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## Police chase protesters, constitutional commission begins

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — A constitutional commission assembled today after riot police used clubs and tear gas to clear 3,000 supporters of Ferdinand E. Marcos, and heard President Corason Aquino appeal for a document establishing a "full-blown democratic republic."

In a brief address to the 48-member commission she appointed, Mrs. Aquino pledged not to interfere as it works on a permanent replacement to a 1973 charter that allowed Marcos to rule with authoritarian powers.

"You are here today vested with full authority and complete independence to write our country's new constitution," Mrs. Aquino said at the National Assembly. "Nobody, not even I, your president,

can interfere with, or overrule you, in this great task."

Mrs. Aquino has been exercising sole lawmaking power since she abolished the National Assembly after taking power in a civilian-backed military revolt in February.

Police attacked the pro-Marcos demonstrators at about dawn, about nine hours after they occupied the assembly grounds in a protest against the commission.

Witnesses said some of the demonstrators hurled stones and bottles at the charging police, who chased them at least a mile from the assembly building. They also reported that at least eight people were clubbed by police.

However, there were no reports of serious injuries on either side, nor were there reports of any arrests.

Mrs. Aquino abolished the 1973 constitution after taking power. But one of the protesters, Fred Guerrero, said the old constitution was still legal, and that the crowd wanted it to remain in force.

Mrs. Aquino appealed to the commission to work quickly, saying the nation "is eager to have, in the shortest time possible, a full-blown democratic republic."

She said she hoped the panel will finish its work in three months so that it can be submitted to a plebiscite, clearing the way for new elections. Presidential advisers say Mrs. Aquino wants to

call elections between November and March for provincial and municipal offices, and possibly a new legislature as well.

The new constitution should "stoutly protect the essentials of a true democracy," Mrs. Aquino said. "You must define and protect our individual freedoms and rights."

Mrs. Aquino said the new constitution must take into account not only present Filipino needs but also the concerns of future generations.

Delegates have said that among the major issues they face is whether to return the country to the U.S.-style presidential system that Marcos abolished when he began eight years of martial law in 1972, or to adopt a parliamentary system.

## AT&T braces for the first large impact from nation-wide employee union strike

WASHINGTON (AP) — American Telephone & Telegraph Co. — able to fill only half the operator slots it normally needs and threatened with a loss of business sales — braced itself today for the first large impact from a strike by its biggest employee union.

Vowing to break a pattern of giveback contracts imposed on wage earners in recent years, the Communication Workers of America, representing more than three-fourths of AT&T's 200,000 union workers, struck the telecommunications giant at 12:01 a.m. EDT Sunday.

However, later Sunday the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers signed a "tentative accord" for an 8 percent wage increase over the next three years for its nearly 41,000 AT&T employees. That same offer was rejected by CWA negotiators.

AT&T officials, clearly bolstered by the IBEW pact, said they intended to open all of their 24 manufacturing plants in 17 states today despite vows by CWA to halt production of telecommunications equipment.

On Saturday, AT&T had said it would not attempt to operate any of those plants, which are normally closed on weekends, if

there was a strike. That position changed when a tentative accord was reached with the IBEW, which represents workers at 13 of the plants.

"If people are at those plants to work, we intend to produce," said Herb Linnen, an AT&T spokesman. He acknowledged that factories where the Communications Workers are employed will likely remain closed.

Art Perry, director of the IBEW's telephone division, said the tentative accord was signed Sunday and will be submitted to his union's members for a rank-and-file ratification vote within the next two weeks.

However, Perry said union leaders had not yet decided whether to recommend accepting or rejecting the package.

While Perry said IBEW members are not on strike, "the general policy is that we respect other unions' picket lines."

CWA President Morton Bahr said his union expects IBEW members to honor his union's picket lines at AT&T facilities where both unions represent various portions of the work force.

Linnen said the biggest immediate problem the company faces is handling long-distance

telephone calls today with 12,000 management fill-ins. Mondays typically have the largest volume of long-distance calls of the week, normally requiring 24,000 operators on duty, he said.

With 10,000 supervisors manning switchboards normally staffed by 12,000 union operators on Sunday, long-distance callers were greeted with recorded messages advising that AT&T was experiencing a "work stoppage" and requesting them to wait for the next available operator.

Bahr said the strike has shut down AT&T's factories and brought its installation and repair services "to a grinding halt."

"These are the two most competitive parts of the business," Bahr told reporters after negotiators for the two sides met informally Sunday but made no progress toward a settlement. "Beginning tomorrow, they are going to start losing customers. We can afford to stay out longer than they can."

AT&T officials acknowledge that a lengthy strike could cost the company a loss of business to Northern Telecom, GTE Corp. and other new rivals in the recently deregulated and "intensely com-

petitive" telecommunications equipment and service markets.

The 8 percent wage hike — 2 percent immediately and 3 percent each in 1987 and 1988 — conditionally accepted by IBEW negotiators was basically the same package offered to the CWA.

Citing a nearly 50 percent increase in AT&T's net profits the first quarter this year compared with the same three months in 1985 atop a 13.6 percent increase for all of last year over 1984, Bahr said the company is seeking "unwarranted concessions" from its workers.

Bahr said three large issues divided the two sides:

—AT&T's demand for the elimination of automatic cost-of-living adjustments to reflect inflation — an ingredient of every telephone workers contract since 1972.

—Splitting 20,000 "systems technicians" — installers and maintenance workers — who now make \$646 per week into three separate categories.

—The company's proposed elimination of piecework incentive pay for some 20,000 manufacturing workers.



REACHING OUT — A striking American Telephone & Telegraph worker takes a moment out to make a call from a telephone booth in New York Sunday. Tens of thousands of long-distance telephone callers had to reach out a little farther to touch someone as workers rallied and walked picket lines at AT&T's largest strike in three years. (AP Laser-photo)

## Efforts underway to salvage injection well

Efforts have begun to salvage a wastewater test injection well east of Tampa into which Celanese Chemical Co. has already sunk more than \$1 million.

Celanese officials said this week that a rig is being moved back to the site about five miles east of Tampa after a 10-week delay to evaluate alternatives.

"We've invested about \$1 million out there and we're looking at the possibility of investing about \$300,000 more," Celanese Industrial Relations Manager Darrell Nordeen said. The project had been expected to cost about \$24 million when completed.

Construction on the well was halted in early March after tests showed the company could pump only about 80 gallons per minute of treated wastewater into the

well — far less than the goal of 1,200 gallons per minute. The low injectivity level was blamed on a thicker-than-expected brine of silt and mud in the granite wash layer more than a mile below the earth's surface.

Plans for determining the useful injection capacity of the test well include deepening the well, acidizing one or more zones in the granite wash layer, fracturing the well in the granite wash layer or perforating the well in the brown dolomite layer about a quarter mile above the granite wash, project manager Philip Rapstine said.

"Tests will be run after each activity to determine if expected results have been achieved and decisions to continue or stop will be made accordingly," Rapstine said. "About three weeks would be required to complete the en-

tire program."

Rapstine said Celanese has received mixed input from consultants about the various options but all agree with the company's approach of testing all four options. Deepening the well or perforating the brown dolomite would require a permit change with the Texas Water Commission and Nordeen said the commission has requested that it be kept advised of all changes Celanese plans in the test well.

Nordeen said the next alternative is another location. He said several are under consideration, located from 10 to 30 miles from the company's plant.

"If our test well does not prove to be adequate to meet our needs, we will plug and abandon it and select another site," Nordeen said. "Hopefully this will not be necessary but we are prepared to

do so if required."

Rapstine said some of the alternatives may also cut the amount of waste fluid by as much as half by separating some of the waste out. It could be used in the company's cooling tower and on the company golf course.

Work with consultant on reducing the amount of wastewater is expected to conclude by mid-October, he said.

The company's original well permit, which had been in the process of being ruled on by the water commission, currently is on hold until the new alternatives are tested, Rapstine said. He and Nordeen praised members of the community, including the industrial foundation, chamber of commerce and city commission, for letters in support of the company's permit application.

## Bus crash probe continues

WALKER, Calif. (AP) — Authorities continue their investigation into the accident that left at least 18 elderly people dead when a bus skidded out of control in the final sharp turn of an 11-mile stretch of twisting mountain highway.

A few moments before the Friday accident, bus driver Ernst Klimeck, 47, had passed a U.S. 395 sign advising 40 mph. Authorities are investigating claims by some witnesses that he was speeding.

In all, 22 people were injured when the Starline Sightseeing Tours bus, carrying 40 passengers home to Santa Monica, Calif., from a gambling trip to Reno, Nev., skidded off the road

into the swollen Walker River. Nineteen of the 22 remained hospitalized, one in critical condition and six in serious condition on Sunday.

It took no more than 15 seconds for the bus to cover the 800-foot distance between its first out-of-control skid and its plunge into the icy, churning river, investigators say.

Experts from the California Highway Patrol, National Transportation Safety Board and California Department of Transportation continued their investigation at the accident site Sunday. They declined comment on the cause of the accident pending completion of their reports.

## African countries, donor nations agree on aid document

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — The General Assembly's special session on Africa, convened to "rescue a continent," reached a compromise agreement that was hailed by Africans as a good start to help heal their countries' stricken economies.

The agreement, adopted by consensus at a General Assembly session Sunday night, created a new partnership between the African countries and donor nations, and involves both reforms by African governments and increased international support.

The document, called the "U.N. Program of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development 1986-1990," was hammered out in all-day, all-night sessions Saturday and Sunday in a committee chaired by Canadian U.N. Ambassador Stephen Lewis.

Lewis called it "a massive vote of confidence in the future of Africa."

The Canadian envoy also said the special assembly session convened Tuesday to consider Africa's economic and debt woes had "re-established the credibility of the United

Nations to an extent."

Senegal's foreign minister, Ibrahim Fall, who headed the African negotiating team, said, "The African group is satisfied. The international community has answered the appeal launched by Africans."

Fall told a news conference Sunday there were optimistic signs during the session including specific commitments of debt relief by Canada, the Netherlands and Denmark.

Of great importance will be donor responses after the session, he said.

Some African delegates ex-

pressed disappointment that larger donor nations, including the United States, refused to commit themselves to higher aid levels during the session.

But Nigeria's foreign minister, Bolaji Akinyemi, said, "There are sufficient economic reasons to expect a dollars-and-cents commitment and debt moratorium down the road, if not tomorrow. If we don't recover, you're not going to be able to sell to us."

Zaire's foreign minister, Mandungu Bula Nyati, said, "The final document is a good

beginning. We can't expect more than this at the beginning."

The document analyzes Africa's devastating economic woes and outlines a recovery program including an African estimate that about \$46 billion in outside aid, plus debt relief, is needed over the next five years.

Without explicitly accepting the African estimate, the document states that the international community "commits itself to make every effort to provide sufficient resources to support and supplement the

African development effort."

The document also states that African nations should take full responsibility for their own development and commit themselves to economic reforms.

An immediate reform is to "substantially increase productivity in all sectors, particularly in the central sectors of food and agriculture," according to the document.

It contains many compromises because of the different stands of various African nations, the East and West, and non-aligned members.



# TEXAS/REGIONAL

## Five die, one missing as heavy storms pound Texas

By The Associated Press

At least five people died and a teen-ager is still missing today after another wave of weekend thunderstorms washed across Texas, flooding scores of creeks, roads and rivers as it pounded the state. Workers were to begin searching anew this morning for a 13-year-old boy who was swept away Sunday afternoon in Duncanville's Ten Mile Creek on the southwest edge of Dallas, police Sgt. Dan Robertson said. He said the boy and a 15-year-old companion were playing in the creek about 5 p.m. when it was flooded to a depth of up to 6 feet. The 15-year-old managed to escape, but a witness saw the other boy washed away. The weather that prompted flash flood watches over much of the state was also blamed for four traffic fatalities Saturday in Denton, Collin and Dallas counties and the death of a woman who was

swept over a dam in San Antonio's Espada park. The unidentified woman's body was recovered Sunday, and an autopsy was to be performed today, authorities said. The National Weather Service posted tornado warnings in parts of West Texas — including Big Spring, Ackerly and Seminole — but authorities there said no funnels appeared to have touched down. City streets from Dallas to San Antonio and El Paso were flooded by weekend storms that dumped up to 5 inches in some areas and stranded several motorists, but no major damage or other injuries were reported. The nasty weather also ruined 25 attempts Saturday and Sunday to hoist the Goddess of Liberty statue atop the state Capitol, and officials said they're postponing the project indefinitely. Some of Sunday's heaviest rains were in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, where flash flood warnings

were issued for not only Dallas and Tarrant counties, but also several adjacent counties. The intermittent rains pushed the Trinity River nearly six feet above the 30-foot flood stage, but apparently caused no damage because excess water spilled into levees, according to Mike Thompson, a civilian hydrologist with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Three people died and one man was critically injured in Collin County Saturday when a car crossed the center line of State Highway 380 during torrential rains, struck an oncoming car and then spun into a pickup truck, said Justice of the Peace Ken Bangs. Dead in that 5:15 p.m. accident were David Alan Kuykendall, 22, and Jill R. Johnson, 17, both of Greenville; and 12-year-old Stephen Williams of McKinney, Bangs said. In Garland, police on Sunday identified John Louis Bjorklund, 20, of Dallas as the victim of a

fatal accident on Interstate 635 Saturday. He was driving a car that spun out of control on the rain-slick road, then stalled and was struck by a van at about 8:30 p.m. Saturday. The storm, which dumped up to 5 inches of rain on San Antonio, also sent Leon and Culebra creeks and many other small streams racing out of their banks to snare motorists and their vehicles in a raging rush of water Saturday. A high school student was swept off a road into rain-swollen Leon Creek and spent nearly an hour clinging to tree branches before being rescued by firefighters. On another stretch of the same creek, a helicopter rescued a truck driver from the top of his tractor trailer, which had stalled in water. Heavy thunderstorms dumped up to 4 inches of rain in the Del Rio area, on the Mexican border, sending water almost 4 feet above two bridges, flooding streets and stranding motorists.

## Wisp of a girl receives life-changing medical treatment

SAN ANTONIO, Texas (AP) — For Dr. John Holcomb, a physician at Methodist Hospital in San Antonio, his interest in a 16-year-old Honduran girl is more than just medical, he says. The girl, who weighed only 55 pounds because of a heart ailment, now has a chance to live a normal life because of a new medical technique offered by the hospital, Dr. Holcomb and a colleague. "There are few times when a doctor can do something medically that will significantly change a life the way Maria's has been changed," Holcomb said.

But that's the case with Maria Argueta-Zepeda, Holcomb said. She was suffering from a clogged heart valve that restricted the oxygen supply to her blood and organs, Holcomb said, when he saw her three months ago in a Honduras clinic. She had headaches, pains, vomiting and weakness, making it difficult for her to walk long distances, Holcomb said. Her appetite dwindled and her skin, lips and fingernails had a blue tinge. Arrangements were made for the girl and her father to fly to San Antonio for medical treat-

ment, he said. And after administering a relatively new procedure that unclogged the valve, the girl's physicians expect Maria to live a normal life. "Her long-term prognosis is excellent," said Dr. Kenneth Bloom, one of Maria's doctors and a pediatric cardiologist at Methodist Hospital. "The amazing thing was her ability to survive this condition for such a long time. She was a very sick girl." Bloom said the short-term benefits of the procedure are already occurring — improved appetite, thinning of the blood and the return to a more normal

color. Long-term benefits, including growth, will take five or six months to detect, he said. Holcomb said he saw the girl while he was on reserve duty at a U.S. Army field hospital at Palmerola, Honduras, and later obtained medical visas for the girl and her 77-year-old father, Jesus. The two were flown to the United States in an Air Force medical evacuation plane that arrived in San Antonio last Wednesday. Holcomb said the pulmonary valve of the girl's heart, which takes blood to the lungs for oxygen, was blocked. Instead of

going through the lungs for oxygen, the blood was being pushed back into her body. Holcomb said the girl's family lives in San Rafael, a very isolated region without roads. Jesus Argueta-Zepeda put his daughter on a horse and walked beside her for five hours, traveling over mountainous country to the field hospital. She remained there until traveling arrangements to the United States were completed. During examination at Methodist Hospital, Bloom discovered the problem and decided to correct it immediately. A new technique, called a balloon angio-

plasty, eliminated the need for open-heart surgery. "By inflating a tiny balloon and positioning it at the tip of the catheter, we were able to enlarge the opening to permit an increased blood flow," Bloom said. "Before I came (to San Antonio) for the treatment, I was always very sick and tired," Miss Argueta-Zepeda said. Her father is equally thankful. "I feel satisfied and very grateful. I asked God to give my daughter her health and, thanks to Dr. Holcomb, she will have her health. He is a magnificent man."

## Official: moving Stacy Dam site could cost \$1.5 billion

BIG SPRING, Texas (AP) — If the site of the proposed Stacy Dam has to be moved because of concern over a species of water snake, West Texans could face paying \$1.5 billion more, a Colorado Municipal Water District official says. "Any other plan would be uneconomical for the rate payers of the district," agency general manager O.H. Ivie told the Odessa American.

Present plans call for Stacy Dam to be built about 50 miles east of San Angelo, at a spot on the Colorado River about 25 miles downstream of Ballinger. Construction has been scheduled to begin in May 1987. The dam's location has been opposed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, which contends the reservoir would flood about half of the primary habitat of the Concho Water Snake along the

Colorado and Concho rivers in Runnels, Coleman and Concho counties. A recent impact statement conducted for the water district by a team of consulting engineers indicates the best alternative to the current proposal would be locating the facility on Lake Buchanan. That move would cost water users more than \$30 million a year, Ivie said.

Locating the facility at Lake Buchanan would require an additional 99 miles of pipeline and a larger number of pump stations, he said. Ivie said that costs to transport water the extra miles also would be increased significantly. Without the Stacy Dam project, residents of Odessa, Midland, Big Spring, San Angelo, Snyder, and Abilene could see a dramatic de-

crease in their water supply, Ivie said. CRMWD has asked the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Fort Worth to conduct an environmental impact study about locating Stacy Dam at its proposed site.

Ivie said. "They're also going to weigh the advantages and disadvantages of the area without this lake," he said. "We feel sure they will support our efforts to build the dam."



**Off beat**  
By  
**Fred Parker**

### Keeping it in the family

I wonder how many of the hundreds of people attending the graduation ceremonies Friday night noticed that the gold tassel on the cap worn by co-salutatorian Karin Trgovac was a lighter shade than the tassels worn by the other honor graduates. It seems that Karin, instead of wearing the gold tassel with the numerals '86 on it which was issued to her with her cap and gown, was wearing the tassel worn by her father Paul when he graduated from Pampa High in 1963. Someday, maybe one of Karin's children can wear the same tassel. My personal congratulations to each of the graduates and their parents for a job well done. The fieldhouse at Pampa High School was jammed to the rafters as parents, other relatives and friends honored the 243 members of the school's 1986 graduating class. Although I was there in the capacity of a stepfather, my chest swelled with pride as I watched Robert receive the empty folder in which his diploma will be placed later this week — after his mother picks it up at the school office. I have only known Robert for the past four years, but I had as much pride as when my daughter, my oldest child, graduated from high school 14 years ago. Now I must encourage my two sons still at home, David and Mike, to excel in their school work through the coming years. Now that graduation, along with the prom and the all-night party, is over, maybe the parents of the graduating seniors can relax. It seems many of the parents spent countless hours in preparation for the events honoring the graduates. Because of my job and other commitments, I wasn't involved in these projects, other than keeping young Mike several times while his mother was engaged in some project. Sharon spent considerable time helping with the various activities and it will probably take her at least a week to recover. Every since that madman came to power in 1969 as head of the government of Lybia, there has been confusion and numerous arguments as to the proper English spelling of his name. Based upon the advice of Middle East specialists when he came to power, the Associated Press has spelled it Moammar Khadafy. The problem, it seems, in correctly spelling the last name was compounded because the Libyan leader makes a point of writing his name only in Arabic script and there is no official Libyan version in Latin characters. Now, at long last the confusion has ended because of a letter to second-graders in St. Paul, Minn., youngsters who had written him as part of a class project, from the Libyan leader. Although the signature was in Arabic script, it was over the typed name: Colonel Moammar El-Gadhafi. So, at long last we finally know how to spell the name correctly in English. From now on, the Associated Press and The Pampa News will be using the new spelling — Gadhafi. Don't be confused, even though the spelling of the name will be changed, we will still be referring to the same "nut."

Parker is city editor of The Pampa News. Views expressed in the Off Beat columns are the individuals' and not necessarily those of this newspaper.

### Testimony resumes in trial

KERRVILLE, Texas (AP) — Two of the three defendants in a kidnapping-slavery trial have been identified as the voices on a recording, done in a radio show format, that carried the introduction, "Live, from the bunkhouse. It's shock time." Screams and the buzzing sound of a cattle prod could be heard, and prosecutors told jurors the recording was of a torture session at a ranch north of Kerrville, where a drifter allegedly was tortured and killed in 1984. Testimony was scheduled to enter the fourth week Monday in the trial of Hill Country rancher Walter Wesley Ellebracht Sr., 55; his son, Walter Wesley Elle-

racht Jr., 33; and a former ranch worker, Carlton Robert Caldwell, 21, all accused of violating the state's organized crime statute. The three are accused of conspiracy to commit aggravated kidnapping and murder in the death of Alabama drifter Anthony Bates. Former ranch worker Daryl Hunsaker has testified the younger Ellebracht forced him to shock Bates with a cattle prod. Hunsaker, 23, said there were about five torture sessions, all instigated by the junior Ellebracht. Hunsaker identified the younger Ellebracht, Caldwell and Mark Hamilton, also indicted on an organized crime charge, as the voices on the tape.

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### Opinion

## Carnegie's education reform is no solution

SO MANY commissions, task forces, and reports have pronounced on "educational reform" over the last three years that most Americans are slightly jaded. Few outside the profession will read the report on teacher training and recruitment just published by the Carnegie Corporation.

This is unfortunate, for Carnegie has a record of getting what it wants. It played a major role in building today's tax-supported educational system, now almost universally agreed to be inadequate to the changes of the 21st century. And the panelists who produced its report include the leaders of the country's two largest teacher unions, which have blocked reform efforts such as merit pay.

THIS PANEL, dominated by tax-supported establishment types, admits government schools are badly out of kilter. It suggests a remedy that requires not just superficial repairs, but "fundamental changes in structure."

The Carnegie panel sees that today's teachers "work in an environment suffused with bureaucracy," which reinforces with cynicism by treating them like unskilled laborers, not professionals. It warns that "directives from state authorities" — the most widely used tools of educational change in recent years — matter far less than "the people with whom the students come in contact every day."

THE CORPORATION'S major solution will aggravate the very ills it so eloquently describes. Carnegie will soon convene a national board of teachers, administrators and political leaders to create a nationwide system of teacher licensing. It will also give \$817,000 to Stanford University researchers to solve the "technical problems" of predicting which would-be teachers will be successful in the classroom.

In other words, Carnegie seeks to reform an overly centralized, impersonal system through still more centralization.

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## Stephen Chapman

# Living low with the snakes

A West German herpetologist has set out to spend 100 days in a glass room in Gulf Breeze, Fla., with more than two dozen poisonous snakes, in an effort to break the old record of 90 days, set by him in 1983. The following are excerpts from what he may not record in his private journal.

Day 5. Dear Diary: Whoever said cohabitating with snakes is tough has never done it. Oh, I'll grant it helps to have an alert mind, a calm disposition and a certain lightness of foot. But, as Bob Dole said of the vice presidency, it's indoor work with no heavy lifting. After a few days, you settle into your basic snake mentality, which saps your drive to do anything more ambitious than sleep, gorge occasionally on live rodents and bask in the sun. The pay's not great, but then again, you never have to worry about bill collectors.

Day 20. Dear Diary: The snakes were bored, so they decided to liven things up by having Dolores, the black mamba, slither into my sleeping bag to give me a start when I awoke this morning. I can't say I was terribly amused. Sure, it beats black coffee for getting you revved up first thing, but it's a good way to pull a hamstring. I got a little revenge by telling them a joke: What do you call a snake that plays practical jokes on its keeper? A belt.

Day 37. Dear Diary: Things didn't go so well

today. First the shower broke. You can just imagine how easy it is to get a plumber to come fix the pipes in a place that features wall-to-wall copperheads — and on a weekend, no less. From now on, I guess it's sponge baths for me. This evening, after all the trouble I took to arrange a private screening of Sly Stallone's new movie, the snakes got sulky when *Cobra* turned out to be cop-and-robbers. Next time I'll stick to reruns of *Wild Kingdom*.

Day 49. Dear Diary: My old college roommate had a laugh on me today. He sent me a newspaper clipping about a veterinarian who says pets should have their teeth brushed twice a day to prevent problems with the teeth and gums. Along with the clipping was a box containing one toothbrush and 200 tubes of Gleem, so I can head off any incipient cavities among the serpent population.

Day 61. Dear Diary: More problems. My life insurance coverage just got cancelled. And here I was hoping to do one of those ads, with me surrounded by coiled diamondback rattlers saying, "My insurance company? Why, New England Life, of course." Some of my roommates could also learn a little about cleaning up after themselves. It's quite a mess when 100 snakes all decide to shed their skins at once.

Day 72. Dear Diary: Somebody tipped off the Humane Society, so they had a lady out here to

take a look. Seems her members take a dim view of how I've deprived the legless ones of their accustomed privacy by putting them in a glass room. She also had some gripes about their having to put up with a man who hasn't showered in more than a month. I told her this whole arrangement ain't exactly a picnic for me, either. She replied that a Freudian psychiatrist could probably tell me some interesting things about myself.

Day 86. Dear Diary: OK, I admit, it's getting to me a little today. I haven't been sleeping too well ever since my disagreement with Melvin, the anaconda. Getting crosswise with 30 feet of muscle and bad temper can put a guy on edge. Some of the puff adders have been kind of cruel too. Their idea of humor is to flick their tongues innocently and ask how old I am. "Getting up there, aren't you?" they say. "You sure you haven't lost a step going to your right?"

Day 98. Dear Diary: I'm fresh out of Valium, but if I can just hang on a little longer, my place in history will be secure. It won't be easy. The snakes are getting more irritable by the minute, the reporters are camped out on every side of the glass wall and a guy from the *Guinness Book of World Records* is demanding that I fill out some forms in triplicate. And there are still all those fangs to brush...  
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## Paul Harvey

# Is TV inviting censorship?

In Madison, Wis., a boy, age 11, watched the horror movie *Friday the 13th* on TV and then, imitating a scene in the film, removed his belt, went into the bathroom and hanged himself.

Is the television industry inviting censorship? Self-government can't work without self-discipline.

Because a few kooks hide razors and needles in apples, whole states have had to outlaw Halloween.

They've taken away our Fourth of July fireworks — and threatened to take away our guns — because some misuse theirs.

Government in a dozen states now requires us to wear seat belts "in our own interest," of course.

As surely as federal health authorities now decree what goes into our mouths and our noses, they can legislate what goes into our eyes and ears.

None of us wants more government snooping of television — certainly not censorship — yet we invite that when we neglect self-discipline.

In 1972 and again in an updated 1982 report, the United States surgeon general's office concluded there is a link between excessive exposure to TV violence and aggressive behavior.

The average viewer is exposed to 13 acts of violence per hour on television, ranging from pushing and shoving to murder and rape.

Thomas Radecki, chairman of the National Coalition on Television Violence, says the average child witnesses 18,000 television murders before he graduates from high school. "Murder is made to appear so easy that we accept the fact of violence in our lives. TV is tantamount to a permit for murder."

When Ronnie Zamora was on trial for murder in 1977 and his attorney was seeking to blame TV, a Miami psychologist named Arthur Still-

man was employed by the state to refute that defense.

He testified that television could not cause a child to become a killer.

Dr. Stillman has since changed his mind. Now he says, "With enough exposure to TV some people cannot discern between reality and fantasy."

If you remember Ronnie Zamora at all it's because he was on trial for murder and his lawyer blamed television.

It came to be known as "The Kojak Defense." In 1977 the boy, 15, killed the next-door neighbor boy in Miami and his attorney argued that the boy had "fantasized," had imagined himself to be one of his TV heroes...

That the boy, play-acting Kojak, had stood over the lifeless body of his victim and said, "It's all right to get up now..."

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# Greedy banks fight to keep their hold

By Robert Walters

WASHINGTON (NEA) — In Oregon, some branches of a major bank allowed customers to immediately draw upon funds from deposited checks, while other branches of the same bank placed "holds" of up to three weeks on similar deposits.

In Massachusetts, a woman deposited more than \$1,400, most of it in cash, in her checking account, but the checks she wrote against those funds bounced. Because her deposit included a check, the bank placed a hold on all of it — including the cash.

Similar stories abound elsewhere in the nation. Surveys conducted throughout the past decade show that 10 to 20 percent of people with checking accounts have had problems with what the industry euphemistically calls "delayed availability of funds." That means banks stall for days — and sometimes weeks — before crediting their customers' accounts with the funds from checks they deposited, ostensibly to ensure that the checks are valid.

The forward handling of checks is an impressive high-technology operation. All checks are encoded with magnetic, machine-readable inks,

speeded to local and regional clearinghouses and processed by high-speed reader-sorters.

Special courier services on the ground and in the air rush out-of-town checks back to their originating banks. As a result, the average check is processed in less than two days.

But returning bad checks is an archaic, cumbersome procedure. Clerks must manually decipher the mass of endorsements (often stamped on top of each other) on the reverse side of a check, then return it to each of the banks that has handled it — a process that typically takes more than five days.

Deposits subjected to holds thus are consigned to purgatory until that process has been completed — but industry statistics suggest that the overzealous precautions are not commensurate with the modest problem.

Only 0.85 percent of the approximately 40 billion checks written in this country annually are rejected when first presented for payment — and 60 percent of those checks clear when routinely presented a second time. (That's because people who try to "play the float" sometimes miscalculate by a day or two.)

On the bottom line is this statistic: Only about 0.02 percent of all checks written eventually prove to be worthless because of fraud or other reasons.

The American Bankers Association claims that holds are placed on only 0.03 percent of all checks, but when the Federal Reserve Board conducted a 1984 study of the problem, it estimated that holds were placed on 5 percent of local checks and 20 percent of all out-of-town checks.

The Fed figures are far more believable to members of Congress who have studied the situation and to depositors who have been victimized by long, unjustifiable holds.

Moreover, the holds produce substantial profits for the banks. The Fed, for example, estimates that the banks earn \$290 million yearly by "playing the float" on their customers' deposits.

In addition, much of \$3.4 billion in returned check penalties assessed against customers annually by banks is ascribable to the fact that the banks refuse to credit check deposits in a timely fashion.

Banks certainly have the right to protect themselves when the source of a check is questionable, the deposi-

tor is a new customer or the check calls for payment of an unusually large sum — but they have abused that privilege.

There have been reports of unconscionable delays in giving depositors credit for checks drawn on the bank at which they are presented for payment, checks issued by the federal government and even cashiers checks.

The House last year approved legislation restricting the hold on checks, but the Senate is unenthusiastic about the reform. It's time for that chamber to act in the public's interest rather than continue to protect the bankers.

### Bits of history

In 1867, U.S. Secretary of State William Seward reached agreement with Russia to purchase the territory of Alaska for \$7.2 million. The deal was roundly ridiculed in the United States as "Seward's Folly."

In 1870, the 15th Amendment to the Constitution, giving black men the right to vote, was declared in effect.

## Berry's World



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# UAW goes on the offensive to combat the conservatives

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — The United Auto Workers, whose President Owen Bieber says he is tired of being outmaneuvered by conservatives, will form a commission to study the 1.1 million-member union's future.

"The job before us today is to do the tough spadework needed to ensure that the Reagan era is not followed by the Kemp era or the Bush era," Bieber said Sunday, referring to Rep. Jack Kemp and Vice President George Bush, both potential Republican presidential candidates in 1988.

At the start of the union's six-day convention, Bieber also warned the Big Three automakers that the UAW "will go to war" at the negotiating table to achieve its bargaining goals.

The task of the Commission on the UAW Future will be to find "how labor can improve its political effectiveness in a period of the permanent campaign, a new era of politics dominated by 30-second TV spots, sophisticated polling and computerized demographic analysis," he said.

"What must we do to harness the new technologies of com-

munication — satellites and computers and cable — to bring us closer to our members and them to us?"

"I'll put it simply: We absolutely must retake the Senate in 1986 and the White House in 1988," Bieber declared. "We're battered and bloodied, but we're unbroken."

Bieber, 56, has no opposition in his bid Wednesday for re-election to a second three-year term.

He used the hour-long keynote speech to set the posture for labor contract bargaining next year with General Motors Corp. and Ford Motor Co. and with Chrysler Corp. two years from now.

In his toughest speech since becoming president, Bieber vowed that "despite our patience, despite our desire to cooperate, despite our desire to achieve peaceful agreement, the UAW will go to war" at the bargaining table over such issues as the export of automotive jobs to low-wage countries.

At the same time, Bieber gave a sobering assessment of next year's labor-contract bargaining.

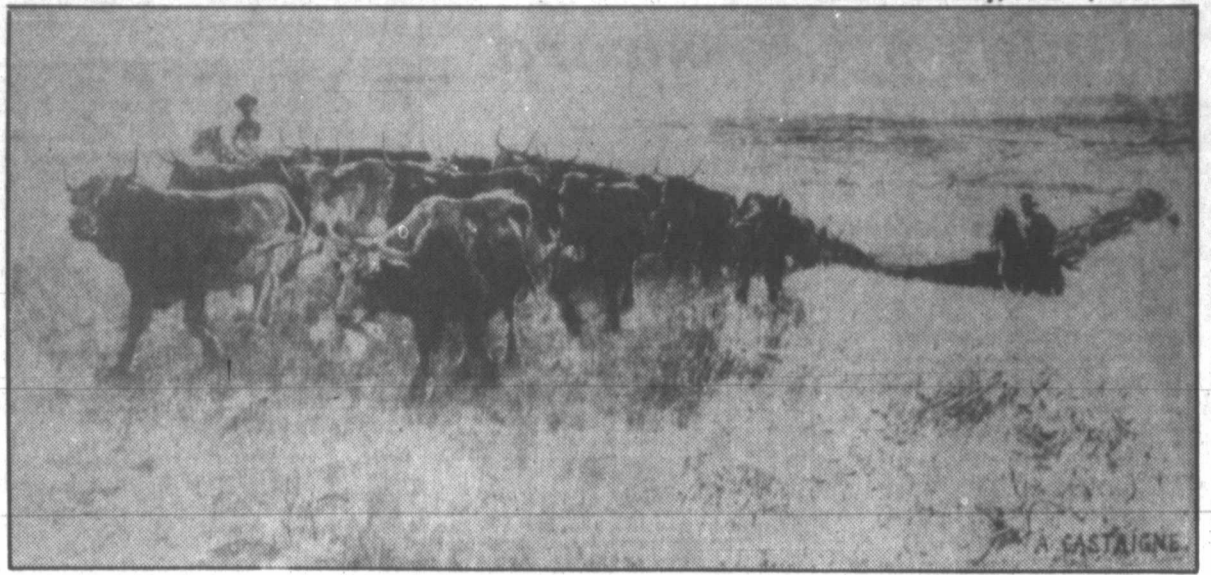
It could be more difficult than the 1984 round, he said, citing the possibility of recession and increased sales of imported cars from low-wage countries such as Mexico, Brazil, Yugoslavia and South Korea.

Sales from such countries add to the union's continuing problems with Japanese imports and the increasing links of the Big Three with foreign companies.

Foreign manufacture of cars and parts and other union grievances such as multimillion-dollar incomes by Detroit executives add up, Bieber said.

He defended the 50-year-old union as clean and received a standing ovation when he harshly criticized ousted UAW regional director Frank Runnels, who was convicted last week in Detroit on federal charges relating to kickbacks on workers compensation cases.

He also renewed a pledge to unionize the Ohio assembly operations of Honda Motor Co. Ltd. and the Nissan Motor Co. Ltd. plant in Tennessee, where workers have so far rejected UAW representation.



ON THE TRAIL — The longhorn and the cowboy became the enduring symbols of the Lone Star State after the great cattle drives began around 1867. Here in a drawing by A. Castaigne that was engraved by G.H. De-l'Orme "On the Great Cattle Trail" depicts those cattle drives to Abilene, Kan. (AP Laserphoto)

## One in a series

# Cowhands hit the long trail

By The Associated Press

The Civil War took many frontier Texans — farmers and ranchers alike — away from home. As the war dragged on, thousands of cattle wandered and multiplied without being thinned out.

Texas historian Joe Frantz says that when the men returned home, they found about four million head of untended cattle, mostly in the region between San Antonio, Corpus Christi and the Rio Grande Valley.

Meanwhile, Northerners had new money and an appetite for beef. The resource, however, was a thousand miles from the market. The Texans' problem: how to move this ready resource to market.

Joseph G. McCoy, a 26-year-old Illinois commission merchant, convinced the railroads to build a cattle town west of settlement so that Texas cattle trailed northward would not be subject to a typhoid quarantine in settled areas.

McCoy then persuaded Texas drivers to turn their herds northward toward the new town of Abilene, Kansas, where the necessary facilities for cattle had been built. Abilene even had gambling halls, bars and prostitutes.

Somehow the Texas cattlemen took a chance on this man they had never seen and sent their cattle to a town they didn't know.

The first drive took place in 1867, as a quarter of a million Texas cattle were herded toward a no-place called Abilene, Frantz says, and cattlemen found that McCoy had delivered on all his promises.

Between 1867 and 1890, about 10 million head of cattle were trailed north across Texas and Indian territory. The grass became better the farther north the

cattle traveled — the closer to market, the fatter the steers.

Once Abilene became prosperous, Frantz recounts, the new, more conventional residents frowned on cowboy high jinks and the cattlemen drove ever farther west.

Of the cowtowns that followed, the most famous was Dodge City, Kansas. (Or perhaps, as Frantz reminds us, "infamous" is the better word, for in one of the sayings that came down: "West of Kansas City there is no law; west of Dodge City there is no God.")

Cattle also were trailed into Colorado, Nebraska, Wyoming and Montana. The northern states provided a fine "topping off" range.

Eventually, these newer territories and states became cattle kingdoms themselves, stocked mainly by the descendants of the longhorn cattle originally trailed into their regions from Texas.

The advance of the railroad, the farmer's frontier and barbed wire fencing spelled the death of the range cattle industry, Frantz says, helped along by the tendency to overstock the range and destroy the grass and by a miserable drought in 1885-1886, intermixed with one of the most blizzardily winters in western history.

That year is known as the year of the Big Die-Up, and not only drove many entrepreneurs out of the cattle business but convinced survivors that the days of uncontrolled breeding had to end. Ranching then became a business and the free-ranging cowboy became a hired hand.

Still, the cowboy became the American equivalent of the medieval knight on horseback. Although his era was short, the range cowhand emerged as a symbol of a once-ample world, courage and direct action.

Literary historian Don Gra-

ham believes that the greatest epic expression of the generic American hero has been the cowboy. The cowboy saga stimulated the imagination of hundreds of novelists, poets and dramatists, Graham says, and by the turn of the century, as movies came into being, there lay at hand a vast repository of history and romance out of which to concoct stories.

Cowboy gear contributed to the mythology: the broad-brimmed sombrero with its high crown, high-heeled boots, rawhide lariats, spurs, silver-tipped western saddle with its big horn and oversized stirrups are just part of the mystique.

The apparel was in large part borrowed from Arab, Spanish and Mexican heritage.

Although the gear was spectacular to the benchbound Easterner, Frantz says, it served a practical use, as did the roundup and the methods of tending cattle borrowed from the Hispanic past.

The original tenders of the longhorn, also bred in this tradition, showed the Anglos how to manage herds in a semi-arid environment. And some of the cowboy lingo had Hispanic origins: rodeo; la riata, or lariat; sombrero; hooseguro for juzgado; buckaroo for vaquero; mustang, or mesteno, meaning a pony of mixed blood; and remuda for a relay of spare horses.

The longhorn and the cowboy became the enduring symbols of the state, an imperishable part of Texas tradition, no matter how urbanized and far removed from the ranch Texans may become.

# Remembering Marilyn: would have been her 60th birthday

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Sex goddess Marilyn Monroe, the platinum blond actress who entertained the powerful and wooed the world in her tight, low-cut dresses, was not forgotten on what would have been her 60th birthday.

Helium-filled balloons reading "Happy Birthday" and bouquets of flowers were delivered throughout the weekend to the crypt marked "Marilyn Monroe 1926-1962" at Westwood Village Cemetery, 10 miles from downtown Los Angeles.

Born Norma Jean Mortenson on June 1, 1926, Miss Monroe died Aug. 5, 1962.

And her mystique lives on.

"She came up from nowhere and set goals for herself. She had a dream and fulfilled it," said Ricci Terranova, a longtime fan from Marina del Rey who left flowers at her crypt on Sunday. He said the actress had inspired

her Miss Monroe's death, said visiting her home was his most prized personal memory of the actress. He posed as a potential buyer when the small Brentwood house recently went on the market.

"I got a sense of the warmth that I associate with her," he said.

For years, one of Miss Monroe's former husbands, baseball great Joe DiMaggio, had roses delivered to the crypt. The deliveries stopped several years ago, Andrews said.

Los Angeles Police Chief Daryl F. Gates and District Attorney Ira Reiner rejected murder allegations in Miss Monroe's death as recently as last fall, saying there was no evidence. And on Nov. 18, 1985, the Los Angeles County Grand Jury declined to investigate the death.

Miss Monroe died there at age 36 of "probable suicide."

Theories of murder and cover-up have surfaced throughout the years but remain unproven explanations of her death.

"She was a legend then," he is even more of one now," said Roger Richman, licensing agent for the Monroe estate who controls the commercial use of her picture and name. "What impresses me is her increasing worldwide popularity among people who were not even born when she was alive."

Wendy Beeby, 25, a Los Angeles waitress who carried flowers to the crypt Sunday with her 1-year-old daughter Angelina, collects Monroe memorabilia.

"I have her posters, her music, her dolls," the young mother said.

Forrest Andrews, spokesman for the tiny, tree-shrouded cemetery surrounded by high-rise buildings, said a steady stream of people remembered her birthday with flowers on her crypt.

# How politicians read the polls

By DONALD M. ROTBERG  
AP Political Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Read the latest polls and the 1988 presidential nominees are — no need to bother with the sealed envelopes — the winners are George Bush and Gary Hart.

That's the way it is two years and some months before the Democrats or Republicans meet to choose their 1988 presidential candidates.

What are people to make of the fact the latest Washington Post-ABC News poll that said potential Republican primary voters gave the vice president a 44-point lead over former Sen. Howard H. Baker Jr., their second choice for the nomination?

The same survey said that Hart had a 14-point lead over Chrysler Corp. chairman Lee Iacocca, that he was 15 points ahead of the Rev. Jesse Jackson and 17 points in front of Gov. Mario Cuomo of New York.

Do these figures tell anything about the developing races in both parties or are they a meaningless numbers game?

For people trying to raise money and organizational support for Bush and Hart, those numbers are very useful, even if their significance is debatable.

For candidates trying to oust sitting members of Congress, such numbers are an essential part of wooing the people who decide which challengers will get the support of political action committees.

For politicians trying to mobilize a presidential campaign, the numbers can be a tool for convincing key organizers and fund raisers to come on board early.

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The numbers can help move such people and if they commit, their decisions can influence others to follow.

The numbers for Bush in the Washington Post-ABC News poll were particularly formidable.

Where do they leave the other Republicans?

In most cases, it leaves them talking about how at this stage polls are a reflection of name recognition and pointing to cases of individuals who had little or no ranking in early polls, but ended up outstripping the field after a dramatic showing in one of the early state primaries or caucuses.

Jimmy Carter wasn't showing up on 1974 polls but he was the Democratic nominee in 1976. In

February 1984, a nationwide survey said Walter F. Mondale was favored for the nomination by 55 percent of Democrats. In second place with support from 13 percent was Sen. John Glenn of Ohio.

**Teen-ager jumps to death from pickup**

GORDON, Texas (AP) — Doubts about a teen-ager's planned marriage to a high school sweetheart apparently triggered her death fall from a pickup truck traveling at 50 mph, authorities said.

Beverly Ann Johnston, 18, died Friday, about two hours before her high school graduation, after she pushed open the passenger's door and either jumped or fell from the cab, witnesses said.

According to her sweetheart of three years, Stacey Kelleher, Miss Johnston was talking about getting cold feet concerning their marriage.

"She wouldn't sit next to me in the pickup," said Kelleher, who graduated from Gordon High School last year, got a job at General Dynamics in Fort Worth, and was preparing a home for the couple in Weatherford.

At 5:55 p.m., she pushed open the door.

"The last thing she said was 'I don't think it would work out between us' or something like that," Kelleher said. "As soon as I heard that latch open, I hit the brakes. I wish she'd grabbed my hand, or something."

Miss Johnston was pronounced dead by Eastland County Justice of the Peace R.G. Lyerla, who

ordered an autopsy. A final ruling on the death was pending. But Lyerla said Kelleher's account was corroborated by two witnesses in another vehicle.

A member of a graduating class of 16, Miss Johnston had earned numerous honors including a place in Who's Who in American Students.

## Six nuns die in convent fire

DUBLIN, Ireland (AP) — A fire swept through a convent building in central Dublin early today and killed six Roman Catholic nuns, police and fire officials said.

The nuns were asleep in a dormitory on the top floor of a four-story girls' secondary school when the fire broke out in a neighboring building and quickly spread.

Fifteen other nuns escaped unharmed.

The cause of the fire was not immediately known.

The nuns were members of the Loreto Order.

Three nuns escaped from the blazing building, and 12 others who were sleeping in an adjacent dormitory also had to flee, but the fire did not spread to the second dormitory, authorities said.

The Loreto Convent overlooks St. Stephen's Green, the fashionable Dublin park square surrounded by several government ministries and one of the city's top hotels, the Shelbourne.

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Some adolescents tend to squint when they're growing up. By the time they are 20 or 21, many of them will realize that their nearsightedness is a problem that needs help.

In some cases, the nearsightedness will have improved by then; in others it

may have gotten progressively worse. For most people, however, the degree of nearsightedness will have reached a plateau by the time they're fully grown.

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- 8 Fragrance
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- 14 Eugene O'Neill's daughter
- 15 Dutch commune
- 16 Parched
- 17 Groups of points
- 18 Neighborhood playing area
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- 21 Law (Lat.)
- 22 Monetary unit of Japan
- 23 Buckeye State
- 26 Housing
- 30 Popular flower
- 31 Cake topping
- 33 Cat sound
- 34 House member (abbr.)
- 35 Horse-training rope
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- 40 Dance step
- 41 Sea (Fr.)
- 43 Walked in water
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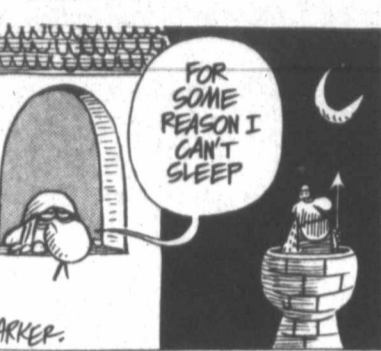
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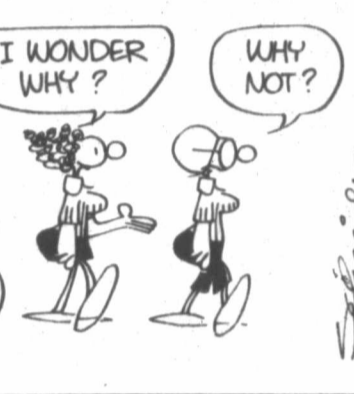
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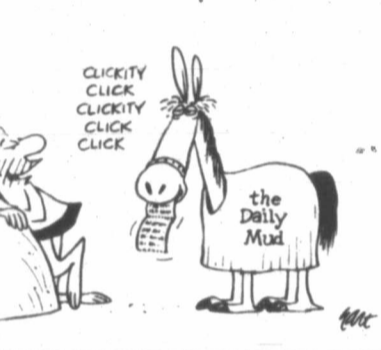
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June 3, 1986

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** Unless you have a proper understanding with co-workers today, you may end up with all the unpleasant tasks they don't wish to handle. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker set instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail \$2 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, Box 1846, Cincinnati, OH 45201.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** Circumstances today could force you to socialize with a person you've been trying to ignore. To please your mate, make the best of it.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** A goal you'll set for yourself today is not as difficult to achieve as you're leading yourself to believe. Don't let negative thoughts hamper you.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** If you hope to promote a personal interest today, you'll have to use the soft sell. Others will resent it if you try to force them to consent.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** Modify your material desires today. Don't just look for what you'll accumulate, make it a point to give the other guy a fair shake as well.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** Try not to overreact today if a close companion does something that displeases you. A display of anger will only make the matter worse.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** Your workload could be a bit heavier than usual today. Most of the things you'll be saddled with will be the responsibilities of others.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** An associate who is constantly in conflict with others can be converted with compassion today. Serve as the instrument to make him a better person.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** Competitive career situations could be even more so today, so if you can't stand the heat, you'd better stay out of the kitchen.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** Winning an argument could lose you a friend today. If you have a disagreement with a pal, be smart and let this person think he or she has won.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** When shopping today, it's imperative that you are both quality-conscious and price-conscious. You won't be content with merchandise that lacks one of these elements.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** It may prove extremely difficult to please someone who you will have to deal with on a one-to-one basis today. Try anyway.

### MARVIN



By Tom Armstrong

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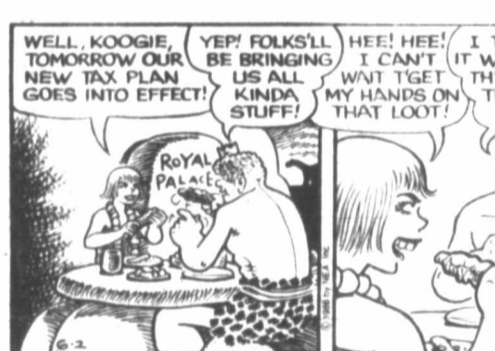
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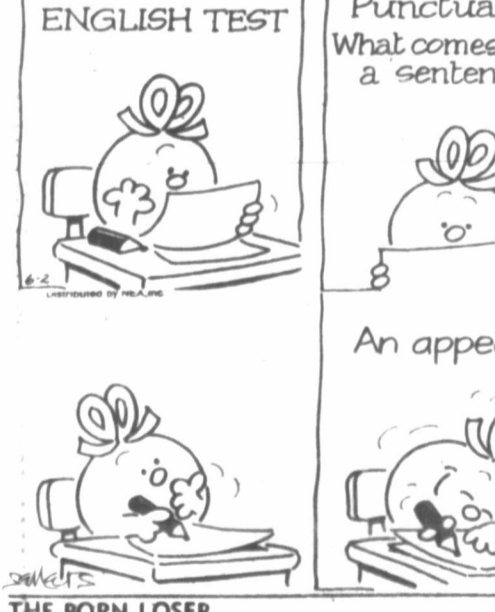
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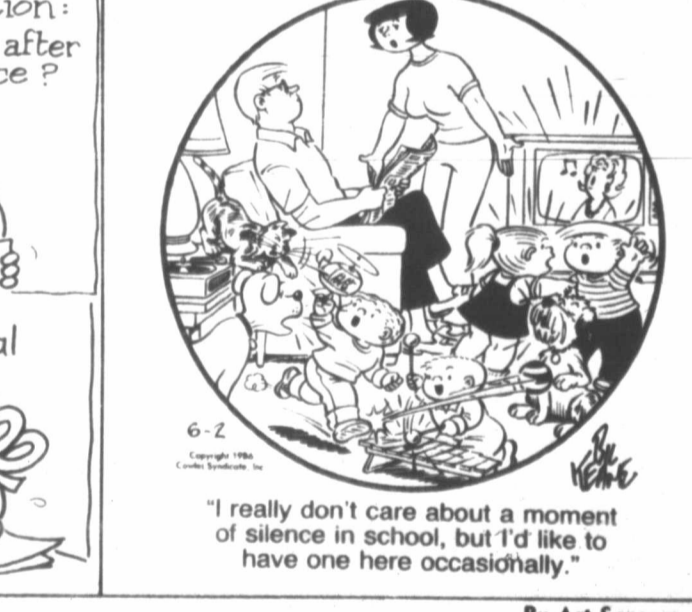


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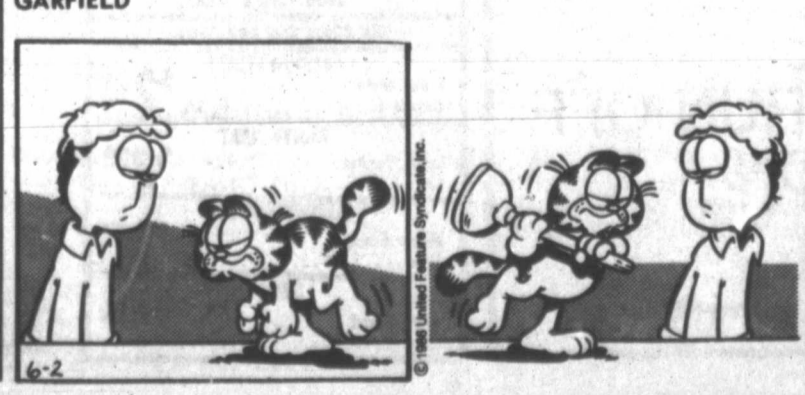
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# LIFESTYLES

## Travis school wins music memory contest

By LARRY HOLLIS  
Staff Writer

It was variations on a "Name That Tune" contest. But the melodies weren't pop or rock tunes. Instead, there were brief selections of classical compositions: sonatas, symphony movements, suites, concertos and other formal pieces.

And spelling counted for such composer's names as Davidovsky, Josquin, Mendelssohn, Debussy and Stravinsky, and such titles as *Eine Kleine Nachtmusik* and *Pathetique Piano Sonata*.

When the tunes were silenced and scores tabulated, the Travis Elementary School team won first place in the Music Memory Contest held Wednesday at the Horace Mann Elementary School

gymnasium. Mann's team was in second place.

Studying for the contest went on all school year in the elementary schools' fourth and fifth grade music classes.

In the regular classroom, students had studied the historical background of composers, classical music compositions, techniques and other matters. In addition, games and other activities were used to familiarize students with the musical selections.

"Maps" also were used, small charts containing notes, drawings and samples of the sheet music for different pieces.

Near the end of the school year, six-man teams from each school were selected through testing and a process of elimination.

Wanetta Hill, Mann music in-

structor, said the contest was based on the University Interscholastic League's Music Memory Contest. This was the first year for music students here to participate in the event on the local level. She said she hoped the district will be sending teams to the area and state UIL events in later years.

All the work for the team members culminated last week in the contest.

The students took their places in the gym, separated from each other. They were given a pencil and a sheet of paper on which to write their answers.

A brief selection from each of 12 compositions was played. Then the students had 30 seconds to identify the selection, the ma-

major work—where needed—from which the piece came, and the composer.

The tunes were not ones likely to be familiar from pop radio. There were no "Kiss," "Crush on You," "Hey, Jude," "Billie Jean," "Hound Dog Man" or even "Rock Around the Clock."

Instead, the pieces featured orchestras, violins, pianos or choral voices.

Selections included "Synchronisms No. 1" by Davidovsky, the Third Movement from Mozart's *Eine Kleine Nachtmusik*, "Scaramella" by Josquin, the Second Movement from Haydn's *Surprise Symphony*, the Opening Scene from Stravinsky's *The Rite of Spring* and the First Movement from Mendelssohn's *Violin Concerto in E Minor*.

Others were the Prelude from Debussy's *The Afternoon of a Faun*, "Gigue" from Bach's *Suite No. 3 in D Major*, the First Movement from Beethoven's *Pathetique Piano Sonata*, "Chester" by Billings, "Putnam's Camp" from Ives' *Three Places in New England* and "Air" from Bach's *Suite No. 3 in D Major*.

All students competed, each having to write down the answers, but the scores were computed by teams. Scoring included 2 points for the selection, 1 point for the major work where needed, and 2 points for the composer.

When the scores were tabulated, correct spelling was checked to break a tie between the top winners.

The first-place Travis team consisted of Jessica Garren, Jennifer Barker, China Parker, Jason Wesbrooks, Kim Strate and Elasha Hanks. Members of the second-place Mann team were Marina Ramirez, Tiffany Lane, Angela Rodriguez, Kelley Ford, Melissa Lynd and Sherri Utzman.

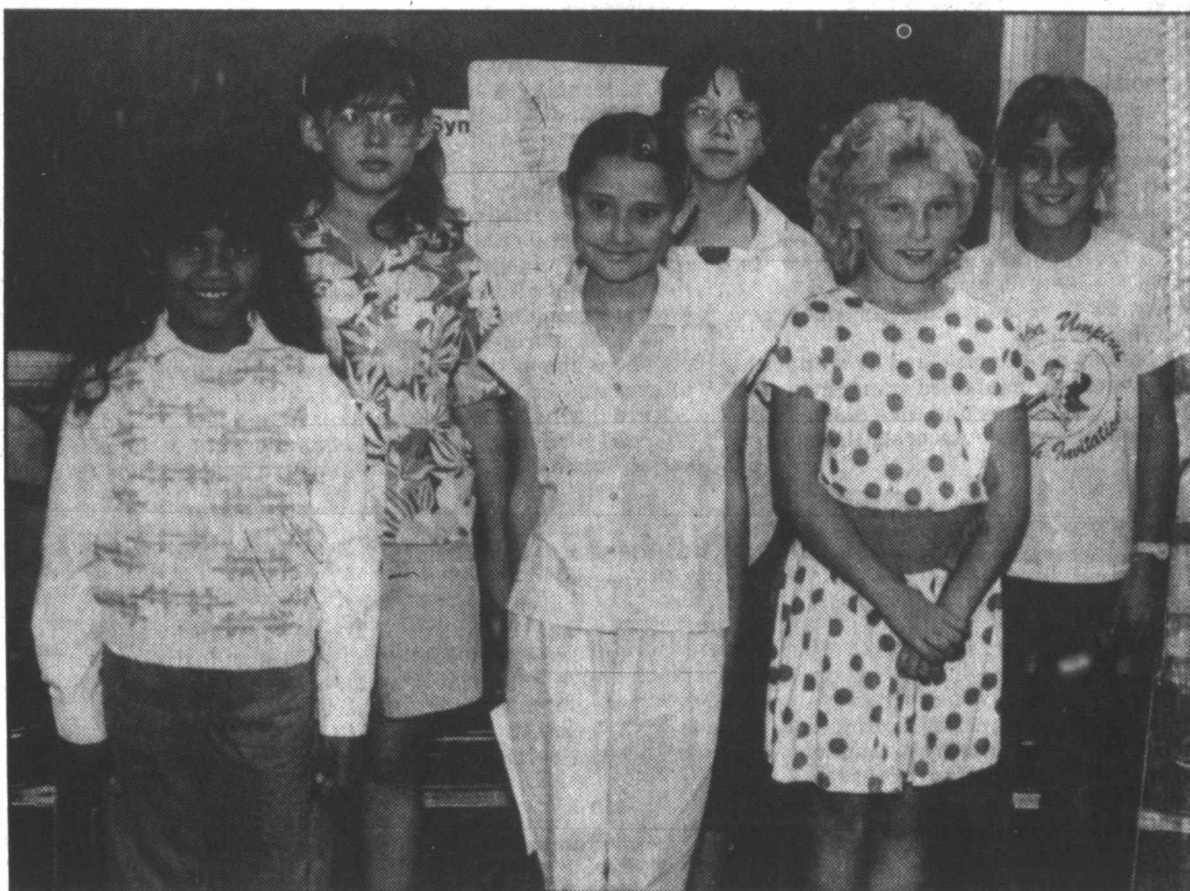
All participants received green ribbons. A trophy was given to the first-place team, along with blue ribbons.

School teams competed from Travis, Mann, Wilson, Lamar and Austin elementary schools.

Instructors preparing the teams were Wanetta Hill, Mann; Wathena Watt, Travis; Donna Caldwell, Lamar; Laura Stevens, Austin; and Edith Sayles, Wilson.



TOP TEAM - Winning the first place trophy for their music memory recall efforts are Travis Elementary School team members, from left, Jessica Garren, Jennifer Barker, China Parker, Jason Wesbrooks, Kim Strate and Elasha Hanks.



SECOND PLACE - Gaining second place in the Music Memory contest last week are Mann Elementary School team members, from left, Marina Ramirez, Tiffany Lane, Angela Rodriguez, Kelley Ford, Melissa Lind and Sherri Utzman. (Staff photos by Larry Hollis)



## Dear Abby

Modern lovers can still get their stars crossed

By Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: Our ninth-grade English class is currently working on this project. Will you please read the letter below, written by Romeo, and answer it in your column as you would if you had received it today? We have already submitted our replies to our teacher and are curious to see if any of our solutions match yours.

DANIEL CLARK,  
NEW BRITAIN HIGH SCHOOL,  
NEW BRITAIN, CONN.

DEAR VERONA ADVISER: Recently I met this girl at a party and immediately fell in love with her. The problem is that our families don't get along very well. Our parents would never have considered letting us marry each other. The only solution was to get secretly married, which we did.

But to complicate my problem, the other day in a street fight I killed her cousin. Now I have been banished from the city. My wife is still staying with her parents inside the city. Thus, I don't know if I'll get to see her very much. I'm going to sneak over to see her tonight, but that isn't enough. I've got to do something in a hurry. I am lonely and desperate.

What should I do? I'm afraid what might happen if either of our parents ever found out we were married. I've got to be with her. I am willing to try almost anything. Is there a solution? Please help me. Desperately yours,

NAME WITHHELD  
BY REQUEST

DEAR DESPERATE: You don't state your ages, but if you are old enough to be legally married, then you are old enough to support yourselves and take full responsibility for your actions.

But regardless of your ages, if you are living under your parents' roofs, and are not financially independent, you have no choice but to abide by their decisions.

DEAR ABBY: Early June, last

year, my husband showed me one of your columns. I can't quote it verbatim, but you suggested that an inexpensive gift that Dad would treasure would be a letter written from the heart.

I've always been a great believer in giving gifts from the heart instead of the purse whenever possible, so that idea greatly appealed to both my husband and me. We each wrote a love letter to my father for Father's Day, June 16.

I'd like to quote from a letter Dad wrote to us, dated June 21, 1985:

"I really enjoyed the letters you and Jerry included in your Father's Day card. Grace, your letter brought back memories of a nice little girl who I loved very much. She is now a fine lady, and I still love her a great deal."

Dad died of a heart attack before the sun rose on June 22.

We will always be grateful to you for publishing that suggestion, and I will always be grateful to God that we took you up on it.

GRACE AND JERRY CARLSON

DEAR GRACE AND JERRY: Thank you for affirming that a sincere expression of appreciation is the best of all gifts.

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DEAR ABBY: I am a natural blonde and my husband's hair is black. We have a 3-year-old daughter whose hair is flaming red.

We've heard all the snide remarks about mailmen, traveling salesmen, etc., but what should our daughter say when people ask her where she got her red hair?

STYMIED IN SACRAMENTO

DEAR STYMIED: A Tulsa reader gave me the ideal retort: "When our son was about 4 years old, and people would ask him where he got his red hair, we taught him to say, 'It came with my head.'"

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## Homemakers News: safe preserving methods

By DONNA BRAUCHI  
County Extension Agent

Food preservation season is just around the corner, and your Gray County Extension Service would like to help you make it a safe one. Canning, freezing, and drying foods offer families an opportunity to enjoy home-grown produce year-round. Safety, however, should always be the key.

Some canning methods, equipment and procedures are not safe and can result in food spoilage and even serious illness or death. Canning in a microwave oven, for example, is dangerous. Microwave ovens do not allow even heat penetration in the closed canning jar and the metal lids interfere with heat distribution. The use of metals in a microwave can also damage the ovens magnetron tube, requiring costly repairs.

Canning in a conventional oven is not advisable, because oven temperatures vary as the heat goes off and comes on again. The dry heat may not penetrate the food thoroughly either. Trying to can in a conventional oven is also a safety hazard. Pressure can build up in jars causing them to explode, or jars may break as drafts of cooler air hit them when the oven door is open.

Another canning method to avoid is the "open kettle" canning method which was popular years ago. The problem with this method is that the heat may not be sufficient to kill spoilage organisms. In the open kettle method, foods are simply heated and put into sterile jars. Spoilage organisms can enter the jar when the food is transferred from kettle to jar. Also, the initial treatment may not be sufficient to destroy spoilage organisms and even if the jar seals, it may be only temporary.

Steam canners are also not foolproof for canning. The U.S. Department of Agriculture does not recommend the use of steam canners when the process time is based on boiling water bath times. Research shows that the ability to kill bacteria in a steam canner is considerably less than in a boiling water bath canner when using the same process times. For that reason, a steam canner should never be used for low-acid vegetables and meats.

Keep in mind that a pressure canner and a steam canner are not the same! A pressure canner is the recommended piece of

equipment for canning low acid vegetables and meat.

If you are planning on doing

some home canning, we recom-

mend setting aside old cook-

books, grandma's recipe, or

advice from friends so you won't be taking chances with your family's health and your home-grown produce. Safe and reliable home canning information is available from your Gray County Extension Office at no charge.



GINGER MEERS of Pampa won best instrumental in the Charisma Girl Texas State Pageant in Abilene, May 25. Meers won with her arrangement of "Blue Boogie" played on the piano. She also placed third runner-up in the beauty division and won first place in the mother-daughter competition. (Special photo)



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**Q:** How important is self-image to dieting success?

**A:** The way you feel about yourself affects your life more than you know. The amount of self-esteem you have can determine the course your life may take. Remember, you are what you think you are. One of the most difficult hurdles for an overweight individual to overcome is a negative self-image. Overweight people often feel shunned and withdrawn. To acquire self-esteem, there must be an attitude change. Try this exercise: Stand before a full-length mirror. Look at the person you see there. Say: "You are a very special person who deserves the best life has to offer." Every chance you get, take advantage of your good nature and treat yourself better. Give yourself credit when things go right. Remember, you have the power to see the positive and can accomplish anything—including losing weight. It's up to you to treat yourself as someone special. For more information, contact your local Diet Center at

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# SPORTS SCENE

## Rockets make it interesting Sampson, Olajuwon help Houston rebound, 106-104

By MICHAEL A. LUTZ  
AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston's locker room had been somber at halftime in the Rockets' first two NBA championship playoff games against Boston, and each time the Rockets had been blown out in the third quarter. Sunday, they tried something different. "We had the radio on and we tapped our feet and chewed our gum," Rockets guard Robert Reid said. "We came out loose for the second half."

The Rockets kept up the beat on the court, surviving another scary third quarter, and then edged to a 106-104 victory in the fourth quarter with a revised lineup to breathe new life into the best-of-seven series. The Rockets now trail the Celtics 2-1 going into Thursday's fourth game at The Summit. The victory ended talk of a Boston sweep and the possibility of the Celtics setting two NBA records.

A sweep would have given the Celtics a 15-1 record in this year's playoffs, bettering Philadelphia's all-time mark of 12-1 in 1983. And Boston could have finished with a regular season-playoff combined record of 82-16, surpassing the 1971-72 Los Angeles Lakers' combined standard of 81-16. Los Angeles was 69-13 in the regular season and 12-3 in the playoffs.

Boston, 67-15 in the regular season, is now 13-2 in the playoffs.

Boston took a 2-0 series lead by wiling the Rockets with powerful third quarters in each of the first two games and they started Sunday's third period by outscoring the Rockets 17-3.

But in this game the Rockets didn't give in to the pressure defense. Houston led 62-59 at halftime but never trailed by more than 10 points and clawed their way back into the game in the closing minutes.

"If we'd been down by 15 or something, we might not have been able to come back," Reid said. "Today was not their day. Today it was who made the play at the end was the big chief."

Halftime music may have helped the Rockets' psyche but after the Rockets started slowly in the third quarter, Coach Bill Fitch took matters into his own hands and shuffled his lineup.

He moved Reid from his point guard position to a face-to-face confrontation with Boston forward Larry Bird.

Fitch inserted guards Allen Leavell and Mitchell Wiggins into the game and sat down starter Rodney McCray to give the Rockets more outside fire power.

The strategy was good enough to get the Rockets back into the series as they scored 15 points in the final 5½ minutes of the third quarter — they scored 36 in the two third quarters played in Boston — to trail 84-80 after three periods.

Leavell, still recovering from a late-season hand injury, scored only five points but he got the Rockets' offense moving and he hit two key late game baskets.

Wiggins scored eight points and got the decisive go-ahead tip-in with 31 seconds to go after a missed shot by Akeem Olajuwon.

Reid gained national status when he guarded Bird in the 1981 NBA championship series but he didn't take credit for Bird's six-

point second half on Sunday.

"It's not what I did, he took himself out of their offense," Reid said. "He let the other guys post up. But when he did post up, I was there. When he got rid of the ball, I didn't leave him."

"I stayed with him all the time."

Bird scored 25 points, grabbed 15 rebounds and handed out 11 assists, while Kevin McHale led the Celtics with 28 points. Ralph Sampson paced Houston with 24 points and 22 rebounds, while Akeem Olajuwon added 23 points.

"It was easier to get my shots off," Bird said of Reid's defensive effort. "I just wasn't hitting them. I had my opportunities."

The victory made an accurate prognosticator of Olajuwon, who said the Rockets would win the game.

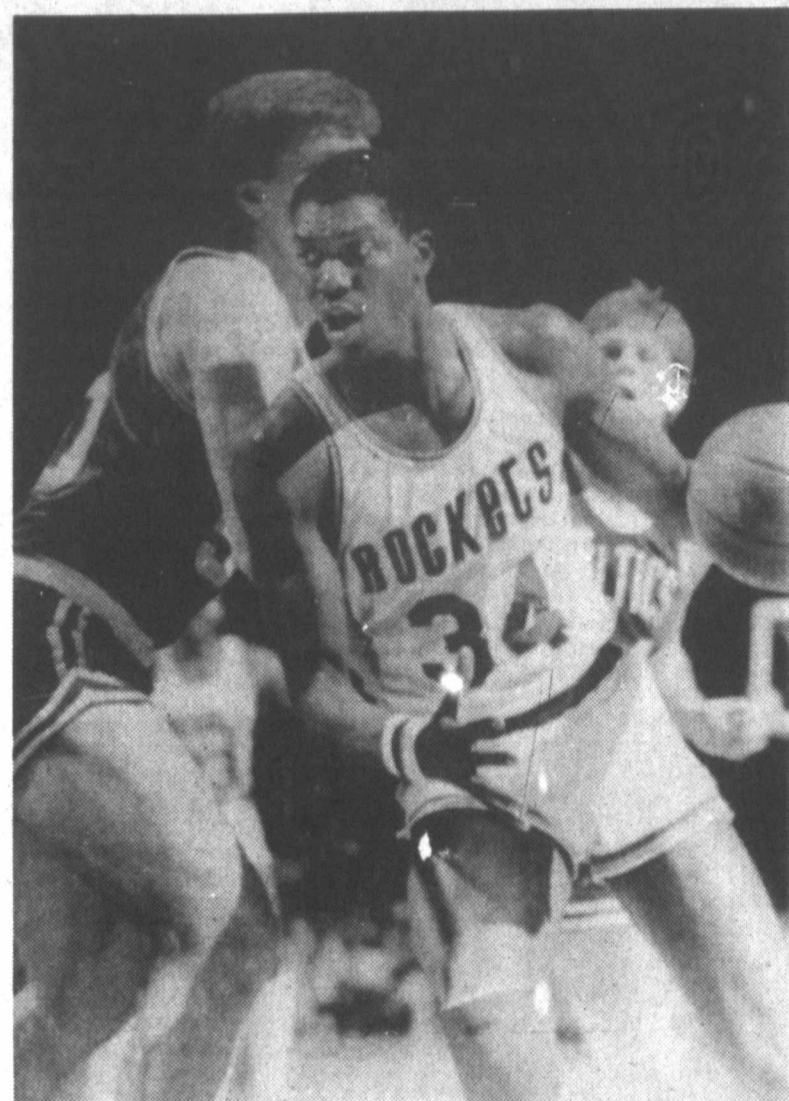
"I didn't predict a victory, I just said we had to win the game," Olajuwon said. "We still have to play a lot better than we played today."

Olajuwon said he started Sunday's game on too high an emotional level but that's past now.

"I had to slow down a bit emotionally," he said. "Tuesday night I just hope we play our game. I'm just thinking Tuesday now. We can't afford the turnovers any more and we must take good shots."

The Rockets had taken a 48-39 lead in the second quarter but the Celtics used a 13-4 spurt to trail by only three points at the half.

"We played well and had them down twice but we let them back into the game," McHale said. "We had our chances at the end too. I felt we had control with two minutes to play. The tip-in by Wiggins was the difference."



Houston's Akeem Olajuwon (34) drives around Boston's Kreg Kite during the third quarter of the Rockets' 106-104 NBA Finals Game Three win Sunday. (AP Laserphoto)

## Hungry Houston fans still boastful of Rockets' victory

By LAURA TOLLEY  
Associated Press Writer

HOUSTON (AP) — Cheering every good move the Houston Rockets made, eager fans got the victory they wanted so badly as they watched their team battle from behind to defeat the Boston Celtics in the third game of the NBA Finals.

Thousands of rowdy Rockets fans packed The Summit Sunday afternoon in the first game at Houston in the NBA Finals. The Celtics, 2-0 going into Sunday's game, caught the ill effects of Rocket fever as they were greeted with thundering boos.

Boston led 102-94 with 3½ minutes left, but the Rockets scored 12 of the last 14 points to win, 106-104, and cut Boston's lead to 2-1 and assure three games of the best-of-7 series will be played in Hous-

ton. The Rockets got to the NBA Finals by beating the Los Angeles Lakers after losing the first game.

"We're going to embarrass the Celtics just like we embarrassed the Lakers," said Jeff Kelley, a 32-year-old Rockets fan. "I know that (Kelley) is an Irish name, but I am a Rockets fan," said Kelley, emphasizing the word Rockets through his bullhorn.

Minority yellow bullhorns were handed out to fans as they entered the doors, along with placards that said "Beat Boston" on one side and had the Texas state flag on the other.

"They're at home now, and I just don't think they can lose," said Mike Kennison, 27, of Houston.

The Rockets dismal showing in the first two games may not have dampened their fans spirits,

but it did hurt some scalpers' hopes of scoring big.

With more than an hour to go before the game, tickets were available outside the Summit for up to \$100 a piece.

But as tip-off time approached, ticket prices fell. Tickets, which normally sold for \$11 and \$18, were going for face value and even a \$1 less than the \$11 price tag.

"I'm just trying to get what I paid for," one scalper said shortly before the game.

Some fans arriving before the game snapped photographs of players such as Rockets stars Akeem Olajuwon and Ralph Sampson. Many fans dressed light for the occasion wearing shorts and T-shirts, while other brave souls wore green, the Celtics' color.

Ed McMeekin, who flew in from Atlantic City,

N.J. to see the game, walked around the arena in green pants and a green shirt with a Celtics insignia.

McMeekin was confident his team would prevail, saying the Rockets would have to stop the Celtics' Larry Bird to win the championship.

To stop Bird, the Rockets "would have to handcuff him to a pole outside," he said.

Despite the sprinkling of Celtics fans, they could not be heard above the cheering Rockets fans.

The only other person to receive a standing ovation Sunday was country singer Willie Nelson, who was cheered by the crowd as he was escorted to his seat.

"Sure I do," said Nelson when asked if he wanted Houston to win. "I'm a Texas boy."

## Norman takes Kemper crown in sudden death

By TOM SEPPY  
Associated Press Writer

BETHESDA, Md. (AP) — Greg Norman said he would have liked a cleaner victory — like a birdie on the sixth extra hole instead of learning luckless Larry Mize had put his ball in the water.

"I feel a little saddened to finish the way we did," Norman, who won his second Kemper Open in three years, said. "He played well through 71 holes and then gave me a chance to get in the playoff."

"You hate to win this way. I would have liked to have had a birdie to win."

Norman, who earlier this year won the tour's richest tournament, the Las Vegas Invitational, defeated Mize on the sixth extra hole of the tourney played over the 7,173-yard, par-72 Congressional Country Club course.

Norman shot a final-round 66, while Mize came in with a 69. Both players finished 72 holes with totals of 277, 11 under par.

Mize, the leader after three rounds, had a chance to win the tournament on the final hole of regulation play but a 25-foot putt just missed and the playoff was set.

Both players parred the first five playoff holes. On the sixth extra hole, the par-4, 465-yard 18th, Mize hit into the pond behind the hole. After taking a penalty and a drop, he chipped over the green into the water again. He asked Norman to putt out and he made a par. Mize picked up.

Mize was disappointed by his failure to win after blowing leads going into the final round here last year and at the Tournament Players Championship.

"I feel I played a pretty good round, but not good enough," Mize, who led by four strokes entering the final round here last year, said.

Mize said he was only 161 yards from the cup on the final hole of the playoff and hit an eight iron.

"I didn't think it would go in the water," he said. "I thought it would be in the bunker."

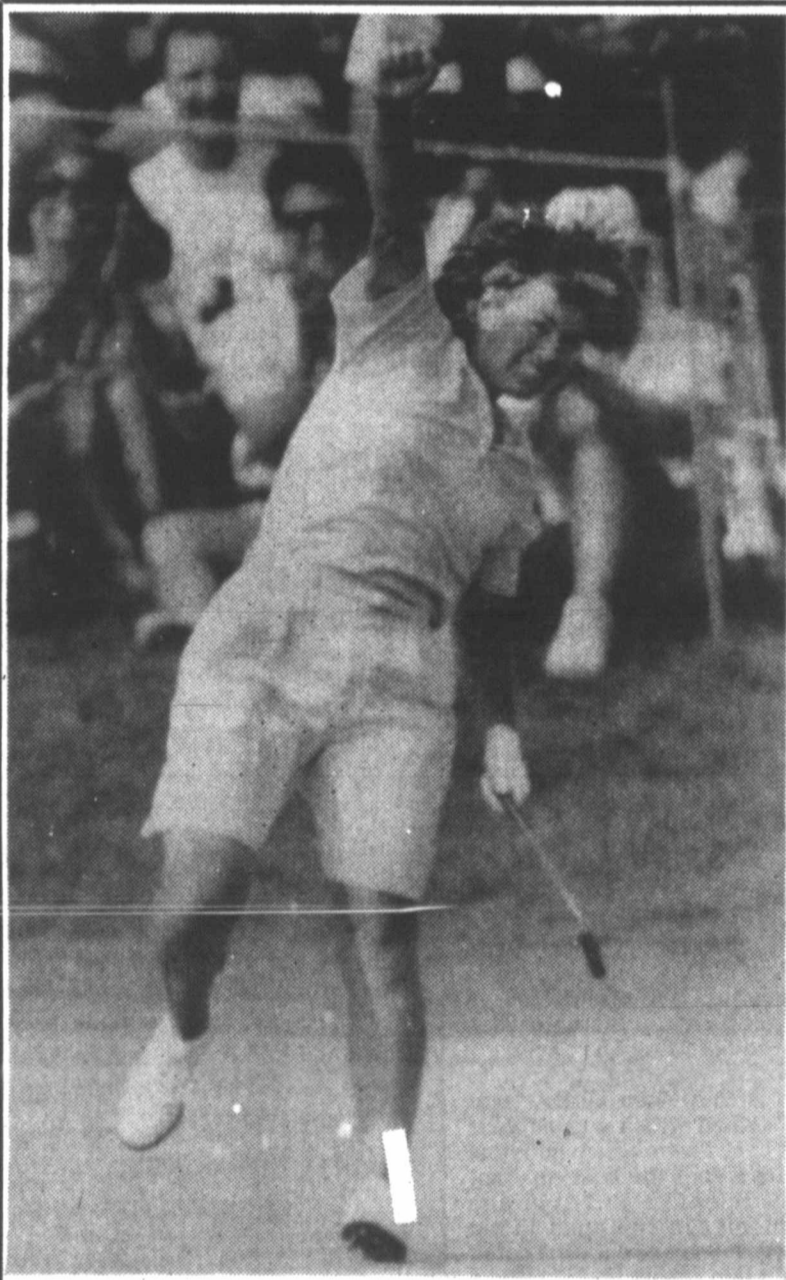
Norman, who won the Kemper and the Canadian Open in 1984 and Las Vegas this year in three years on the PGA Tour, picked up \$90,000 in winning the Kemper in the last year it will be held at Congressional. Next year, the Kemper will move across the street to Avenal, a TPC course.

Mize, whose only tour victory was the 1983 Danny Thomas Memphis Classic, won \$54,000 to bring his yearly earnings to \$212,255 as he has gotten a check in 13 of 14 starts.

Tied for third place were Mike Reid and John Cook, who were recipients of \$29,000 each.

Bobby Wadkins, who fired a final-round 66, was in sole possession of fifth place at eight-under-par 280 while Curtis Strange was sixth at 282.

Bob Gilder, Buddy Gardner and Chip Beck finished at 283 and Craig Stadler, a two-time winner here, and a group of four others were one stroke behind.



Pat Bradley celebrates after sinking an 18th hole birdie putt to win the Ladies Professional Golf Association Championship Sunday afternoon. (AP Laserphoto)

## Bradley birdies 18th for first LPGA title

MASON, Ohio (AP) — Pat Bradley's dream came true — and that made it two down and two to go in the grand slam countdown.

Bradley captured her second consecutive women's major golf title in 1986 Sunday with a one-stroke victory in the LPGA Championship at the Jack Nicklaus Sports Center.

Ahead lie the U.S. Women's Open and the du Maurier Classic. The 35-year-old Bradley won the Nabisco Dinah Shore crown earlier this year.

"I haven't really thought a whole lot about (the Grand Slam)," Bradley said. "But who knows? What the heck, everything else is going my way."

Bradley, the tour's leading money-winner, said she had already envisioned her LPGA victory and the manner in which it was won.

"I have to admit, I've dreamt of winning this tournament with a birdie on the last hole," said Bradley, who shot a final-round 68 on the 6,242-yard Grizzly Course.

Her victory didn't come easily.

Bradley trailed Ayako Okamoto by four shots midway through the final round. But Okamoto, who held three-shot leads after 36 and 54 holes, faltered down the finish and Bradley took charge.

Okamoto, with six tour victories in her six years on the American tour, bogeyed the 12th hole. Bradley, a 13-year veteran of the LPGA circuit, birdied Nos. 13 and 14 to pull even at 10-under par.

Playing in the threesomes just ahead of Okamoto, Bradley then knocked in a 14-foot chip shot from behind the 16th green for a birdie to take the lead for good.

The drama wasn't over for Bradley, however, even after Okamoto, who shot a final-round 74, bogeyed No. 16 to fall out of contention.

A bogey by Bradley on No. 17 cut her lead to one stroke over playing partner Patty Sheehan heading to the par-5 18th hole.

Bradley chose to lay up, while Sheehan hit a 3-wood second shot which skipped across the water fronting the green and landed in a bunker. Bradley then hit her third shot 12 feet past the hole.

Sheehan blasted out, narrowly missing the eagle, to within three inches of the cup.

Sheehan tapped in for a birdie to pull even with Bradley at 10-under. Sheehan managed a 67 Sunday.

"Seeing Sheehan tap in and knowing that if I didn't hit my putt then we were going to 15 or 16 (for a playoff) ... I said to myself, 'My day's not over yet, but I can end it right here,'" Bradley said.

She then rolled in her 12-footer for the birdie which clinched her fifth major championship.

## Kid, codger fight ways into French Open quarterfinals

By LARRY SIDONS  
AP Sports Writer

PARIS (AP) — Gray streaks can be spotted in the long black hair of Guillermo Vilas as he talks about one more victory, one more round in a grand slam tennis tournament.

Braces on her teeth bely the youth of Mary Joe Fernandez, who admits that she is amazed at the prospect of playing her idol for the French Open championship.

The kid and the old-timer, neither given much chance when play started a week ago, are in the quarterfinals of the men's and women's field.

Vilas, the 33-year-old Argentine who won the French Open nine years ago, fought back from one point away from elimination to beat Frenchman Guy Forget 6-3, 3-6, 4-6, 6-1, 8-6 in the fourth round Sunday.

"Any win I like," Vilas said when asked to compare this with the victories he registered with

regularity a decade ago. "You can get sentimental after the match."

Fernandez, the 14-year-old high school freshman from Miami, Fla., beat fourth-seeded Claudia Kohde-Kilsch of West Germany, 7-6, 7-5.

"I never thought I'd get this far. I'm still in shock that I won today," Fernandez, who turned professional just last February, said. "I tried not to think about it because I get nervous. I just said, 'This is another match.'"

Top seeds Ivan Lendl and Martina Navratilova easily advanced to the quarterfinals.

Lendl, of Czechoslovakia, defeated West Germany's Damir Keretic 6-1, 6-2, 6-4, while Navratilova eliminated 18-year-old Laura Garrone of Italy 6-1, 6-2.

The quarterfinals of the season's first grand slam event were to begin in the women's field today.

Second-seeded Chris Evert Lloyd was to take on 18-year-old Carling Bassett of Canada, while

16-year-old Steffi Graf of West Germany, the No. 3 seed, was to meet fifth-seeded Hana Mandlikova.

The men's fourth round was to conclude today, with third-seeded Boris Becker of West Germany meeting 14th-seeded Emilio Sanchez of Spain and eighth-seeded Henri Leconte of France going against 19-year-old Horacio de la Pena of Argentina.

On Sunday, Becker finished a match suspended Saturday because of darkness as he beat

America's Eliot Teltscher 6-3, 6-3, 5-7, 6-4.

Two seeds dropped out Sunday because of illness and injury.

Fourth-seeded Yannick Noah of France defaulted from his match against America's 12th-seeded Johan Kriek because of a badly burned left ankle. Noah said the ankle had become infected after being damaged during laser-beam treatment for ten-dinitis.

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### NL Roundup

## Knepper keeps Astros hot

By **BEN WALKER**  
AP Baseball Writer

Jim Morrison kept his eye on the ball, from the time he connected until the time it sailed into the left-field seats for a grand slam. The question was whether he kept his eye on where he was running.

"I don't think I passed him. I don't want to say much about it because I've been in a slump all season and I just want to enjoy this," Morrison said Sunday after driving in seven runs in the Pittsburgh Pirates' 12-3 rout over the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Morrison's first career slam came in the fifth inning off Tom Niedenfuer and gave the Pirates a 9-2 lead. The Dodgers, though, argued that Morrison should have been ruled out for passing runner Tony Pena around first base.

"He touched me but he never passed me," Pena said. "If he did it, I'd say the truth. He didn't do it."

In other National League games, Philadelphia trounced San Diego 16-5, San Francisco tripped New York 7-3, Houston beat Montreal 8-4, St. Louis edged Cincinnati 2-1 and Chicago defeated Atlanta 7-3.

Pena and Morrison were both watching the ball go into the stands at Three Rivers Stadium when Morrison appeared to pass Pena. Morrison quickly went

back and retouched first base while Los Angeles first baseman Greg Brock and third baseman Bill Madlock started hollering at first base umpire Lee Weyer.

Dodgers Manager Tom Lasorda argued for 10 minutes, and the umpires huddled privately before allowing the play to stand. Weyer said he was headed toward second base when the ball was leaving the park and said he did not see the play.

Rick Rhoden, 4-3, gave up seven hits in his second complete game of the season. Bob Welch, 3-5, lost his fourth consecutive decision as the Dodgers lost for the fifth time in six games.

**Phillies 16, Padres 5**  
Juan Samuel hit a solo homer and a three-run double and Glenn Wilson and Darren Daulton added three-run homers, powering Philadelphia past San Diego for the Phillies' sixth straight victory.

The Phillies rapped 15 hits and received 12 walks from five Padres pitchers.

Steve Carlton, 4-6, won his second straight decision, giving up five runs on 10 hits in six innings.

**Astros 8, Expos 4**  
Bob Knepper became the first nine-game winner in the NL, helped by Glenn Davis, who homered and drove in four Houston runs at the Astrodome.

Knepper, 9-2, is tied with Boston's Roger Clemens for the most victories in the majors. Knepper

pitched six innings and gave up four runs on six hits, including two homers by Andre Dawson.

**Giants 7, Mets 3**  
Mike Krukow continued his career success against New York, throwing 7 1-3 strong innings as San Francisco beat the error-plagued Mets.

Krukow, 7-3, allowed seven hits, including Ray Knight's two-run homer in the sixth.

Ron Darling, 6-1, took the loss. He was tagged for five runs on six hits in five innings.

**Cardinals 2, Reds 1**  
Danny Cox, an 18-game winner last season, hit a tiebreaking single that helped him win his first game of the year. The St. Louis right-hander, who missed the first three weeks of the season with an ankle injury, won for the first time in five decisions.

Cox pitched five innings and gave up six hits, including a run-scoring single by Cincinnati player-manager Pete Rose. Cox put the visiting Cardinals ahead 2-1 in the second inning with an RBI single.

**Cubs 7, Braves 3**  
Gary Matthews' fly ball twisted in a 31 mph wind at Wrigley Field and fell for a two-run triple, capping a three-run first inning that sent Chicago past Atlanta.

Winner Guy Hoffman, 2-1, pitched his first major-league complete game. He gave up nine hits and struck out a career-high seven.



Houston's Glenn Davis celebrates homer...

### AL Roundup

## Another comeback for Yankees' John

By **KEN RAPPOPORT**  
AP Sports Writer

Tommy John knows all about comebacks. He made one 10 years ago with his so-called "Bionic Arm." Now, he's at it again.

John, who has been struggling the past few years, pitched the New York Yankees to a 7-1 victory over the Oakland A's, improving his record to 3-0 since joining the Yankees on May 2.

"I'm having more fun now than I ever had," said John, who once came back from a rotator cuff injury and a year of inactivity to win 10 games for the Los Angeles Dodgers in 1976. He has had three 20-victory seasons since then, including two with the Yankees.

In other American League games Sunday, Boston beat Minnesota 6-3; Cleveland outscored Milwaukee 9-7; Chicago stopped Toronto 6-4; Kansas City turned back Texas 5-3; California trimmed Baltimore 7-4 and Seattle routed Detroit 9-1.

John, who scattered nine hits in

eight innings, got all the offensive support he needed when Dave Winfield hit a tie-breaking, two-run homer in the sixth. The Yankees added three runs in the seventh, and Mike Pagliarulo hit a solo homer in the eighth off Tom Dozier.

**Red Sox 6, Twins 3**  
Unbeaten Roger Clemens, with home-run support from Don Baylor and Dwight Evans, recorded his ninth straight victory as the Boston beat Minnesota.

Clemens, the AL leader in victories, was making his first start since last Sunday when he suffered a sprained knuckle on the middle finger of his pitching hand.

He lasted eight innings against Minnesota, giving up seven hits and striking out nine, before Bob Stanley pitched the bottom of the ninth.

The loss went to Mark Portugal, 1-6.

**Indians 9, Brewers 7**  
Rookie Andy Allanson tripled in two runs to break a 6-6 tie in the

seventh inning and lead Cleveland over visiting Milwaukee.

Scott Bailes, 6-4, Cleveland's third pitcher, was the winner with last-inning relief help from Ernie Camacho, who recorded his seventh save. The loser was Bob McClure.

**White Sox 6, Blue Jays 4**  
Wayne Tolleson hit a three-run homer and Greg Walker added a two-run shot as Chicago snapped a seven-game losing streak. The White Sox, who had managed just one hit through the first five innings, finally solved Jimmy Key, 3-4, in the top of the sixth when they scored three runs on Tolleson's homer.

Rich Dotson, 3-5, was the winner with late relief help from Joel McKeon and Bob James.

**Royals 5, Rangers 3**  
Lonnie Smith's two-run triple with two out in the seventh led Kansas City over Texas. It was the Royals' third straight victory over the Rangers, who arrived in Kansas City Friday night with a three-game lead in the AL West

and dropped into a tie with the Royals after Sunday's loss.

The winner was Charlie Leibrandt, 5-3.

Rangers reliever Mitch Williams took the loss.

**Angels 7, Orioles 4**  
Wally Joyner's 17th homer in the sixth inning snapped a 1-1 tie and California scored five times in the eighth to beat Baltimore.

Joyner's leadoff homer off Scott McGregor, 4-4, resulted in his seventh game-winning RBI. The rookie, who leads the major leagues in homers, has homered against all nine teams the Angels have faced.

**The win went to Mike Witt, 5-4. Mariners 9, Tigers 1**  
Jim Presley's three-run homer capped a five-run seventh inning, leading Seattle over Detroit for a three-game sweep of the visiting Tigers.

Winner Billy Swift, 1-3, pitched 5 1-3 innings, scattering nine hits and walking just one. Mark Huisman was credited with his second save as he held the Tigers to one run the rest of the way.

### Major League Standings

| AMERICAN LEAGUE |    |               |     | NATIONAL LEAGUE |              |               |    |     |
|-----------------|----|---------------|-----|-----------------|--------------|---------------|----|-----|
| East Division   |    | West Division |     | East Division   |              | West Division |    |     |
| W               | L  | Pct.          | GB  | W               | L            | Pct.          | GB |     |
| Boston          | 31 | 18            | 633 | 2½              | New York     | 31            | 13 | 705 |
| New York        | 28 | 19            | 596 | 4½              | Montreal     | 26            | 20 | 565 |
| Baltimore       | 24 | 24            | 500 | 9               | Philadelphia | 21            | 24 | 467 |
| Milwaukee       | 24 | 23            | 511 | 6½              | Chicago      | 20            | 26 | 435 |
| Cleveland       | 23 | 24            | 500 | 9               | Pittsburgh   | 18            | 25 | 419 |
| Detroit         | 23 | 23            | 500 | 9               | St. Louis    | 18            | 27 | 400 |
| Toronto         | 23 | 27            | 460 | 11              |              |               |    |     |
| Kansas City     | 24 | 24            | 500 | —               |              |               |    |     |
| Texas           | 24 | 24            | 500 | —               |              |               |    |     |
| California      | 24 | 25            | 490 | ½               |              |               |    |     |
| Oakland         | 23 | 27            | 460 | 2               |              |               |    |     |
| Chicago         | 19 | 28            | 404 | 4½              |              |               |    |     |
| Minnesota       | 19 | 30            | 386 | 5½              |              |               |    |     |
| Seattle         | 19 | 31            | 380 | 6               |              |               |    |     |

Saturday's Games  
 Toronto 4, Chicago 3 (11 innings)  
 Cleveland 3, Milwaukee 2  
 Oakland 4, New York 3  
 Kansas City 6, Texas 1  
 Boston 7, Minnesota 2  
 Seattle 7, Detroit 4  
 California 2, Baltimore 0

Sunday's Games  
 Cleveland 7, Milwaukee 7  
 Chicago 6, Toronto 4  
 Boston 6, Minnesota 3  
 Kansas City 5, Texas 3  
 California 7, Baltimore 4  
 New York 7, Oakland 1  
 Seattle 9, Detroit 1

Monday's Games  
 Minnesota (Blyleven 4-4) at Toronto (Clancy 5-3), (n)  
 Cleveland (Heaton 2-4) at Boston (Boyd 6-3), (n)  
 Texas (Hough 3-2) at Chicago (Cowley 1-2), (n)  
 Kansas City (Jackson 2-1) at Milwaukee (Higuera 6-4), (n)  
 Detroit (Petty 4-4) at Oakland (Codiroli 3-6), (n)  
 New York (Whitson 4-1) at California (Slaton 4-4), (n)  
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Tuesday's Games  
 Minnesota at Toronto, (n)  
 Seattle at Baltimore, (n)  
 Cleveland at Boston, (n)  
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 Kansas City at Milwaukee, (n)  
 Detroit at Oakland, (n)  
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## Rangers get a jump

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — The Texas Rangers got a 24-hour jump on today's annual June baseball draft, signing two of the top young players in Puerto Rico to minor-league contracts.

The Sunday signings of catcher Saul Baretta and outfielder Juan Gonzalez, both 16, set off a pre-draft celebration at the Rangers' offices.

"We're really excited," said assistant general manager Sandy Johnson, who was meeting with his scouts Sunday in preparation for today's draft. "There were a lot of clubs after these two kids."

Both players will report to the Rangers' Florida State Rookie League club at Sarasota.

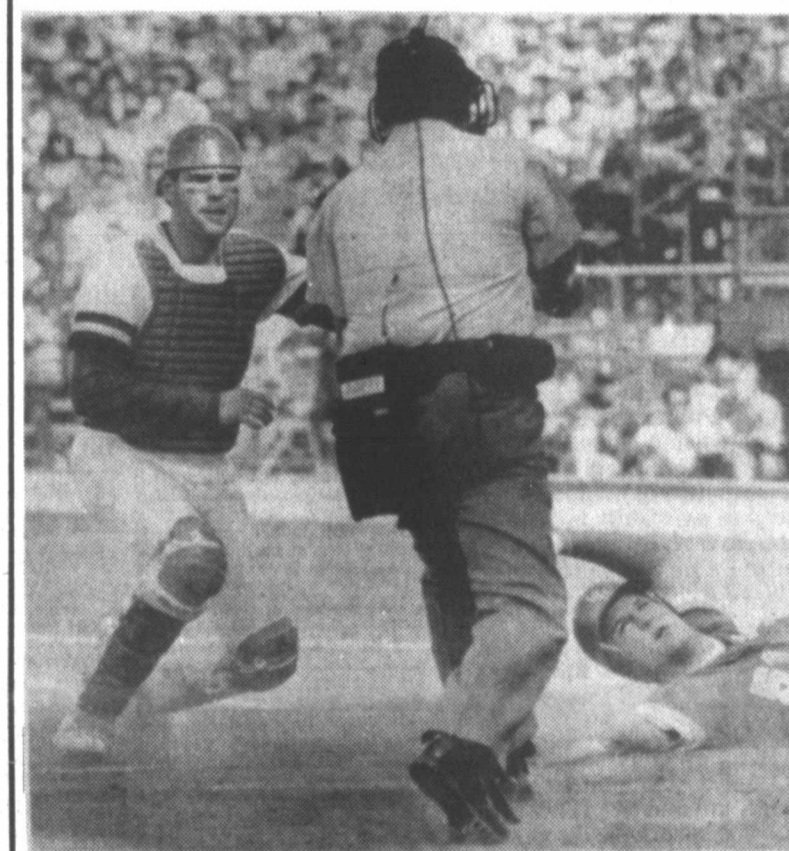
Johnson was especially pleased to land Gonzalez, a 6-4, 175-pound right-handed hitter from Vega Baja, P.R.

"We project him as being another (Cesar) Cedeño or (Jose) Canseco type of player," Johnson told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram. "He's just awesome. He has great power. He can do it all. Defensively he's just outstanding."

Baretta is a 6-0, 175-pounder, also right-handed, from Arecibo, P.R. "He'll be our everyday catcher at Sarasota," said Johnson. "He's another really young signee but he's one of the best young catchers to come out of Puerto Rico in a long time."

Although signing bonuses weren't disclosed, Gonzalez was believed to have gotten \$75,000 and Baretta \$50,000, the Star-Telegram reported.

## Maine, Indiana State bumped from CWS



Maine catcher Bill Reynolds and LSU runner Craig Faulkner wait for the call of umpire Bill Rosenberry, who ruled Faulkner safe. LSU went on to eliminate Maine from the College World Series, 8-4. (AP Laserphoto)

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Louisiana State used offense and Oklahoma State used pitching, but both have managed to stay alive at the College World Series.

Jeff Yurtin went 4-for-4 with a homer and five RBIs to power second-ranked LSU past Miami 8-4 in one of Sunday's elimination games. Rob Walton and Gordie Dillard combined for a seven-hit shutout in the other game to hurl Oklahoma State past Indiana State 4-0.

The Tigers, 55-13, play Wednesday against the loser of Tuesday's Miami-Florida State game. Fourth-ranked Oklahoma State, 54-13, also plays Wednesday against the loser of tonight's game between Loyola-Marymount and Arizona.

Maine, 41-23, and Indiana State, 48-21, were both eliminated following their second losses.

Maine out-hit LSU 11-8, but Yurtin's hitting and four LSU double plays made the difference.

Yurtin doubled home two runs in the first and singled home two more in the third as the Tigers raced to a 6-0 lead and never looked back. Yurtin added a solo homer, his 10th of the season, in the seventh. Bill Reynolds had a two-run homer for Maine.

LSU's Walton and Dillard said they weren't worried about an early trip home.

"We weren't about to leave after two games," said Dillard, who came in relief of Walton and struck out four of five batters he faced.

"I was never worried," said Walton, who helped the Cowboys record the first shutout of the year against Indiana State. "We kept a positive attitude."

"Their pitcher did an outstanding job," Indiana State coach Bob Warn said of Walton. "The difference early in the game was they couldn't get any hits and we got hits but couldn't score."

The game was scoreless through seven innings, with Indiana State's Mike Gardiner, 8-3, allowing just one hit in facing the minimum 21 batters through seven innings.

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Indiana State scratched out seven hits against Walton but advanced only four runners as far as second base.

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## USFL—NFL trial debate shifts to television

NEW YORK (AP) — The USFL-NFL antitrust case is beginning its fourth week with the emphasis on what may turn out to be the trial's central issue — television.

Commissioner Harry Usher, who unsuccessfully sought a network television contract for the USFL, is expected to be the first witness of the week, followed by Jim Spence, who handled ABC's television negotiations with the league.

But the central issue remains the inability of the USFL to obtain a network contract after it voted in August 1984 to switch from spring to fall. The league played three springs with a contract from ABC but will have only

time on what its lawyer, Harvey Myerson calls his "smoking guns" — two internal NFL memos and a study by a Harvard Business School professor that Myerson claims shows the established league's intent to destroy it.

ESPN, a national cable network, and syndicated television this fall.

In fact, aside from the monetary damages — \$500 million, tripled under antitrust rules — the USFL's main demand is that the NFL be thrown off at least one of the three major networks. The older league now has contracts with ABC, CBS and NBC.

Myerson has been trying to reinforce that demand in the first 2½ weeks of his contention that there was NFL "pressure," both direct and implied, to dissuade the networks from providing the USFL with a contract.

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# Farm crisis, low oil prices create double trouble for town

**EDITOR'S NOTE** — The drop in the price of oil, by almost half its value in barely six months, has done obvious damage in places where budgets are based on oil. Imagine, then, the despair in a small southern Illinois town where oil had been the safety net for farmers hit hard by the agriculture crisis. This is another in a continuing series looking at how the oil slide has touched lives and fortunes around the nation.

By SHARON COHEN  
Associated Press Writer

FAIRFIELD, Ill. (AP) — This town lives by the plow and by the pump. And that is its problem.

Fairfield is reeling from an economic one-two punch: for farmers, the bottom fell out three years ago; now oil prices have collapsed.

"It's definitely a double whammy," said a worried farmer, Don Zurliene, gazing across a parched field where blue oil pumps bobbed up and down and a yellow tractor kicked up a plume of dust in the afternoon sun.

Not since the Dust Bowl era has Fairfield seen such tough times. Nearly one person in five is out of work. One of four Wayne County farmers is in serious trouble. And oil prices have plunged more than 50 percent in six months.

Boom times are suddenly a memory. For oil workers, the bust end of the cycle has descended with terrible swiftness. For farmers, the grinding ordeal of going bust is nothing new.

"We've had a lot of people who've been rich and poor and rich again," said Mayor Russell Wilson. "Some will be poor again."

The special sting here is that oil had been a salvation to many struggling farmers, providing a

steady fountain of royalties or jobs when corn and soybean prices fell.

If farmers "got in trouble or had a bad crop, they could go to work in the oil fields," said Noel Vaughan, who farms and works as an insurance agent. "Now they can't do that. There's more people than jobs."

Despite the decline, this southern Illinois town of 6,000 has maintained much of its Middle American charm with white frame houses, church bells pealing in the clear noon air and a quaint gazebo on the courthouse lawn where bands play on summer nights.

Fairfield may be down, Wilson said, but it is not a disaster area. "I've driven in many areas that are in a heck of a lot worse shape than we are," he declared.

But a dismal undercurrent tugs at this center of a 58,000-acre oil basin that lies beneath Kentucky, Indiana and Illinois, with 60 percent of the territory in Illinois.

"The talk is very depressing," said J.R. Gain, whose company, Gain Wire Line Services Inc., provides technical services to oil explorers. "The working man right now has got problems in Wayne County."

Gain said he had been forced to lay off workers for the first time since 1949. He now has six employees. Usually, he has 15 to 20.

"I've never seen anything that has completely brought the industry to a stop like this," he said. "It's got my trucks almost to a standstill."

Gain said his normal workload for the first four months of a year has been cut in half, resulting in an estimated \$50,000 loss.

Because of the drop in oil prices, about 2,000

people in the state's oil basin have lost their jobs or been furloughed, said Lelan Russell, executive vice president of the Illinois Oil and Gas Association.

Oil still dominates in Wayne County. Last year, it generated about \$86 million in income; farming brings an estimated \$70 million a year.

Unemployment, though, has risen almost steadily, from the 1978 average of 7.7 percent to last year's 16.9 percent average. In Fairfield, the county seat, Wilson estimates the jobless rate is 18 percent.

That's a far cry from the times — specifically, the eve of World War II — when this was a prosperous farm and oil community. Wayne County was the poultry capital of the world. And Illinois was the nation's No. 4 oil supplier, pumping nearly 147 million barrels in 1940.

But chicken farmers moved south, wells dried up and oil producers ran out of places to drill.

Today, Illinois is No. 16 in oil production. Authorities say the state's whole daily output, 60,000 barrels, could be equaled in a day by two good Saudi Arabian wells.

The industry stays alive with stripper wells, which produce steadily but relatively skimpily. With the price per barrel so low, they're expensive to operate, and Russell said more than a third had been shut down in the county because low oil prices — from \$32 a barrel in November to about half of that now — have made them unprofitable.

When that happens, "you don't lose half your oil income, you lose it all," said Walt Townsend, county extension adviser.

Some 40 percent of local landowners have oil income, and they're losing, on the average, about \$600 to \$700 a month, said Russell of the state oil

and gas association.

In the past, farmers, who've also seen land values plummet, used that money to put crops in, buy groceries or pay debts.

"It's to pay whatever bills are most pressing," Zurliene said. "It's basically a matter of survival."

For his father, Thomas, the \$500 monthly oil loss is "the difference between paying somebody something and paying nothing at all."

These losses might not seem like much compared to the big oil states of Texas and Louisiana, but in a small community such as Fairfield it packs a wallop.

About 70 percent of the area's economy depends on oil-related business, Russell said.

"If the oil companies are laying off people, they're not going to buy a new pickup," said Eldon Doty, president of Republic Oil Co. "It's not the oil companies suffering. It's the whole community suffering."

Even those who work find it doesn't always pay. "What little work I've done since December, I've had a heck of a time getting money," said Jerry Carter, who farms and runs a trucking business that hauls rocks and gravel to well sites.

"What's worse?" he asked. "Don't work at all or work and don't get paid?"

But Wilson and others are optimistic. A new grocery is planned for town. The sales tax, the mayor noted, is up 5 percent from last year.

And though the full impact of this latest misery may not be felt for months, people say Fairfield knows how to rebound.

"Don't like anybody to see a town down 'round its ears," Gain said. "We've come back before and we'll come back again."



**THE TOP TONYS** — The 1985-86 Tony award winners pose in New York Sunday night. From left: George Rose, best actor in a musical; Lily Tomlin, best actress in a play;

Bernadette Peters, best actress in a musical; and Judd Hirsch, best actor in a play. (AP Laserphoto)

## Tomlin, Hirsch win Broadway Tonys

NEW YORK (AP) — Lily Tomlin, who all alone plays the huge cast of "The Search for Signs of Intelligent Life in the Universe," and Judd Hirsch, who's 51 and plays a spunky guy 30 years older in "I'm Not Rappaport," are the toast of the town as Tony award winners for best actress and actor on Broadway.

Bernadette Peters, who also holds the stage alone in the first half of "Song & Dance" and George Rose, the master of ceremonies of "The Mystery of Edwin Drood," also won Tonys Sunday night for best actress and actor in musicals.

Miss Peters thanked her mother for insisting she had talent. Rose thanked "fellow acolytes of the thespianic persuasion."

Best play was Herb Gardner's comic "I'm Not Rappaport" and best musical was "The Mystery of Edwin Drood," an adaptation of the book Charles Dickens was writing when he died. The play has five prepared endings, and the audience at each performance chooses which will be performed.

Miss Tomlin, in her acceptance

speech thanked the people "who gave us a pretty good deal on the Plymouth Theater," and playwright Jane Wagner. The Tony Awards show was broadcast from the Minskoff Theater by CBS-TV.

Hirsch, who said his speech was going to make the ceremony run past its scheduled two hours, insisted that Cleavon Little, who plays his "Rappaport" park-bench pal, also over 80, join him on stage.

"Sweet Charity," which starred Gwen Verdon in 1966 and Debbie Allen now, was named this season's best revival. Two in its cast won Tonys for supporting roles. They are Bebe Neuwirth, who leads the "Big Spender" number, and Michael Rupert, Charity's boyfriend.

The Tonys for best supporting roles in a play went to Swoozie Kurtz as a crazy housewife named Bananas and John Mahoney as her husband, in "The House of Blue Leaves."

Jerry Zaks won the best director award for "Blue Leaves." Tony Walton, who designed the play's set, asked, "Could this be the first time an apartment in

Queens has won an award?" as he accepted the scenic design Tony.

Rupert Holmes, who has composed songs for Barbra Streisand, won two Tonys for his first Broadway outing, "Edwin Drood." He won for musical score and book.

Altogether, "Drood" won five Tonys, including one for director Wilford Leach.

Bob Fosse, whose dances can be seen in the "Sweet Charity" revival, won his ninth Tony for his choreography in "Big Deal."

Lighting designer Pat Collins, working in London and the only winner not present, won for "Rappaport."

Costume designer Patricia Zipprodt won for "Sweet Charity."

The Tonys are named for Antoinette Perry, a prominent worker in the American Theater Wing during World War II. Nominations are made by a 12-member committee.

Voting is by 650 members of the theatrical profession and theater journalists.

## Weinberger takes tough stance on treaty if it affects 'Star Wars'

WASHINGTON (AP) — While President Reagan says he may violate the SALT II arms agreement, other administration officials are voicing support for the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty, even though one, Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger, says the ABM pact better not get in the way of "Star Wars."

Weinberger said Sunday that "extending the ABM treaty or doing anything that would prevent our doing all the things we need to do to develop a Strategic Defense Initiative is something obviously we would be very much opposed to."

Weinberger's remarks, made on the CBS program "Face the Nation," came five days after Reagan said the United States by the end of the year might exceed the limits set by the 1979 SALT II treaty in response to Soviet violations of the accord.

The defense secretary stopped short of calling for abrogation of the ABM treaty, which is due for review by U.S. and Soviet negotiators next year, but his remark appeared hostile to a reported Soviet offer to begin reducing strategic nuclear forces if the United States agreed to abide by the ABM treaty for 15 to 20 years.

Reagan and Secretary of State George Shultz declined to comment on the report of the Soviet offer, carried in Sunday's edi-

tions of The New York Times, and Weinberger said he had not read the Russian proposal.

Reagan, returning from his weekend retreat at Camp David, Md., refused to answer questions about the reported offer.

Shultz, appearing on NBC's "Meet the Press," said the Soviets broke the Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty by encoding messages from missiles on test flights and by deploying about 70 SS-25s.

Despite Soviet warnings that Reagan's remarks on SALT II jeopardized chances for a summit meeting this year, Shultz said he was still hopeful.

"We feel that it's very important to have this meeting," he said. "We think that important things can be done there that can be beneficial to us and the Soviet Union, and we are prepared to do

the hard work necessary to make it a worthwhile meeting."

In a statement carried Saturday by the official Tass news agency, the Soviets accused Reagan of destroying the arms treaty system by his decision to no longer be bound by SALT II.

Moscow questioned what effect the latest developments might have on a summit meeting between Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, and also announced the Soviets will no longer hold to SALT II if the United States exceeds the treaty's arms limitations.

Asked whether the recent bout of U.S.-Soviet charges and countercharges has damaged chances for a summit, White House spokesman Edward Djerejian said the United States "proceeds on the assumption that the summit will take place this year."

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