

North U.S. 87 entryway to get some sprucing up

By **BILL MCCLELLAN**
News Editor

It's going to take awhile but visitors from the north will eventually be greeted with a bit of eye appeal when they come to Big Spring.

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will be spending approximately \$100,000 to "spruce up" the U.S. Highway 87 entrance to the city from the north. The work includes some sidewalks, textured concrete, a small retaining wall, trees and vegetation as U.S. 87 runs into Interstate 20.

"It's still in development; we're hoping to have it built next summer," said Roy Dill, Big Spring area TxDOT engineer. He said the project could be let in February or March of 2006, with construction to begin a couple of months later.

The work will include ramps that tie in to the existing sidewalks over the overpass to handle wheelchair and stroller traffic.

The landscaping will include an irrigation system. "We'll work closely with the city on that because while we will pay for the initial installation, the city will have to provide water in the future. We'll work out maintenance agreements for which entity we be responsible for maintaining everything," said Dill.

Most of the work will be done on the east and west sides of

U.S. 87, between the frontage road and main lanes of the interstate, Dill said.

Some of the vegetation work and maintenance will be shouldered by local groups such as the Master Gardeners and Keep Big Spring Beautiful.

Dill said he's applied for state funds to conduct landscaping and "hardscaping" projects at all entrances to the city.

"I've submitted them in the past. We are still working toward getting them selected,"

he said. "It's an ongoing thing. We've formed a landscape committee to come up with a master landscape plan for Big Spring (entryways). We're working to make sure they have a uniform appearance, the same color scheme, that type of thing."

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CHILDREN IN NEED FUND-RAISER



Herald photo/Steve Reagan

Roz Smith, left, Michele Trevino, center, and Sarah Herrmann, right, visit with a customer at their hot dog stand outside the Wal-Mart Supercenter Saturday afternoon. The women were raising money for the West Texas Centers for MHMR "Children in Need" program, which supplies client children with clothes, school supplies and other basic necessities.

Taking care of business

City council to handle routine items during Tuesday's meeting

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

Big Spring City Council members will move toward final approval of construction projects at the Northside Community Center and wastewater treatment plant when they hold their regular meeting at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday in council chambers located at 307 E. Fourth St.

Last week, the council gave preliminary approval to a bid of \$169,384 from Johnston Control Group for construction of a new building for the Northside Community Center.

Funding for the project is expected to come from the Dora Roberts Foundation, whose board agreed to increase the original amount after the only bid came in over budget.

The council also is expected to finance renovation of a North Final Clarifier at the waste-

water treatment plant through capital revolving fund over a 10-year period at 3 percent interest.

Rehabilitation of the clarifier, which city officials said must be done to meet with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality rules and standards, had been projected to cost about \$180,000.

However, that went out the window when bids came in at \$244,000 from BW Environmental of Wichita Falls and \$312,000 from Red River Construction of Wylie.

In other business Tuesday, council members will consider:

- First reading of a resolution authorizing Mayor Russ McEwen to execute a contract with the Howard County Tax Assessor-Collector.

- First reading of a resolution authorizing the mayor to execute a contract with Limestone Ridge to deliver treated water.

Legislature looks to move quickly during new session

By **KELLEY SHANNON**
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN — With a new special session under way, Texas lawmakers plan to plunge into the school funding debate this week to move legislation along and perhaps get out of town soon.

That's their intent, anyway.

As past sessions have proven, reaching an agreement in the Legislature on the complex and sweeping question of how to pay for Texas' public schools isn't

easy. The \$33 billion system educates 4.3 million children.

Both the House and Senate are meeting today, when the Senate may take up the education spending portion of a school finance package. The two chambers in large part are working from the education and tax proposals they crafted in the previous 30-day special session, which ended in failure Wednesday night.

Republican Gov. Rick Perry ordered the next session to begin Thursday, only 10 hours

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after the last one.

"I think we've got a good foundation to build on," said Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, a Republican who presides over the Senate. "We want to get it done as quickly as possi-

ble."

School finance, Dewhurst said, is one of the most important items the Legislature tackles. He said "whether it takes four weeks or six weeks, the objective is to get it

right, and that's what we're dedicated to doing."

Lawmakers came close to approving a \$2.4 billion education spending plan last week. But because they waited until the final hours of the special session to wrap up the matter, a Senate Democrat had time to kill the measure with a filibuster. That means he talked it to death as the session's clock expired.

The measure would have provided more money for bilingual education and transportation and given districts

enough money to pay teachers about \$2,000 more in 2006 and then an additional \$500 in 2007.

The pay raise calculation included the full restoration of a \$1,000 health care stipend that was cut in half two years ago.

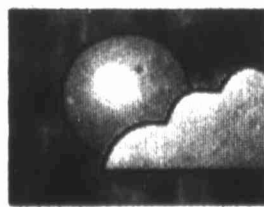
Some of the raise included incentive pay, which teachers' groups criticized because they say it's not clear how many teachers would even be eligible.

"As we begin another special session on public

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TO YOUR HEALTH



Lisa Ravenholt, 50 and petite, can leg-lift 510 pounds. She can do so gracefully and repeatedly. A former professional dancer, Ravenholt believes she is able to recruit strength throughout her kinetic chain.

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DISAGREEMENT?

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Obituaries

Lee Ann Daniels Winchester

Lee Ann Daniels Winchester passed away Saturday, July 23, 2005, at a local hospital. Funeral services are 10 a.m. Tuesday, July 26, 2005, at Pipkin Chapel in Midland. Graveside services at noon are in Mount Olive Cemetery.



She was born Oct. 12, 1941, in Citronelle, Ala. She was raised and educated in Citronelle, Ala. She moved to Big Spring in 1969 and moved to Midland in 1991.

She was a secretary most of her life. She attended West Kentucky Baptist Church.

Lee Ann was preceded in death by, two brothers, Lib and Tommy and one sister, Mary.

She leaves to cherish her memory, two sons, Kenneth Winchester and James Winchester, both of Midland; one daughter, Connie Baker of Big Spring; one brother, Danny Daniels of Citronelle, Ala.; two sisters, Eloise Turner of Citronelle, Ala., and Annie Mae Barnett of New Braunfels; four grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Services are under the direction of Pipkin Funeral Home. Family messages and condolences may be e-mailed to Pipkin@nts-online.net.

Paid obituary

Jackie L. Nelson

Jackie L. Nelson, 59, of Anaheim, Calif., died Monday, July 18, 2005. Funeral services are 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 27, 2005, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow in Mount Olive Memorial Park.

She was born Dec. 21, 1945, in Big Spring. She was a member of Midway Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her father, Troy Nelson.

Survivors include one son, Charles Nelson of Buena Park, Calif.; her mother, Viola Nelson of Tennessee; one brother, Troy Nelson Jr. of Oklahoma; and two grandchildren.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com.

Margaret Neves

Margaret Neves, 87, of Odessa died Saturday, July 23, 2005, at Parks Methodist Nursing Home. Graveside funeral services are 2 p.m. Tuesday, July 26, 2005, in Mount Olive Memorial Park with Rick Cunningham, minister of 14th and Main Church of Christ, officiating.

She was born Dec. 28, 1917, in Belton and married Arthur Neves Oct. 13, 1938, in Belton. He preceded her in death Jan. 4, 1981. She and her husband had farmed in the Knott Community for 36 years. She was a member of Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Brewer L. and Nance E. "Betty" Camp; two sisters, Mary Bell Sivils and Althea Harrell; two brothers, Felix Camp and Marvin Camp; and one grandson, Clint Neves.

Survivors include one son, Ronnie Neves of Odessa; three sisters, Cleo Brown, Ada Jean Barrick and Sudene Richardson; two brothers, Earl Camp and Bobby Joe Camp; one granddaughter; and two great-grandchildren.

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Betty McElroy Chrane

Betty McElroy Chrane, 93, died Sunday, July 24, 2005, in a San Angelo nursing facility. Graveside service are Thursday July 28, 2005, at 10 a.m. at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born April 24, 1912, in Sweetwater to Nathaniel and Florence Skeen McElroy.

She was preceded in death by her parents, siblings, husband and beloved daughter, Betty Jean Dalton.

Arrangement are under the direction of Johnson Funeral Home in San Angelo.

The Rev. Roy Ellis Honea

The Rev. Roy Ellis Honea, 80, of Franklin, formerly of Big Spring, died Friday, July 22, 2005. Funeral services are 2 p.m. Tuesday, July 26, 2005, at the New Baden First Baptist Church with the Rev. Bob Wimberly and the Rev. Dr. David Bryant officiating. Interment follows in Franklin Cemetery.

He was born Sept. 25, 1925, in Easterly to Leonard and Dona Honea. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and married Edna Irene Lindsey Jan. 2, 1945. He was a retired pastor.

He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Edna Honea of Franklin; one daughter, Ladona Honea Cook of The Woodlands; one son and daughter-in-law, Jonathan Dewitt and Marianne Honea of Weatherford; one sister, Dorothy Dagen of Dallas; two brothers, Howard Honea and Rufus Honea, both of Franklin; and four grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Jackie Steve Honea.

Visitation with the family is today from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Arrangements are under the direction of McCauley Funeral Home in Franklin.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity Saturday and Sunday:

- SIMON ELADIO ZUBIATE, 24, 1002 N. Main, was arrested on a charge of assault on a public servant.
- ISRAEL ALVAREZ, 19, 1104 Nolan, was arrested on charges of resisting arrest and forgery.
- MICHAEL CARDONA, 18, 109 Algerita, was arrested on a warrant from the Texas Youth Commission and a charge of evading arrest.
- AGGRAVATED ASSAULT was reported in the 3800 block of Highway 80.
- ASSAULT was reported in the 100 block of Third Street and the 4000 block of Highway 80.
- ASSAULT ON A PUBLIC SERVANT was reported in the 1500 block of Bluebird.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1600 block of Bluebird.
- EVADING ARREST was reported in the 1500 block of Bluebird.
- HINDERING APPREHENSION AND RESISTING ARREST were reported in the 1500 block of Bluebird.
- THEFT was reported in the 900 block of Willia, the 1200 block of 11th Place (twice) and the 1700 block of FM 700.

Sheriff's report

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

- CURTIS HAROLD JEFFERY, 22, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana.
- RICKY FRANKLIN DYER, 53, was arrested on a charge of keeping a gambling place.
- BELINDA KAY SCHLEGEL, 21, was arrested on a charge of gambling promotion.
- DOUGLAS WADE VICKERS, 41, was arrested on a charge of harassment.
- WILLIAM HORACE CARTER, 49, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated, second offense.
- PEGGY BURNETT CHRISTIAN, 63, was arrested on a charge of keeping a gambling place.
- MARGARET ANN DEVORA, 28, was arrested on a charge of contempt of court and disobedience of a court order.
- RAYMON CUELLAR, 25, was arrested on charges of contempt of court and disobedience of a court order.
- BECKY RAMIREZ, 44, was arrested on a charge of forgery.
- KENDRA MICHELLE MATTHEWS, 23, was arrested on a charge of driving while license invalid/suspended.
- LORENZO FABIAN ONTIVEROS, 24, was arrested on a writ of capias - child support.
- BILLY LLOYD ARNOLD, 42, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- MICHAEL BRYANT, 28, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana.
- JOHN MARK SANDERS, 50, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated, second offense.
- MELISSA ANN RODRIGUEZ, 25, was arrested on a charge of assault.
- JOSE ALFREDO MELENDEZ, 22, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated and evading arrest.
- JOE DEWAYNE WOODRUFF, 34, was arrested on charges of aggravated assault/deadly weapon/family violence and assault/family violence.
- RICHARD FLORES, 51, was arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated, driving while license invalid/suspended and evading arrest.
- RENE RODRIGUEZ, 17, was arrested on charges of possession of marijuana, evading arrest and resisting arrest.
- CHRISTOPHER DEL BOSQUEZ, 21, was arrested on a charge of criminal mischief.
- SONYA LANETTE HALL, 28, was arrested on a charge of theft.
- JOHNNY LEE RIOS, 20, was arrested on a charge of hindering apprehension of known felon.
- HOLLY M. FERNANDEZ, 34, was arrested on a charge of theft by check.
- MICHAEL ANTHONY CARDONA, 18, was arrested on a charge of evading arrest.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported on the Snyder Highway.
- UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 2400 block of Gatesville Road.

Lottery

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night: Winning numbers drawn: 17-21-23-33-34. Bonus Ball: 30.

Number matching five of five, plus Bonus Ball: 0. Estimated jackpot for Wednesday night drawing: \$28 million.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Saturday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 12-16-23-27-34. Number matching five of five: 1. Prize per winner: \$33,627. Winning tickets sold in: Dallas. Next Cash 5 drawing: Tonight.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday night, in order: 5-1-1

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday afternoon, in order: 8-3-9

Bulletin board

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

- TODAY
 - Senior Circle meets at 4 p.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. Those 50 years and older are invited to attend. Call 268-4721.
 - Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third, for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 1-800-392-8677 or 263-0391 or 263-1758.
 - Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. TX 1756 meets at 5:30 p.m. Monday in the 11th and Birdwell Lane Church of Christ. A different program is offered every week, and anyone 7 years old or older is welcome to attend. Please enter through the north-west door. Call 263-2786 for more information.
 - Evening Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. in La Posada Restaurant.
 - Concerned Citizens Council meets at 7 p.m. at 500 S. Main St., in the Dorothy Lamb Meeting Room of the Howard County Library. The public is welcome.

Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department/Emergency Medical Service reported the following incidents Saturday and Sunday:

- MEDICAL was reported in the 500 block of W. 18th. One person was transported to VAMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1900 block of Simler. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1500 block of Kentucky Way. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 3000 block of Maple. Service was refused.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 1600 block of W. FM 700. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 400 block of E. Second in Forsan. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to VAMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2600 block of Gregg. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 500 block of W. 17th. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 6100 block of N. County Road 23. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 900 block of Nolan. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 700 block of W. Interstate 20. One person was transported to SMMC.
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Weather

Today — Partly cloudy. Isolated thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs in the mid 90s. South winds 10 to 20 mph.

Monday night — Partly cloudy. Isolated thunderstorms in the evening, then isolated showers and thunderstorms after midnight. Lows in the lower 70s. South winds 15 to 20 mph.

Tuesday — Partly cloudy. Isolated showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 90s. South winds 15 to 20 mph.

Tuesday night — Partly cloudy. Isolated thunderstorms in the evening, then a chance of thunderstorms after midnight. Lows in the lower 70s. South winds 10 to 15 mph. The chance of rain is 40 percent.

Wednesday — Mostly cloudy. Chance of thunderstorms in the morning, then scattered showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon. Not as warm. Highs in the mid 80s. The chance of rain is 50 percent.

Wednesday night — Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 60s. The chance of rain is 50 percent.

Thursday — Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 80s.

Thursday night — Partly cloudy. Chance of showers and thunderstorms in the evening, then a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms after midnight. Lows in the upper 60s. The chance of rain is 40 percent.

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

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

Saturday — Partly cloudy. Isolated showers and thunderstorms in the morning. Highs in the upper 90s.

Saturday night — Partly cloudy. Lows around 70.

Sunday — Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 90s.

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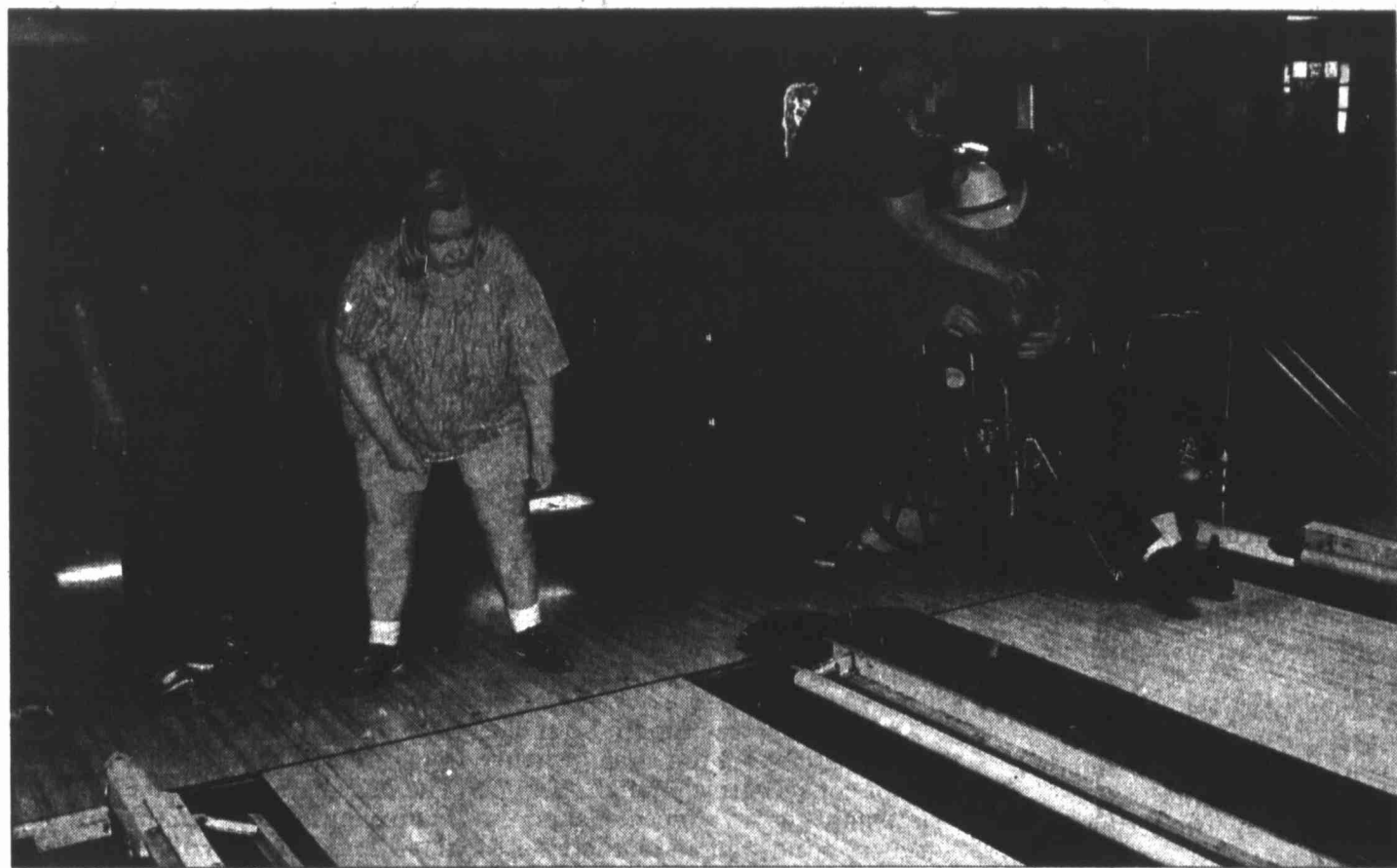
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AN OUTING TO THE LANES



Courtesy photo
Comanche Mall Nursing Center van driver Betty Arnett helps resident Marketha Hutchens, while Activities Director Donna Downing helps Kinard Drewery during a trip to the Big Spring Bowl-A-Rama.

Bomb scare empties New York City's Pennsylvania Station

By KAREN MATTHEWS
Associated Press Writer

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Police arrested the man, Raul Claudio, 43, on Sunday, according to Manhattan District Attorney's office spokeswoman, Barbara Thompson. Claudio is awaiting arraignment on felony charges of making terrorists threats and falsely reporting an incident, Thompson said. Each count carries a sentence of up to seven years in prison.

The incident came days after a second bombing attack on London's commuter system prompted New York police to start random inspections of subway riders' bags. Authorities in New

Jersey began similar searches Monday.

Tim Allen, a Londoner headed from New York to Boston, has endured similar false alarms recently in London. "This is the second time this has happened in two and a half weeks to me," he said.

The incident was over as quickly as it began. One minute, camouflage-clad soldiers were shouting, "Penn Station is closed indefinitely," and the next minute they got the all-clear and started letting people back into the station.

The service disruption affected Amtrak, the Long Island Rail Road, New Jersey Transit and the Seventh and Eighth Avenue subway lines.

Also Sunday, a double-decker Gray Line tourist bus was evacuated in midtown Manhattan after a bus company supervisor told police that five male passengers with backpacks and "stuffed" pockets had raised her suspicions. Police handcuffed five men and searched about 60 passengers before determining there was no threat.

Authorities in New Jersey began searching the bags of bus and train riders on Monday.

White House, Senate Democrats disagree concerning release of Roberts' legal advice

By DOUGLASS K. DANIEL
Associated Press Writer

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Roberts himself was headed back to Capitol Hill on Monday for a fourth day of private meetings with senators who will sit in judgment of his nomination. He had a morning meeting with Diane Feinstein, a California Democrat on the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Roberts worked in the Reagan White House counsel's office from 1982-1986. He also was principal deputy solicitor general, a political appointment in the administration of the first President Bush.

Some records already are available to the public at the presidential libraries of Ronald Reagan, in Simi Valley, Calif., and George H.W. Bush, in College Station, Texas. Others have yet to

be cleared for security and personal privacy by archivists and, under law, by representatives of the former administrations and the current president.

The Senate Judiciary Committee has yet to ask for such material for its hearings. But some Democrats, including Sen. John Kerry of Massachusetts, have urged the White House to release "in their entirety" any documents written by Roberts.

Citing privacy and precedent, Fred D. Thompson, the former Tennessee senator guiding Roberts through the process on behalf of the White House, said Sunday the Bush administration does not intend to release everything.

Material that would come under attorney-client privilege would be withheld, Thompson said, calling it a principle followed by previous presidents of both parties.

"We hope we don't get into a situation where documents are asked for that folks know will not be forthcoming and we get all hung up on that," Thompson told NBC's "Meet the Press."

Attorney General Alberto Gonzales appeared more open to considering such requests.

"Generally, that's not something that the administration or any

White House would be inclined to share because it is so sensitive and ... does chill communications between line attorneys and their superiors within the Department of Justice," Gonzales said on "Fox News Sunday."

"That would be something that we'd have to look at very, very carefully," he said. "Rather than prejudice the issue, let's wait for the Judiciary Committee to make its requests, and then we can evaluate the requests and hopefully reach an appropriate accommodation."

Democratic senators sounded skeptical if not dismissive of the privacy claims.

"It's a total red herring to say, 'Oh, we can't show this,'" Sen. Patrick Leahy of Vermont told ABC's "This Week."

Leahy, senior Democrat on the Judiciary Committee, said material written in confidence at the Justice Department by other nominees has been provided in the past — for instance by President Ronald Reagan when he nominated William H. Rehnquist for chief justice.

"And of course there is no lawyer-client privilege," he said. "Those working in the solicitor general's office are not working for the president. They're working for you and me and all the American people."

Leahy and the Senate's No. 2 Democrat, Dick Durbin of Illinois, said Roberts' Supreme Court nomination calls for a higher standard of evaluation than when he was confirmed for the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia in May 2003.

At that time, the two senators split in committee: Leahy in favor of Roberts; Durbin against because of what he considered incomplete responses to questions.

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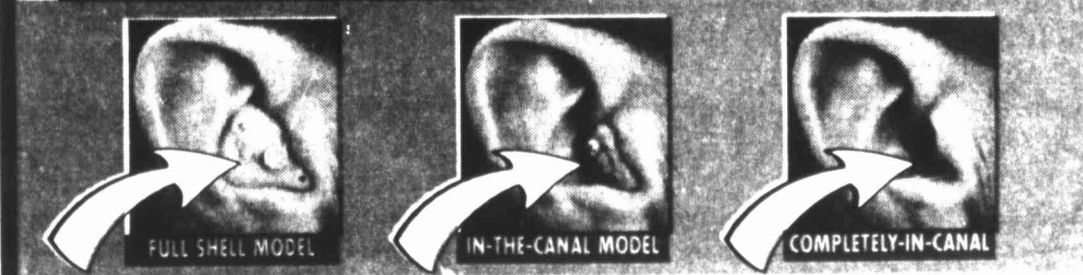
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education, we hope state leaders take the time to listen to educators," said Melodye Pinson, president of the Association of Texas Professional Educators.

Pinson also noted that at issue in a court case before the Texas Supreme Court is whether Texas adequately funds public education.

Texas is under court pressure to change its funding system, which relies heavily on local property taxes. State District Judge John Dietz

ruled the system inadequate and unconstitutional last year and ordered the state to change it.

Lawyers for the state appealed his ruling to the Texas Supreme Court, which is expected to rule on the case in the coming weeks or months.

Aside from the court pressure, many Republican legislative leaders, as well as Perry, say they want to give Texans school property tax relief.

Republican House Speaker Tom Craddick said a House-Senate panel that was trying to reach a tax bill compromise had whittled the massive plan down to just a few dis-

agreements.

Disputes remained over how much to raise the state sales tax from the current 6.25 percent and how much to cut property taxes.

Both the House and Senate wanted to raise the cigarette tax by \$1 per pack from the current 41 cents, a move that prompted tobacco company Philip Morris USA to run radio ads in opposition.

The two chambers differed on whether to increase alcohol taxes. The Senate plan included a 20 percent increase, but attempts in the House to increase the tax were shot down all year.

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OUR VIEWS

Salvation Army's supplies drive in need of our help

With the start of the new school year less than a month away, we need to remember that one of the most important things we can give children is an education.

And with that in mind, it's time to be thinking about making sure our children have everything they need when school bells begin ringing in August.

Sadly, there will again be too many families in Big Spring that simply cannot afford what many of us take for granted — providing their children with the necessities such as paper, pencils, notebooks, crayons, scissors, rulers and the like.

That's where the Salvation Army steps in. Last year, the organization handed out school supplies to about 400 Big Spring children from kindergarten through the eighth grade and this year Capt. Russ Keeney expects to provide supplies for that many or more.

The Salvation Army will begin taking applications from parents of students in need of school supplies for four days — from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Aug. 9-12.

This year Keeney says they will also be providing back packs in addition to the school supplies. Without the Salvation Army's help in providing those supplies, a lot of children would be at an immediate disadvantage when classes start.

If you know of a family in need of help, encourage them to take advantage of this opportunity. Applicants will need to bring some information such as Social Security cards, proof of residency, income and expenses.

And don't forget, if you can help out by donating money for the effort, please do so.

To make application for the program or to make a contribution, the Salvation Army is located at 811 W. Fifth.

Remember, donations to the Salvation Army's school supplies program are an investment. They are an investment in education, an investment in a child's future and an investment in our community's future.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

When we establish heavenly boundaries, Lord, we feel more comfortable.

Amen

Court to be a boy's club?

John Roberts? So much for another woman on the Court. So much for finding another Sandra Day O'Connor.

Tell me you scoured the whole country looking for a qualified woman, and came up with another white man from the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals, a good Republican, former Rehnquist clerk, White House counsel, who can be expected to make conservatives happy and turn the conversation away from Karl Rove.

And what happens when Chief Justice Rehnquist resigns?

Will we, perhaps, go all the way from Washington, D.C. to Alexandria, Va., to find another white male conservative Republican, the runner-up this time around, in an effort to strip the Court of any semblance of diversity, so that it can look more like President Bush's inner circle?

All day long, rumor had it that the president was about to choose Judge Edith (Joy) Clement of New Orleans, who had been confirmed by a vote of 99-1. And I have to admit, I was excited. A new woman on the Court. Even Laura Bush had weighed in, supporting a woman. It made perfect sense. If he didn't appoint a woman now, and there were no women on the list for the chief's seat, the number of women on the Court would go down. There would be no

Republican-appointed women. You'd be looking at an all-male Court reversing Roe.

The word is that the president moved up this announcement in order to distract attention from the fight over Karl Rove, and intentionally chose someone with a slim judicial record to avoid a filibuster battle. While the Democrats will ask hard questions, there is very little ammunition here for taking this case to the public, which is what it takes to defeat a nominee.

"We continue to believe that Roe v. Wade was wrongly decided and should be overruled," Roberts wrote in one of his briefs to the Court, which earned him the opposition of two of the nation's largest pro-choice groups when he was appointed to the Court of Appeals all of two years ago.

Ann Coulter was the first out of the box attacking the appointment as not conservative enough. His statements as an advocate, she argued, pointing to a footnote he himself penned in a 1994 law review, did not necessarily represent his views. If Rove were scripting it himself, he could not have done better. Opposed for being too moderate? What will the Democrats say now? Roberts' conservative backers rushed to reassure fellow conservatives that even if Roe didn't go right away, he was sure to get rid of partial birth abortion, and they should not worry about Roberts turning out the way Souter or Kennedy did, heaven forbid.

In fact, they are likely to be right. John Roberts is a mature legal intellectual, a fully developed

conservative. That is the legacy this president intends to leave on the Court. If he didn't appoint a woman or a minority to this seat, it is a pretty good indication that his first priority is to appoint young, extremely smart, extremely conservative judges, even if they happen to look very much like him, or maybe especially if they do, who have the capacity to change the Court for decades to come.

This will be the run-up to the fight over the appointment of the chief justice. Then, you go for the guy with the harder edge. The Bush legacy will leave at least two more solid, young, white male conservatives on the Court.

The next time abortion rights are restricted, it will be five men telling the women of America what our rights are. Or maybe six. If Roe is overruled, it will be done by a group of Republican men. The only person on the Court to have ever been pregnant will be in the dissent, as will all of the justices appointed by Democrats.

This is not the usual way of looking at the Court. But by that time, the Court may well be seen for what it will have become: George Bush's creation. His boys' club. It might be enough to wake women up and make the President rue the day he said no to Joy.

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Getting our pockets picked

If you had done a poll in November 2000, or in November 2004, I don't think you would have gotten out of single digits with this proposition: "George W. Bush wants to radically revise American law, including complete repeal of the New Deal, and take us back to the economic legal system that prevailed at the turn of the 19th century — Robber Barons Redux."

During the past five years, both media and political circles have devoted an enormous amount of attention to social issues and culture wars — rise of the Christian Right, anti-abortion groups, our debates over moral decline and moral relativism, prayer in the schools, school vouchers, displaying the Ten Commandments, sex and violence in entertainment, bias in the news media, gay marriage and all the rest of it. I sometimes think all of it amounts to a bunch of people saying, "The world would be a much better place if everybody else thought exactly the same way I do." Reminds me of Dr. Henry Higgins in his famous philosophical disquisition, "Why Can't a Woman Be More Like a Man?" Higgins finally discovers the ultimate problem: "Why can't a woman be more like ME?"

Then, of necessity, we have spent huge amounts of time on Sept. 11, terrorism, Iraq, and related and ancillary problems. It is not necessary to review the bidding here, but Iraq is becoming as divisive and unpopular as the Vietnam War.

While we have been absorbed in the silly circus of cultural issues and the riveting questions of

the war, we've also been getting our pockets picked. Big time. I am impressed that cartoonist Lloyd Dangle in the strip "Troubletown" managed to get the whole problem into 12 panels, each announcing some piece of economic news accompanied by an American saying, essentially, "What, me worry?" The U.S. is over \$7 trillion in debt (no problem); China buys \$1 billion worth of U.S. treasury bills a day (thanks for floating us); Americans love the prices at Wal-Mart (made in China, cute!); the Chinese save 50 percent of their domestic product; the average American has \$9,000 on his credit cards; our economy is fueled by a fragile housing bubble; the minimum wage is \$5.15 per hour 0; taxpayers who earn over \$1 million saved \$30K under Bush tax cuts; the war in Iraq costs \$9 billion a month; by 2040, our kids will be unable to do more than pay the interest on the national debt 0; bankruptcy reform makes it impossible to escape your debts; in Darfur [Sudan], people earn \$1.25 a day.

For those who prefer to get their economic news from a more respectable source than a cartoon, I recommend Bill Greider's op-ed article in the July 18 New York Times, "America's Truth Deficit." He begins with the startling thesis that we face structural economic problems as serious as those that destroyed the late Soviet Union and that, like the USSR before its breakup, our leaders cannot talk about these problems honestly. "[Our] weakening position in the global trading system is obvious and ominous, yet leaders in politics, business, finance and the news media are not willing to discuss candidly what is happening and why. Instead they recycle the usual bromides about the benefits of free trade and assurances that everything will work out for the best."

It is a curious thing that as the disadvantages and, indeed, perils of globalization become clearer and the subject of ever-more worried books by respected economists, the mainstream media keep treating the whole problem as though it were about a bunch of protesters in turtle costumes at the G8 summit. If it were not for Lou Dobbs on CNN, one would never even hear it mentioned on television.

Forget what the Supreme Court thinks about teaching creationism in the schools: Think about what it will contribute to the spiraling disasters of globalization by dismantling the entire economic regulatory system built up over the past 100 years. As Greider notes, "Washington defines 'national interest' primarily in terms of advancing the global reach of our multinational enterprises."

Problem is, our multinational corporations increasingly work against the interests of Americans themselves. In addition to outsourcing jobs, the companies locate sham headquarters in offshore tax havens to avoid paying taxes. The only restraints we have ever had on multinational corporations are government regulation and the right to sue the bastards for the various kinds of harm they cause. It is precisely those two forms of control that are being not just undermined but tossed out entirely by an increasingly activist right-wing judiciary.

Recommended reading: Greider's "One World, Ready Or Not"; David Korten's "When Corporations Rule the World"; and Paul Krugman's "The Great Unraveling."

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PUMPING IRON

Strength-training for women is a lot more streamlined than many people think

By RICHARD SEVEN
The Seattle Times

SEATTLE — Lisa Ravenholt, 50 and petite, can leg-lift 510 pounds. She can do so gracefully and repeatedly. In a way, she is innately gifted for this. A former professional dancer, Ravenholt believes she is able to recruit strength throughout her kinetic chain.

So in some respects, she is freakish.

Yet, while her capability is unusual, her motives and goals are in line with an increasing number of women who are turning to weight training to help improve their health, fitness and function.

"Being strong has been vital not only to my self-image, but also to my survival," Ravenholt says. "With a history of osteoporosis in my family tree, I believe strength-training to be my first line of defense."

And as a landscaper, she wants to be able to lug stones.

Still, undercurrents persist: "I don't want to get big" or "it takes too long" or "I want to lose weight, not gain it" or "I'll get hurt."

Experts counter all these complaints. They say you likely won't get big unless that's your goal — and even then you might not.

Getting hurt is a legitimate concern, but proper training and form will diminish the risk, and well-developed muscles generally protect your body from injury.

Having more lean-muscle mass helps burn calories, so while the scale may not budge (it may actually climb) losing fat means losing inches.

And time? If your workout is taking a long time, you probably aren't being intense and efficient enough.

Ravenholt works with Seattle personal trainer Nancy Jerominski, who is both passionate about the subject of strength-training and critical of the media's body-beautiful obsession. She acknowledges the importance of assessing a client's goals, limitations and health concerns, but maintains that, done correctly, anyone can benefit from weight training. She supplements Ravenholt's lifting with stability, core and aerobic work.

"I think it is deeply etched into our cultural state of mind that strong women are somehow manly — unless you are some kind of all-star athlete," says Jerominski, who credits weight training with helping her overcome a series of personal problems.

Mandy Cordova, a personal trainer at the Seattle Athletic Club, fuses weights and aerobics in a popular class. In one that I watched, 28 of the 30 participating were women. Many of the movements, including lunges and stepping on and off platforms, were done while clutching weights.

The high-energy Cordova believes that adding resistance while in an aerobic state incorporates immediate fat burning with the long-term benefit of lean-muscle mass and strength. She started lifting weights when she was 14 and is still in tremendous shape in her 40s. None of her students has her stamina or strength, and

To your health



Lisa Ravenholt leg lifts 510 pounds as her trainer, Nancy Jerominski, monitors her progress in Seattle, Wash. KRT photo/Greg Gilbert, Seattle Times

several don't have her form, but she frequently warns them to protect their backs and bend their knees.

Cordova says some people just don't work hard enough in the gym and, worse, they never learned the proper techniques and fundamentals.

"The problem with people who may have lifted weights in high school and are now in their 40s or 50s is they tend to forget their bodies have changed!"

Elderly women should approach weights cautiously, but trainer Laura Martin says maintaining strength helps fight age-related loss of muscle mass and bone density,

and proper, targeted work, say on quads and glutes, can help with daily living activities. If you're a beginner, have a medical condition or are out of shape, you may want to start by using resistance bands or tubing, which are easier to control.

"Maran Illustrated Weight Training" (maranGraphics, \$24.99) shows in pictures how to — and how not to — perform weight-training exercises.

"Athletic Strength for Women" (Human Kinetics, \$19.95) takes it a step further, analyzing strength from physiological, anatomic and sports-specific points of view.

Know your strength

- Before you start — or continue — think about:
 - What you want to accomplish. Bulk? Competitive edge? To feel or look better?
 - The right way. Get grounded in the fundamentals. You might want to start with a trainer, but if she or he doesn't seem right, get someone else.
 - Symmetry. If you're going to obsessively work on showy muscles and ignore their opposing ones, you are asking for trouble. Forget trying to spot reduce.
 - Your limits. You want to push yourself, but not into injury. A trainer and a goal can help in this regard and also help avoid inattention.
 - Vulnerable body parts. Use good posture and common sense. Also, think about supporting your spine and susceptible joints such as shoulders and knees.

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Bionic parts pricey but more than just TV fantasy

WICHITA, Kan. — If you're of a certain age, you might remember "The Six Million Dollar Man" and "The Bionic Woman."

And if you're of a certain age, you might wish some days that those TV characters' bionic parts were readily available for baby-boomer knees that now creak with every bend and other body parts that don't work as well as they did 20 years ago.

Medical science can't yet give us the bionic arm, eye and legs that Lee Majors got in 1974 as Col. Steve Austin, who nearly died in a plane crash.

It can't yet give us the bionic ear, arm and legs that Lindsay Wagner got in the 1976 spinoff after her Jaime Sommers character almost died in a skydiving accident.

But any number of body parts can be replaced now, and medical science right here in Wichita, Kan., does a pretty amazing job of it.

The good news? The price tag hasn't hit \$6 million. The costs shown here are a only rough

estimate of what your bill would be and don't include every single charge, but even without insurance discounts, the total is less than \$1 million — \$728,550.

The bad news? You can't just walk in off the street and order up the new parts, of course.

And they don't come with superpowers.

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IN BRIEF

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 Aug. 4. Both clinics will be Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

For more information, call the golf shop at 267-5354.

Signups for football to occur all summer

The Crossroads Youth Football Association signups are currently underway and will continue throughout the summer.

Signups will take place at the Big Spring Mall Fridays from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The cost to play football is \$70. Flag football costs \$30, while cheerleaders should expect to pay \$75.

For more information, call Daphne Castilaw at 714-4688.

Cornell Corrections to host YoungLife annual golf classic

The sixth annual YoungLife golf classic hosted by Cornell Corrections will take place Saturday and Sunday at the Big Spring Country Club.

The tournament will be an "orange ball" scramble as four people will make up one team. On each hole, three players scramble and one plays their "orange ball."

Each person must have a verifiable handicap and the field will be flighted after Saturday.

The tourney will give out golf shop credit certificates to the winners as well as prizes for a hole-in-one, longest drive, closest to the pin and putting contest.

The tourney will have a 1 p.m. shotgun start each day. The entry fee is \$75.

For more information, call Larry Bryan at 267-5354.

Federer pulls out of August tournament

MONTREAL (AP) — World No. 1 Roger Federer pulled out of next month's Rogers Cup because of a toe injury that has bothered him for several months, Tennis Canada said.

Federer, who won the event last year in Toronto, was advised by doctors to rest for another three weeks, forcing him to skip the Aug. 6-14 event.

Roddick says no to next week's tuneup

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Andy Roddick pulled out of next week's U.S. Open tune-up at Los Angeles because of soreness in his right knee.

The tournament announced the withdrawal a few hours after the 2003 U.S. Open champion lost in three sets to Robby Ginepri in the quarterfinals at Indianapolis.

Armstrong claims seventh, final tour title

• Next closest finisher still 4:40 behind American legend

By JOHN LEICESTER

Associated Press Writer

PARIS — One last time, "The Star-Spangled Banner" rang out over the Champs-Elysees in honor of Lance Armstrong.

One last time, on the podium against the backdrop of the Arc de Triomphe, the cancer survivor who became the greatest cyclist in Tour de France history slipped into the leader's yellow jersey Sunday. This time, it was the winner's jersey, for an unprecedented sev-

enth consecutive year in the world's most grueling race.

He held his yellow cap over his heart as the American anthem played, and his twin 3-year-old daughters, Grace and Isabelle, wore matching yellow dresses.

"Vive le Tour! Forever," Armstrong said.

Vive Lance, the once but not future champion.

It was the end of Armstrong's amazing career, and in retiring a winner he achieved a rare feat in sports — going out on top. He said his decision was final and that he walks away with no regrets.

"I'm finished," Armstrong told a motorcycle-borne TV reporter as he rode a victory lap of the Champs-Elysees, waving to the crowds and accompanied by another rider waving the Stars and Stripes.

On Monday, he'll be on a beach in the south of France, "with a beer, having a blast," he said.

Before that, though, he couldn't resist a parting shot at "the people who don't believe in cycling, the cynics and the skeptics" who suspect that doping is rife and fueled his dominance of the past seven years.

"I'm sorry you don't

believe in miracles. But this is a hell of a race," he said. "You should believe in these athletes, and you should believe in these people. I'll be a fan of the Tour de France for as long as I live. And there are no secrets — this is a hard sporting event and hard work wins it."

Race organizers afforded the 33-year-old Texan the unprecedented honor of speaking from the podium. And that came after an unusual ending to the overall race he comfortably won by more than 4 1/2 minutes.

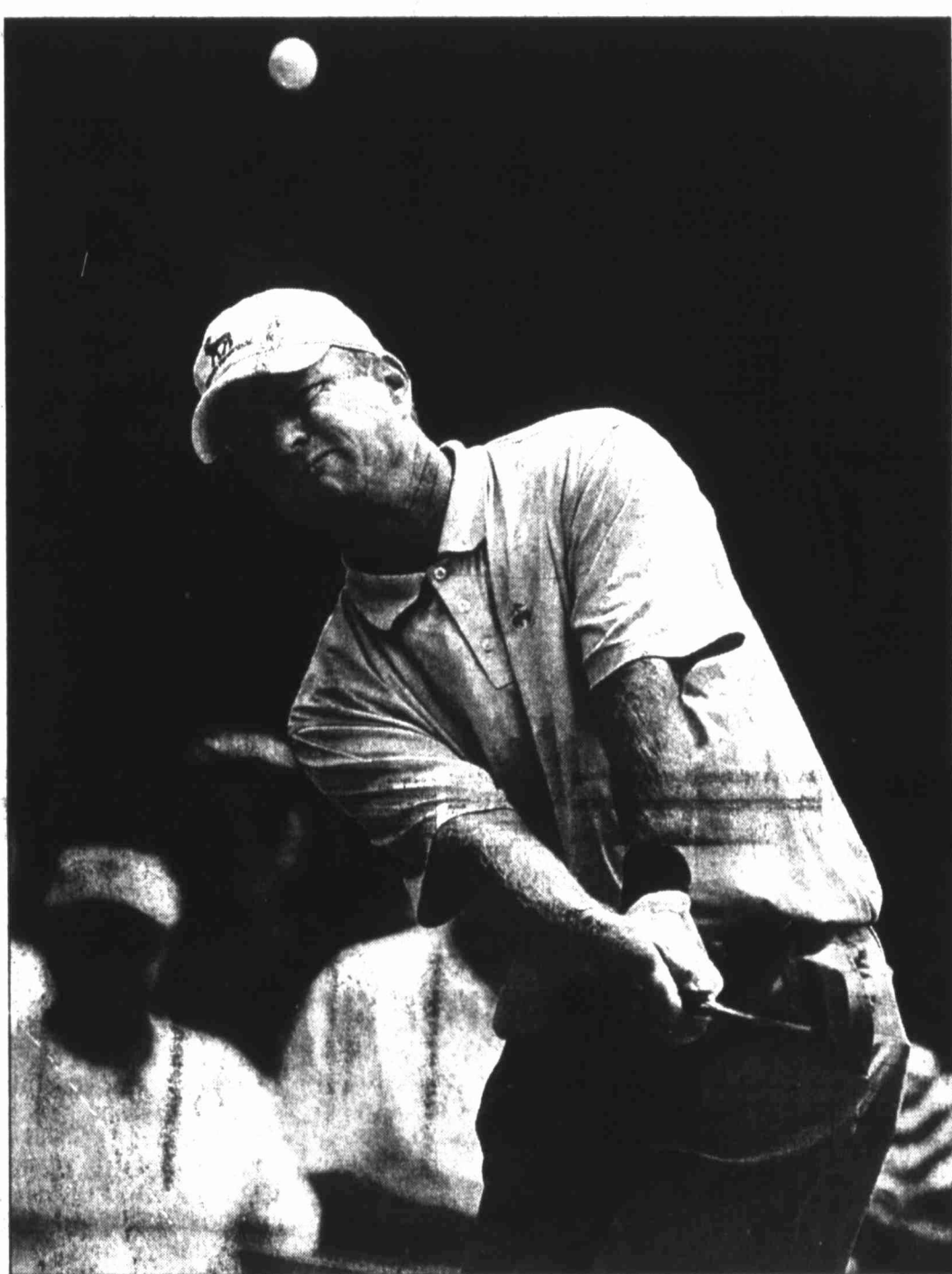
With the pavement slick from rain, and Armstrong comfortably ahead, he

was declared the winner with 30 miles to go. The rare decision was made rather than risk having a mad dash to the finish in treacherous conditions.

Riders were still racing at the time, with eight laps of the Champs-Elysees to complete, and the stage competition continued.

Alexandre Vinokourov of Kazakhstan eventually won the final stage, with Armstrong finishing safely in the pack to win the Tour by 4 minutes, 40 seconds over Ivan Basso of Italy. The 1997 Tour winner, Jan Ullrich, was

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Scott Verplank chips onto the 6th green during the third round of the U.S. Championship at Brown Deer Park in Milwaukee, Wis., Saturday. Verplank shot a 1-over during final round action Sunday and finished second overall, four strokes behind Ben Crane.

Crane's slow pace results in trophy at U.S. Bank tourney

By ARNIE STAPLETON

AP Sports Writer

MILWAUKEE — Slow and steady wins the ... golf tournament.

Notorious dawdler Ben Crane, whose slow play irked Rory Sabbatini at the Booz Allen Classic last month and perturbed his playing partners this week, shot a 1-under 69 in sweltering heat Sunday to win the US Bank Championship by four strokes over Scott Verplank.

Chad Campbell (65) finished five shots back in third, and two-time winner Jeff Sluman (68) was fourth at minus-14.

Crane finished at 20-under 260. He's only the second wire-to-wire winner in Milwaukee and the first at Brown Deer Park, where the tournament's been played for 11 years. Ed Snead did it in 1974 at Tuckaway Country Club.

Crane, whose only other PGA tour win came at the 2003 BellSouth Classic, is the

fourth golfer this year to put his name atop the leaderboard all four rounds of a tournament, joining Phil Mickelson (AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am), Justin Leonard (FedEx St. Jude Classic) and Tiger Woods (British Open).

After enduring a stormy three days that included nearly 10 hours of rain delays, tornado warnings, two course evacuations and a suspension on account of darkness, the golfers slogged through a hot, humid final day at Brown Deer Park, where the heat index hovered around 105 degrees.

The greens were soft and sticky but the winds kept scores from getting wildly low and putting too much pressure on Crane.

Before this week, Milwaukee hadn't had but one brief rain delay in the last 18 years. One player who didn't handle the unusually rotten

conditions was 2004 champion Carlos Franco, who finished with a 2-under 278.

"I like to play a firm course," said Franco, adding that all the stops and starts "took off a little bit of my patience. I hope next year is better."

So do the organizers.

The bad weather resulted in the leaders coming off the course Saturday night with only about 40 fans in the grandstands around the 18th green, and the high temperatures kept the crowds down on Sunday, too.

Crane didn't mind the soggy course or the sparse crowds.

His three-day total of 19-under-par 191 was the best 54-hole start on tour this year and just one stroke shy of the tournament record set by Sluman in 2002. It was his first 54-hole lead on tour, and his two-stroke

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Houston gets big extra-inning home run in Washington

• Astros take three out of four from struggling Nationals

By JOSEPH WHITE

AP Sports Writer

WASHINGTON — Eric Bruntlett hit a three-run homer with two outs in the top of the 14th inning Sunday to give the Houston Astros a 4-1 victory over the Washington Nationals.

Bruntlett fouled off three straight pitches before pulling Hector Rivera over the field and into the Nationals bullpen to give the Astros their seventh win in eight games.

Russ Springer (3-3) pitched two innings for the victory, and Brad Lidge pitched the bottom of the 14th for his 23rd

save. The Astros won three of four in the series.

The Nationals have lost four of five and 13 of 18. They wasted a stellar starting performance by John Patterson, whose effort was matched by Astros rookie Wandy Rodriguez.

Adam Everett started the winning rally with a single to center off Carrasco (3-3). Everett advanced on a wild pitch, then Jose Vizcaino walked. Brad Ausmus flew out to right, then Brandon Backe — Saturday's starting pitcher — hit a long fly to right that advanced Everett to third, and Vizcaino stole second.

Bruntlett, who had entered the game in the 10th inning, connected for

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Oakland continues to dominate Texas

• Hatteberg's bat helps Athletics sweep Rangers in Arlington

ARLINGTON — Scott Hatteberg drove in three runs, and the streaking Oakland Athletics finished a four-game sweep of the Texas Rangers with an 8-3 victory Sunday.

Bobby Crosby and Mark Ellis each had three hits to help the A's extend their winning streak to six. They've won 26 of 32 overall to get back in the playoff race and build a 4 1/2-game lead over the Rangers for second place in the AL West.

Texas lost its fifth straight and fell to 2-9 since the All-Star break. The Rangers, who've dropped seven of eight to Oakland since the break, dipped under .500 (48-49) for the first time since they were 13-14 on May 2.

Rich Harden (8-4) wasn't nearly as dominant as his last start against Texas, but he was good enough to win. He allowed three runs and five hits in 5 1/3 innings, striking out five and walking four. The right-hander threw 111 pitches in temperatures that reached the mid-90s.

In his previous outing against the Rangers on July 14, Harden carried a perfect game into the eighth and threw a two-hitter in a 6-0 victory.

Oakland jumped on

Chan Ho Park (8-5) in the first, using Crosby's RBI double and Hatteberg's run-scoring single for a 2-0 edge.

Rangers center fielder Gary Matthews Jr. helped the A's in the first when he caught a one-out fly off the bat of Eric Chavez and, thinking it was the third out of the inning, flipped the ball to left fielder David Dellucci. Crosby advanced to third and scored on Hatteberg's line-drive single.

Texas made it 2-1 in the second when Harden walked Matthews with the bases loaded, but Harden escaped further damage when he got Sandy Alomar to hit into a double play.

Oakland extended its lead to 3-1 in the third on Hatteberg's RBI single.

The A's broke the game open in the fourth, chasing Park with run-scoring singles by Ellis and Mark Kotsay.

Park left the bases loaded, and Chavez's sacrifice fly off John Wasdin made it 6-1.

Park allowed six runs and nine hits over 3 1/3 innings.

Hatteberg's sacrifice fly in the sixth made it 7-1, then Texas pulled to 7-3 in the sixth on Matthews' two-run double off Joe Kennedy.

Ellis added an RBI single in the seventh.

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advantage over Verplank quickly doubled when Verplank bogeyed No. 1 and Crane birdied No. 2.

Crane holed out from 19 yards from the first rough on No. 6 for an eagle to go to 21-under and even though he bogeyed the next hole, he made the turn with a four-shot lead over Verplank, who, like the rest of the field, never mounted a serious charge and shot a 71.

Verplank was hoping to snap his streak of 96 tournaments without a win. His last victory was the 2001 Bell Canadian Open.

After Crane's slow play put them on the clock Saturday, Verplank said: "One day Ben is either going to get heavily fined or he's going to play faster, I guess."

The PGA Tour keeps



Ben Crane tees off on the 7th hole during the third round of the U.S. Championship at Brown Deer Park in Milwaukee, Wis., Saturday. Crane led the entire field heading into the weekend and was able to hold on Sunday as he finished four shots ahead of second place finisher Scott Verplank.

track of when players get out of position and puts them on the clock. A 10th offense results in a \$20,000

fine. Crane would certainly have the wherewithal to pony up if that's ever the

case. He pocketed a \$684,000 check for his snail-slow victory Sunday.

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third, 6:21 back.

"What he did was sensational," Ullrich said.

Looking toward a Tour without him, Armstrong said to his challengers, "It's up to you guys."

One hand on his handlebars, the other holding a flute of champagne, Armstrong toasted his teammates as he pedaled into Paris to collect his crown. At different points, he held up seven fingers — one for each win — and a piece of paper with the number 7 on it.

Looking gaunt, his cheeks hollow after riding 2,232.7 miles across France and its mountains for three weeks, Armstrong still could smile at the end.

President Bush called to congratulate his fellow Texan for "a great triumph of the human spirit," saying the victory was "a testament not only to your athletic talent, but to your courage."

Armstrong's 5-year-old son, Luke, delivered a different message.

"Daddy, can we go home and play?" the boy whispered to him as he stepped off the podium.

Armstrong choked up on the podium and rock star girlfriend Sheryl Crow, wearing a yellow halter top, cried during the ceremony.

Armstrong set the record last year with his sixth win — one more than Frenchmen Jacques Anquetil and Bernard Hinault, Belgian Eddy Merckx and Spaniard Miguel Indurain — and No. 7 confirmed him as one of the greatest cyclists ever.

Armstrong mentioned Tiger Woods, Wayne Gretzky, Michael Jordan and Andre Agassi as personal inspirations.

"Those are guys that you look up to you, guys that have been at the top of their game for a long time," he said.

As for his accomplishments, he said, "I can't be in charge of dictating what it says or how you remember it."

"In five, 10, 15, 20 years, we'll see what the legacy is. But I think we did come along and revolutionize the cycling part, the training part, the equipment part. We're fanatics."

Armstrong's last ride as a professional — the closing 89.8-mile 21st stage into Paris from Corbeil-Essonnes south of the capital — was not without incident.

Three of his teammates slipped and crashed on the road coming around a bend just before they crossed the River Seine. Armstrong, right behind them, braked and skidded

into the fallen riders, using his right foot to steady himself and stay on the bike.

His teammates, wearing special shirts with a band of yellow on right shoulder, recovered and led him up the Champs-Elysees at the front of the pack.

Vinokourov surged ahead of the main pack to win the last stage. He had been touted as one of Armstrong's main rivals at the start of the Tour on July 2, but like others was overwhelmed by him.

Armstrong donned his 83rd and last yellow jersey in Paris. Only Merckx — with 111 — won more.

Armstrong's departure begins a new era for the 102-year-old Tour, with no clear successor. His riding and his inspiring comeback from testicular cancer attracted new fans — especially in the United States — to the race, as much a part of French summers as sun cream, forest fires and traffic jams down to the Cote d'Azur.

Millions turned out each year, cheering, picnicking and sipping wine by the side of the road, to watch Armstrong flash past in the yellow jersey, the famed "maillot jaune."

Cancer survivors, auto-graph hunters and admirers pushed, shoved and yelled "Lance! Lance!" outside his bus in the mornings for a smile, a signature or a just word from the champion.

He had bodyguards to keep the crowds at bay — ruffling feathers of cycling purists who sniffed at his "American" ways.

Some spectators would shout obscenities or "Dope!" To some, his comeback from cancer and his uphill bursts of speed that left rivals gasping in the Alps and Pyrenees were too good to be true.

Armstrong insisted that he simply trained, worked and prepared harder than anyone. He was drug-tested hundreds of times, in and out of competition, but was never found to have committed any infractions.

Armstrong came into this Tour saying he had a dual objective — winning the race and the hearts of French fans. He was more relaxed, forthcoming and talkative than last year, when the pressure was on to be the first six-time winner.

Some fans hung the Stars and Stripes on barriers that lined the Champs-Elysees on Sunday. Around France, some also urged Armstrong to go for an eighth win next year — holding up placards and daubing their appeals in paint on the road.

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his second homer of the year and his sixth, seventh and eighth RBIs.

The Nationals not only lost, but they also had a scare. Jose Guillen was hit on the right wrist with an 0-1 pitch with one out in the ninth inning and was taken to a hospital for X-rays, but the results were negative. He is listed as day-to-day with a bruise.

Most of the game was a brilliant pitchers' duel between Patterson and Rodriguez, but they fought to a 1-1 draw. Patterson struck out a career-high 10, allowed six hits and walked none in eight innings, while Rodriguez allowed three hits, struck out four and walked one over a career-high seven-plus innings in his 11th career start.

It was the best performance of Rodriguez's young career, while Patterson remains the master of the no-decision — with just a 4-2 record over 18 starts despite a 2.58 ERA. Patterson threw 77 strikes and just 24 balls, and his outing followed an eight-inning shutout performance against Colorado on Tuesday. He has allowed two runs or fewer in seven straight starts.

During one stretch, Rodriguez and Patterson combined to retire 13 straight batters and 22 of 24 — and the two batters who got on base did so with bloop hits. Later, the two sent down 15 batters in a row before Rodriguez issued the game's first walk on a 3-2 pitch to Marlon Byrd to start the eighth.

That was Rodriguez's 87th and last pitch. Manager Phil Garner took him out and brought in Chad Qualls, who worked out of a no-out, first-and-third jam after first baseman Mike Lamb's throwing error on a sacrifice bunt.

The Nationals scored in the fifth when Byrd doubled off the center-field wall and scored on Gary Bennett's opposite-field single.

The Astros responded immediately with a run in the sixth. Lance Berkman doubled off the left-field wall — a ball that Byrd might have caught had he not misjudged the ball's slice — then moved to third on Morgan Ensberg's flyout to center and scored on Lamb's flyout to right.



Houston's Wandy Rodriguez pitches against the Nationals at RFK Stadium in Washington, D.C., Sunday. The Astros got three runs in the top of the 14th inning and defeated the Nationals, 4-1. Houston took three out of four in the weekend series.

Nix to have year-ending surgery

• Midland native says he needs knee surgery, is done for season

ARLINGTON — Texas Rangers center fielder Laynce Nix said Saturday he will have season-ending surgery on his right shoulder next week.

The Rangers also added right-hander James Baldwin to the roster and recalled first baseman Adrian Gonzalez from Triple-A Oklahoma.

Left-hander Erasmo Ramirez and infielder Marshall McDougall were optioned to Oklahoma.

After consulting earlier in the week with team physician Dr. Keith Meister and Dr. Lewis

Yocum in California, Nix opted to have a muscle tear in the shoulder repaired now so he will be ready for spring training.

"I have to get it fixed so I'll be ready for next season," Nix said. "It's been bothering me since last season when I ran into a wall. I feel I have to get something done about it."

"It's difficult. I've played with it for a long time, tried to get used to it, tried to beat it, but the reality is I have to be healthy to be a player."

Nix, who also had problems with his left shoulder this season, started 60 games in center field. He had a .240 average with six homers and 32 RBIs

after batting .248 with 14 homers and 46 RBIs in 115 games last season.

The Rangers have been using Gary Matthews Jr. in center field since Nix went on the disabled list July 17.

David Dellucci and Richard Hidalgo have also started in center for the Rangers this season.

Baldwin was 0-0 with a 1.61 ERA in 12 relief appearances for the Orioles.

Gonzalez is hitting .316 with 13 homers and 46 RBIs in 73 games for Oklahoma.

Ramirez is 0-0 with a 4.50 ERA in five relief appearances for Texas. McDougall was 2-for-5 in seven games.

Dunn's walk-off home run sends Reds past Brewers

• Cincinnati gets ninth win in 13 games

CINCINNATI — Adam Dunn led off the ninth inning with his 28th home run as Cincinnati beat Milwaukee.

Dunn hit a 2-2 pitch from Julio Santana (2-4) into the right-field seats to give the Reds their ninth victory in 13 games. David Weathers (6-1) pitched a scoreless inning for the win.

Milwaukee starter Doug Davis set a career high

with 11 strikeouts, but was left with his fifth no-decision in five starts.

He allowed six hits and two runs with one intentional walk in eight innings.

Cincinnati's Luke Hudson, who was 0-5 with a 10.72 ERA in his previous six starts, lasted six innings for the first time since his first start this season on June 9. He allowed six hits and two runs.

The Reds took two out of three in the series.

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Fire season is upon us, and the sun and moon in fire signs exacerbate the situation. Burning land is a metaphor for the passion that consumes reason and morality. The challenge is to put ego aside and get back to delighting others with our gifts. In doing so, the "fire" gives inspiration instead of taking attention for attention's sake.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). It seems that you spend much of the day waiting on other people to get their act together - such is the plight when you're traveling the road of life with others. But the fine company will be worth the wait.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). There's a colleague in your realm who represents all that you think you're not. Try and focus instead on all that you are. Believe it or not, your strengths will complement this person's weaknesses.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're the great

observer. What you see may not be uncommon, but the way you see it is. Let a Leo or a Sagittarius accompany you in your work. This person will have helpful insights and resources.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). There's no shame in making your primary focus something simple - like feeling good. When your body is healthy and your spirits are high, you'll serve your purpose the very best.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're learning more about a loved one, albeit by surreptitiously watching from a distance. Creepy? Or, maybe it's just the perspective you need in order to know how best to approach this person.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). While it lasts, enjoy the dream-like quality that enhances your interactions with people. In this light, someone may seem much more glamorous than he or she really is. Tomorrow, it's back to

ordinary business. **CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You radiate charm. It's not in the way you look or the things you know. It's the fact that you strive to put other people's feelings before your own, and they warm to you as a result.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). As content as you may be with the current status quo, the fact remains that there is a key position still unfilled in your life. You'll be meeting possible candidates over the next three days.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You're busy molding a project after your own desire. In the meantime, family members are finally getting along without you having to constantly intervene - a lovely spectacle indeed.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: I'm an Aries going through major changes. I became single after 11 years of relationships. I have a 9-year-old son. Are my

years to come going to be better?"

The impulsive nature of Aries ensures that you change much more easily than others, but often at the end of a significant change, you wonder if you did the right thing. The rest of this year, the wondering continues, and you must be very honest with yourself about what your priorities are and why you've made the decisions you've made. By January, you'll have tied up a lot of loose ends and answered the questions in your own mind. It will finally be possible to start over. For you, things always seem behind schedule, but that's only because you're impatient. A more realistic view will show you are right on time, if not early, in regard to learning life's personal lessons. As for the years to come, they will be "better" because you will accomplish what you set out to do (Aries is accomplishment-driven). However, that won't keep

you from looking back to this time with great sentimentality and the realization that things were very good for you in 2005.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Kate Beckinsale is a glamorous Leo who makes a career jump into the salary stratosphere in 2006. So far, this British beauty has proven her versatility by starring in a wide variety of films, from period pieces to monster movies. Upcoming aspects affecting Beckinsale's natal Mars in Aries suggest that action films will take her to the next level of fame and fortune.

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HOLIDAY MATHIS

Dear Annie: I'm a 35-year-old mother of five. In January, I was rushed to the hospital because I thought I was having a heart attack. It turned out to be a pulmonary embolism (a blood clot in the lungs). After leaving the hospital, I did everything the doctor told me. I quit smoking cold turkey after 20 years, and I changed my diet. Physically, I feel fine, but mentally, I'm losing it. I cry all the time. My husband and children have been wonderful and supportive, but they don't know how I really feel. (I tell them my eyes are puffy from allergies.) Please help me. - New York

Dear N.Y.: It is not unusual for a life-threatening event to cause depression. This is a natural reaction to stress and fear. And for some people, giving up smoking can cause depression all by itself. Instead of feeling empowered by your recent decisions, you are adrift. Stop hiding from your family. Let them know you are depressed and you need some short-term professional help. Then go back to your doctor and ask for a referral to a therapist.

Dear Annie: I read the letter from "Needing to Know," who discovered that her husband, "Buddy," has been seeing prostitutes. She asked why men do this. I did the same thing myself. It had absolutely NOTHING to do with my wife - she was a wonderful woman and a passionate lover. But I was selfish and

felt entitled to have whatever sex I wanted, anytime, any place. Did I compare these prostitutes to my wife? Yes, and not one of them could come close to satisfying me the way she did. The fact that I'm truly sorry doesn't change my betrayal. Men, don't be stupid. If you have a good wife, take care of her. - Husband X

Dear Husband X: We were amazed at the number of responses we received on this subject. Read on for some enlightenment: From Nevada: Most men see escorts because we are willing and nonjudgmental. He is never too old, too fat, too ugly, too bald. He never has bad breath, bad technique, bad manners. They like that we don't ask for commitments. Plus, we cater to fetishes. You'd be amazed how many clients tell us they love their wives. Some of us are married ourselves. We are just doing our jobs. I never heard of a husband who ran off with a hooker. Please tell that wife to relax.

California: After four years of living together, the love of my life told me he had been going to prostitutes since he was 19. When I asked why, he said he was a sex addict and that it had nothing to do with me, my attractiveness or my sexual ability. Midwest: Buddy may have undiagnosed manic depression. Sexual deviance is a common sign of mania. Counseling and medication can help him. Thailand: There is another reason men wish to

have sex with prostitutes: ready sex without having to create a relationship. Men have a sex drive that is more lustful than the average woman's, and can feel as casual about intercourse as shaking hands with a stranger. Kansas: For me, it was the sure thing. Even though I knew the ladies didn't mean what they said, I still needed to hear it. I liked the ability to talk sexually with them and how adventurous they were. Simply put, for money, I could get it when I wanted and as often as I wanted.

N.Y.: I am a (female) retired New York state trooper. Most of the prostitutes I arrested had missing teeth, unhealthy stick-thin bodies from being addicted to drugs and looked prematurely aged. I also agree "Needing" should get tested for sexually transmitted diseases, as a majority of the hookers I arrested had at least one. California: Buddy doesn't suffer from "low self-esteem." He suffers from a lack of self-respect. I recommend counseling - not from a psychologist, but from a pastor. Buddy is seeking redemption.

Dear Annie: I am a 20-year-old, single female. I

group of friends (male and female) who have dined together once a week for the past seven years. One of the women is about to get married, and, as she has found love at age 60, we are thrilled for her. However, her intended is having a real impact on the rest of us. The groom buys nothing, cooks nothing, pays for nothing and eats enough for three people. When we go to a restaurant, he somehow manages to leave his wallet at home. When he comes to one of our homes for dinner, he eats the last morsel and drinks the last drop of everything. He also is picky about what brands we serve, particularly the wine. The more expensive the wine, the more he drinks.

When it's our turn to go to the bride's house, she covers for him and does all the work, citing how hard his day is. (We all are professionals, and our days are equally hard.) We have gone so far as to make our discomfort known to the bride, and she has admitted she, too, finds it embarrassing, but nothing changes. We fear our friend is marrying a moocher. Is the solution complete acceptance, or should we attempt again to cajole the groom into doing his share?

The Maid of Honor: Dear Maid: The groom will not do his share unless his future wife insists on it, and she doesn't sound ready to do that. If she is willing to do the work and pay the costs for the two of them, leave it be. That is her

choice. Otherwise, the rest of you will have to decide whether her continued presence at these dinners is worth the price of her new husband, because he doesn't come cheap.

Dear Annie: You missed an important point in your answer to "Anxious Employee," whose boss was upset about not being invited to the employees' baby showers and similar events.

Why are these parties being discussed at work? Even kindergartners know you don't hand out invitations in school unless you invite the whole class. In addition, "Anxious" and her coworkers are also wasting company time on private social affairs. If they tended to their social arrangements on their own time, their boss would know nothing about it. - Unworried Employee

Dear Unworried: You may be right that the boss got wind of it through the office grapevine, but events for coworkers are somewhat work-related. Regardless, employee get-togethers, of any kind, should not have to include the boss.

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8	News (CC)		Cristina	70s Show Malcolm-Mid.	CSF Miami (CC)	Decisiones	Medium (CC)	Family Guy		Guns, Germs and Steel	American Chopper	Movie:	Law & Order (CC) (DVS)	The Parkers	Phil of Future Sister, Sister	City Slam	Baseball Tonight (CC)	Stargate SG-1 (CC)	
9	News (CC)	News Nightline	Primer Impacto Noticias Univ.	70s Show Raymond	News Late Show	Noticias Laura	News Tonight Show	Minding-Store	The Hour of Healing	Charlie Rose (CC)	American Hot Rod	UFC Unleashed	Without a Trace (CC)	Nightly News 106 & Park	BET's Top 10 Live	Sister, Sister Kim Possible	2005 World Series of Poker	Baseball NFL Live	Movie: Target Earth (CC)
10	Ent. Tonight Jimmy Kimmel Live (CC)	Jimmy Kimmel Live (CC)	La Hora Derbaz	Becker (CC)	Letterman Late Late	Al Rojo Vivo	Late Night-Conan O'Brien Seinfeld (CC)	Movie: Son-in-Law (CC)	Biblical Israel Scribner	Sign Off	Monster Garage (CC)	Movie: Prophecy	Real TV Blind Date	NYPD Blue (CC)	Classic ComicView	Lizzie McGuire Proud Family	2005 World Series of Poker	SportsCenter	
11	Live (CC)	Extra (CC)	Amigas y Rivales (SS)	Spin City Roseanne	Show The Insider														
12	News (CC)																		

DENNIS THE MENACE

"WE'RE GOIN' ON VACATION WHERE THERE'S COWBOYS! I MAY NEVER COME BACK!"

"YES!"

THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane

"CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW?"

"I need a new shell phone."

HAGAR

"EVERY MORNING I TELL MYSELF THIS IS DEFINITELY... WITHOUT A DOUBT... THE DAY I GO ON MY DIET!"

"BUT THEN, AFTER I GET UP SOMETHING ALWAYS HAPPENS TO SPOIL MY PLANS..."

"I GET HUNGRY"

BLONDIE

"ARE YOU GOING TO INVITE EMILY GORKAL TO YOUR ANNIVERSARY PARTY?"

"I'M NOT SURE"

"YOU KNOW WHAT A NAME-DROPPER SHE IS!"

"IN FACT, I HAVEN'T SEEN HER SINCE I CATERED PHYLLIS DILLER'S BIRTHDAY PARTY"

BC

"WHAT'S THAT?"

"MY CURSE-JAR. EVERY TIME I SWEAR, I PUT A PENNY IN IT."

"WHAT'S A FIVE-DOLLAR BILL DOING IN THERE?"

"EVER ROLL A PIANO OVER YOUR BIG TOE?"

WIZARD OF ID

"WHERE'S THE BEGGAR WHO USED TO WORK THIS CORNER?"

"HE'S AT 'GROVELING SCHOOL'"

"SINCE WHEN DID YOU PEOPLE GET A UNION?"

AGNES

"WHY DO BAD THINGS HAPPEN TO GOOD PEOPLE? WHY DO HAPPY THINGS HAPPEN TO SAD PEOPLE? THIS IS VERY PONDERABLE!"

"WHY DO STRANGE THINGS HAPPEN TO NORMAL PEOPLE? WHY DO BORING THINGS HAPPEN TO EXCITING PEOPLE? WHY DO SILLY THINGS HAPPEN TO SERIOUS PEOPLE? DO YOU KNOW?"

"AND WHY ALL THE STUPID THINGS TO SMART PEOPLE? ... AND WHY ... WHY CAN'T GABBY PEOPLE EVER SHUT UP?"

HI AND LOIS

"WHY DO SOME ATHLETES THANK GOD FOR HELPING THEM WHEN THEY WIN?"

"DOESN'T THE LORD LOVE A LOSER TOO?"

"AMEN!"

THE OTHER COAST

"GUNS, OUR LATEST ALBUM JUST WENT PLATINUM!"

"HEY, LET'S SEE THAT!"

"100,000 ILLEGAL INTERNET DOWNLOADS?"

"I'M GOING TO SEE IF I CAN DOWNLOAD US A GRAMMY."

SNUFFY SMITH

"HOW'D THEM MOVIE STARS STAY SO YOUNG AN' BEEYOOTIFUL?"

"I HEAR THEY HAVE WORK DONE!!"

"YA MEAN...?"

"YUP, THEY HIRE MAIDS, AN' COOKS AN' BABYSITTERS!!"

BETLE BAILEY

"OH-OH, BEETLE! SARGE IS COMING AFTER YOU!"

"RELIEF IS JUST A CANDY BAR AWAY"

This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, July 25, the 206th day of 2005. There are 159 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 25, 1956, 51 people died when the Italian liner Andrea Doria sank after colliding with the Swedish ship Stockholm off the New England coast.

On this date:

In 1866, Ulysses S. Grant was named General of the Army, the first officer to hold the rank.

In 1868, Congress passed an act creating the Wyoming Territory.

In 1943, Benito Mussolini was dismissed as premier of Italy by King Victor Emmanuel III, and placed under arrest. (However, Mussolini was later rescued by the Nazis, and re-asserted his authority.)

In 1946, the United States detonated an atomic bomb at Bikini Atoll in the Pacific in the first underwater test of the device.

In 1952, Puerto Rico became a self-governing commonwealth of the United States.

In 1963, the United States, the Soviet Union and Britain initiated a treaty in Moscow prohibiting the testing of nuclear weapons in the atmosphere, in space or underwater.

In 1978, Louise Joy Brown, the first "test tube baby," was born in Oldham, England; she'd been conceived through the technique of in-vitro fertilization.

In 1984, Soviet cosmonaut Svetlana Savitskaya became the first woman to walk in space as she carried out more than three hours of experiments outside the orbiting space station Salyut 7.

In 1994, Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Jordan's King Hussein signed a declaration at the White House ending their countries' 46-year-old formal state of war.

Five years ago: A New York-bound Air France Concorde crashed outside Paris shortly after takeoff, killing all 109 people on board and four people on the ground; it was the first-ever crash of the supersonic jet.

One year ago: Lance Armstrong won a record sixth Tour de France.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Estelle Getty is 82. Rock musician Verdine White (Earth, Wind & Fire) is 54. Model-actor Iman is 50. Cartoonist Ray Billingsley ("Curtis") is 48. Actress Ileana Douglas is 40. Country singer Marty Brown is 40. Actor Matt LeBlanc is 38. Actor Brad Renfro is 23.

Thought for Today: "No matter what side of an argument you're on, you always find some people on your side that you wish were on the other side." - Jascha Heifetz, Russian-born American violinist (1901-1987).

Answer to previous puzzle

R	H	A	M	E	S	G	L	A	S	N	O	S	T
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Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 House, in Mexico
 - 5 Ink stain
 - 9 Sandwich fish
 - 13 Russian river
 - 14 Make a new navigation chart
 - 16 Military group
 - 17 Hit, as with hailstones
 - 18 Pointless
 - 19 Lasso
 - 20 To boot
 - 23 Starting point, so to speak
 - 24 Strangers Train
 - 25 Singing syllable
 - 28 Sp. ladies
 - 31 Take off the spool
 - 33 "You've convinced me!"
 - 38 Aware of
 - 39 Farm equipment name
 - 40 Brown shade
 - 41 Houston baseballer
 - 42 Roof edge
 - 43 Discussed one's business
 - 45 Opposed (to)
 - 47 Come to earth
 - 48 Grant's Civil War opponent
 - 49 Oolong, for instance
 - 51 Arizona city
 - 56 Bore one's responsibility
 - 59 Goose egg
 - 62 "It's _ Never"
- DOWN**
- 1 Archer of myth
 - 2 Sports venue
 - 3 Like seawater
 - 4 Poetic conjunction
 - 5 Felonious payment
 - 6 Singer Home
 - 7 General Bradley
 - 8 Dance that "takes two"
 - 9 Rotate
 - 10 Numero _
 - 11 Winter-air quality
 - 12 Consumed
 - 15 Bar-counter munchie
 - 21 Follow
 - 22 Writer Fleming
 - 25 Agent's portion, perhaps
 - 26 Prefix for rocket
 - 27 Knock for _
 - 29 "_ boy!"
 - 30 "_ We Dance?"
 - 32 Singer Diana
 - 33 Model of perfection
 - 34 Part of 64 Across
 - 35 Flood preventer
 - 36 _ Rabbit (Joel Chandler Harris character)
 - 37 Singer Paul
 - 41 Find the total of
 - 43 Getting ready to golf
 - 44 Went in
 - 46 RR stop
 - 50 Cherish
 - 52 Like fresh celery
 - 53 Move obliquely
 - 54 Arctic or Pacific
 - 55 Houses in trees
 - 56 Warsaw native
 - 57 Bed size
 - 58 Pueblo Indian
 - 59 Cook in the microwave
 - 60 Female sheep
 - 61 Go bad

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