

Clintons' lawyers criticize Whitewater prosecution

WASHINGTON (AP) — Lashing out for the first time, the first family's lawyer accused Whitewater prosecutors Tuesday of inflicting "leak-and-smear" damage on Hillary Rodham Clinton and of violating grand jury secrecy rules.

"We adamantly reject the suggestion of impropriety," prosecutor Kenneth Starr replied.

In a letter sanctioned by President Clinton, attorney David Kendall accused Starr of engaging in "a public relations offensive" that "is wholly inconsistent with your professional obligations as a prosecutor."

Kendall's attack was prompted by a New York Times Magazine story on Sunday that quoted unnamed prosecutors from Starr's office. It contained "plain violations of grand jury secrecy" rules imposed on prosecutors, Kendall wrote.

Three former prosecutors sided with Kendall, saying the article indeed raised questions about conduct by

Starr and his prosecutors.

"What Ken Starr has done with the New York Times piece is outrageous; it's antithetical to everything we've learned as prosecutors and as independent counsels and he should be ashamed of himself," said Michael Zeldin, a former Justice Department lawyer.

Zeldin was part of the independent counsel probe into a 1992 search of then-presidential candidate Clinton's passport files.

Kendall's six-page letter marks the first time the Clintons' Whitewater lawyer has publicly criticized the prosecutor.

And it comes at a time when the Whitewater probe is intensifying. Prosecutors questioned witnesses Tuesday



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before the grand jury in Little Rock, Ark. And Starr recently filed court papers saying he had gathered "extensive evidence" of possible obstruction of justice, including witness tampering, perjury and document destruction.

White House press secretary Mike McCurry said Kendall discussed the letter with Clinton. "He agrees with the sentiments conveyed by Mr. Kendall," McCurry said.

"What is needed is a wholehearted commitment to winding up this investigation in an appropriate way," Kendall wrote to Starr. "This means not chasing every rainbow or every partisan rumor, whether in the hope of wounding or destroying a target, or for any other reason."

"The present public posturing on your part suggests to me a total loss of perspective: I don't believe that there's ever been a jocular here for you to go for, but in the last several months, you've demonstrated an unerring instinct for the capillary."

SPORTS BRIEFS

Red Wings win in Game 2 of finals

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — After 42 years of waiting, maybe the time has finally come for the Detroit Red Wings to win the Stanley Cup again.

One thing is a little more certain after the Red Wings' 4-2 victory Tuesday night gave them a 2-0 lead in the best-of-7 Cup finals.

The Flyers' goaltending change from Ron Hextall to Garth Snow that was supposed to provide a spark backfired.

Kirk Maltby beat Snow with a 45-foot shot early in the second period and Mike Vernon made the lead stand up by making 29 saves as the Red Wings won on the road again and go home with a chance to win their first Cup since 1955.

Graf ousted in French Open

PARIS (AP) — Nothing was working for Steffi Graf. Her vaunted forehand was missing wildly, her backhand slice was off, her serve wasn't doing any damage.

All she could do was throw her head back and let out an anguished cry, screaming an obscenity in German that summed up one of the worst days in her Grand Slam career.

Graf and fellow defending champion Yevgeny Kafelnikov became the latest victims Tuesday of the wildest, most unpredictable French Open in memory.

Graf, a five-time winner whose career is suddenly in crisis, tumbled out in the quarterfinals in an error-filled 6-1, 6-4 loss to 11th-seeded Amanda Coetzer.

Oilers move not a done deal yet

HOUSTON (AP) — Harris County commissioners failed to give final approval Tuesday to a plan that would allow the Houston Oilers to move to Tennessee a year early.

County Judge Robert Eckels said all parties generally had agreed on terms of the settlement but attorneys for the city and county still were working out details.

In an agreement passed by the commissioners earlier this year, the county would receive a \$5.25 million settlement that would include the NFL team's practice facility, valued at \$1.5 million.

"There are issues of the method of conveying the field and practice facility to the county," Eckels said. "There are issues of title insurance yet to be covered in the proposed document, and there are technical issues about who would enforce these agreements."

Astros win over Dodgers, 4-3

HOUSTON (AP) — Jeff Bagwell, after hitting the game-winning homer in the 10th inning, gave Craig Biggio credit for playing the most important supporting role.

"Craig's play saved the game for us," Bagwell said after his homer off Scott Radinsky gave the Astros a 4-3 victory Tuesday. "If he doesn't decoy Nelson Liriano, the Dodgers score, they bring in Todd Worrell and it's an entirely different situation."

Liriano's baserunning blunder came in the top of the ninth inning with the game tied 3-3. The second baseman led off with a single, and two outs later, Liriano broke for second as Mike Piazza delivered a double down the right-field line.

Liriano should have scored easily, but Biggio faked the runner as if the throw was coming to second. Liriano rounded second, but stopped, turned, stepped back to second and then stumbled as he resumed running to third base.

Johnson probably out 2-4 weeks

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. (AP) — Michael Johnson's coach on Tuesday questioned Donovan Bailey's entourage for ordering him to deliberately try and get Johnson injured.

"From the accounts I've read in the Toronto papers, Dan Pfaff (Bailey's coach) ordered Donovan to go take him out hard and you'll get him hurt," Clyde Hart said, referring to Sunday's 150-meter match race at Toronto's SkyDome.

It was announced Tuesday that Johnson probably will be sidelined 2-4 weeks.

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Army may give potential drill sergeants psychological exams

Decision result of numerous sexual assault cases

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Army is considering giving psychological exams to potential drill instructors and bolstering anti-sex harassment training to weed out any who might prey on vulnerable recruits, military officials said Tuesday.

The suggestions are expected to be contained in a report slated to go to Army Secretary Togo West, perhaps as early as next week. Last November, West ordered a high-level panel to review the service's sexual mis-

conduct problems and come up with recommendations.

The secretary took action after the sexual assault and harassment scandal was made public at the Army's ordnance school in Aberdeen, Md. Complaints of rape and other misconduct involved primarily noncommissioned officers and young female trainees under their charge.

The panel's report is expected to fault the service for failing to do an adequate job of screening instructors, particularly those

who have nearly total control over young recruits.

Besides the psychological screening, officials also want to lengthen the time frame for background checks from three to five years for potential drill instructors, said a senior military officer familiar with the proposals.

There has not been a sufficient look back at people's records to establish whether criminal or improper conduct has occurred, said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Son of CEO found bound, shot to death

NEW YORK (AP) — The schoolteacher son of Time Warner's chief executive was found bound and shot to death in his apartment.

Police said Tuesday they had no motive and no suspects in the slaying of 31-year-old Jonathan Levin, who had been shot in the head. There was no sign of a break-in, said police spokeswoman Noreen Murray.

Levin was the youngest of three children of Gerald and Carol Levin, who divorced in 1970. The elder Levin has been chairman and chief executive of Time Warner for four years.

Co-workers from Taft High School in the Bronx sent police to Levin's apartment in a prosperous neighborhood on Manhattan's Upper

West Side on Monday night after he failed to show up for a teacher's conference Saturday or report for work on Monday. He lived alone in a one-bedroom apartment.

His body was discovered face down, halfway out of the kitchen, and his feet were bound with duct tape. He also had unspecified chest wounds.

Police said it was unclear when Levin was killed. David Garcia, a neighborhood hardware-store clerk, said he saw him walk by on Saturday afternoon.

A neighbor said he heard Levin's dog barking all weekend. The dog had been shut in the bedroom.

Neighbors described Levin as a humble man who never mentioned his family's wealth.

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However, Lampley said funding is not the only reason for the bill.

"We hope it will make minors realize they have a responsibility when driving," Lampley said.

Lampley hopes word of the tougher penalties will get to high-school students, deterring them from breaking the law by consuming alcohol.

Kerri Crocker, a 20-year-old junior psychology major, said the bill will not stop minors from drinking or driving intoxicated.

"They will just get sneakier," Crocker said. "I know people who have gotten DWIs and they still drive. They just hope they won't get caught."

SB 35 is not the only bill sent to Bush pertaining to alcohol use by minors. Two bills targeting retailers selling alcohol to minors were also sent to the governor.

HB 3440 would place stricter penalties on retailers who serve, sell or deliver alcohol to people who are under 21. Penalties include canceling the retailer's alcohol license.

HB 3441 gives the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission authority to use minors in sting operations.

Joel Romo, assistant to Rep. Dan Kubiak, who sponsored the bill, said the TABC already enforced the penalties, and these bills simply put the penalties and methods they use "in the books."

Sgt. Laban Toscano of the enforcement division of

the Bryan-College Station TABC District Office, said appellate courts upheld TABC's practices of canceling alcohol licenses and doing sting operations. He said legislators just wanted to put it into statutory law.

But whether or not the TABC laws are upheld by courts or are in the books, retail store owners must still abide by them.

Some store owners believe the laws put more responsibility on them than the actual perpetrators of the crime: minors.

J.J. Ruffino, owner of J.J.'s Package Stores in Bryan and College Station, said he and his employees pick up over 200 false IDs every year.

"I have no intent of breaking the law," Ruffino said. Ruffino said he realizes it is hard to find stores who sell to minors, but he does not believe sting operations conducted by TABC are fair.

"I've never agreed with TABC giving us (retailers) an opportunity to break the law," Ruffino said.

However, Randy Yarbrough, assistant administrator for the TABC in Austin, said all bills dealing with minors and alcohol are about individuals taking responsibility for their actions.

"As a store owner you have a responsibility," Yarbrough said. "Holding an alcoholic license is a privilege, like a driver's license."

Yarbrough said these privileges can be taken away as punishment.

"We're trying to balance out the store owner's responsibility with someone under 21 who tries to buy alcohol," he said.

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Sparks pleaded guilty to a charge of intoxicated manslaughter and was sentenced to a six-year prison term.

Sgt. Laban Toscano, of the enforcement division of the Bryan-College Station division TABC district office, said the case, which is awaiting a decision by Judge Cathleen Parsley, is not yet settled because of the judge's request to have final arguments put into writing.

"With a case like this, you never know how long it will take,"

Toscano said. "Harry's may not see a final decision for another couple of weeks."

The bar faces a possible fine or liquor license suspension.

Parsley recently considered testimony by witnesses who said Harry's employees make every possible effort to avoid serving patrons who are drunk.

But Lt. Scott McCollum, public information officer for the College Station Police Department, said there have been several minors charged with possession of alcoholic beverages and even public intoxication at Harry's.

A bartender charged with selling alcohol to a minor can

face severe consequences, including time served in jail and a large fine, Rick Powell, coordinator of Student Legal Services for Texas A&M University, said. The state of Texas requires bartenders to have TABC certification, which is obtained by taking a course on alcoholic beverages in which they learn about the effects of alcohol and when to stop serving it to someone.

A business can lose its liquor license or face other sanctions if found liable for misconduct of serving alcohol.

Seaback, who also owns JD Wells, The Tap and Barracuda Bar, was unavailable for comment.

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A 13-foot model of the Boeing 747 Air Force One will allow viewers to get a closer look at the president's plane.

Portraits and a large section of the Berlin Wall torn down during Bush's administration will dominate the walls of the complex.

A Persian Gulf War era patriot missile symbolizing the United States' involvement in that conflict will be displayed along with a replica of a SCUD missile (as space allows).

Bush's 1,500-piece menagerie of elephant figurines, made of everything from crystals to coconut,

will be displayed.

The complex includes three main sections: the George Bush School of Government, the Presidential Conference Center and the Presidential Library, Museum and Archives.

The Bush Museum is on an approximately 18,000-square foot area that once housed A&M's hog farm.

Archives of papers also may be viewed on computers in the archives section of the Library.

Bush told reporters following former President Richard Nixon's funeral that he wished for he and his wife Barbara to be buried under a tree-shaded area on the complex grounds. Their daughter Robin, who died in 1953 of leukemia, will be buried near them.

Millie, the Bushes' dog, died last month and also is expected to be buried at the site.