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MTA favoring big fare hikes to limit cuts

BY PETE DONOHUE
DAILY NEWS STAFF WRITER

THE MTA BOARD is leaning toward enacting larger fare hikes instead of smaller increases that would force massive service cuts, agency Chairman Peter Kalikow said yesterday.

Facing a gaping deficit, Kalikow said he would go along with boosting monthly MetroCards to \$84 — a \$14 increase — as well as raising weekly cards \$3 to \$24.



Alan Hevesi

"If it's the judgment of the board that there should be a higher increase with no cuts I would be fine with that," Kalikow said.

A second proposal would enact a smaller \$6 hike on monthly cards, but it would force the cash-strapped agency to cut bus service, close 164 token booths and lay off up to 1,250 transit workers.

"They would rather go the other

way," Kalikow said.

Hearings still must be held to gauge public reaction to the proposals. Mayor Bloomberg has said he is not convinced fare hikes are necessary.

The base \$2 fare would remain the same under the plans, and commuter rail and tolls also would go up.

Kalikow also said that a 30-day MetroCard user uses the card an average of 67 times a month. With the \$14 price increase, the average cost of a trip for such a person would go from \$1.08 to \$1.22.

Meanwhile, state Controller Alan Hevesi blamed the MTA's binge borrowing and bureaucracy for creating the fiscal crisis.

When the state cut subsidies, the agency went deep into debt to pay for system maintenance and upgrades, a Hevesi report found.

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Caught just in time

A SHARP-EYED witness helped cops nab a pair of jewelry thieves suspected of stealing \$10,000 worth of watches from a midtown shop early yesterday, police said.

The witness spotted two men leaving the Plaza Watch and Jewelry Exchange at 145 W. 57th St. just before 4:30 a.m. and alerted cops, police said.

After giving police a description of the bandits, the witness volunteered to ride along with the cops to help search for suspects. Within an hour, cops in a different police cruiser spotted the bandits at 55th St. and Sixth Ave., and arrested them.

Felipe Flores, 22, and John Cuzano, 18, both of Dover, N.J., were charged with burglary for allegedly stealing about 100 watches.

Tom Raftery
and Robert F. Moore

Music school big played it for 45G

THE FORMER EXECUTIVE director of a prominent East Harlem music school that won fame in a 1999 Meryl Streep movie pleaded guilty yesterday to stealing nearly \$45,000 over four years.

Katharine Ogonek, 44, of the Bronx, was sentenced to five years' probation, and must pay the school back in full, prosecutors said.

Ogonek pleaded guilty to grand larceny for using the group's credit card to charge more than \$10,000 for personal items bought from Saks, Sharper Image, Pottery Barn and Crate and Barrel, officials said.

She also admitted writing more than \$14,000 in unauthorized checks to pay personal bills and to get cash which she then deposited in her account.

The group, Opus 118 Harlem Center for Strings, was the subject of an Oscar-winning documentary and the movie, "Music of the Heart." Streep portrayed board chairwoman Roberta Guaspari, a single mother who inspired local public school children to play the violin.

The nonprofit group provides music and string instruction to public school children in East Harlem.

Barbara Ross

Kin eye ex-cop in deli clerk death probe

BY ROBERT F. MOORE
DAILY NEWS STAFF WRITER

PROSECUTORS VOWED to present the case of a Queens grocery store clerk shot dead by a former cop to a grand jury after meeting yesterday with the victim's grieving father.

"We went there to demand justice," said Noe Chametla, 40, following his sit-down with Queens District Attorney Richard Brown and City Councilman Hiram Monserrate (D-Corona), who helped arrange the meeting.

Chametla's 18-year-old son, Manuel, was shot in his chest by a retired

NYPD detective just before midnight Oct. 18 as he worked behind the counter at the Astoria Food Mart.

The ex-cop, John Malik, 60, told police his registered gun fell from his belt as he was reaching for his pager. When he tried to catch it, one round fired, he said.

Malik, who has not been charged, declined comment last night. Maneul Chametla, a father of a young son, was buried in Mexico Monday.

Yesterday evening, Brown and prosecutors assigned to the major crimes division told Chametla they were taking the case seriously.

"I expressed my sympathy to Mr. Chametla for the loss of his son and assured him that our investigation... will be impartial, thorough and expeditious," Brown said in a statement.

No timetable has been set, but the results will be presented to a grand jury, authorities said.

"I want him arrested," Noe Chametla said.

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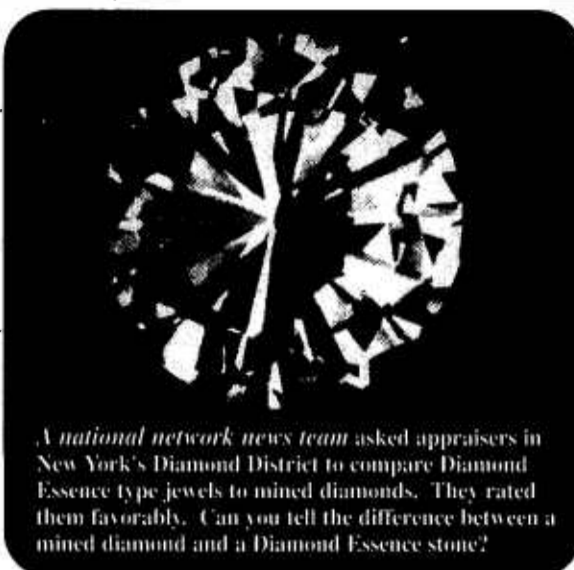
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Brits agree to move 900 troops

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAGHDAD — Britain agreed yesterday to a U.S. request to move nearly 900 British troops from the south to more volatile central Iraq, freeing up American forces for a stepped-up campaign against Sunni insurgents.

The British government agreed to the move despite fierce opposition within the governing Labor Party.

U.S. commanders have spoken of a planned offensive ahead of Iraq's crucial elections in January aimed at suppressing insurgents who control a number of central Sunni Muslim cities, particularly the stronghold of Fallujah. Peace negotiations with leaders there have broken down.

Fallujah leaders yesterday called on Iraqi Prime Minister Iyad Allawi's government to force a halt to the fre-

quent U.S. air strikes in the city. A day earlier, a senior Sunni cleric, Sheik Harith al-Dari, urged Iraqis to boycott January's elections if the Americans launch an all-out attack on the city.

"We demand the suspension of air strikes and call on the government to call on families to return to their homes as a gesture of goodwill and a prelude to the solution of all outstanding problems," the Fallujah leaders said in a statement yesterday.

Allawi called on fighters in Fallujah to give up some arms.

"The important thing is that they stick to the sovereignty of the law, disband illegal armed organizations and hand over heavy and medium weapons. We are determined that this happens across the country," he said.

Also yesterday:

■ Mortar rounds exploded near Allawi as he visited this northern Iraq city, but there were no reported injuries in the attack. But in Baghdad, three employees from Allawi's office, including two women, were gunned down in a drive-by shooting in the western part of the city, according to the Interior Ministry.

■ Gunmen opened fire on a bus carrying female employees of Iraqi Airways to the Baghdad airport, killing one woman and wounding 14 others, an airline official said.

■ The husband of the kidnapped director of CARE International's operation in Iraq made a plea in Baghdad for her release, saying she has spent her life helping Iraqis. Margaret Hassan, a British-Irish-Iraqi national, was abducted on her way to work early Tuesday.

"Release my wife. She's Iraqi; she's working for a humanitarian organization and I ask you to release her," Tahseen Ali Hassan, addressing the kidnappers, said at a press conference.

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Sarge gets 8 years for Abu Ghraib role

BAGHDAD — The highest-ranking U.S. soldier charged in the Abu Ghraib prison case was sentenced yesterday to eight years in prison.

It was the most severe punishment so far in the scandal that broke in April with the publication of photos and video showing Americans humiliating and abusing naked Iraqi detainees.

Staff Sgt. Ivan (Chip) Frederick's attorney, Gary Myers, called the sentence excessive and argued the military failed to train his client — a veteran military policeman and a correction officer in civilian life.

Frederick, 38, of Buckingham, Va., also was reduced in rank to private, ordered to forfeit pay and given a dishonorable discharge under a plea agreement that requires him to testify against others charged with abusing Iraqi detainees.

Frederick admitted that he forced one group of detainees to masturbate publicly and later piled them into a naked, human pyramid. During another infamous incident captured on photos seen around the world, Frederick said he and other guards hooked wires on the hands and feet of a hooded detainee who was told to stand on a box or else be electrocuted.

The Associated Press

No-go convoy chief is out

BAGHDAD — The commander of an Army Reserve unit whose soldiers refused to deliver fuel along a dangerous route in Iraq has been relieved of her duties at her request, the U.S. military said yesterday.

"The outgoing commander is not suspected of misconduct and this move has nothing to do with the guilt or innocence of anyone involved," the statement said. She was not identified by name.

Eighteen soldiers from the 343rd Quartermaster Company, based in Rock Hill, S.C., are under investigation for refusing to drive a fuel convoy from Tallil air base, near Nassiriya, to Taji, north of Baghdad.

The soldiers have told their families they balked at the mission last week because the vehicles lacked armor and were in poor condition. They said complaints to their commander about concerns went unheeded.

The Associated Press

Cell-phone yeller laughs loudest

WASHINGTON — Charges were dropped yesterday against a pregnant woman arrested and forced to the ground by Metro Transit Police for allegedly talking too loudly on a cell phone.

"I'm happy that it's over with," defendant Sakinah Aaron, 23, said of the latest incident to raise questions about the conduct of the transit police force.

Transit officials had

claimed that Aaron was yelling obscenities into her phone when an officer told her she was being too loud. She then allegedly cursed out the cop and was charged with disorderly conduct and resisting arrest.

In July, a woman was handcuffed and jailed for eating a candy bar on a station escalator. In 2000, a 12 year-old girl was arrested for eating a French fry on a platform.

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Wack Pack tax crack costly



Lee Mroszak, aka Crazy Cabbie

BY JOHN MARZULLI
DAILY NEWS STAFF WRITER

A MEMBER OF Howard Stern's "wack pack" is in trouble with the feds after shooting off his mouth on the shock jock's radio show.

K-Rock (WXRK-FM) deejay Crazy Cabbie is scheduled to plead guilty to a tax charge in Brooklyn Federal Court on Nov. 9, say sources familiar with the case.

Crazy Cabbie, 35, whose real name is Lee Mroszak, brags on K-Rock's Web site that his secret talent is being able to put his fist in his mouth.

Stern's Crazy Cabbie probed as a chiseler

But sources said Cabbie stuck his foot in his mouth, big-time, by blabbing on Stern's show about allegedly not paying taxes.

Federal investigators obtained a transcript of his potentially incriminating comments and began looking into his background, including whether he paid taxes on his cut from a 2002 boxing match with another

Stern-show wacko, "Stuttering" John Melendez.

That bout in Atlantic City was billed as the "Flunky vs. the Junkie" — Melendez against Cabbie.

Cabbie was due in court yesterday, but the plea was postponed due to a death in his lawyer's family. Cabbie faces less than a year in prison when he is sentenced.

The former Army paratrooper, who served in the first Gulf War, has talked openly on the show about his past drug addiction.

A spokeswoman for K-Rock's owner, Infinity Broadcasting, declined to comment on Cabbie's criminal troubles. Cabbie, who lives on Staten Island, could not be reached for comment.

The station has been hit with millions of dollars' worth of fines by the FCC for raunchy talk on the Stern show. Two weeks ago, Stern announced he will move his popular show to Sirius satellite radio in 2006.

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Rip Torn reality TV gets ugly

ACTOR RIP TORN put on quite a performance after his drunk-driving arrest in January — and cops got it all on a just-released tape: slurred speech, cursing and even some threats.

The 72-year-old star of the now-defunct HBO hit "The Larry Sanders Show" was clearly unhappy sitting handcuffed in a police stationhouse as cops asked him if he would take breath and coordination tests, the tape shows.

"You're an egregious bunch of [expletive] artists," Torn told cops. "Go to hell, you guys."

"Take these cuffs off. Let me take a p---," yelled Torn, whose real first name is Elmore.

"Handcuffs, for nothing at all. You're going to go down."

The videotape made its premiere yesterday at Manhattan Criminal Court. During the hearing, Torn's lawyer, Adam Levy, tried to convince a judge to throw out the tape, claiming cops had no probable cause to arrest the actor.

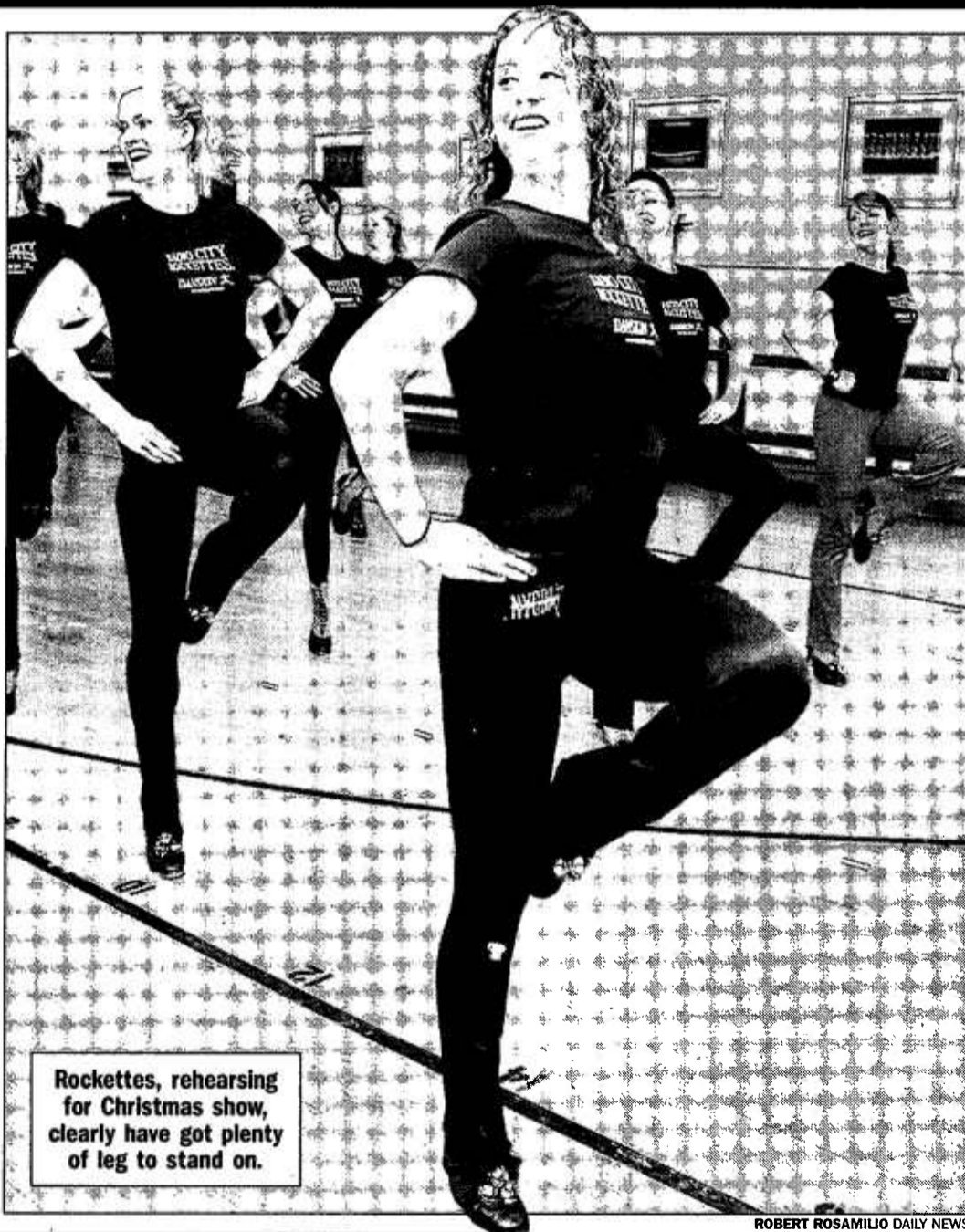
Torn was arrested Jan. 13 after his Volvo rear-ended a taxicab in Greenwich Village.

Officer Vanessa McBride said Torn's clothes were disheveled, his hair was messy and his eyes were bloodshot and watery. He also appeared drunk, she said.

Judge Robert Stolz is expected to decide today whether the videotape and other items should be thrown out. The case could go to trial on Monday.

Helen Peterson

'TIS ALMOST THE SEASON



Rockettes, rehearsing for Christmas show, clearly have got plenty of leg to stand on.

ROBERT ROSAMILLO DAILY NEWS

Sliwa airs Curt reply: Won't clam up on mob

BY RALPH R. ORTEGA
and THOMAS ZAMBITO
DAILY NEWS STAFF WRITERS

THE MOB CAN'T muzzle the mouth under the red beret — at least not yet.

Guardian Angel and radio host Curtis Sliwa yesterday defiantly challenged a federal judge to try to stop his daily on-air rants about John (Junior) Gotti, who is accused of dispatching two goons to permanently silence him in 1992.

"I put myself in hot water every day," Sliwa told listeners of his morning radio show. "No one is going to stop me from talking about what I know about the Gottis and the Gambinos, even in federal court."

Sliwa's comments came a day after Gotti's attorney told a federal judge he wants the radio host to stop making disparaging comments about his client because he's likely to be a witness at the mob scion's trial next summer.

Gotti and three co-defendants are charged with a broad-ranging conspiracy that includes ordering a hit on Sliwa after Sliwa attacked Gotti's late father, the Dapper Don, on the air.

As "The Godfather" theme played in the background, Sliwa mocked Gotti and attorney Jeffrey Lichtman for much of the second half of his five-hour WABC show.

There were references to severed horse heads. Sliwa even managed to squeeze a few Gotti gibes into live commercials for fur coats and air purifiers.

Co-host and civil rights attorney Ron Kuby predicted that not even a federal judge could silence Sliwa.

"Judge [Shira] Scheindlin doesn't have any jurisdiction over you," Kuby said. "You're a citizen who happens to have a talk show."

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Mayor's on a role with Donald's TV show

DONALD TRUMP graciously made room yesterday on his mega-hit TV show, "The Apprentice," for another New York billionaire: Mayor Bloomberg.

In last night's episode, the contestants, who are competing for a \$250,000 job in The Donald's empire, were charged with running a dog service business. As a reward,

the team with the highest profit met with Bloomberg at Gracie Mansion, where the mayor treated the winning team to one of his favorite jokes.

"I was once asked the difference between government and business," he said. "And I said that business is a dog-eat-dog world and government is just the opposite."

On a more serious note, Bloomberg told the players, "The only advice I can really give you: Don't ever compromise on your standards or your objectives, because the worst thing is to compromise and lose."

Trump told the Daily News yesterday that he invited Bloomberg because he has "great respect for him."

Michael Saul



Dan Doctoroff

Booster alters W. Side story

By MICHAEL SAUL
DAILY NEWS CITY HALL BUREAU

A TOP AIDE to Mayor Bloomberg admitted the city can host the Olympics without an extended No. 7 subway line — leading critics to charge the city is rushing the \$2 billion project.

"With respect to the Olympics, we need the Javits [Convention Center] expanded and we need to have the New York Sports and Convention Center," Deputy Mayor Dan Doctoroff, the founder of

New York's bid to host the 2012 Summer Games, told the Daily News Editorial Board yesterday.

"Do you need definitively to have the No. 7 line? The answer is no," Doctoroff said.

For more than two years, the Bloomberg administration has insisted that the city break ground on the controversial West Side stadium and the subway extension before next July, when the International Olympic Committee selects the host.

And despite Doctoroff's admission, the city still plans to go ahead with its building spree.

The deputy mayor later said he was speaking only "theoretically" and New York's Olympics bid would be "less attractive" without stretching the No. 7 subway from Times Square to the far West Side.

But critics said Doctoroff was conceding the city need not move so quickly with its massive West Side redevelopment.

"Now that they're saying they're misleading people, they should put [construction] off and allow it to be decided after July," said Brian Hatch, who runs the NewYorkGames.org Web site.

"There is an urgency to get started on the far West Side," said Jeremy Soffin, spokesman for the influential Regional Plan Association, which wants the No. 7 extension delayed five years.

"But the demand for commercial development isn't there yet, and rushing the major infrastructure investments will only compete with the recovery of lower Manhattan and put the city at unnecessary fiscal risk," he said.

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Car jockey shot & robbed - of \$50

By AUSTIN FENNER and TOM RAFTERY
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GUN-TOTING hoodlums shot a Manhattan parking lot attendant early yesterday before stealing a measly \$50 and two cars that they quickly abandoned, police said.

Kwame Ofori, 33, was accosted about 2 a.m. inside a W. 51st St. garage near 10th Ave., cops said.

The thieves shot Ofori in his left forearm — the blast shattering the plastic glass of the cashier booth — and then demanded money.

After Ofori handed over the little cash he had, the bandits forced the bow-tied attendant into the back of the garage, where they tied him up, police said.

The suspects fled in two stolen sport-utility vehicles — a black Chevy Blazer and a red GMC Yukon.

Forty minutes passed before a customer heard Ofori's cries for help and alerted police.

Cops found the stolen Chevy just down the block from the garage and recovered the other SUV in the Bronx, police said.

Both vehicles were equipped with OnStar, a satellite system that can be used to find stolen vehicles, police said.

Ofori was taken to Weill Cornell Medical Center, where his gunshot wound was treated. Later, officials at the garage said they were relieved that he survived the violent encounter and had been released from the hospital.

"They removed the bullet, and he is in good spirits," said Joshua Bienstock, a spokesman for Hudsonview Garage.

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Mike builds on affordable housing

TWO YEARS AFTER promising to build 65,000 units of affordable housing over five years, the city is 40% there, Mayor Bloomberg announced yesterday.

In all, some 26,000 of the pledged 65,000 units have been built, rehabilitated or are in the pipeline, the mayor said of his plan, which will mark five years at the end of 2007.

"We are right on track," Bloomberg told a gathering of housing advocates meeting in midtown Manhattan yesterday.

The update came as the Maryland-based Enterprise Foundation — in one of the largest gifts of its kind in the nation — committed to providing the city with \$1 billion in financing, equity and grants over five years to help build affordable housing.

Most of the funding — about \$700 million — will come in the form of tax credits. Another \$295 million in low-interest loans will go to developers who commit to building affordable homes, while nonprofit groups eager to develop their own sites will be eligible for \$5 million in grants.

The money should help to underwrite 10,000 units of new affordable housing and preserve an additional 5,000 that are in danger of seeing rents hiked.

"We have to make sure that we have housing at all affordable levels if we are going to have a society that works," Bloomberg told reporters. "And the money to do it has to come from some place." David Saltonstall

BIG TOWN SONGBOOK

CELEBRATING NEW YORK'S MUSICAL HERITAGE

Period
Illustration,
1849



BY DAVID KRYCKLEY

FOR ALL the happiness it brought to legions of happy dancers, the arrival of the polka in New York could not have come at a worse moment for James Knox Polk, who happened to be running for President at the time.

Polk survived the interminable polka jokes to defeat Henry Clay and become America's 11th President.

The polka did even better, though, to be honest, polka jokes have never stopped.

UNLIKE MOST of the popular dances of history, the polka arrived in the New World at a moment that can be very precisely pinpointed: May 10, 1844.

That was when Miss Mary Ann Gammon and Prof. L.G. Brookes, having heard about the polka craze in Europe and decided to be the first to try it stateside, danced it during a performance at the National Theatre on Chatham St. in lower Manhattan.

And it was quite the craze across the sea. Popular legend, far too charming to have been outright rejected by even the most hard-hearted dance historian, holds that the polka had been invented in 1830 by a girl named Anna Chadimova-Slezak, who lived in Elbeteinitz, Bohemia, which was then part of Czechoslovakia. She was said to have been so enchanted with a tune that went by the catchy title "Strycek Nimra Koupil Simla" that she created a dance to go with it, the "Madera."

Whereupon a man named Joseph Neruba is said to have seen Anna dancing and sensed that she was onto something. At the very least, Neruba might well have realized that the sophisticated European dance world of that era was actively in the market for an alternative to the all-too-popular waltz, which was under fire by moralists for "leading to the most licentious of consequences."

By 1835 Neruba is said to have taken Anna's dance to the big city of Prague, where it was supposedly renamed the "pulka" — meaning "a half," shorthand for the quick "half step" foot-to-foot hopping required of the dancers. Under this timeline, a Prague band then brought it in 1839 to Vienna, a year before dance master J. Raal is said to have danced it at Prague's Odeon Theater.

Three years later it was being noted in the ballrooms of Paris and London, with a formal introduction at London's Almacks Dance Hall in 1844.

By then, however, a man named De Their, who was a European correspondent for the New York Daily Aurora, had sent a description of this new dance to his editor, Thaddeus Meighan, who passed it to Prof. Brookes, who was the National Theatre's ballet

master, and only weeks after its downtown debut it was already being taught in dance studios.

In the ensuing 160 years, considerable evidence has emerged that parts of this chronology were perhaps romanticized. It seems that a Czech poet named Celakovsky had written in 1822 of the "Cracoviacs," a dance identical to the polka. And there are records of earlier dances in Germany, England and France; all developed as civilized alternatives to the dangerous waltz, that resemble the polka.

Whatever the polka's genesis, by the mid-1840s it had done its job and eclipsed the waltz, at least among the high society folks who were the polka's first patrons. Even before James Polk was sworn into the presidency in early 1845, his predecessor John Tyler's wife, Julia, had introduced the polka at White House dances.

IT WAS only when later waves of German and Czech immigrants brought their own polka tradition that the dance trickled down to become a primarily blue-collar pastime. By then, historians think, the polka may have been less frenetic than America's original 1844 version. The French, it is said, were

instrumental in toning down the frantic hopping and "flinging of the feet."

Whatever the esthetics, the fact that the privileged and the proletariat shared the polka for even a time is seen by some sociologists as a significant milestone in the democratization of America's popular culture.

But polka dancers didn't think about anything that high-falutin'. It was just a lively way to relax on a Saturday night, a cousin to Irish step dancing and the rhythm steps developed by African-Americans.

It also invaded the larger culture. Polka rhythms were woven into some of Czech composer Dvorak's great operas. A pudding was named after the polka. In New York, manufacturers tried to cash in on the dance's popularity by tacking its name onto a wide range of products: polka hats, polka gauze, polka curtain ties, and, of course, polka-dotted fabrics.

These had little or nothing to do with the dance, but at least one of the gimmicks had staying power: the polka dot.

Some of the polka's other legacies are equally quirky. For one thing, no one is quite sure how the name got from "pulka" to "polka," which literally means "Polish women."

This is curious because, for all the credit or blame that Poles take for the polka, Germans and Czechs did far more to popularize it.

It wasn't until more than three quarters of a century later, when the Roaring Twenties fell in love with the tango, that a dance crossed so many cultures so quickly.

ECLIPSING THE WALTZ

POLITE SOCIETY

DISCOVERS

POLKA, 1844

BUT EVEN the tango couldn't bump the polka aside.

Almost exactly a century after Mary Ann Gammon and Prof. Brookes had the pleasure of the first dance, Whoopie John Wilfahrt's Polka Band came under suspicion that drummer Pat Wilfahrt might be sending secret Morse Code messages to the World War II Axis powers through the beat of polka songs.

Like James Knox Polk, they knew the power of polka.

SONGBOOK CHALLENGE

TODAY'S QUESTION: At what venue did Jenny Lind make her American debut on Sept. 11, 1850?

ANSWER TO LAST QUESTION: The Savoy

N.Y. kid-abuse deaths surge

THE NUMBER OF city kids who have died from abuse or neglect this year is up an alarming 57%, officials said yesterday.

Some 58 kids died from suspected maltreatment during the first nine months of 2004 — and half of the deaths came in homes previously visited by city social workers, officials said.

"This trend upwards is very disturbing," said John Mattingly, commissioner of the city's Administration for Children's Services.

BY MICHAEL SAUL
DAILY NEWS CITY HALL BUREAU

The grim tally includes 15 kids killed in tragic accidents — when sleeping adults accidentally rolled over on them. The number also includes seven homicides.

Mattingly said this increase in child fatalities "raises questions about whether our children are less safe than they have been in the past."

Officials said the city would fight back with an immediate re-

view of all cases, improved community outreach, better coordination among city agencies and a public awareness campaign.

"Child welfare is first and foremost on our minds," Mayor Bloomberg said yesterday.

"The children can't protect themselves — we have an obligation to protect them."

Yesterday, a new study released by the nonprofit group Children's Rights charged the city with inadequately responding to cases of repeated abuse.

The study also said the city did a poor job of assessing the safety of surviving siblings and often failed to contact the deceased child's physician.

"This study makes it clear that a strong community response is needed to ensure that children are protected, particularly when there has been a history of abuse or neglect that places them at risk of serious harm," said Marcia Robinson Lowry, the group's executive director.

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Dracula honored with theme park

BUCHAREST, Romania — A Dracula theme park will be built at a lakeside resort where Vlad the Impaler, the inspiration for the vampire count, is buried, Romanian media reported.

Officials had wanted to build Dracula Park in Transylvania's city of Sighisoara, but opponents said it would harm one of Europe's best-preserved medieval cities.

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City faults system in day care killing

BY ADAM NICHOLS
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NEW YORK'S HEALTH chief unveiled a scathing report yesterday ripping into failings at the city's Bureau of Day Care that led to the death of a 7-month-old boy.

"I wish we had taken action sooner," said Health Commissioner Thomas Frieden, promising to revamp the system.

"The fact is the management of the bureau has been the same for 15 years and the perception was that it was better managed than we found it was," he said.

Little Matthew Perilli died on Aug. 11 when unsupervised toddlers piled toys into his crib at Devlin Daycare Center in Forest Hills, Queens.

The report found that the system failed Matthew and his parents in many ways, including:

- Inspections and followups were not adequate, and only addressed issues directly raised by complaints. Inspectors were at Devlin Daycare just hours before Matthew's death but only checked the center's license — not whether there were enough adults there.

- There was no policy to inform parents of inspection results. Matthew's parents were unaware Devlin Daycare's sister center had been ordered closed.

- Inspectors lacked training.

"There was clearly a major problem with the way the inspection system worked," said Frieden.

After Matthew's death was ruled a homicide, Frieden immediately fired the bureau's director, and launched a probe.

Gail Nayowith, director of Citizen's Committee for Children of New York, said, "I think the tragic death of Matthew Perilli deserves a coordinated, systematic response to do everything in our power to prevent this recurring again."

"I absolutely think that is being done with this report. It's the beginning of a very long process, but it's a positive beginning."

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Rocker had knife at LaG

THE LEAD SINGER of multiplatinum rock group Incubus was caught with a switchblade in his carry-on bag while trying to board a plane at LaGuardia Airport, officials said yesterday.

Brandon Boyd, 28, was charged with criminal possession of a weapon and released after four hours with a desk appearance ticket in Wednesday's incident, officials said.

"My bad," Boyd said, according to his spokeswoman. "I totally forgot it was at the bottom of my bag, and when the security person pulled it out, I thought, 'Oh, no,'" Boyd said in a statement.

Boyd continued on to Raleigh, N.C., where the band played a concert on its sold-out U.S. tour.

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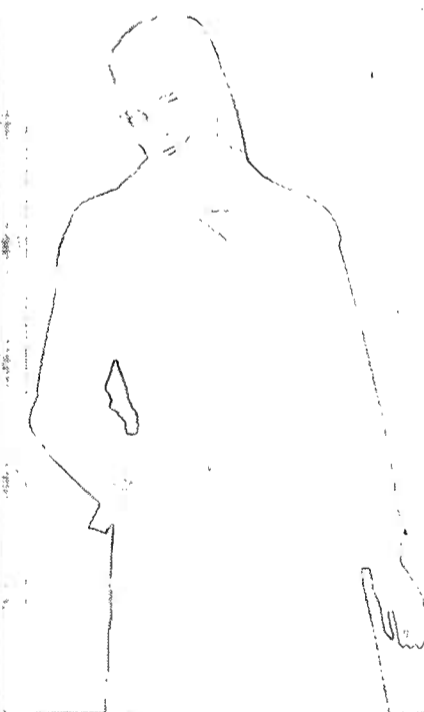
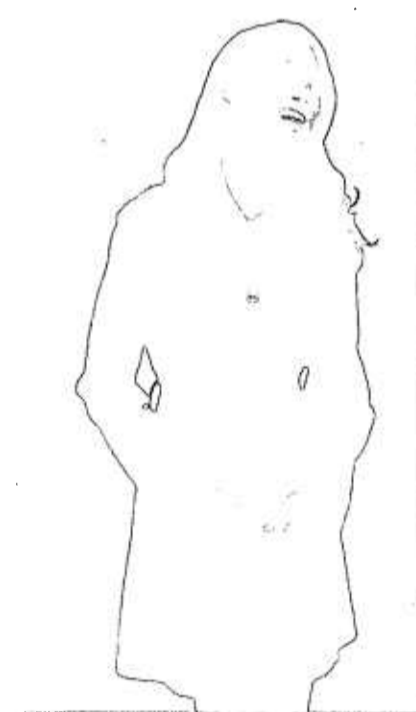
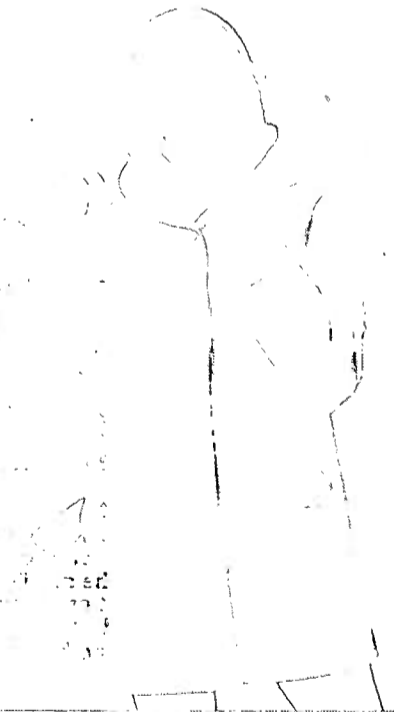
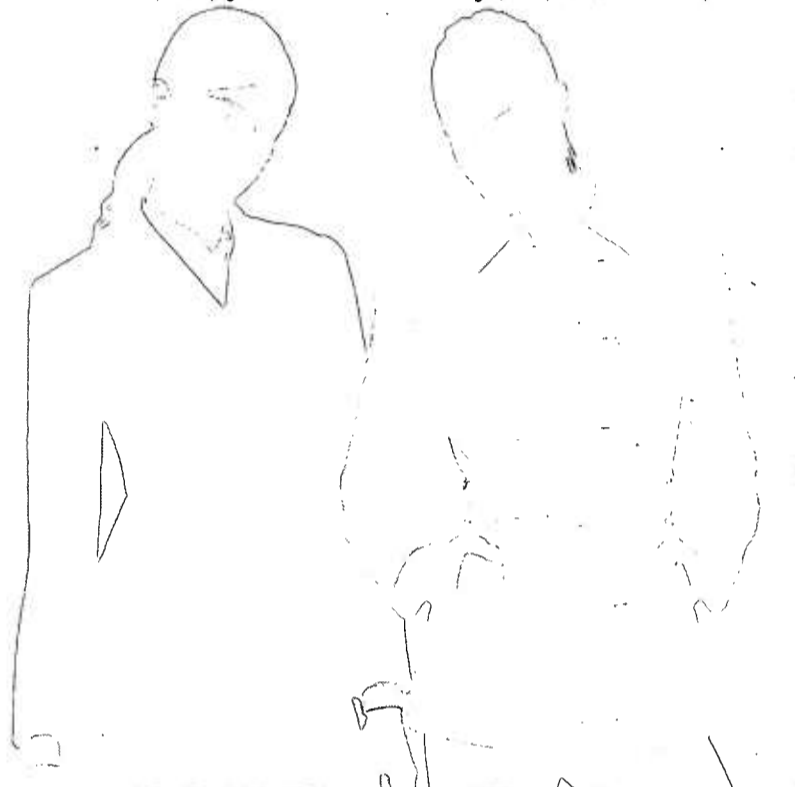
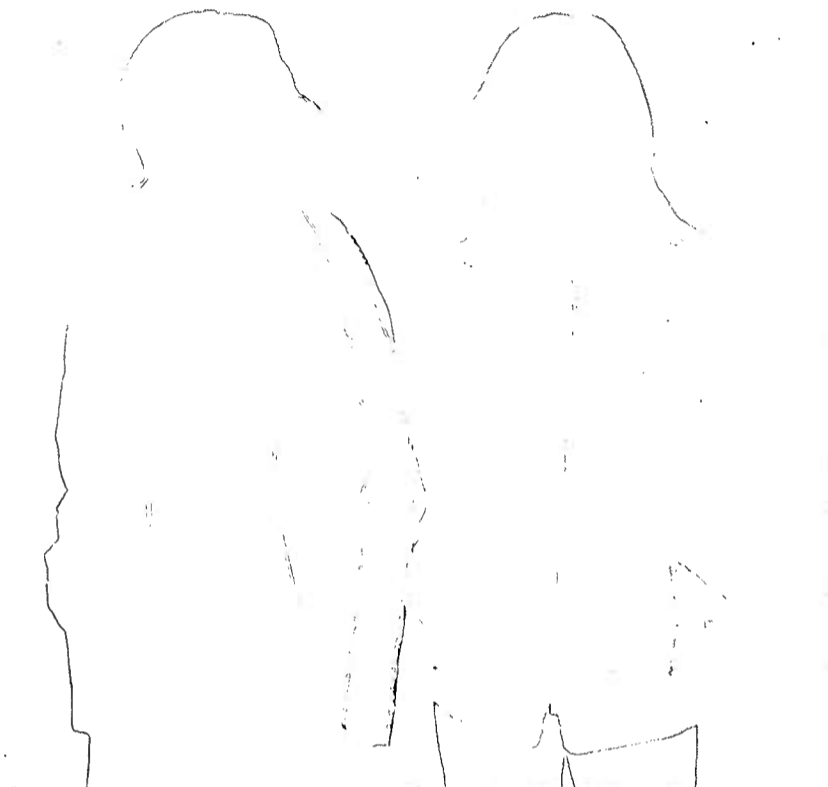
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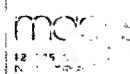
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