the most powerful voices in the California Legislature. "It really didn't bother me or my contemporaries. We didn't have anything to compare it to. It didn't seem like a humiliation ... at least at the time, we didn't react to it as if it were a humiliation. Actually, those were the best seats anyway."

Still, he remembers dodging white motorists who tried to run him over or having to fish quarters out of a spittoon after shining a white man's shoes. But he says the Select, even though it had segregated seating, offered a refuge. He recalls Saturday afternoon serials and Westerns and his favorite stars, Gene Autry, Hopalong Cassidy and Roy Rogers.

"I really hope they survive," he says of the East Texas three. "I so dislike the impersonal nature of these megaplexes. It's just not the same spirit of going to the movies that I experienced as a child in Mineola."

Walter Bass was sitting at his desk one day in 1996 when the phone rang. It was the city manager, who had some odd news: A man had just called from Hollywood, wanting to know if Daingerfield, Texas, was the only Daingerfield in the country. (It is.)

The man explained that he was the agent for comedian Rodney Dangerfield, whose new movie, "Meet Wally Sparks," was about to be released. They wanted the world premiere in a town named Daingerfield. Daingerfield with an "i" was close enough.

And so, a few weeks later, a surprisingly quiet comedian sauntered into town for what became the Morris' most memorable milestone. When the big night rolled around, the town even dropped the "i" from Daingerfield — albeit for one day.

"We got Rodney's handprint in concrete, but it didn't work, it was so cold," says Bass. "It wouldn't set."

The gala went on anyway, which, as much as anything, exemplifies the can-do spirit of the Morris Twin Cinema. Founded by Walter McNatt in 1949, the Morris is and always has been a seven-day-a-week house. "We don't even close for Thanksgiving or Christmas," says Bass, who co-owns the theater with attorney Beverly Bass, his sister.

McNatt, the Bass siblings' maternal grandfather, began showing movies in Daingerfield in 1937, at a smaller theater around the corner from where the Morris was built. The Morris draws from all the little towns near Daingerfield (Linden, Hughes Springs, Lone Star, Atlanta, Gilmer), and much of its allure is tied up in having the same ticket price for the last two decades: 99 cents for everyone. Regulars once included a future Eagle named Don Henley. (His dad owned the town's auto-parts store.)

These days, Bass, 55, and sister Beverly, 53,



KRT Photo/Cheryl Diaz Meyer
Meagan Brown, Stephanie Campbell, Alicia Powell, Lindsey Brown, McKenzie Brown, Laura Boone and Hilary Burton, clockwise, visit before the show at the Majestic Theatre in Wills Point. The Majestic may be the oldest continuously operating family-owned movie theater in the United States.

carry on the family tradition by averaging close to 1,500 customers a week.

"I like it because you can get in for a dollar!" says Opie Combs, 18. "It's more of the old-timey-type picture show, and you get to see a lot of the people you know. You're not going in there with people from Marshall and Mount Pleasant and Texarkana."

The Morris features second-run movies, four to five weeks behind

Dallas and Texarkana. "We know what's been a hit," Bass says with a smile, "and what's been a bomb."

Named after Dallas' Elm Street movie palace, the Wills Point Majestic opened in 1926, two years before the first "talkie." In that time, it has had three owners, all named Karl Lybrand — I, II and III.

The eldest began showing movies in the back of his tailor shop in

1907, in a makeshift theater called The Home. The Lybrands contend that theirs is the oldest continuously operating, family-owned theater in the United States.

Lybrand III, 61, has two daughters, who have shown little interest in running the faded theater, whose exterior bricks are the same rusty color as those on its bumpy surrounding streets.

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"I plan on being here as long as I am physically able," says Karl III, who knows his customers by name and who refuses to leave until the last underage patron finds a ride. Rather than leave a kid stranded, he occasionally drives them home.

His theater is like a comfortable old shoe, which got a minor makeover a few years back. Its 315 seats were reupholstered in 2003, and during the 1980s, Karl went to "the platter system," eliminating the need for the theater's carbon-arc projectors, which pre-dated World War II. He also installed a new screen. The sound, however, still rattles through a Radio Shack amplifier.

"I don't have reclining seats, or stadium seating or surround sound or any of the stuff you get at the AMC 30 in Mesquite — where all of our teenagers go, which is why I don't have a teenage crowd any more. What people tell me they love here is the nostalgia, and we've got plenty of that."

Like everybody who grew up in Wills Point, 48 miles east of Dallas on Highway 80, assistant manager John Allen, 28, has seen movies here since he could talk. "It's my entire childhood wrapped up in one building," he says.

He loves the nightly ritual that has gone on unabated for 79 years: During the more temperate months of fall and spring, when its four wooden doors are kept open to cut heating and air-conditioning costs, he or Lybrand will race to the entrance every 15 minutes to shut them, lest the train roaring through town 50 yards away drowns out the sound. As it is, every seat shakes when the train rumbles through, bound for Dallas or Chicago.

Since the day it opened, the Majestic shows movies every night except Wednesday — a nod to the weekly prayer meetings of Protestant churches — and rejects R-rated films unless it's an austere exception, such as "The Passion of the Christ." Even so, there are nights when no one shows and yet, the musty red lady perseveres, charging everyone \$4 and drawing customers from all over.

When it comes to preserving history, they know how to do it in Mineola. Through community perseverance and grant money, Mineola has devoted so much tender, loving care to its jewel of a small-town theater that it might last another 100 years.

From its gleaming red seats with the monogrammed "S" on the side to the spire atop the neon marquee that's visible for miles, Mineola's Select exudes the confidence of a building whose owners really love it. Patrons love the building and the price — \$5 for adults and \$3 for children under 12 (and \$3 for everybody at the 2 p.m. Saturday matinee).

The Select, 78 miles east of Dallas on Highway 80, has its own lush history. R.T. Hooks Sr. and wife Mattie founded the theater in 1920 and named it (nothing exciting here) after the Dallas distribution company that fed them their movies. Later, they moved to Lubbock, Texas, and turned over operations to a man who,

according to local legend, proved not to be a very good manager.

So son R.T. Hooks Jr. bought the theater back and agreed to keep on a 16-year-old employee who had been working there since he was 12.

James Oscar Dear swept floors and poured Cokes and did just about everything to make the Select feel loved. When Hooks Jr. passed away in 1961, Dear and fellow employee Truman Thomas bought the Select from Hooks' widow and the Hooks estate. And the two men ran it as partners for 25 more years, until 1986, when they donated it to the Lake Country Playhouse. Four times a year, it stages live plays.

Now 89, Dear has played a key role in sustaining the Select, whose survival has been facilitated with

more than \$250,000 from the town's Meredith Foundation, which, in 2001, financed the theater's renovation, including \$96,750 used for those 248 gorgeous new seats.

Celia Hansell, 44, is the daughter of parents who grew up near Mineola. She loves coming to the Select, as did her dad, who tells stories about riding into town in the back of a pickup truck to see Western serials for a nickel on Saturdays.

"It's really neat when you think about how long people have been coming here," says Hansell, sitting with her husband, Mark Hansell, 49, and their children, 6-year-old Luke and 5-year-old Lauren Grace. "I think I speak for a lot of people when I say, I hope it never dies."

When You Go

The Select Theatre:
114 N. Johnson St., Mineola 75778. Phone: 903-569-2300. From Dallas, take U.S. Highway 80 east 78 miles to Mineola. Shows movies at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, with a 2 p.m. Saturday matinee.

Live theatrical productions replace movies during back-to-back weekends every three months. Adults \$5, children \$3. Matinee price is \$3 for everybody.

The Morris Twin Cinema:
108 Lamar St., Daingerfield 75638. Phone: 903-645-2219. From Dallas, take Interstate 30 east to the Mount Pleasant exit, then take Highway 49 southeast to Daingerfield.

Open seven days a week, including holidays, with two showings every night. All seats 99 cents. The Majestic Theatre:
136 W. N. Commerce St., Wills Point. Phone: 903-873-8140.



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Paul Calderon and 3-year-old daughter Cristina snack on popcorn while awaiting a show on the second level of the Morris Theatre in Daingerfield. The second level was originally a "Jim Crow" balcony and was converted into its own theater. The Morris opened in 1949.

From Dallas, take U.S. Highway 80 east 48 miles to Wills Point. Shows movies at 7:30 every night except Wednesday. All seats \$4.

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The tournament will take place Sunday at Comanche Trail Park and it will be a four-person pick your own team low-ball tourney.

The tournament starts at 10 a.m. and all teams must be registered by 9:45 a.m.

For more information, contact Billy Pineda at 264-7116.

Howard announces men's basketball camps in mid-July

The Howard College men's basketball staff will host two week-long camps in the month of July.

The first camp will take place Sunday through Thursday, while the second camp starts July 24 and ends July 28.

Both camps will cost \$250 per player who wants room and board and \$175 for a commuter. Both camps will take place at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Sign-ups for the first camp will take place Sunday from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., while the second's camp sign-up will be July 24 from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Both camps run each day from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The first day of each camp starts Sunday night at 5 p.m.

The Hawk camp format consists of morning and afternoon sessions.

For more info, contact Mark Adams at 816-6957 or Jason Sautter at 816-3200.

Howard women's basketball sets three camp dates

The Howard College women's basketball program will be hosting two more camps this summer.

The camps will both take place July 18-21.

The first camp is open for kindergarten through third grade boys and girls. Registration will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. July 18.

The camp runs from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. and costs \$50 per person.

The second camp is for fourth through sixth grade girls. Registration for this camp will take place from 12:30 p.m. to 1 p.m. July 18. The camp runs from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and costs \$60 per person.

For more information, call Earl Diddle at 264-5043 or Eric Rodewald at 816-4327.

B.S. sets second Quarterback meeting

The Big Spring football booster club has set a quarterback club meeting for Monday, July 18, at 7 p.m. in the Big Spring ATC.

All parents of athletes in the football program are encouraged to attend.

For more information, contact Gene Piercefield at 816-1134.

Long gone: Abreu smashes records at derby

• Phillies slugger rolls past crowd favorite in championship round

By MIKE FITZPATRICK

AP Sports Writer

DETROIT (AP) — Bobby Abreu knows he made a name for himself. Forty-one homers in 71 swings is enough to get anyone noticed.

With a record-setting performance in the Home Run Derby, the Philadelphia Phillies right fielder went from best-kept secret to back-page headlines in a little more than three hours Monday night.

"The people got to know," Abreu said. "They're going to talk about me."

One of baseball's most overlooked stars for years, Abreu hit an astounding 24 home runs in his first turn at bat before outslugging hometown favorite Ivan Rodriguez in the finals.

Abreu also smashed the mark for total homers with 41, besting Miguel Tejada's 2004 total of 27 by the second round. He hit 11 in the finals, another derby record, to Rodriguez's five in a showcase that lasted 3 hours, 3 minutes.

"I'm tired," he said. "This is a beautiful night."

Abreu was the first contestant — he also will hit leadoff for the National

League in the All-Star game Tuesday night — and he gave fans a spectacular show right from the start.

He homered on his first swing and didn't stop until he obliterated Tejada's previous mark of 15 homers in a round, set last year in Houston.

"Pretty sick," Boston's Johnny Damon said.

Batting left-handed and teeing off against his personal batting practice pitcher, Phillies bullpen coach Ramon Henderson, Abreu topped out with a 517-foot shot onto the porch above the back row of right-field bleachers, sending the standing-room crowd scurrying for a souvenir.

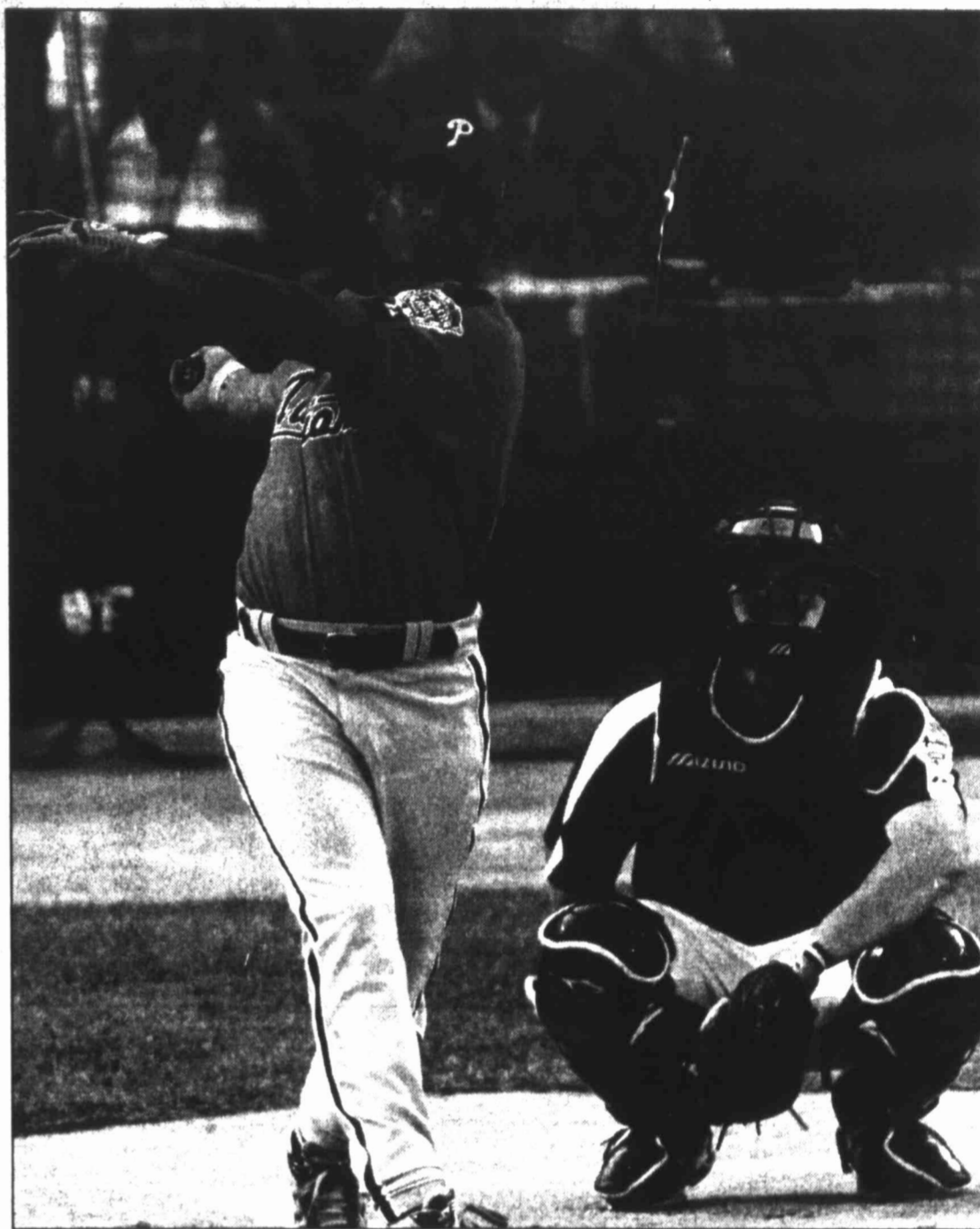
"Bobby did all the work," Henderson said. "It takes a lot of talent and a lot of power to do what he did. I was just happy to be part of it. In the last round, my arm got a little tired and a little stiff."

It was the third-longest drive in the 20 times the derby has been held, behind Sammy Sosa's 524-foot homer in 2002 at Miller Park in Milwaukee and Frank Thomas' 519-footer in 1994 at old Three Rivers Stadium in Pittsburgh.

"This is something amazing," Abreu said. "I don't know if I can sleep tonight."

ESPN estimated that

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Bobby Abreu hits during the first round of the Home Run Derby during the 2005 MLB All-Star Game festivities at Comerica Park in Detroit, Mich., Monday. Abreu smashed 24 homers in round one, which broke the single round record of 15 set by Miguel Tejada last year. Abreu also broke the home run derby's overall home run record with 41 on his way to the championship trophy.

New faces highlight MLB all-star contest

• Several youngsters begin new wave of all-star athletes

By RONALD BLUM

AP Sports Writer

DETROIT (AP) — John Smoltz recalled feeling awkward when he went to Anaheim for his first All-Star game in 1989.

"I was so fish-out-of-water," the Atlanta Braves pitcher said. "I didn't know if I was coming or going."

There were a lot of wide-eyed All-Stars at Monday's workouts, no doubt resembling Smoltz 16 years ago.

Barry Bonds, Sammy Sosa and Ken Griffey Jr. were nowhere to be seen. Derek Jeter and Jason Giambi weren't around, either.

"It could be the next wave," said the Chicago Cubs' Derrek Lee, among 13 players making their first All-Star starts. "It has to happen at some point. Guys can't play forever."

NL manager Tony La Russa looked forward to seeing how the young studs would do in Tuesday night's All-Star game at Comerica Park.

"I think the first-timers are some of the most fun for either squad," he said. "These guys are not going to be cool and 'What's the deal?'"

Of course, there are some exceptions. Roger Clemens, a month shy of his 43rd birthday, was picked for the 11th time. Due to arrive Tuesday afternoon, the Rocket played in his first All-Star game in 1986, when Lee was just 10.

And then there's 40-year-old Kenny Rogers, who received the most attention at the All-Star

media availability, held at the hotel in suburban Dearborn where the players are staying. The Texas Rangers pitcher was suspended July 1 for 20 games and fined \$50,000 for an outburst that sent a television cameraman to the hospital and prompted a police investigation.

He spent 45 minutes answering and avoiding questions.

"I figured everyone would be at this table. I'm sure the rest of the guys love this, because they don't have to worry about it," he said. "I'll take whatever shots people give me, and at the end, I'll still be standing."

So is Tiger Stadium, about 2 miles away. The site of the famous 1971 All-Star game, where Reggie Jackson hit the light tower, is shuttered these days, with no determination made on what the future will hold for the corner of Michigan and Trumbull.

Comerica Park, which replaced Tiger Stadium in 2000, is one of the few pitchers' parks to open in the bandbox era. Still, Philadelphia's Bobby Abreu hit a 517-foot shot onto the porch above the back row of right-field bleachers during Monday night's Home Run Derby and hit a record 41 homers in all, 14 more than the mark Miguel Tejada established last year in Houston.

Abreu opened with a single-round record of 24, hit six in the semifinals, then beat Detroit's Ivan Rodriguez 11-5 in the finals. Abreu's homers totaled about 17,555 feet — more than three miles — turning the expansive

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Boston Red Sox outfielder Johnny Damon, right, joins singer Myles Kennedy and the band Alter Bridge during a performance before the home run derby at the 2005 MLB All-Star Game festivities at Comerica Park in Detroit, Mich., Monday.

Major League Baseball - standings at the all-star break

American League - East		American League - West		National League - Central	
Boston	49-38 —	L.A. Angels	52-36 —	St. Louis	56-32 —
Baltimore	47-40 -2	Texas	46-40 -5	Houston	44-43 -11.5
N.Y. Yankees	46-40 -2.5	Oakland	44-43 -7.5	Chicago Cubs	43-44 -12.5
Toronto	44-44 -5.5	Seattle	39-48 -12.5	Milwaukee	42-46 -14
Tampa Bay	28-61 -22			Pittsburgh	39-48 -16.5
				Cincinnati	35-53 -21
American League - Central		National League - East		National League - West	
Chicago Sox	57-29 —	Washington	52-36 —	San Diego	48-41 —
Minnesota	48-38 -9	Atlanta	50-39 -2.5	Arizona	43-47 -5.5
Cleveland	47-41 -11	Florida	44-42 -7	L.A. Dodgers	40-48 -7.5
Detroit	42-44 -15	Philadelphia	45-44 -7.5	San Francisco	37-50 -10
Kansas City	30-57 -27.5	N.Y. Mets	44-44 -8	Colorado	31-56 -16

B.S. Country Club sets junior clinics

The Big Spring Country Club has set up a summer junior clinic and an advanced summer junior clinic.

The clinics run through August 4. Both clinics will be Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

The junior clinic costs \$150, while the advanced junior clinic costs \$200.

All participants in the advanced clinic must be entering ninth grade or pass a skills test.

The fee includes instruction and range club membership for the child for June through August.

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Golf touney set at B.S. Country Club

The Big Spring Country Club will be hosting a two-day golf tournament Saturday and Sunday. The tournament is the Big Spring Shrine Club Open Annual Signal Peak Golf Classic and it is a two-person scramble open to all amateur golfers.

The cost will be \$125 per person and the fee includes food and beverage on the course each day.

The classic will begin a shotgun start at 8 a.m. Saturday and Sunday and there will be a steak dinner at 6 p.m. Saturday at the Big Spring Shrine Club.

There will be a hole-in-one contest and a \$10,000 prize each day.

For more information, call A.J. Pirkle at 267-5053 or 267-7822 or John Keller at 393-5754.



American League DH David Ortiz watches his ball during an early round of the home run derby at Comerica Park in Detroit, Mich., Monday. Ortiz hit 17 home runs and advanced to the second round, but connected on just three homers and was eliminated in round two.

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Abreu's 41 homers traveled 17,565 feet. He even chipped his bat on his 21st shot — but the ball still cleared the center-field fence.

"See that? Hit it too hard," he said before Phillies teammate Jimmy Rollins brought him some new lumber.

Abreu went the other way to left-center for No. 24, then finally made his 10th out after 17 minutes at the plate, ending his turn and prompting a third standing ovation.

"I was feeling so good, I couldn't believe what I was doing in the first round," Abreu said. "It's tough to believe."

So much for pitcher-friendly Comerica Park being a poor site for a power-hitting contest. In fact, the ball carried very well to right field on a pleasant, 78-degree night.

"Unbelievable. He made it look like it's too easy getting the ball out of this park," Red Sox catcher Jason Varitek said.

Representing his home country of Venezuela in baseball's new international format, Abreu stopped twice to tip his cap to the chanting crowd of 41,004 — and once when Rodriguez, the lone All-Star for the host Tigers, brought him something to drink at home plate.

"Looked like he could have hit homers all day. He had a groove, just looked really smooth," said Hall of Famer Reggie Jackson, who hit his own famous homer in Detroit during the 1971 All-Star

game at Tiger Stadium. "I wish they would have had this when I played."

When Abreu broke Tejada's mark, Johan Santana and Miguel Cabrera were among the All-Stars who ran to the plate to drape the slugger in a large Venezuelan flag.

Santana said he placed a call back home to his father, who told him the country was "paralyzed."

With water fountains shooting high into the air in center field after each long ball, it was an awesome display — and maybe a bit intimidating for the other competitors. The next batter, Jason Bay of Canada, was shut out.

Boston's David Ortiz of the Dominican Republic put on an impressive show as well, also surpassing Tejada with 17 home runs in the first round. But Ortiz was overshadowed — and eliminated when he connected only three times in Round 2.

In the semifinals, Abreu picked up right where he left off, connecting on his first two swings. He finished with six in that round, including three when he was down to his final out, which was good enough to advance.

When they got to nine outs, players were tossed special gold baseballs — much like the red-white-and-blue basketballs used for the final shot on each rack during the NBA's 3-point shootout.

"I had fun, and I made it farther than I expected to, so I'll take it," Rodriguez said. "Bobby started off very hot, hitting long bombs, and he just kept doing it all night."

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field into a hitters' haven. "I don't know if I can sleep tonight," he said. "I know it's going to be tough to go to bed."

As for Tuesday night's game, La Russa's Cardinals have four players in the starting lineup, with pitcher Chris Carpenter joining center fielder Jim Edmonds, shortstop David Eckstein and designated hitter Albert Pujols — it would have been five if third baseman Scott Rolen hadn't pulled out because of a sore right shoulder.

Boston, which swept St.

Louis in the World Series, also has four starters: left fielder Manny Ramirez, center fielder Johnny Damon, designated hitter David Ortiz and catcher Jason Varitek.

No team had placed that many players in the starting lineup since the 1976 Cincinnati Reds had five, according to the Elias Sports Bureau.

Terry Francona earned the right to manage the AL team because he led Boston to its first World Series title since 1918.

"After 86 years of passion, frustration, fanatical fans and a lot of genuine love for their team, I'm very excited and honored," he said.

Damon compared the

Red Sox to the Harlem Globetrotters, saying they had become as much celebrity entertainers as ballplayers.

"People stop and stare," he said. "They ask, 'Did you see the Red Sox walking down the street?'"

For the third straight season, the league that wins the All-Star game gets homefield advantage in the World Series. The AL has won the last seven All-Star games played to a decision, and the Red Sox started their Series sweep last year with two wins at Fenway Park.

"I think that if we had started the series in St. Louis, maybe we would have lost in five," La Russa said jokingly.



AARON AND BUBSY IN "DIGGING HOLES"

This story is about two construction workers named Aaron and Bubby. They were not ordinary construction workers! For Aaron was a bulldozer, and Bubby was a backhoe. Do you know what a bulldozer is? Do you know what a backhoe is? Do you know what a construction worker is?



A bulldozer is one of those big machines that can push just about anything around. A backhoe is a big machine that can dig holes and then cover up holes, if it wants to! A construction worker is someone who builds things like great big buildings, and bridges, and even the house that you are living in! Do you know a construction worker? They work very hard, don't they?

This story happened a very long time ago. It may even have happened long before you or I were born! I just remember a very good friend of mine named Vickie, telling this story to me. It could very well

be true, because Vickie said that she was there and saw the whole thing, she thought! As a matter of fact, Vickie told me that she even knew Bubby and Aaron and remembers them well! This story is about one of the things that Bubby and Aaron did for Vickie.



When Vickie was just a little girl, all she ever wanted was a big swimming pool. She had seen one before in a different town and saw all of the fun that the other children were having in a swimming pool. So she decided she must have one, too! Have you ever been swimming in a big swimming pool? That is a lot of fun, isn't it? Vickie thought so, too! But how would she ever move all of those big trees that were in her back yard, right where she wanted her swimming pool?

"I know," thought Vickie. "I will just find a shovel and I will dig my own hole for my swimming pool!" She did find a shovel! She dug! She dug some more! She dug even more! She tried all day long to dig that hole for her swimming pool. When night time finally came, Vickie was really tired from all of that digging. And

even after all of that hard work, the swimming pool was not very big. "I will finish tomorrow," she said. "For now, I must have a bath and go to bed, because I am very tired!"



The very next day, there was Vickie, digging again! She dug and dug! Lunch time came! Lunch time went! Dinner time came! Dinner time went! Vickie never stopped digging! Then, it was time for a bath and rest again. And you know what? The swimming pool still wasn't big enough!

Poor Vickie! She was never going to get her swimming pool dug! Or was she? Have you forgotten about Bubby and

Vickie had her bath that night and was so sad because she was never going to get the swimming pool dug. She couldn't sleep! She was worried about the pool. "What will I do?" What will she do? She could not think of how she would ever get the pool dug, so she sadly started crying. Poor little Vickie! Did you forget about Aaron and Bubby again? This is a bedtime story, so it must have a very happy ending or you and I will feel sad, too! And we want to go to sleep with a big smile on our face, don't we?

Bubby heard Vickie crying. Aaron heard Vickie crying, too! Even though they were big machines, they still loved people and they did not like seeing Vickie feeling so sad. Aaron ran over to Bubby. "Bubby," Aaron said, "I will push all of those big trees down for Vickie if you will dig

two times!" And they both wanted to help her, if they could, and of course, they can!

Aaron started up his big, powerful engine. With a cloud of dust off he went, straight towards those big trees that poor Vickie could never have pushed down. He saw the biggest tree and with a push, a chug, and a roar, down came the big tree! A r o n backed himself up and headed for the other trees, pushing them out of the way, one by one, until he had pushed down all of the trees for Vickie's swimming pool! Then, he piled up all of those trees into a neat pile and said to Bubby, "That is all I can do. I have the ground nice and smooth. Can you dig the big hole for Vickie?"

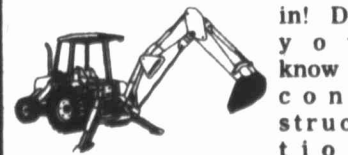
Now, it is Bubby's turn to help Vickie. And help her, he did! His engine came to life, and he started digging. And he dug some more! This was something that Bubby knew how to do because he had done it many times before. In just a little while, Bubby finished digging the hole. He went over to where Aaron was waiting

and they both thought to themselves, "What a nice swimming pool!" And, it was a really nice swimming pool!

Do you think when Vickie wakes up and finds the pool all done, that she would be happy? Let's find out!

The next morning, as Vickie was getting dressed to go back to work digging the hole, she happened to look out of her bedroom window, "What in the world?" she thought. She ran outside, forgetting to even put her shoes on. But she was so surprised that she never noticed! There was her pool. All finished! She was so happy! But, she didn't know who did it, and she wanted to thank them for being so kind!

Vickie tried for a very long time to find out just who dug up all of those trees for her and just who dug the swimming pool, but she never did know! All she did know is that one time, she had seen Aaron and Bubby sitting out in the cold, cold rain and felt so sorry for them that she found her best blankets and covered them up so they could stay warm! Bubby, Aaron, and Vickie say, "GOOD NIGHT!"



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the swimming pool for her!" "I would love to help Vickie," Bubby said. "She did something nice for me once." Bubby didn't know it, but Vickie had done something nice for Aaron

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

The sun squares Mars, and the spirit of competition is alive and well. On the downside, sportsmanship is optional. Everyone wants to rule the world, whether they admit it or not. So play to win, and don't underestimate your opponent. Physical strength is also highlighted during this transit, so test the limits of what your body can do.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Time does not equal experience. You can learn more and do more in the next week than many people would do in a season. Believe in your powers to exceed the norm.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Your grand ideas have become somehow less grand, i.e., you started out on a crusade and now have settled for getting a job done. But the good news is, you're actually doing it!

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Someone central to your life could be more respectful of you. Why does that person keep interrupting you? You're perfectly capable of stating your story on your own, and that's exactly what you do today.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). This is a remarkably enlightening day. You enjoy fleeing the darkness and entering a bright zone — that is to say learning — in every area you put your focus into, especially person-to-person dynamics.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You're happy when you contribute significantly to others. So don't try to be specialized. Try to be wise instead. You have to see the bigger picture in order to

know what's really worth your time.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 23). People around you ask the most thought-provoking questions (likely disguised as mundane conversation). Resist the easy and preferred answers. Go for something more truthful.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). There's no great mystery to solve today — just a problem with a simple, reasonable answer. Apply the obvious techniques to your latest dilemma. Your results are equally obvious and most agreeable.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Burnout is the issue to avoid. But with a few friends or colleagues, you should be able to raise the energy level to something close to enthusiasm! Working with others is so much easier than working against them.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your finances are highlighted. You expect different results, but you're doing the same thing. You need new ideas. When all else fails, be absurd. All the most rational people are doing it now!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Knowing yourself will help you cut to the quick today. So get centered before you leave the house. Invitations are extended to you because you tell your story in an entertaining way.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You are not responsible for the situation that arises at work today, but you are still responsible for your reaction to it. Behave as you would with the camera on you, because it very well may be.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The planets are up to a bit of mischief where you are concerned today. The blunders are the best part — either something funny or something close to genius is

born in the mess.

ASTROLOGICAL SPECIAL — **PISCES CELEBRITY LOVE MATCH** — PART 12 OF 12: In a parallel universe (current romantic partnerships notwithstanding), are you walking the red carpet with your celebrity soul mate? If you are a Pisces, someone of your own sign matches your emotional depth.

Celebrity Pisces include Josh Groban, Ja Rule, Bruce Willis and Jon Bon Jovi. Female Pisces are Eva Longoria, Queen Latifah, Sharon Stone and Chelsea Clinton. Pisces and fellow water sign Scorpio have a soul-to-soul connection.

Sultry Scorpio stars include Julia Roberts, Joaquin Phoenix, Tara Reid, Leonardo DiCaprio, Calista Flockhart and Owen Wilson. If opposites attract, then Pisces and Virgo, who are across the zodiac from each other, are quite an item.

Virgo celebs include such glamorous individuals as Shania Twain, Claudia Schiffer, Beyonce Knowles and Michelle Williams. Virgo men are Adam Sandler, Hugh Grant, Ludacris, Jimmy Fallon and Prince Harry. Pisces and Taurus urge each other to be their very best. Just imagine enjoying the company of a grounded Taurus like Kelly Clarkson, Renee Zellweger, Jessica Alba or Penelope Cruz.

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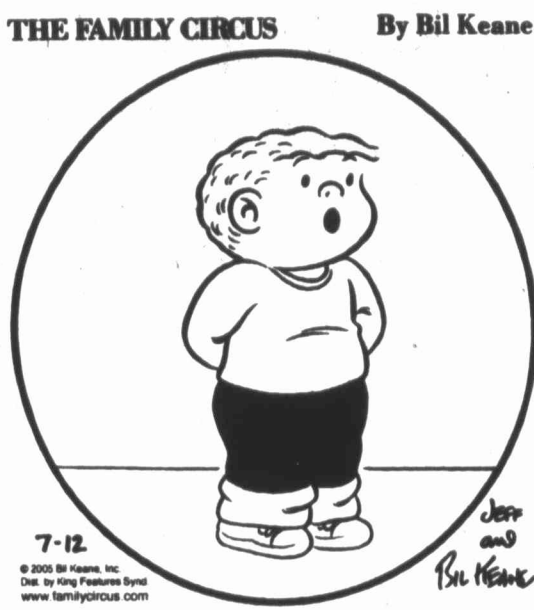
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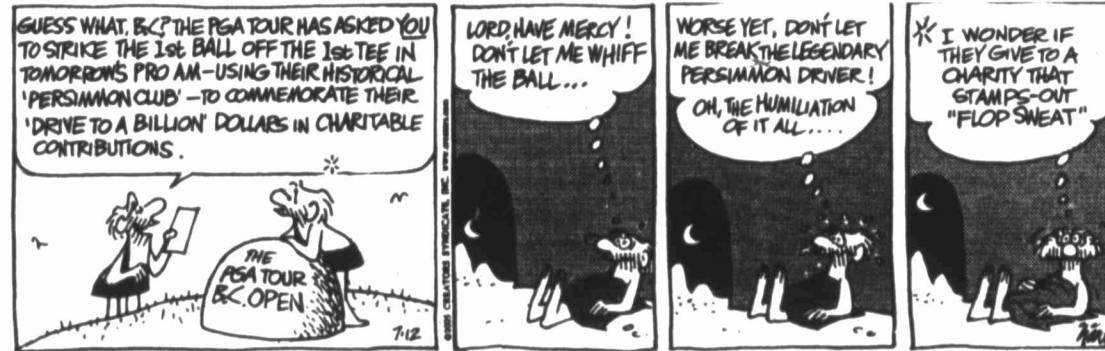
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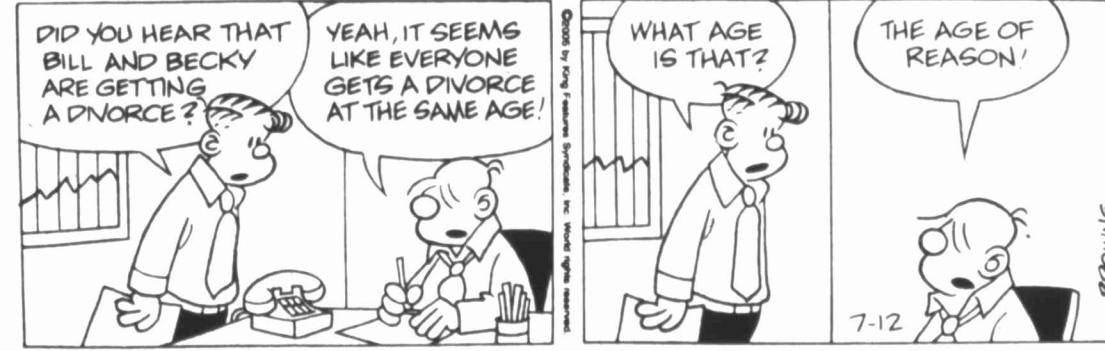
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This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, July 12, the 193rd day of 2005. There are 172 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 12, 1984, Democratic presidential candidate Walter F. Mondale announced he'd chosen U.S. Rep. Geraldine A. Ferraro of New York to be his running-mate; Ferraro was the first woman to run for vice president on a major-party ticket.

On this date:

In 100 B.C., Roman dictator Julius Caesar was born.

In 1543, England's King Henry VIII married his sixth and last wife, Catherine Parr.

In 1690, Protestant forces led by William of Orange defeated the Roman Catholic army of James II at the Battle of the Boyne in Ireland.

In 1862, Congress authorized the Medal of Honor.

In 1977, President Carter defended Supreme Court decisions limiting government payments for poor women's abortions, saying, "There are many things in life that are not fair."

In 1993, 196 people were killed when an earthquake measuring a magnitude of 7.8 struck northern Japan.

Ten years ago: President Clinton spelled out school-prayer guidelines, asserting the First Amendment already guaranteed adequate freedom of religion.

Five years ago: New Hampshire Chief Justice David Brock was impeached by the Legislature, the first such action against an official in the state since 1790. (He was later acquitted in a state Senate trial.)

One year ago: Wall Street brokerage Morgan Stanley settled a sex discrimination suit brought by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, agreeing to pay \$54 million.

Today's Birthdays: Movie director Monte Hellman is 73. Pianist Van Cliburn is 71. Comedian Bill Cosby is 68.

Singer-musician Christine McVie is 62.

Singer-songwriter Butch Hancock is 60. Fitness guru Richard Simmons is 57. Country singer Julie Miller is 49. Gospel singer Sandi Patty is 49. Actress Mel Harris is 48. Actress Lisa Nicole Carson is 36. Olympic gold medal figure skater Kristi Yamaguchi is 34. Rapper Magoo is 32. Rhythm-and-blues singer Tracie Spencer is 29. Actor Topher Grace is 27. Actress Michelle Rodriguez is 27. Actor Erik Per Sullivan is 14.

Thought for Today: "Man is not made for society, but society is made for man. No institution can be good which does not tend to improve the individual."

Margaret Fuller, American social reformer (1810-1850).

Answer to previous puzzle

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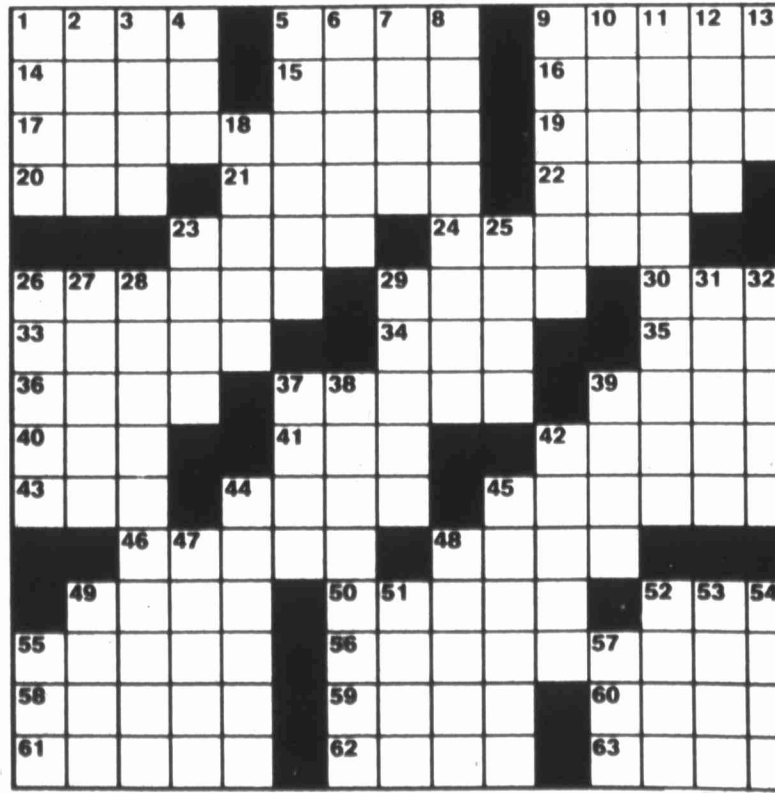
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- 1 Close tightly
- 5 Menlo Park middle name
- 9 Plumber's concerns
- 14 Traditional knowledge
- 15 Impolite look
- 16 Dwight's two-time opponent
- 17 Thin pasta
- 19 Settees and sofas
- 20 Spelling competition
- 21 Theater walkway
- 22 Gets some sun
- 23 Land measure
- 24 Fur wrap
- 26 Brunch offering
- 29 Cookbook direction
- 30 Belly muscles
- 33 Lunch and dinner
- 34 Coffee-break time
- 35 "King" Cole
- 36 Anxious
- 37 Has to have
- 39 Make eyes at
- 40 Guy's date
- 41 Part of SASE: Abbr.
- 42 Heartbeat
- 43 Pub serving
- 44 Constructed bowlful
- 45 Breakfast
- 46 Begin
- 48 Forest floor growth
- 49 High cards
- 50 Insurance seller
- 52 Track circuit
- 55 Crow (over)
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- 1 Bacon quantity
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- 7 Bride's accessory
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- 9 Congregation leader
- 10 Standard of perfection
- 11 Geometry calculation
- 12 Has a snack
- 13 Bro's sib
- 18 Shoestrings
- 23 Comrade in war
- 25 Pie pans
- 26 Last Greek letter
- 27 Olympic award
- 28 He has 21 merit badges
- 29 Martin or McQueen
- 31 Modeling wood
- 32 Sword metal
- 37 Close to a lamp
- 39 Yours and mine
- 42 Green sauce
- 44 of ceremonies
- 45 Scam artist
- 47 Make fun of
- 48 D.C. railway
- 49 "Oh, dear!"
- 51 Trot or canter
- 52 Word before belt or boat
- 53 Astronaut Shepard
- 54 Sassy
- 55 High-school stat.
- 57 Poorly behaved



Wacky Facts

- Humans breathe more than 3,000 gallons of air a day.
 - The brain makes up only about 2 percent of the body's weight, but it uses 20 percent of the oxygen and blood supply.
- World Almanac for Kids

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Chatter Box

"I like dark, bitter chocolate, but I've eaten less of it since starting this movie, that's for sure."

— Tim Burton, on directing "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory," in Premiere.



PEDAL POWER

A GUIDE TO MAKING THE MOST OF A FAMILY BIKE OUTING

CHOOSE A FUN ROUTE

Every great family biking adventure begins with a well-planned route. "Kids have high energy but can quickly run out of steam," says Philip Keyes of the New England Mountain Bike Association (NEMBA). A well-plotted ride has more than just a compelling end point. It also has plenty of roadside attractions to stop at along the way. Frog ponds, playgrounds or picnic spots all give kids time off their bikes to let loose. "For my kids," Keyes says, "we planned short routes from ice-cream stand to ice-cream stand. Is there a theme here?"

KEEP RIDES FLAT — AND SHORT

"Even slight hills can stall kids," says biking enthusiast and dad of two William Hallahan. What feels like a slight incline to parents might feel like Mount Everest to kids. "Remember that kids are powering a bicycle that may weigh nearly as much as they do," Hallahan says. Another way to find harmony with the roadway — and your family — is to start with short rides. You may have to sacrifice some scenery, but it's worth it. An easily doable ride gives kids a sense of accomplishment and builds confidence — as well as enthusiasm for the next bike outing.

AVOID TRAFFIC

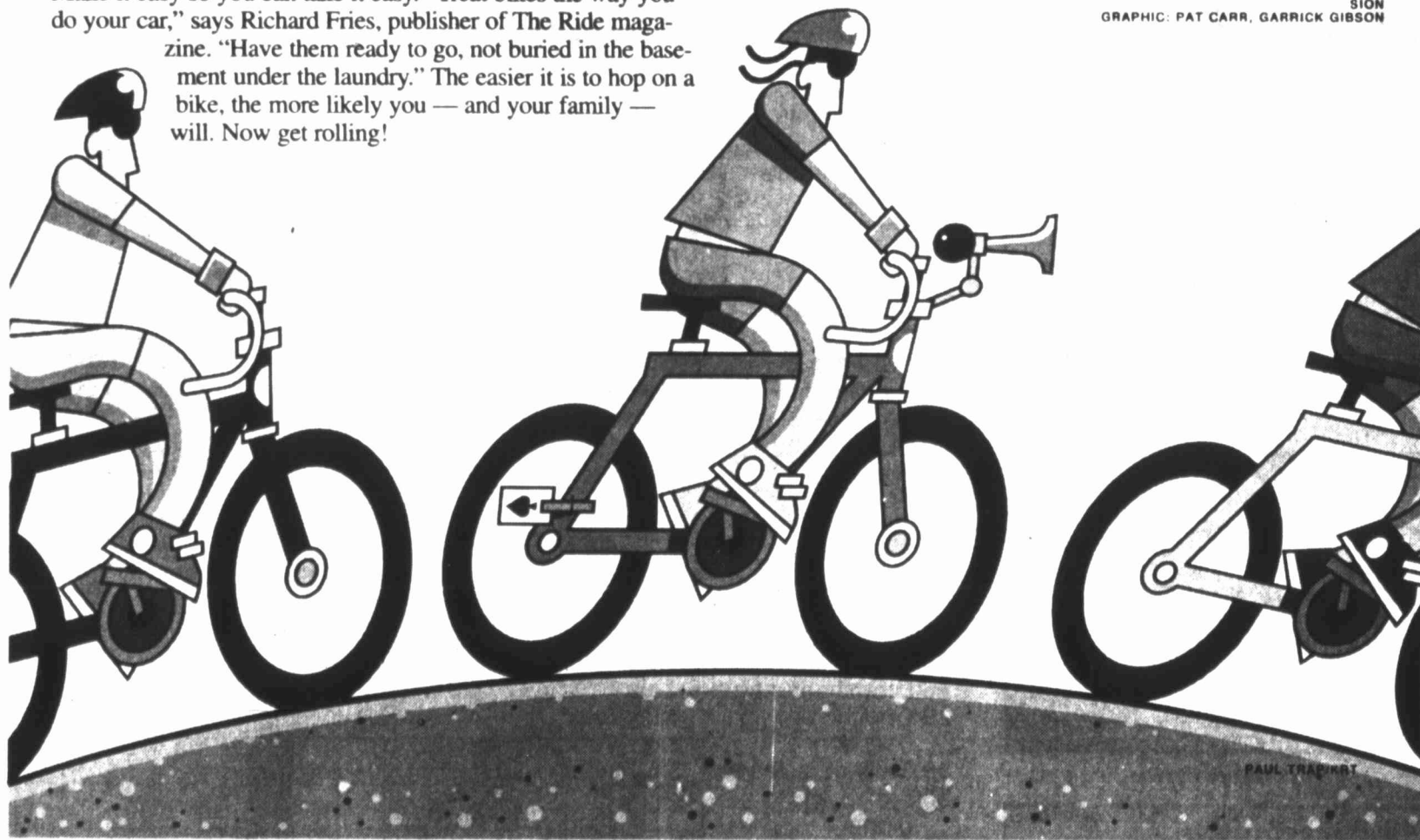
Finding a route with no car traffic goes a long way toward boosting everyone's sense of serenity (although it isn't a substitute for schooling kids in the rules of the road). To find car-free routes such as rail trails in your area, go to www.trailink.com, the Web site of the Rails-to-Trails Conservancy. (Old train corridors have the advantage of being mostly flat, too.) For bike-accessible trails with interesting historical or natural stops along the way, go to the National Park Service Web site at www.nps.gov, which lets you search for parks in your area that offer bicycling. Your local bike shop is another excellent resource: Employees do a lot of biking and are happy to share the great routes they know. (Ask for one who is a mom or dad and has kid-tested the ride.)

BRING THE ESSENTIALS

Making your family ramble fun-filled also means packing right. Stock up on sunscreen, bike locks, a bike pump and a first-aid kit. Bring snacks and water so everyone can fuel up before they get hungry and thirsty. (Older kids and adults on a longer ride can expect to take a break every 20 minutes.) You might also try packing a couple of friends. "When kids ride together, they cheer each other on," says NEMBA's Keyes.

KEEP BIKES ACCESSIBLE

Some of the sagest advice for family biking is the simplest: Make it easy so you can take it easy. "Treat bikes the way you do your car," says Richard Fries, publisher of The Ride magazine. "Have them ready to go, not buried in the basement under the laundry." The easier it is to hop on a bike, the more likely you — and your family — will. Now get rolling!



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It's not hard to sell parents on the fun and health benefits of family biking. But it's not hard, either, for kids — and parents — to get discouraged the first time they try riding together. After all, not every kid is a Lance Armstrong wannabe, and biking with kids of different ages and numbers of wheels can be challenging. All the trail mix, bottled water and optimism in the world might mean nothing at the first hint of an uphill climb. If you hope to really sell your family on the fun of pedal power, you need to make your rides positive from beginning to end. And that means practicing what we call the Zen approach to family biking.

What to look for in a bike helmet

Almost 1 million U.S. children get medical treatment for bike-related injuries each year, and head injuries are the most common. According to accident prevention authorities, wearing a helmet is the single most important thing children can do to protect their brains — and their lives — when bike riding.

HELMET should cover forehead, area most likely to take the brunt of a fall; fit should be snug

CHIN STRAP should fit well around ears, allowing finger's width between chin and strap

Look for approval seal from ANSI (American National Standards Institute)

Replace helmet after a serious fall; impact will lessen helmet's ability to absorb shock

SAFETY BEFORE FASHION; don't tilt helmet back

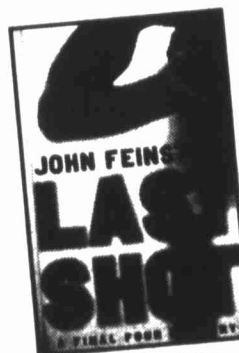


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In The News

Author mixes sports, mystery

John Feinstein is the author of the young readers' book "Last Shot," a mystery about two eighth-graders, Susan Carol and Stevie, attending the men's Final Four after winning a writing contest.



The two are happy to be there and walking around as part of the media. But then, the star player on Minnesota State, one of the favorites to win the tournament, is being blackmailed to throw the championship game. Susan Carol and Stevie decide to combine their investigative journalism skills to solve this mystery.

I had a chance to talk with Feinstein about his book and career:

TFK: Now that you've tried your hand at writing fiction, which writers inspired you?

FEINSTEIN: Well, the writer who gave me the idea was Carl Hiaasen who was a columnist for The Miami Herald. He wrote a lot of adult fiction that sold very well. Like me, he had younger children, and wanted to write a book for his kids to read. He wrote a book called "Hoot." It was a very funny book, and my son read it. He said to me, "Dad, you ought to read this. It's very good." Carl Hiaasen and I represent the same ages, so we know each other. I dropped him a note, congratulating him on the book and he wrote me back and said, "You ought to try this. It's fun." And I said, "OK." So I started to work on a plot, and consulted with my son, because I wanted to be sure he could follow what I was writing. And so I went ahead and wrote "Last Shot."

TFK: What caused you to write fiction?

FEINSTEIN: Well again, having a son, who's a big basketball fan. He had tried reading some of my adult books, and it was too hard for him. The thought that I could write something that he could read and enjoy, really inspired me.

TFK: Are the characters in "Last Shot," Susan, Carol and Stevie, like your own kids?

FEINSTEIN: Very much. They're very smart, and quick. My daughter in particular, because (like main character Susan Carol) is a Duke fan. She's only 7, though. My son is a huge Duke fan (unlike the



other main character, Stevie).
Kid reporter Jack Mullaney, left, interviewed author John Feinstein about his new sports mystery.

TFK: Do you think fathers are as gullible as the ones in "Last Shot"?

FEINSTEIN: No. I know that if I say to my son, "Take care of your sister," I know he'll do it because he's a responsible young man. The plot wouldn't have worked if the fathers were always there.

TFK: Will you write another story for young adults?

FEINSTEIN: Yes I will. "Last Shot" has done very well. ... I've already signed a contract to do another book with Stevie and Susan Carol at the U.S. Open Tennis Championships, and a mystery will unfold.

— Jack Mullaney, 13
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