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2 men injured when apparent meth lab blows up in vehicle

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

Two men were in a Lubbock burn center today after the reported explosion of a methamphetamine lab Sunday in Pampa.

Schuyler-Bond Danner, 22, 716 N. Christy, was in critical condition today at the Lubbock burn center, and Joshua Lloyd Mullen, 21, of Odessa, was in serious but stable condition at the burn center.

The two drove to Pampa Regional Medical Center about 2 p.m. Sunday suffering second degree burns to their bodies, hospital officials said.

Pampa police officers were called to the hospital emergency room when medical personnel reported the two men were being belligerent.

Officer Dave Thomas said when he arrived at the hospital, he smelled ether coming from a white 1997 Toyota four-door sedan parked near the emergency room entrance.

Lt. Fred Courtney said today that the two were apparently burned when a meth lab exploded.

Thomas questioned the two as they were being treated for

their burns. He said both men denied they were cooking meth but offered no explanation concerning any explosion.

Officers said today that they have not been able to determine where the explosion occurred.

Thomas said the car is registered to Mullen. The officer said the interior of the car appeared to have been sprayed with a caustic substance from an explosion. He said it appeared that the explosion was in the front passenger's seat.

Courtney said that from questioning the two men, Mullen is thought to have been driving the car and Danner is believed to have been in the front passenger seat.

He said Thomas and Officer Casey Ingersoll, both qualified meth lab technicians, found evidence in the car to lead them to believe it was a mobile meth lab.

Courtney said the two were flown from Pampa Regional Medical Center to the University Medical Burn unit in Lubbock by Lifestar helicopter shortly after 2 p.m. Sunday.

Hot holiday



Pampa News photo by DAVID BOWSER
The sun peeks over the horizon near the grain elevator where Kingsmill used to be. The forecast for the Fourth of July holiday calls for a high near 87 with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms and showers in the afternoon.

Drop in federal funds jeopardizes some school programs

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

The federal government may mandate No Child Left Behind, but the school district's funding may be.

"We've lost money in our federal funding," said Kathy Carter, director of secondary curriculum for the Pampa Independent School District.

The McLean native reported to the PISD board of trustees Thursday night that the district is taking cuts in six of eight federal funding programs. The six programs have been cut by \$69,215. Funding for two of the programs, however, have been

increased by \$10,397.

The total loss of funds to the district is \$58,818.

Title I-A funds have been cut by \$31,988, from \$785,733 in 2005-2006 to \$753,745 for 2006-2007.

"Title I-A's purpose is to provide supplemental resources," Carter said. "It's for campuses that have high numbers of students with low incomes. It's a way to even the playing field for kids that might need extra tutorials or smaller classrooms."

Title I-C money is used for migrant students.

"It is generated by the number of migrant students that we have in Pampa," Carter said.

It has been increased by \$2,510, from \$2,668 in the 2005-2006 school year to \$5,178 for 2006-2007.

Title II money, money used for teacher and administrator professional development and training, has been cut by \$25,249 for the 2006-2007 school year.

It's also used for recruitment and retention, Carter said.

Title III funding has been increased next year by \$7,887, from \$16,430 last year to \$24,317 for

2006-2007.

"Title III money is based on our number of students who are limited in English proficiency," Carter said. "Other money can be spent school-wide, but Title III money really targets those children whose native is something other than English."

Title IV funding is for the district's Safe and Drug Free program, she said.

"We pay for part of our Safe and Drug Free School Coordinator with

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PHS choir planning New York City trip

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

The Pampa High School Choir will be heading to the Big Apple come May.

The Pampa Independent School District board of trustees approved Choir Director Fred Mays' request Thursday night at a special school board meeting to take the choir to New York City May 4 through 8.

The choir went to New York in 2005, and PISD Board Member Charles Smith said he was on that

trip and thought it was well worth it.

Mays said the trip next May would give students a different experience. He said they would also perform while they were there. In 2005, the choir performed at St. Patrick's Cathedral.

New York, Mays said, is the center of the performing arts in this country and the choir has the opportunity to see some of the greatest stages in the world.

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Master plan to be discussed by PISD board

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

Discussion of the Pampa Independent School District's facilities master plan will be the topic of discussion at a special meeting of the school board Wednesday.

The PISD board of trustees will meet with architects and the citizens advisory committee at 6 p.m. Wednesday in the

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Arrests at schools down in 2005-06

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

The number of arrests at Pampa schools during the 2004-2005 was lowest since records have been kept. The number of arrests during the 2005-2006 school year, Supt. Barry Haenisch said, are more indicative of what has been happening in recent years.

There were 64 arrests on Pampa campuses during the 2005-2006 school year, Haenisch told the Pampa

Independent School District board of trustees at a special meeting this week.

There were 26 arrests at Pampa Junior High School and 38 arrests at Pampa High, according to Pampa Police Department records. There were no arrests at any of the elementary schools.

Pampa Police Chief Trevlyn Pitner told Haenisch the number of arrests got off to a bad start in the fall, but

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Obituaries

Donald Nicholson, 82

Donald Nicholson, 82, of White Deer, died Monday, July 3, 2006, in Pampa. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors. Sign the online register book at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

Gray County Weather

Today: Partly cloudy, with a high around 94. South wind around 10 mph.
 Tonight: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 68. South southeast wind around 10 mph.
 Independence Day: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 87. South wind around 5 mph becoming northeast.
 Tuesday Night: A 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low near 62. East northeast wind around 10 mph.
 Wednesday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high near 80. East wind around 10 mph.
 Wednesday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 61. East wind between 5 and 15 mph.
 Thursday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high around 85. East wind between 5 and 10 mph.
 Thursday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 65. East southeast wind around 10 mph.
 Friday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high near 86. Southeast wind around 10 mph.
 Friday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low near 67.
 Saturday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high near 89.
 Saturday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 68.

Study finds laws restricting teenage drivers can save lives

WASHINGTON (AP) — Laws that set numerous strict conditions before teenagers can get a license can reduce fatal crashes involving 16-year-old drivers by up to 21 percent, public health researchers say.

The more restrictions imposed, the greater the reduction.

Examples include a waiting period before a young driver is eligible to move from a learner's permit to an intermediate license, restrictions on driving at night, required hours of supervision by an adult driver and limits on the number of passengers a teenage driver can have.

States with such restrictions as part of strong graduated driver's licensing programs showed declines in fatal crashes involving 16-year-olds, according to a study being released today by Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health in Baltimore.

"We already knew that the programs reduced crash rates of young drivers, but we didn't know which programs were most effective in reducing risk," said Susan P. Baker, a professor at the school. From the study, "it is clear that more comprehensive programs have the greatest effect," she said.

Traffic accidents are the leading cause of death for teenagers. Federal figures show that 16-year-old drivers were involved in 957 fatal crashes that killed 1,111 people in 2004. Those crashes resulted in the deaths of 399 16-year-old drivers and 385 16-year-old passengers.

States put limits on new drivers, but the rules vary. Researchers said that by the end of 2004, 41 states and the District of Columbia had programs that included a learner's permit with supervised driving, an intermediate period with a limited amount of unsupervised driving and a final stage without restrictions.

The study based its analysis on programs with these requirements:

- a minimum age of 15 1/2 for earning a learner's permit.
- a waiting period of at least three months after getting a learner's permit before applying for an intermediate license.
- a minimum of 30 hours of supervised driving.
- a minimum age of 16 for obtaining an intermediate state license.
- a minimum age of 17 for full licensing.
- driving restrictions at night.
- a restriction on carrying passengers.

The study found that such programs reduced fatal crashes for 16-year-old drivers by an average of 11 percent.

When the researchers compared states with five program components to states without a program, they found an 18 percent reduction in fatal crashes involving 16-year-old drivers.

Programs with six or seven components were linked to a 21 percent reduction, showing the added benefit.

Researchers found a 16 percent to 21 percent reduction in fatal crashes when the programs included an age requirement, a 3-month wait before applying for an intermediate license, nighttime driving restrictions and either 30 hours of supervised driving or passenger restrictions.

Emergency Services

Pampa PD

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents during the 72-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Friday, June 30

A chrome wheel and chair were reported stolen in the 700 block of North Wells.

A disturbance was reported in the 900 block of East Frederic.

Three tires and rims were reported stolen in the 900 block of South Wells.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 600 block of North Sumner and the 1200 block of North Russell.

A theft was reported in the 2200 block of Dogwood.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 500 block of North Frost.

A sexual assault was reported in the 300 block of South Cuyler.

A picnic table was reported stolen on U.S. Highway 60 East.

An electric typewriter was reported stolen in the 600 block of West Browning.

Driving while intoxicated was reported in the 300 block of North West.

A theft of \$150 in cash was reported in the 300 block of North Starkweather.

Officers were called to assist another agency at the intersection of Somerville and Thut.

A satellite radio was stolen out of a car in the 1000 block of Christine.

A \$5 counterfeit bill was reported at Albertson's.

A collection of coins and bills totaling \$203.25 was reported stolen in the 800 block of North Frost.

Saturday, July 1

Driving while intoxicated was reported in the 400 block of Hughes.

Credit cards, CDs and a ring were reported stolen from a vehicle in the 1600 block of North Fir.

Prescription fraud was reported at Wal-Mart.

Sunday, July 2

A gas drive-off was reported at Allsup's in the 100 block of Starkweather.

Driving while intoxicated was reported in the 1100 block of Huff.

An assault was reported in the 1000 block of Huff.

The theft of an Xcel electrical box was reported in the 500 block of North Doucette.

Burglary of a habitation was reported in the 1000 of Terry.

Monday, July 3

An aggravated assault was reported in the 400 block of South Hughes.

Possession of a controlled substance was reported in the 1300 block of North Garland.

Sheriff

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests during a 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, July 1

Joshua David Vavrette, 18, of Pampa was arrested by Gray County deputies on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and public intoxication.

Jeffery Baker, 41, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa police officers on a traffic warrant.

James C. Palmitier, 26, of Pampa was arrested by Gray County deputies on charges of impersonating a public servant.

Sunday, July 2

Andrew J. Keller, 19, of Pampa was arrested by Gray County deputies on charges of burglary of a motor vehicle.

Angela Morano, 32, of Pampa was arrested by Gray County deputies on charges of burglary of a habitation, possession of drug paraphernalia, driving without a valid license, not using a seat belt and failure to appear.

Monday, July 3

Christina Louise Ragan, 26, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa police officers on charges of burglary of a habitation, possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of a controlled substance.

Lloyd Ernest Poland, 40, of Pampa was arrested by Gray County deputies on charges of possession of a controlled substance plus traffic warrants.

Fire

Pampa Fire Department reported the following call during the weekend period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Sunday, July 2

2:05 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to One Medical Plaza on a Lifestar standby.

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Stocks

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

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

OXY	103.98	+1.43
BP PLC ADR	70.60	+0.99
Cabot Corp	34.49	-0.03
Celanese	20.56	+0.14
Cabot Oil Gas	48.96	-0.04
Coca Cola	43.24	+0.22
VLO	66.63	-0.11
HAL	75.00	+0.79
TRI	39.51	-0.07
KML	99.91	+0.02

XCEL	19.14	-0.04
Kerr McGee	69.47	+0.12
XOM	62.19	+0.84
Nat'l Oilwell	63.65	+0.33
Limited	25.40	-0.19
Williams	23.39	+0.03
MCD	33.70	+0.10
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Pioneer Nat	46.21	-0.20
JCP	67.64	+0.13
COP	66.31	+0.78
SLB	65.06	-0.05
Tenneco	26.13	+0.13
CVX	62.57	+0.51
Wal-Mart	47.42	-0.75
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that," Carter said. "We provide programs for our students that address drug, alcohol and tobacco abuse."

The Title IV money has been cut \$5,721, from \$20,213 last year to \$14,492 next year.

"Title V is called innovative," Carter said. "It can be spent where the district might not have money for a new school program."

She said that at Austin Elementary School, the district is trying a new math program called Everyday Math.

"We have increased that math program every year," Carter said. "There's very specific materials and teacher training that goes with that. Title V is part of what we fund that training with."

That money, however, has been cut by \$3,398, from \$6,146 last year to \$2,748 for the next school year.

Carl Perkins grant money has been cut by \$2,859. In 2006-2007, it totaled \$38,837. For 2006-2007, it will be cut back to \$35,978.

Carl Perkins Grants are used to fund the district's Career and Technology Education, or CATE, program.

"These are the grants that help with supplies for our students that are involved in the CATE program," Carter said.

Under the program, which is very specific, students can earn different licenses and certifications.

"It helps us support those types of programs," Carter said. "With that particular grant, the money is spent only at Pampa Learning Center and Pampa High School."

As funding changes, changes in the programs will be made. In some instances where the funding drops too low, she said she doesn't expect some programs to continue.

Ex-soldier facing criminal charges in rape, killing of Iraqi woman

WASHINGTON (AP) — An Army veteran of the fighting in Iraq has been charged in federal court in Charlotte, N.C., with murder and rape in a March 12 attack on an Iraqi family.

Steven Green, who has been discharged from the Army, was arrested in recent days in North Carolina, two federal law enforcement officials said Monday.

The charges against Green grew out of a military investigation involving up to five soldiers in the March rape and killing of the woman in Mahmoudiya and three of her relatives.

It was unclear why Green had been discharged from the Army.

On Friday, the U.S. military acknowledged that Maj. Gen. James D. Thurman, commander of the 4th Infantry Division, had ordered a criminal investigation into the alleged slaying of a family of four in Mahmoudiya.

Four members of the 502nd Infantry Regiment have had their weapons taken away and were confined to a U.S. base near Mahmoudiya, officials said. If convicted of premeditated murder, the soldiers could receive a death sentence under U.S. military law.

The suspects belong to the same unit as two soldiers kidnapped and killed south of Baghdad last month, a military official said on condition of anonymity because the case was under way.

The military has said that one and possibly both of the slain soldiers were tortured and beheaded. The official said the mutilation of the slain soldiers stirred feelings of guilt and led at least one member of the platoon to reveal the rape-slaying on June 22.

One soldier was arrested

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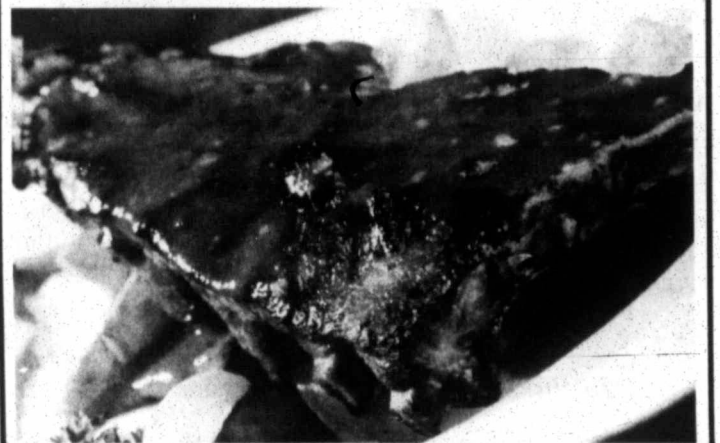
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Arrests

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the number of arrests slowed down in the spring.

There were 10 arrests for assault at Pampa Junior High during the year and 13 for disruption of class, according to police records. There was one for criminal mischief at the junior high school, one for disorderly conduct (language) and one for a terroristic threat.

There were 16 arrests for disorderly conduct at Pampa High, Chief Pitner said. Two of them were for abusive language. Thirteen of them were for fighting.

Eleven warrants or juvenile pick up orders were served.

There were three arrests

for assault and five for disruption of class.

Chief Pitner reported that there was one arrest each for theft, aggravated assault and public intoxication.

Haenisch said the number of arrests reflects several things.

In the past, many of these problems would have been handled at the campus level, but with school resource officers from the police department stationed at the campuses, school officials are willing to let an officer handle more of the situations.

Haenisch also said that the district passed a zero tolerance policy concerning certain disciplinary problems after a teacher was attacked in the hallways of a Pampa school several years ago.

Third are changes in society. Haenisch said when he was in school, discipline was swift and sure, but it was nothing compared to what he faced when he got home. That was a scenario with which PISD Board Trustee Charles Smith agreed.

Haenisch said that when he was in school, the kids usually went across the street from the campus to fight in order to avoid school discipline.

The superintendent said the district has already held a workshop on enforcing classroom discipline, and it was well attended by teachers across the district. He indicated that there would be more workshops.

Still, Smith expressed concern about 26 arrests at the junior high level.

Choir

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The trip would include at least one performance at a major venue, a visit backstage to a Broadway theater to visit with a cast member,

a tour of at least one major museum, a tour of Radio City Music Hall or Carnegie Hall, a tour of Manhattan and a tour of Lincoln Center, the home of the Metropolitan Opera, New York Opera and New York Philharmonic Orchestra.

The trip will cost each choir member about \$1,000.

Mays indicated that the choir will have fund-raising activities to help defray the costs.

The students will miss only one-and-a-half days of school.

The choir will be chaperoned by 12 parents, two directors and one administrator, Mays said.

Fireworks display on tap Tuesday

The City of Pampa, or at least Recreation Park, will explode with the rocket's red glare Tuesday night.

Pampa City Manager John Horst said he and Pampa Fire Chief Kim Powell toured the area around Recreation Park this morning in preparation for the city's annual Fourth of July fireworks display.

"There's a lot of dry grass out there," Horst said.

He said his concern, however, is not over the professional team organizing the city's fireworks display, but over individuals setting off fireworks in dry areas.

"If everyone obeys the county fireworks ban," Horst said, "I think everything will be fine."

The city's fireworks display is scheduled for after sunset Tuesday at Recreation Park east of town. Sunset is 9:06 p.m.

There is a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms tonight and a 50 percent chance Tuesday night.

Hedley crash claims lives of 2

HEDLEY — A vehicle accident in Hedley killed two women from Longmont, Colo., Friday, according to information from the Texas Department of Public Safety Trooper Daniel Hawthorne in Clarendon.

Hawthorne said in a press release that Anginette Barajas, 26, and Kathleen Harman, 49, were in a 1999 Honda traveling south on U.S. 287. They were behind a semitrailer driven by Luther Carnahan of Mart, who was in the right lane.

Barajas, the driver, attempted to pass the truck which began to move into the left lane as Barajas was passing. Barajas jerked left to avoid the truck and Carnahan moved back to the right lane when he noticed her.

Barajas then overcorrect-

ed to the right and started sliding. She overcorrected back to the left and went into a broadside skid into the northbound lanes of 287.

A 2006 Volvo semitrailer driven by Lester Valentine of Las Vegas, Nev., was traveling northbound when he hit the Honda as it slid into his lanes.

Both victims were pronounced dead at the scene by Justice of the Peace

Jimmy Johnson. Both victims were wearing seat belts.

A passenger in the Volvo, Debra Bowling, 49, of Jackson, Miss., was injured but was treated at the scene and released. Bowling was wearing her safety belt. Valentine was not injured.

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Plan

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Pampa High School library, 111 E. Harvester.

Architects with Parkhill, Smith and Cooper are working on a master plan to replace or renovate school district facilities.

Wednesday's meeting will be the first of a series of meetings to narrow the priorities in the district with regard to the facilities.

The school board is also expected to take up the matter of asbestos abatement at the Mann facility.

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Viewpoints

Internet offers opportunities, but children should be protected

Protecting Our Children Online
By Senator Kay Bailey
Hutchison

The expansion of the Internet has ushered in a world of unlimited opportunity. Nearly 80 percent of Americans are online, and almost two-thirds use the Internet at home. The Internet provides businesses access to new markets, students access to new ideas, and friends and family members access to one another. The ease and speed with which information travels today is unprecedented — and is getting faster everyday. Along with the many advances offered by the Internet, however, we must confront the new and daunting challenges it brings.

As our children are exposed to the Internet at an early age, predators are a dangerous threat to their safety. There are thousands of predators prowling online at any

given moment, and each year, one in every five children receives an unwanted sexual solicitation online.

This is a frightening reality which we must confront as explicit material becomes increasingly available online. Since 1996, the FBI has documented a 2,000 percent increase in the amount of child pornography on the Internet, and 25 percent of all children have been exposed to unwanted sexually explicit material, according to a study conducted by the Department of Justice. These numbers are alarming, and we must act to protect our children so they can safely use the Internet as an educational tool without being in danger.

I am currently co-sponsoring the Internet SAFETY Act to shield our children from these aggressive predators. This legislation pro-

vides law enforcement officials with additional resources to prosecute adults who create and distribute child pornography.

**Kay Bailey
Hutchison**
U.S. Senator



Under this bill, it will become a federal crime to produce or knowingly facilitate transmission of child pornography and to financially support or operate child pornography sites. It will also increase existing penalties for child pornography, child prostitution and sex trafficking.

The Department of Justice's Project Safe Childhood Report, published in May, outlines the

most dangerous ramifications of the increasing child exploitation via the Internet. In addition to posting offensive graphics and vulgar videos, Internet predators are now attempting to lure children into face-to-face meetings. Each year, one in 33 children receives a sexual solicitation to meet the predator in person. Unfortunately, only one out of four targeted children reports such an advance to their parents.

The Internet SAFETY Act creates an Office on Sexual Violence and Crimes against Children within the Department of Justice to further support the protection of our children. The Department of Justice will also provide over \$14 million this year to support regional Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Forces. This national network of 46 ICACs, which includes a unit in

Dallas and a newly created unit serving South Texas, cooperatively targets online child pornographers.

Prosecuting Internet pornographers not only reduces the amount of sexually explicit material currently available online but also prevents countless children from being exploited as the subject of future images. Clearly the children forced to participate in such despicable acts suffer great physical, emotional and psychological harm.

There can be no higher priority than ensuring our children's safety. The opportunities offered by the Internet are great, but so is our responsibility to maintain a safe and secure environment for our children, who are growing up in an age of unprecedented technology. In protecting them, the Internet SAFETY Act protects our future.

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, July 3, the 184th day of 2006. There are 181 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 3, 1863, the three-day Civil War Battle of Gettysburg, Pa., ended in a major victory for the North as Confederate troops retreated.

On this date:

In 1608, the city of Quebec was founded by Samuel de Champlain.

In 1775, Gen. George Washington took command of the Continental Army at Cambridge, Mass.

In 1890, Idaho became the 43rd state of the Union.

In 1898, the U.S. Navy defeated a Spanish fleet in the harbor at Santiago, Cuba, during the Spanish-American War.

In 1930, Congress created the U.S. Veterans Administration.

In 1962, Algeria became independent after 132 years of French rule.

In 1971, singer Jim Morrison of The Doors died in Paris at age 27.

In 1976, Israel launched its daring mission to rescue about 100 passengers and Air France crew members being held at Entebbe Airport in Uganda by pro-Palestinian hijackers.

In 1986, President Reagan presided over a gala ceremony in New York Harbor that saw the re-lighting of the renovated Statue of Liberty.

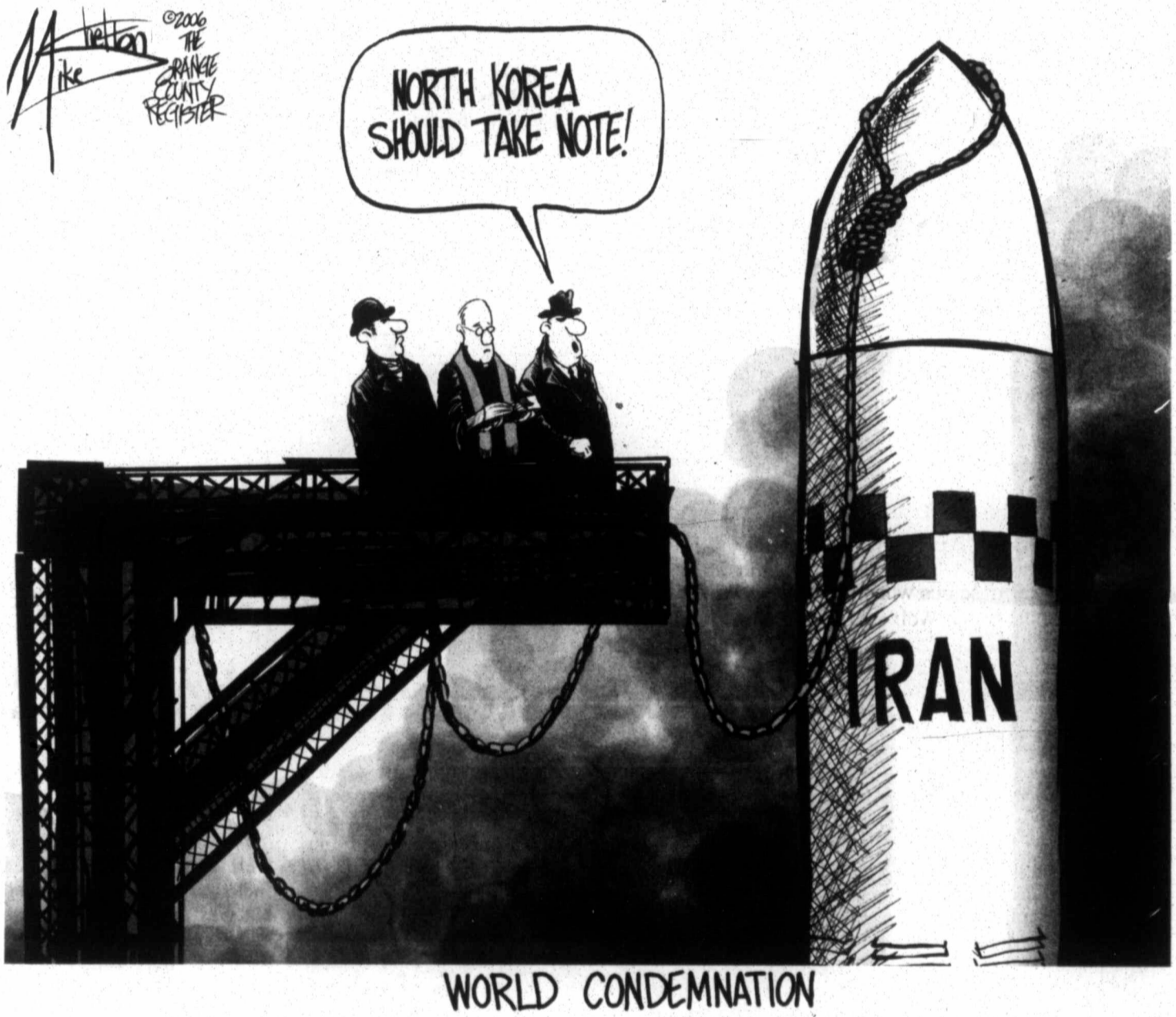
In 1988, the USS Vincennes shot down an Iran Air jetliner over the Persian Gulf, killing all 290 people aboard.

Ten years ago: Russians went to the polls to re-elect Boris Yeltsin president over his Communist challenger, Gennady Zyuganov, in a runoff. A blaze destroyed a fireworks store in Scottown, Ohio, filled with Fourth of July shoppers, killing nine people and injuring 11.

Five years ago: Flashing the defiance that marked his 13 years in power, former Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic refused to enter a plea on war crimes charges in his first appearance before a U.N. tribunal at The Hague. General Electric's \$41 billion purchase of Honeywell International was vetoed by the European Union — the first time a merger of two U.S. companies was stopped solely by European regulators.

'The passionate belief in the superior worthwhileness of our children. It is stored up in us as a great battery charged by the accumulated instincts of uncounted generations.'

— Ruth Benedict
American anthropologist
(1887-1948)



Bush haters make mockery of soldiers' deaths

The Biblical book of Ecclesiastes tells us there's a time for everything, including a "time to love and a time to hate ... a time for war and a time for peace."

There is also a time for rage, and in this time of war that time is now.

The bodies of two courageous U.S. soldiers, Pfc. Kristian Menchaca and Pfc. Thomas Tucker, were found recently, and, according to CNN reports, "mutilated and booby-trapped." They had been so horribly mutilated with their eyes gouged out and their remains so desecrated a visual identification was impossible — DNA testing was needed in order to confirm their identities.

CNN also reported that not only were the bodies booby-trapped, but homemade bombs also lined the road leading to the victims, an apparent effort to complicate recovery efforts and kill recovery teams.

That story makes my blood boil — and it should make yours reach boiling point, too. More than anything else in the recent events in Iraq, this horrific outrage demonstrates with awful clarity the kind of depraved monsters we are facing in the war on terrorism.

It also shows why they must be eliminated from the face of the earth. They are a species with which civilized mankind cannot co-exist. During the Civil War when Gen. T.J. "Stonewall" Jackson was asked how to deal with the enemy, he had a simple answer: "Kill 'em; kill 'em all."

The hideous torture and killing of Kristian Menchaca and Thomas Tucker should tell us that it's time to adopt Jackson's strategy as our own. Their deaths are proof that we face an enemy

that will never cut and run, but will lurk in the shadows and strike out against us at every opportunity until they have been wiped off the face of the earth. Nothing else can guarantee the safety of the American people.

Michael Reagan
Columnist



Incredibly in some quarters, instead of provoking rage — and a firm and renewed determination to prevail in the war against Islamofascist terrorism no matter how long it takes — this unspeakable outrage has been seized upon as an opportunity to make political capital out of a disaster of mammoth proportions.

The antiwar left in the Democrat party and the Bush haters in much of the mainstream media have been shameless in their reaction to the deaths of these two brave men.

How many relatives, for example, did NBC News have to canvass before they found a kin of Pfc. Menchaca who would take the occasion of his relative's murder to express his anti-administration views?

NBC's Today Show found Ken MacKenzie, Menchaca's uncle, who obligingly told NBC, "Because the U.S. government did not have a plan in place, my nephew has paid for it with his life."

He added that the government should have offered a \$100 million reward and offered to exchange

mujahideen detainees for the soldiers' lives. It seized enough money from Saddam Hussein to afford it, he said.

He had nothing to say about the brutes who murdered his nephew, and expressed no anger at them.

The Democrats all but jumped for joy over the sleazy opportunity they saw to exploit the soldiers' deaths for their political purposes. Listen to Illinois Democrat Sen. Dick Durbin's comment that the discovery of the two mutilated soldiers' bodies is a "grim reminder of the price we're paying for a failed policy in Iraq."

Like McKenzie, he didn't bother to direct his anger at the fiends who committed the atrocity.

Nor did he or any of his anti-war Democrat colleagues bother to note that the so-called "failed policy" in Iraq has produced 5 million Iraqi children inoculated since the U.S. went into Iraq, or how many schools and hospitals have been built, the 32,000 teachers trained, that 20 million Iraqis now have clean water — all the positive things they or the media studiously ignore.

Now instead of the rage they should feel, these white-flag-waving Democrats are demanding that the U.S. set some sort of timetable for withdrawal, ignoring the fact that such an act would be a signal to the al-Qaeda butchers to be patient and hang in there and wait for the U.S. to cut and run.

Have they no shame?
Mike Reagan, the eldest son of the late President Ronald Reagan, is heard on more than 200 talk radio stations nationally as part of the Radio America Network.

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Sports Day

Last American at Wimbledon loses

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) - For the first time in nearly a century, no Americans will play in the Wimbledon quarterfinals.

The last U.S. player left in either the men's or women's draw - Shenay Perry - lost 6-2, 6-0 today to seventh-seeded Elena Dementieva.

The 62nd-ranked Perry was gone in 54 minutes. She dropped 10 straight games from 2-2 in the first set, ending the American challenge by lunchtime on the first day of the second week. The American absence was embarrassing given that the U.S. has won more Wimbledon singles titles by far (83) than any other country.

The last time no Americans reached the quarterfinals at the All England Club was in 1911, when no U.S. women and only three men were entered in the tournament.

None of the nine American men in the draw this year reached the fourth round, with 1992 champion Andre Agassi and two-time finalist Andy Roddick losing Saturday to Rafael Nadal and Andy Murray, respectively.

Fourteen U.S. women were entered, with defending champion and three-time winner Venus Williams upset Saturday by Jelena Jankovic of Serbia.

The 21-year-old Perry, playing in the fourth round at a Grand Slam for

the first time, won only 13 points in the second set. She had just six winners, only one in the second set, and finished with 24 errors.

Dementieva had 21 winners and 16 errors to reach the Wimbledon quarters for the first time. The eighth-ranked Russian, a former finalist at the French and U.S. Opens, had lost in the fourth round at Wimbledon three times.

Also today, French qualifier Severine Bremond upset 18th-seeded Ai Sugiyama of Japan 7-6 (11), 6-3. She's the first qualifier to get this far at Wimbledon since Jelena Dokic and Alexandra Stevenson in 1999. The 30-year-old Sugiyama, a former quarterfinalist, was making her 14th straight appearance at Wimbledon.

After the middle Sunday's traditional day of rest, Wimbledon's second week started with a unique development, with all 16 men's and women's fourth-round matches on today's schedule.

Play began as a heat wave hit southern England, with temperatures nearing 90 degrees. Players cooled themselves with ice packs during changeovers, and fans were urged to drink plenty of water and use sun lotion.

On the men's schedule, it was: three-time champion Roger Federer

vs. No. 13 Tomas Berdych, French Open champion Rafael Nadal vs. qualifier Irakli Labadze, 2002 champion Lleyton Hewitt vs. No. 23 David Ferrer,

No. 7 Mario Ancic vs. Novak Djokovic, Australian Open runner-up Marcos Baghdatis vs. Andy Murray, No. 14 Radek Stepanek vs. No. 28 Fernando Verdasco, No. 22 Jarkko Nieminen vs. Dmitry Tursunov, and Jonas Bjorkman vs. Max Mirnyi in a matchup of doubles partners.

Only four of the top 12 men were still around after a surprise-filled first week, and 10 of the 16 remaining men reached Wimbledon's fourth round for the first time.

Among the women, Jankovic aimed for another upset on Monday against 2004 French Open champion Anastasia Myskina.

The other women's round-of-16 matchups: No. 1 Amelie Mauresmo vs. No. 19 Ana Ivanovic, No. 2 Kim Clijsters vs. Agnieszka Radwanska (only the fifth women's wild card to reach Wimbledon's fourth round), 2004 Wimbledon champion Maria Sharapova vs. No. 16 Flavia Pennetta, No. 3 Justine Henin-Hardenne vs. No. 15 Daniela Hantuchova, and No. 10 Nicole Pietrangeli vs. No. 27 Li Na.

SUMMER SNOW

Hey, should we take jackets?

It's a funny thing, the weather. Especially at more than 14,000 feet.

The family and I made a red-eye run to my home town - Colorado Springs - over the weekend for that belated hug I wanted to give my dad.

Now, there are three very important things we always clear off our plate during these visits. The first is obviously time with my father (never enough of it). The other two involve food. You haven't lived until you have had a whole cheeseburger from Conway's Red Top or a Mainliner pizza from Fargo's.

Little more than an hour away from Colorado Springs is the once booming gold town of Cripple Creek, now a gambling mecca nestled in the mountains. Now that our son is 21, we decided to make a run to the hills and leave some Texas money among the pine and aspen trees.

Shortly after we arrived, it started raining. It also got cold. Though as a younger man I spent my fair share of time in the hills and knew the weather could change at the drop of a hat, it just never crossed our minds to bring anything more than the summer gear we had with us.

Just across the way and slightly closer to the clouds, men and women were battling the elements in a little thing called the Pikes Peak International Hill Climb. While our concern was a cold rain, believe it or not, PPIHC fans and drivers were dealing with sleet and snow. The race had to be shortened as much of the upper course had become

too treacherous.

Again, I had forgotten just how different the weather can be in the mountains. Equally, my now Texas lungs had a tough time contending with the thin air. Fortunately, we happened upon an open casino door inside of which

were open chairs at a blackjack table. My son and I sought refuge there while the wife

went off to feed some starving slot machines. She is such a caring person.

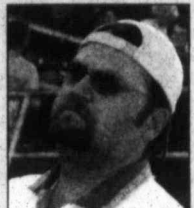
Not everyone wants to steal my camera

While in town, the wife and I took the boy on a tour of one of our favorite dating haunts - an overlook in a park not far from my old neighborhood that always made it feel like you were in the mountains. It's changed a bit but still offers an incredible view of the city.

As we stood there, taking pictures of each other, my wife says to me, "I'd ask one of those guys on those bikes to take a picture of all of us, but it would be my luck they would ride off with the camera like in that 'Vacation' movie." We laughed and continued playing tourists.

"Would you folks like me to take a family picture for you?" a voice called out. It was one of the guys on the bikes. We took him up on his offer and the picture came out great.

The last time my wife and I were at that overlook was when we were dating. I locked my keys in the car and had to call my parents to come unlock it for me. That's how my wife met the folks.



Michael J. Stevens
Sports Editor

Car plows into crowd at Indiana boat race

MADISON, Ind. (AP) - A car plowed into a crowd Sunday at a speedboat race on the Ohio River, injuring 11 people, police said.

The driver, Michael Bowen, 18, was slumped over the steering wheel as the vehicle approached a crowd barrier along the riverfront at the Madison Regatta, Madison Police Chief Bob Wolf said.

The car cut through the crowd, hit a golf cart used by officials and stopped about 25 feet out in the Ohio River. Bowen was unconscious when he was pulled from the water, Wolf said.

Bowen and a juvenile passenger were among the 11 injured. Four of the injured, including Bowen, were airlifted to hospitals in Louisville, Ky.,

about 40 miles away, Wolf said.

One was sent to Kosair Children's Hospital and the others were taken to University Hospital, officials said. Their conditions were not available Sunday evening.

Seven people were treated and released at King's Daughter's Hospital in Madison, hospital spokeswoman Nadja Boone said.

Police do not know what caused the accident, but said charges may be filed.

Witness David Edds, of Owensboro, Ky., told The Associated Press he heard a loud noise and saw a car in the air.

"I saw one young lady just frozen in her path, just standing at the water's

edge and the car ran directly over the top of her," he said.

Spectators rushed to help the injured, Edds said.

"There was just a trail of folks laying on the ground in the path of where the car had gone," he said.

The Madison Regatta's main event, the Indiana Governor's Cup, was canceled after the crash. The Associated Press left messages seeking comment with race officials.

Madison is in southeast Indiana, midway between Louisville, Ky., and Cincinnati. The annual race for unlimited hydroplanes draws thousands of people to the riverside community of about 13,000 every Fourth of July weekend.

Astros' Lance Berkman, Rangers' Matthews and Young are MLB All-Stars

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ARLINGTON, Texas - Michael Young kept saying that if anybody from the Texas Rangers deserved to go to the All-Star game it should be center fielder Gary Matthews Jr.

They'll go to Pittsburgh together for the July 11 game.

Young was selected to his third straight All-Star game as a backup shortstop Sunday. Matthews - a day after an incredible home run-robbing catch - got his first nod, 27 years after his father played in his only midsummer classic.

Houston Astros first baseman/outfielder Lance Berkman, the NL leader with 71 RBIs, was a manager's selection for his fourth All-Star game - and the only All-Star for the defending NL champions. Houston's Phil Garner is the NL manager.

The All-Star rosters were revealed Sunday night, before the Rangers and Astros wrapped up their three-game weekend series.

"I can't help but to think about my father playing in the game in 1979," Matthews said. "I feel so happy just to accomplish something my father did in this game. People have compared us for so long."

The Matthews duo is the 11th father-son combination to be All-Stars. The younger Matthews, now 31, didn't attend the 1979 game, but

watched it on television.

Matthews missed most of spring training and started this season on the disabled list because of a strained rib cage muscle - a freak injury sustained when he tried to prevent himself from sneezing while driving his car. But he went into Sunday night's game with a .326 average that ranked seventh in the AL, and was fourth with 25 doubles.

Along with the breakout offensive season, Matthews has had plenty of defensive highlights - the most impressive Saturday when he sprinted, leaped and stuck his glove over the eight-foot wall to rob Houston's Mike Lamb of a home run. Even Lamb stood in the infield and applauded after watching the replay.

"Gary's obviously deserving. He's had an incredible year. He's carried us this first half," Young said. "That play yesterday, the best I've ever seen. All the guys around the league, I'm sure, know he deserves it."

Before signing a minor league deal with Texas in April 2004, after being released that spring by Atlanta - the team for which Gary Matthews Sr. was an All-Star - the younger Matthews had played for five different teams over three seasons.

Overlooked by the fans who voted for All-Stars, the

switch-hitting Matthews was selected by the players' vote, filling the spot of injured Toronto outfielder Alex Rios. Young also was selected by the players for the third straight year.

"That's the ultimate compliment," Young said. "There are so many talented shortstops in our league, so it's really a humbling thing to know that the players selected me to go."

Young went into Sunday night's game with a .319 average, 10th in the AL.

He had 110 hits and 35 multihit games - both second in the league to Ichiro Suzuki. He had only five home runs, but with 51 RBIs was one of only three players in the majors with fewer than 10 homers but at least 50 RBIs.

Berkman was hitting .314 with 22 homers and 71 RBIs. With a single in the first inning Sunday, he has a hit in 21 of his last 23 games.

"Lance is clear-cut, no doubt. He's played very well defensively both in the outfield and at first base and, of course, he's leading the league in RBIs," Garner said.

"It's very gratifying. As far as individual honors are concerned, it's pretty high up there," Berkman said. "Your first time is always special, but each time you make it is great."

Sorenstam in a runaway at Newport

NEWPORT, R.I. (AP) - With her best chance to end a 10-year drought at the U.S. Women's Open, Annika Sorenstam left nothing to chance today morning by steamrolling to a five-shot lead over Pat Hurst at the turn of their 18-hole playoff.

Sorenstam thought she had this won in regulation with a 30-foot birdie putt that rippled over the right edge of the cup on the 18th hole Sunday evening, the end of a 36-hole marathon. Hurst then made a 5-foot par putt to force the extra day.

But it didn't take long for the extra day to be a short one.

Hurst hit her wedge a little heavy on the par-5 first hole, the ball spinning all the way off the green and leaving her about 70 feet from the cup. Sorenstam followed with a sand wedge that landed at the back of the green and spun back to 6 feet. Hurst left her putt up the hill 10 feet short, and left her par putt short. Sorenstam holed her birdie putt to quickly build a two-shot lead.

The playoff was stroke play, meaning it would go 18 holes.

It was the 10th playoff in the 61-year history of this championship, and the largest margin was 50 years ago when Kathy Cornelius won by seven shots (75-82) over amateur Barbara McIntire.

Newport Country Club played the easiest it had all week, with only a trace of wind. With gusts up to 20 mph the previous three days, no one broke par. Hurst and Sorenstam finished at even-par 284.

Hurst made it look tough as ever, though.

After a three-putt from just off the first green, she hit wedge into 4 feet on the second hole, then pulled it to the left. Sorenstam left herself a long birdie above the hole, but trickled down to 4 feet and escaped with par. On the par-4 third hole, the Swede hit from the first cut of rough to 8 feet for a birdie and a three-shot lead.

The most damaging blow came at the par-4 sixth.

Sorenstam's approach with a 4-iron squirted to the right out of the rough and into a bunker. She had a 40-yard shot to the green, but chucked it out of the muddy lie and barely got on the green, 65 feet away. Hurst, however, drove into the face of a bunker and laid up into the left rough, hitting wedge 25 feet above the cup.

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Stewart makes it two straight in Daytona

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) - Tony Stewart's slump is over, his shoulder is fine and his fence-climbing is as good as ever.

His moves in a mosh pit leave something to be desired.

Stewart was back to his on-track dominance and off-track hijinks, winning at Daytona International Speedway by charging to the lead with two laps to go Saturday night. He then celebrated with his trademark climbing of the fence, but made the mistake of jumping into the crowd - where he found himself overwhelmed by rowdy fans.

He had to be rescued by his crew and several NASCAR officials, who cleared a path through the mob for the beloved NASCAR champion.

"I made the mistake of going down the ladder," he said. "I thought there was a gate there. I didn't find the gate and was in the mosh pit for a while."

But Stewart, who started climbing fences with this race last year, wasn't going to disappoint the expectant crowd.

"There was no way I was going to let those race fans down," he said. "It started here ... I was either going to get all the way up or I was going to fall off and fall on my butt. But I wasn't going to stop."

"It was every bit as big, if not bigger, than it was last year."

But the race was nothing like last year, when he rolled to a dominating victory in which he led all but nine laps. Instead, he had to earn it after two late cautions nearly yanked the win away from him.

Stewart, who led 85 of the 160 laps, was out front when Jimmie Johnson bumped into Bobby Labonte with 14 laps to go to bring out just the fourth caution in what had been an unusually calm race. It set up one final round of pit stops, and Stewart dropped all the way back to 10th on the restart.

Boris Said, the surprising pole-sitter, didn't pit and inherited the lead. But he kept a nervous eye on his rearview mirror, all too aware of Stewart's bright orange No. 20 Chevrolet closing in on his bumper.

Stewart jumped all the way to second in one sweeping move on the low side of the track, and was preparing to pass Said when a wreck behind him brought out the fifth caution. It gave

him time to figure his strategy, which was to sit back and let Said jump out to a huge lead on the restart with three laps to go.

It left Said without any drafting help, and Stewart used a full steam of drafting help to pass him on the outside with two to go.

"I felt like we had a better shot of getting around Boris than we would anybody else," Stewart said. "Not because Boris isn't a great driver, but he hasn't had a lot of experience on restrictor plate racing and knowing what to do and what to watch for."

"I knew some things I could do that he wouldn't be looking for."

He was back out front when the race was stopped on the final lap for a debris caution, earning his second win of the season and ending a slump that began six races ago when he broke his shoulder blade in an accident in Charlotte, N.C.

Stewart had finishes of 42nd, 25th, third, 41st and 28th since the accident, and dropped from fourth to seventh in the standings. The victory pushed him back up to fifth.

"This team needed this," he said in Victory Lane. "We've had two really rough weeks the last couple of weeks."

Stewart celebrated with his climb to the top of the flagstand, then took it a step further by going over into the crowd.

"I don't know why I do half the stupid stuff I do," he said. "I really felt good at the end of the race until I got stupid and went up the flagstand."

Kyle Busch finished second, his older brother, Kurt, was third and the two were disappointed not to get a chance to team together to chase Stewart down on the final lap.

"I would have done anything Kyle needed me to do for him to go to Victory Lane," Kurt said.

"What a brother," Kyle replied.

"It takes two to pass Tony," Kurt added.

Said, running in just his second race of the year, wound up an impressive fourth and was thrilled with the outcome.

"I just feel like Rocky Balboa in the 15th round, and I just won," he said.

Matt Kenseth finished fifth and was followed by Elliott Sadler, Casey Mears, Jamie McMurray, Kevin Harvick and Clint Bowyer.

Hornish wins, takes points lead

KANSAS CITY, Kan. (AP) - Sam Hornish Jr. celebrated his 27th birthday with his second straight Indy Racing League victory - and the season points lead.

Hornish blew past Dan Wheldon after a restart with 17 laps to go Sunday at Kansas Speedway, then won a back-and-forth battle down the stretch for his third victory of the season.

Wheldon passed Hornish on the 197th lap of the 200-lap, 300-mile race. He was still narrowly ahead with two to go, but Hornish retook the lead in the white flag lap and held it until the end of the Kansas Lottery Indy 300.

"We gave it everything we got," said Wheldon, who also was second here last year and has not won since the season opener at Homestead. "We just came up short."

Vitor Meira was third for the second straight year, his third straight top-three finish here. But it was little consolation for the 29-year-old Brazilian, who extended one IRL record for futility and matched another.

Meira has not won in 53

career starts, extending his own record, and his 53-race winless streak matches the longest in league history. Robbie Buhl and Billy Boat also went 53 races without a win, but each of those streaks came after a victory.

He was followed in the top 10 by Scott Dixon, 2005 race winner Tony Kanaan, Helio Castroneves, Tomas Scheckter, Kosuke Matsuura, and rookies Marco Andretti and Jeff Simmons.

The race looked to be little more than a duel between Wheldon and Hornish, who started in the top two positions and held them for much of the day, until two late crashes tightened the field.

Wheldon retook the lead when Hornish pitted under green in the 149th lap and was still leading when Scott Sharp spun into the wall on lap 168.

Then, after Wheldon pulled away from the resulting restart with 25 laps to go, Buddy Rice hit the wall in turn four and brought out another caution.

Astros rough up Rangers, 9-5

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) - Maybe the Houston Astros are ready to make another second-half run.

Eric Munson was 3-for-5 with a career-high five RBIs and Craig Biggio passed Babe Ruth on the career hits list as the Astros beat Texas 9-5 on Sunday night for their second straight victory to end what was a miserable road trip.

"Just mathematically speaking, we need the wins in the win column. But we also need to go home with a good feeling," manager Phil Garner said. "This gives us a good feeling."

The Astros (40-42), who started the second half of their schedule, have the same record as a year ago when they went to the World Series after winning the NL wild card in the final game for the second straight season.

Houston was 1-6 on this trip before clinching the Lone Star Series against the Rangers. The Astros play their last seven games before the All-Star break at home.

"We want to get back on track again," Biggio said.

Munson, the designated catcher for Wandy Rodriguez (9-5), had a two-run single in the first inning and a bases-clearing double in a seven-run fourth. The Astros wrapped up the season series with a 4-2 advantage, taking home the Silver Boot trophy for the first time since 2003.

Kevin Millwood (8-5), who became the Rangers' No. 1 starter when he signed a \$60 million, five-year free agent deal in December, left in the middle of that fourth inning with a strained right biceps. The Rangers said the right-hander would be re-evaluated today.

Millwood said the pain felt like a cramp, but didn't go away, preventing him from extending his arm and finish-

ing his pitches.

"It feels a little achy right now. The doc doesn't think it's anything too serious," Millwood said. "It wasn't a sharp pain. It was kind of a dull ache ... I think if it was something serious it would hurt a lot more."

The last batter Millwood faced was Biggio, whose RBI single broke a 4-all tie and pushed him past Ruth for 36th on the hits list.

Biggio, the scrappy second baseman who has spent his 19 major league seasons with Houston, matched Ruth at 2,873 hits with a double in the second.

"To have your name associated with somebody like that, to me he's probably one of the best representatives of the game of baseball ever, is pretty nice," said Biggio, the designated hitter in the Astros' final interleague game.

Rangers outfielder Gary Matthews Jr., chosen Sunday for his first All-Star game as a reserve, was 4-for-5 with a pair of RBI doubles. Rookie second baseman Ian Kinsler had three doubles.

Lance Berkman, the only All-Star pick from the defending NL champions, was also 3-for-5 and four Astros had two hits. Houston finished with 16 hits, Preston Wilson the only starter without one after going 5-for-9 the first two games of the series.

Chris Burke and Adam Everett had consecutive one-out singles in the fourth before Willy Taveras' double sent them home to tie it. Biggio followed with the go-ahead single.

Rangers pitching coach Mark Connor visited the mound after Biggio's hit. Manager Buck Showalter and a trainer were then called out, and Millwood left the game after a very brief discussion.

Millwood allowed nine hits and six

runs in 3 1-3 innings, his second-shortest outing this season, with one walk and no strikeouts. The AL ERA champion last season (2.86) for Cleveland has a 4.83 ERA through 18 starts in Texas.

In his previous start Tuesday at San Francisco, Millwood matched a career high by allowing 12 hits in six innings. That loss snapped his five-game winning streak over eight starts.

Rodriguez also equaled a career high in his previous start, 10 hits allowed at Detroit. The Rangers got five runs and seven hits in 5 1-3 innings against the left-hander, who struck out three and walked two.

Brad Lidge got the final out for his 20th save in 23 chances.

Munson was in the lineup to catch Rodriguez, not because of regular catcher Brad Ausmus being in an 0-for-31 slump and without a hit since June 18. Munson had four RBIs when he homered twice June 11 against Atlanta, another game Rodriguez pitched.

The Astros loaded the bases after Millwood left and Munson cleared them with his double into the right-field corner. Morgan Ensberg's RBI double off reliever Ron Mahay made it 6-4 before that.

Texas led 4-2 in the second after four straight run-scoring hits: doubles by Kinsler and Gerald Laird before a single by Jerry Hairston Jr. and a double by Matthews - whose other RBI double came in the fourth.

Notes: Biggio was hit by a pitch in the seventh, increasing his modern day major league record to 278. ... The Astros and Rangers finished 7-11 in interleague play. ... Millwood's shortest outing was May 9 at home against Minnesota, when he allowed nine runs and nine hits in 1 1-3 innings.

MAJOR LEAGUE ALL-STARS

White Sox, Mets each have six on the roster

NEW YORK (AP) - With six All-Stars, the Chicago White Sox are tied with the New York Mets for most in the majors.

Just don't accuse AL manager Ozzie Guillen of favoritism.

"Whoever doesn't like it, play better next year and pick another manager," the White Sox skipper said Sunday.

The White Sox won't have any starters, unless pitcher Jose Contreras is given the nod for the July 11 game in Pittsburgh. But they'll have plenty of players on the bench. Slugger Jim Thome, first baseman Paul Konerko, outfielder Jermaine Dye, lefty Mark Buehrle and closer Bobby Jenks all made it, along with Contreras.

Chicago also could have a seventh player added in Internet balloting: catcher A.J. Pierzynski.

The Mets had four starters elected by fans, including third baseman David Wright and shortstop Jose Reyes - each 23 and chosen for the first time.

"I'm real proud of my two pups," Mets manager Willie Randolph said. "That's an awesome accomplishment and a real honor for them."

They will be joined in the lineup by catcher Paul Lo Duca and outfielder Carlos Beltran. Starting pitchers Tom Glavine and Pedro Martinez also made it.

Another Mets pitcher could be added, too - closer Billy Wagner is one of five candidates for the final NL spot in Internet balloting.

For the fourth straight season, the winner of the All-Star game will get home-field advantage in the World Series.

Detroit's Ivan Rodriguez was selected to start at catcher for the 11th time. He's now a 13-time All-Star, the most of any active player.

He edged Minnesota's Joe Mauer in fan balloting by less than 17,000 votes. The 23-year-old Mauer, who leads the majors with a .392 batting average, made it as a reserve.

"Every time I go there, it's like the first time," said Rodriguez, whose 11

starts tie him with Mike Piazza for the most among catchers.

Twenty-three players will be going for the first time, among them Philadelphia second baseman Chase Utley, elected by fans to start.

St. Louis first baseman Albert Pujols was the leading vote-getter among fans, chosen on more than 3.4 million ballots. It will be his third start.

As always, there were some notable snubs, including Los Angeles Dodgers first baseman Nomar Garciaparra, Boston pitcher Curt Schilling and Yankees ace Mike Mussina. Garciaparra, however, could be added through Internet balloting this week.

"I'm not worried about that," Garciaparra said. "Whether you make it or don't make it doesn't determine whether you're having a good year."

Some of baseball's biggest names will be missing, including Barry Bonds, Roger Clemens, Piazza, Ken Griffey Jr. and Randy Johnson.

The four starters for the Mets equals the number Boston had last year. The Red Sox were the first team with four starters since the 1976 Cincinnati Reds had five, according to the Elias Sports Bureau. The six All-Stars were also the most in franchise history for New York.

Also elected by fans to start for the National League were outfielders Jason Bay of host Pittsburgh and Alfonso Soriano of Washington.

Seven of the eight AL starters have started previously, with Boston second baseman Mark Loretta the only first-timer.

Yankees shortstop Derek Jeter will be making his seventh appearance, though it's only the second time he's been voted in as a starter. New York third baseman Alex Rodriguez is on the team for the 10th time, and this will be his ninth start.

The left side of both infields will be all players from the Big Apple.

Boston's David Ortiz, picked as the starting designated hitter last year, will get the start at first base. Teammate Manny Ramirez, the AL's leading

vote-getter with more than 3.1 million, is on the team for the 10th time and was selected as a starter in the outfield for the eighth time. He'll be joined by Vladimir Guerrero of the Angels and Seattle's Ichiro Suzuki.

The Oakland Athletics, in first place in the AL West, had just one All-Star in pitcher Barry Zito. Emerging outfielder Nick Swisher was left off.

San Diego, on top in the NL West, was represented only by reliever Trevor Hoffman.

Some backups were selected via the player ballot, others by Guillen and NL manager Phil Garner of Houston in conjunction with the commissioner's office.

The other AL reserves were Toronto third baseman Troy Glaus, Texas shortstop Michael Young, Cleveland outfielder Grady Sizemore, Baltimore shortstop Miguel Tejada and Blue Jays outfielder Vernon Wells.

Yankees second baseman Robinson Cano and Toronto outfielder Alex Rios, each picked as a reserve, are injured and will be replaced by Seattle's Jose Lopez and Texas' Gary Matthews Jr., respectively.

The AL pitching staff includes starters Roy Halladay of Toronto, Minnesota ace Johan Santana, Kenny Rogers of Detroit, Scott Kazmir of Tampa Bay and Mark Redman of Kansas City.

The relievers are Boston rookie Jonathan Papelbon, Toronto closer B.J. Ryan and Mariano Rivera of the Yankees.

Also selected as NL reserves were Atlanta catcher Brian McCann, shortstop Edgar Renteria and outfielder Andruw Jones; first baseman Ryan Howard of Philadelphia; Florida second baseman Dan Uggla and third baseman Miguel Cabrera; Colorado outfielder Matt Holliday; outfielder Carlos Lee of Milwaukee; St. Louis third baseman Scott Rolen; Houston first baseman Lance Berkman; and Pittsburgh third baseman Freddy Sanchez.

Aldred dead at 85

MONTROSE, Colo. (AP) - Anna Lee Aldred, the first woman in the United States to receive a jockey's license and a member of the National Cowgirl Hall of Fame, died June 12. She was 85.

Aldred was born in this western Colorado town on April 19, 1921, and began riding horses at an early age. She competed at amateur tracks in Colorado and Wyoming and won her first pony race at age 6 in

Montrose, according to the Colorado Women's Hall of Fame.

She received her professional jockey's license in 1939, when she was 18, from California's Agua Caliente Racetrack. The license, a small wooden badge, is now on display at the National Cowgirl Museum and Hall of Fame in Fort Worth, Texas.

She was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1983.

Sprint king McEwen wins stage two of Tour de France

ESCH-SUR-ALZETTE, Luxembourg (AP) - Australia's Robbie McEwen won the second stage of the Tour de France in a sprint finish today, and Norway's Thor Hushovd reclaimed the lead from George Hincapie.

Hincapie, who was the fourth American to wear the leader's yellow jersey, dropped to fourth overall. Belgium's Tom Boonen is second and McEwen third.

McEwen, a sprinter from the Davitamon-Lotto team, was followed by Boonen. Hushovd was third after his left shoe popped out of its pedal in the final stretch.

It was the ninth stage victory in nine Tours for McEwen. He is trying to win the green jersey as the three-week race's best sprinter, a title he captured in 2002 and 2004.

The 137-mile route from Obernai in eastern France is the second-longest stage in this year's race.

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7-3 CRYPTOQUOTE
PUYHCP AD YAXH KECHN.
NET JEC'P SUMH PE SUMH
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— OTYHD IHCUJJ
—Saturday's Cryptoquote: SOME PEOPLE USE ONE HALF OF THEIR INGENUITY TO GET INTO DEBT, AND THE OTHER HALF TO AVOID PAYING IT. — G.D. PRENTICE

Moove on in!
BRAUM'S is looking for top

Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I need your help with something. My 16-year-old grandson seems to think that all his mother does is stay at home. He conveniently "forgets" that she is a housekeeper, gardener, cook, teacher, nurse, driver and mediator. Could you please print a breakdown of what a stay-at-home wife should be paid? I would love to have a list so I can pass the "bill" on to him. — **VIVIAN IN COLONIAL BEACH, VA.**

DEAR VIVIAN: According to the Census Bureau figures for 2004 -- which are the most recent -- there are 36.7 million mothers of minor children in the United States. About one-third of them, 10.8 million, are stay-at-home moms. According to an article penned by Al Neuharth, the founder of USA Today, in its May 11, 2006, edition, "Salary.com compensation experts estimate that stay-at-home moms work an average of 91.6 hours a week." That's more than double the number of hours the average office worker puts in. He went on to say, "That should be worth \$134,121 annually." He quoted the compensation analysts as figuring the lowest-paying parts of a mother's job are "housekeeper, laundry machine operator and janitor. Higher-paying categories include computer operator, facilities manager, psychologist and CEO." With a 91.6-hour work week, 52 weeks a year, it works out to be \$28.16 an hour. It should go without saying that a mother's love is priceless, so tell that grandson of yours that \$28.16 an hour is a real bargain.

DEAR ABBY: I am going through a divorce. It's not that I did not love my almost-ex, but that he was never someone I could depend on emotionally or financially. I'm writing to you because I have become very interested in someone who is dependable and caring, and over the past

year I have found we have a lot in common. He is my kids' doctor. I haven't dated anyone except my husband since I was 18, let alone talked to a guy. So I sent him a letter at his office, and am now having regrets that I did because of the fear of rejection. I must face him again in three weeks. The letter was written with only my e-mail address. I just don't know what to do! I really like this man, and I'm scared to death he'll be upset that I sent the letter. Please help. — **MOMMY IN INDIANA**

DEAR MOMMY: The doctor won't be "upset." He will probably be complimented. He may, however, already be married, involved with someone, or gay -- so if your ardor isn't reciprocated, please do not feel personally rejected.

DEAR ABBY: Yesterday, a friend stayed over at my house. When it was time for her to leave, I went to put something in her bag and found a ton of MY stuff in there! She made up a lame excuse that "someone else" must have put it in her bag. I knew she was lying, and I told her whoever put it there had better speak up and I wouldn't be mad if they confessed -- but she still denied it. How do I confront her and still keep our friendship? — **CONFUSED IN GREAT FALLS, MONT.**

DEAR CONFUSED: You have already "confronted" her, and it only led to more lies. Now it's time to recognize that the girl you thought was your friend is a person who may have some severe emotional problems. Under the circumstances, it's time to re-evaluate your relationship, because I'm not sure you should consider her a friend any longer. P.S. And always keep a watchful eye on your "stuff" when she's in the vicinity!

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Zits



Garfield



Beetle Bailey



Marvin



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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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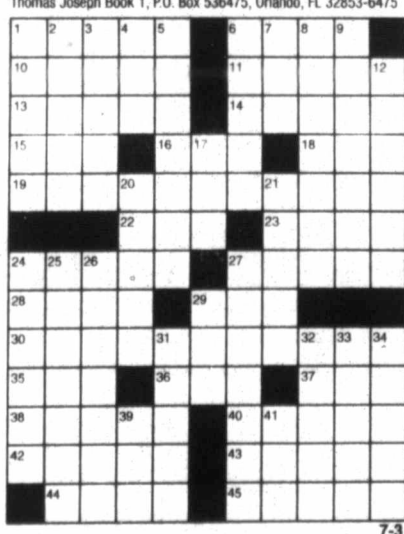
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