









# Lifestyles

## Coronado Hospital volunteers honored for hours of service

Volunteers at Coronado Hospital, who donated 11,254 hours of service, will be honored with a week of recognition in April, according to Nancy Paronto, director of volunteers.

Auxiliary volunteers will be guests at a luncheon at the Pampa Country Club April 24 hosted by the hospital's board of directors. At the luncheon, volunteers will receive pins and bars denoting the number of hours they have served.

Paronto said that there are 61 adult volunteers and 54 teenaged junior volunteers.

"The volunteers work throughout the hospital helping both the patients and the staff. Volunteers work in the gift shop, the information desk, the business office, the laboratory, the pharmacy, radiology, surgery, medical records, the extended care unit, and dietary," she said.

Members of the Coronado Hospital Volunteers Auxiliary donated

more than \$16,000 in gifts to the hospital last year, she said.

"The auxiliary bought a Laugh Mobile, which is a television, a video cassette recorder, and several comedy video tapes. We take the Laugh Mobile, on request, to pediatric patient's rooms. The volunteers also bought several other items, including a bilimeter for newborns, an ostomy care model for patient education, picture frames for the outpatient pediatric room, complimentary birth certificates and shirts for newborns, Sesame Street kits for children, and a film on neonate resuscitation," she said.

"Our biggest project this year was the new landscaping for the front of the hospital," Paronto said. The group contacted a landscape architect who drew plans for the addition of 40 to 50 trees and a variety of bushes. Funds for the volunteers projects come from the proceeds of the hospital's gift shop,

which they manage; the vending care, and the baby photo program, Paronto said.

"Also, the volunteers donated more than 90 hours at Christmas time to decorate all three floors of the hospital," she said.

In addition to the members of the auxiliary, several members of Pampa Junior Service League donate time at the hospital each week to serve their community placement hours.

The Junior Service League was responsible for founding the auxiliary. The group was chartered April 10, 1964 to serve the patients of Highland General. The first president was Mrs. Homer D. Johnson, and 100 women were charter members. Bernice Goodlett, a charter member of the group, is still volunteering at the hospital, Paronto noted.

Paronto became the director of volunteers at the hospital in August, 1977.



Margaret Wells



Esther Gibson



Florence Radcliff

Receiving a pin for 1500 hours of service is a highlight in Margaret Wells' career as a volunteer at Coronado Hospital.

"I meet so many nice people at the hospital, and I enjoy the auxiliary meetings, too," she said, explaining her reason for volunteering for the past 19 years.

Wells is one of six long-time volunteers at Coronado Hospital who are receiving special recognition this week for giving 126 years of service.

Wells works in the Gift Shop, which is managed by the Auxiliary. "We keep a variety of merchandise for the patients and visitors," she said. Auxiliary Barbara James is the manager of the shop.

Wells, 83, worked in a school cafeteria for eight years. A widow, she has one son, Raymond Wells, Jr., and one daughter, Elizabeth Sisk; three granddaughters; three grandsons; and two great-grandsons.

She enjoys playing the violin, tating, walking, and visiting shut-ins. She sings in the "Senior Saints" Choir at First United Methodist Church where she is president of a Sunday school class and belongs to the UMW.

In the 1960s, when Esther Gibson developed severe eye problems, she had to leave the profession she loved - teaching children to read. As a first grade teacher for more than 30 years, she had devoted her life to the children in her classroom. When she was forced to leave, she found a new life in volunteering. She has raised money for the cancer, heart, and kidney funds; taught Sunday school; done story telling at the M.K. Brown Library; and sold memberships to the Pampa Community Concert Association.

Volunteering at Coronado Hospital has been the most satisfying, she said. Gibson is one of six long-time volunteers at Coronado Hospital who are receiving special recognition this week for their service to the hospital and the community. The six women have donated a total of 126 years of service.

Gibson joined the Auxiliary in 1968, four years after the organization started. She's worked in the gift shop, the information desk, and served in several offices on the board.

"Volunteering has kept me in contact with people, and it gives me a feeling of doing something worthwhile," she said.

Two mornings a week Florence Radcliff, 83, dons her scrubs, covers her hair with a cap, and begins her work folding linens in the surgery suite. A volunteer at the hospital since 1969, she enjoys the work and the people she meets at Coronado Hospital, she said.

"One of the most enjoyable activities I've done at the hospital was helping decorate for Christmas. Patients who have to be hospitalized during the holidays really seem to appreciate the extra work we do to make the hospital look festive," she said.

Although she never worked outside the home, she has spent as many years as a volunteer as many people do in their profession.

"Florence is one of the most dependable people I've ever known. She takes her job as a volunteer so seriously that if she has to miss (which she rarely does) she calls in time for me to replace her. She's really been an inspiration to all of us," Nancy Paronto, director of volunteers, said.

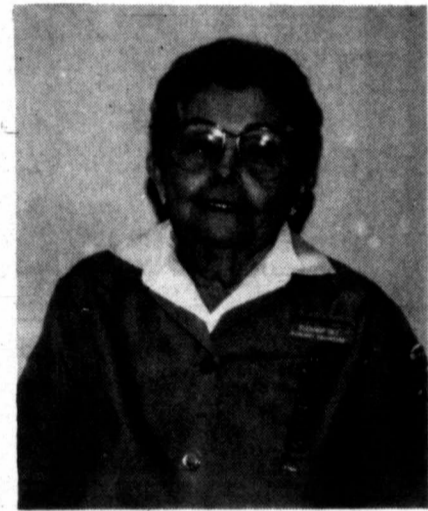
A widow since 1980, she has one daughter, Barbara Holt; five grandchildren, ranging in age from 30 to 38; and six great-grandchildren, ranging in age from 4 to 15.



Mary Dean Dozier



Bernice Goodlett



Eleanor Gill

After 40 years as a teacher of high school English, Mary Dean Dozier was not content to sit at home when she retired. Fifteen years ago she joined the hospital volunteers where she has worked in the gift shop and admissions. She is one of six long-time volunteers at Coronado Hospital who are receiving special recognition this week. The six women have a combined service of 126 years of volunteering.

"I like to feel useful," she said. "Working at the hospital, I have a chance to work with such nice people that it is a real pleasure."

"Mary Dean is the ideal volunteer," Nancy Paronto, director of volunteers. "She is so dependable and pleasant that she enriches everyone's day."

Dozier has served as aboard member of the Hospital Auxiliary, and served as parliamentarian, treasurer, recording secretary, corresponding secretary, and advisor.

A member of the First Presbyterian Church, she enjoys traveling, reading, knitting, volunteering at the Good Samaritan Christian Services, and working for Friends of the Library.

Twenty-eight years ago, when Bernice Goodlett joined a newly-formed organization at Highland General Hospital, she never dreamed she would spend a third of her life as a volunteer. Goodlett is one of six long-time volunteers at the hospital who are receiving special recognition this week. The women have a combined total of 126 years of service.

As the only charter member of the Volunteer Auxiliary still in service at Coronado Hospital, Goodlett says she has stayed so long because she enjoys the work and she gets "to meet so many nice people."

"Volunteering is so rewarding because you get to help people, and you can make a difference," she said.

"At the information desk, we keep families informed about their patients in surgery, and we tell visitors which room patients are in. It makes me feel good to know I'm helping someone," she said.

She and her husband Sam, who joined her as a volunteer when he retired, have two children, Pamela and Smisson; four grandsons, Don, 30, James, 27, John, 24, and Sam, 5; and one great-granddaughter, Alexandra, 3.

Driving from Miami to Pampa once or twice a week to spend several hours as a volunteer has been a pattern for Eleanor Gill since 1974. She is one of six long-time volunteers at the hospital who are receiving special recognition this week. The six women have a combined service of 126 years.

Gill joined Highland General Hospital Auxiliary 18 years ago.

Since moving to Coronado Hospital, Gill has been a regular at the front lobby information desk. "I enjoy being a volunteer," she said. "You see the need to be helpful in any place you are working. The patients seem to appreciate anything we do for them. Each time I go to the hospital there is something new and different to do," she said.

She served as president of the Auxiliary in 1981, the year the hospital moved to the new building and changed its name to Coronado Community Hospital. She was selected as one of the councilwomen of the Texas Association of Hospital Auxiliaries, and helped host the District I, Area A and B Texas Association of Hospital Auxiliaries at the M.K. Brown Auditorium in 1982.

## Repairman caught red-handed peeping

DEAR ABBY: I am a 30-year-old, happily married woman. Last week my husband was out of town on business. Before he left, without my knowledge, he arranged for a contractor to do some repair work on our chimney.

Anyway, I decided to spend the morning housecleaning. Sometimes, in the privacy of my home, I elect to do my housework in the nude, but I make sure my drapes are drawn. This was such a time.

After an hour or so, I thought I heard a scratching on the roof — then the skylight in our family room came crashing down! Almost scared to death, I ran to the area and saw this contractor staring at me — with severely lacerated hands!

It turns out that this contractor had come to our house early that morning and was starting to do his work on our chimney when he looked through the skylight and saw me! Interested, he was pressing against the glass skylight hoping for a better view when the accident occurred. (This was the story he told our insurance man.)

To make a long story short, the contractor did sustain a serious injury from the broken glass, and now he is making a claim against our insurance company.

I think he has a lot of nerve. He admits that he was staring at me for at least half an hour. My husband is furious!

I wonder how this man's wife would feel if she knew the full details? I also wonder how this Peeping Tom would feel if some man spied on his wife when she was nude?

I know for a fact that he got a good look at me, since mutual friends have told me that he described my nudity in detail to his buddies.

What do you make of this?

KELLY  
DEAR KELLY: The contractor was authorized to be on your property, but your husband should have told you to expect him. Also, the contractor should have let you know beforehand that he would be working on your roof.

You really cannot blame the man for "looking" — but describing your nudity to his buddies in detail is caddish!

Fortunately, you are insured. The injured man has every right to be compensated for his injuries.

DEAR ABBY: I am a professional working mom-to-be. My problem is that I don't know what to say to people, especially male associates and clients, who touch my belly and make comments to me regarding my pregnancy. These gestures and

## Dear Abby

Abigail Van Buren

comments make me feel very uncomfortable.

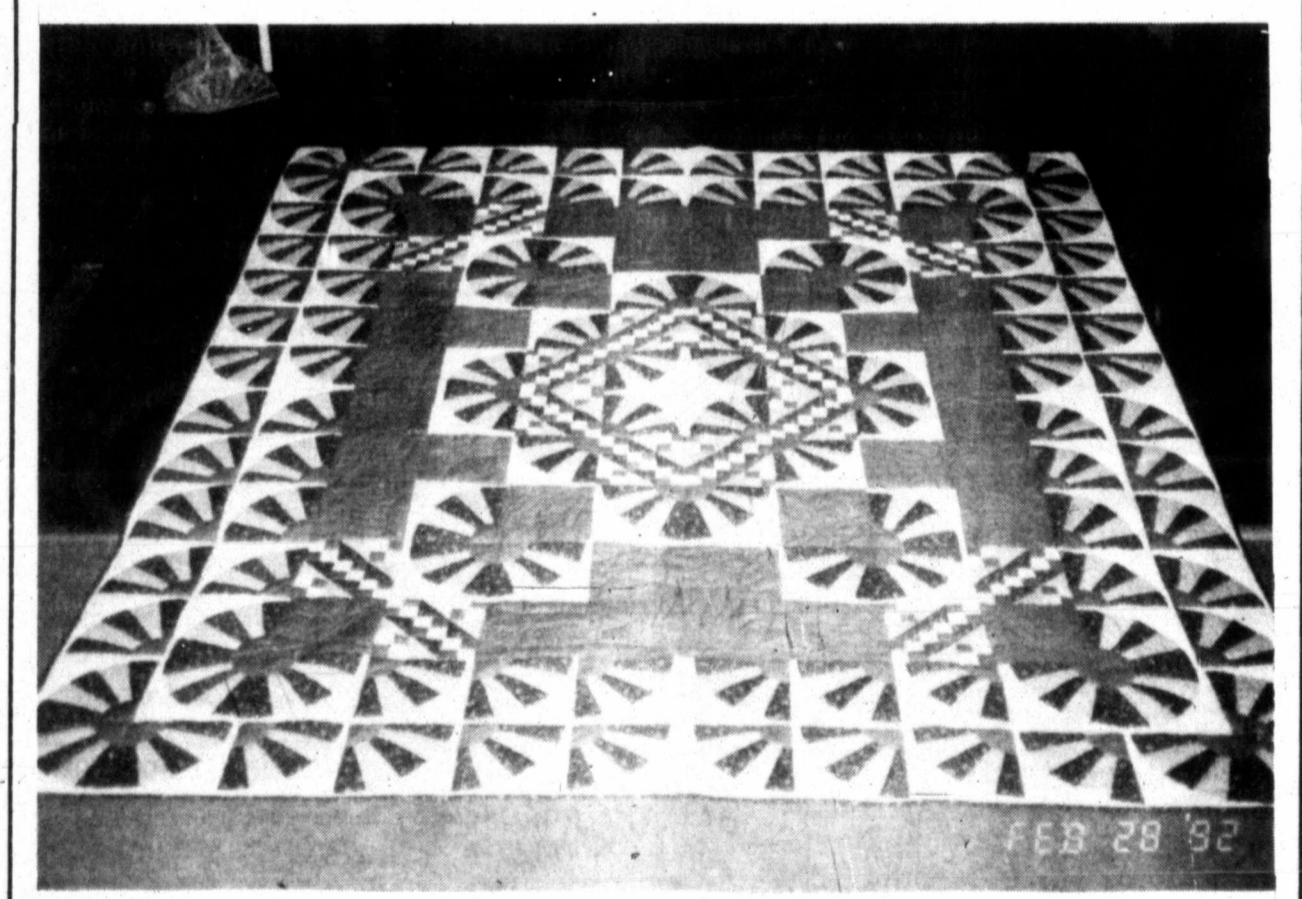
All I want to do is stick to the business at hand without offending anyone. Can you give me some

snappy comebacks for these well-meaning people?

STRICTLY BUSINESS  
MOM-TO-BE IN  
WOODLAND  
HILLS, CALIF.

DEAR STRICTLY: Don't feel called upon to deliver snappy comebacks. Just look the ill-mannered clods in the eye and tell them to please keep their hands to themselves.

## Quilt show



"Spring Festival of Quilts II" sponsored by Panhandle Piecemakers Quilt Guild is set for 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., Saturday, in the M.K. Brown Room of the Chamber of Commerce Building. A quilt, "Trail of the Covered Wagon", will be raffled. Members of the guild constructed the quilt.

## 'Meet Mark Twain!' set for tonight

The Frank Phillips College Lyceum Committee, and Frank Phillips College in association with PDT Productions will present "Meet Mark Twain!" at 7:30 p.m., tonight, in the Frank Phillips College Auditorium. "Meet Mark Twain!" features Arkansas native Donald King Cowan, an impersonator of Mark Twain.

Twain thrilled audiences of an earlier and simpler era with his uncanny wit, barbed comments, down-home anecdotes and romantic tales of life on the Mississippi River. Cowan brings Twain to life once

again in this one and one-half hour production, delivering his pointed observations on life in America while commenting on such topics as "Smoking and Other Bad Habits," "Advice to Youth" and "On Sinning and Sundays" and telling such tales as the satirical "Baker's Blue Jay Yam" and "His Grandfather's Old Ram."

Admission to this performance is free of charge. This project is supported by a grant from the Texas Commission on the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts.

## Neighborhood watch works

HEAR IT IS!  
People with a hearing loss have been waiting for a hearing aid with these features - small canal aid with a switch to cut out background noise, wind shields to cut wind noise.

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# The Pampa News

## Comic Page

The World Almanac® Crossword Puzzle

- ACROSS**
- Name in print
  - Circumvent
  - Inebriated (sl.)
  - Actress Piper
  - Came to terms
  - Easygoing walker
  - Wool-washing residue
  - Electrically charged particle
  - Adam's mate
  - Source of timber
  - And so on (abbr.)
  - Unusual person (sl.)
  - Long journey
  - London's river

- DOWN**
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  - 33 Neighbor of Md.
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  - 40 Center of sail
  - 41 Joyful exclamation
  - 43 Trial
  - 45 Uncle
  - 46 Unplayed golf hole
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  - 48 At the tip
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  - 57 Drowsy

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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- Explosion
- Dairy product
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- Baseball player Mel
- Fish trap
- Breakfast food
- Outfits
- Jacob's son
- Food
- Bar at back of car
- New York lake
- Express
- Church officer
- Snoozing
- Wild animal
- Ships' wheels
- Kennedy
- Despicable one
- Consumed food
- Be ill
- Rubber tree

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### WALNUT COVE

By Mark Cullum

Jennifer Woodrow brought her pet gerbil to class today for 'Show and Tell'!

She said owning a pet makes you better than other people. It makes you more compassionate and nurturing.

She seemed so pleased, I started thinking it might be nice to have a pet of my own.

What type of pet would you want, Lori?

I dunno. Something that eats gerbils.

### ARLO & JANIS

By Jimmy Johnson

I'M HOME!

HI, SON!

DON'T SPOIL YOUR DINNER WITH A BUNCH OF JUNK!

THIS IS A VERY WEIRD PLACE.

### EEK & MEEK

By Howie Schneider

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES SPENDS HIS FIRST TWO YEARS IN OFFICE LEARNING THE JOB...

AND THE NEXT TWO BEGGING FOR THE CHANCE TO BE A LAME DUCK FOR FOUR MORE.

NO WONDER NOBODY'S RUNNING.

### B.C.

By Johnny Hart

NO LITTERING

OH, OH

LOOK, THOR... A CAT-O-NINE-TAILS.

### MARVIN

By Tom Armstrong

FORGET CONGRESS...

WHAT THIS COUNTRY REALLY NEEDS TO DO...

IS ESTABLISH TERM LIMITS ON PARENTS!

### ALLEY OOP

By Dave Graue

OKAY, STUMPY, I WANTCHA T'GO TELL THOSE GUARDS AROUND TH' PIT WE'RE HOLDING GARZAK HOSTAGE!

...AN' IF THEY WANT 'IM BACK IN ONE PIECE, THEY'LL HAFTA RELEASE TUNK! Y'GOT IT?

THEN GET GOIN'!

YESSIR!

I THINK YOUR DAYS ARE NUMBERED, BUSTER!

YOU WANTA BET?

### SNAFU

By Bruce Beattie

CAUTION: DON'T SPEND TOO MUCH TIME READING THIS OR YOU'LL RUN OFF THE ROAD.

### THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bill Keane

"I'm giving all my jelly beans to Jeffy."

"NOT!"

### THE BORN LOSER

By Art and Chip Sansom

KNOW WHAT I WISH, SMITTY?

WHAT'S THAT, BRUTUS?

I WISH OLD VEEBLE-FESTER HAD A MOUTH THIS BIG!

HA! HA! WHY'S THAT?

BECAUSE HE HAS A MOUTH THIS BIG!

### FRANK AND ERNEST

By Bob Thaves

NEWS and MAGAZINES

ALL THE POLITICAL CANDIDATES SAY THEY WANT CHANGE.

THAT'S ALL WE'VE GOT LEFT IN OUR POCKETS, AND THEY WANT THAT, TOO?!

### PEANUTS

By Charles M. Schulz

WHAT DID SHE SAY?

SHE WANTS TO KNOW IF THERE ARE ANY QUESTIONS.

YES MA'AM

I HAVE A MUFFIN HERE FOR MY LUNCH. YOU DON'T HAPEN TO HAVE ANY GRAPE JELLY IN YOUR DESK, DO YOU, MA'AM?

MAYBE SHE LIKES EASIER QUESTIONS

### GARFIELD

By Jim Davis

RUNAWAY DOUGHNUT!

IT DIDN'T HAVE A CHANCE

CHOMP!

### Astro-Graph

by bernice bede osol

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** If someone goes out of the way to be helpful today be appreciative and acknowledge this individual's efforts. A lack of gratitude will discourage future assistance. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail \$2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** You might have to deal with someone today whose tactics you find disturbing. Things will work out OK, though, provided your impatience doesn't impel you to operate on this individual's wavelength.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** You may have to work in close proximity with an individual today under rather uncertain conditions. But you're a good team, and you should be able to accomplish your mission.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** A co-worker might be instrumental in helping you achieve a significant objective today. If this individual shares the efforts, be sure you share the rewards.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** You can be a successful promoter today, provided you're forthright with your prospect. Point out the limitations, as well as the advantages, of what you're selling.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** Instead of assuming that something is factual just because a friend says it is, check things out for yourself. Your evaluations could be more on target than your pal's.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** Initially, it may appear that someone you're allied with today doesn't have your best interests at heart. Later, however, you'll discover you were wrong.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** You could be rather fortunate today in adding to your resources. However, you might also be a trifle extravagant. Luckily, the former will be the more dominant characteristic.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** If you have a misunderstanding with a friend today, make every effort to rectify the matter immediately. Unattended, it might be difficult to resolve down the road.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** An important matter can be finalized to your satisfaction today, even though you may encounter a few obstacles. Keep visualizing the end result you desire and work toward it.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** A friend in business for himself might try to sell you something today that you know you can purchase a bit cheaper elsewhere. But it's worth the extra cost to help a pal.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** It looks like you'll be able to accomplish your material objectives today, even though, in the process, you might ruffle the feathers of those with whom you'll be involved.

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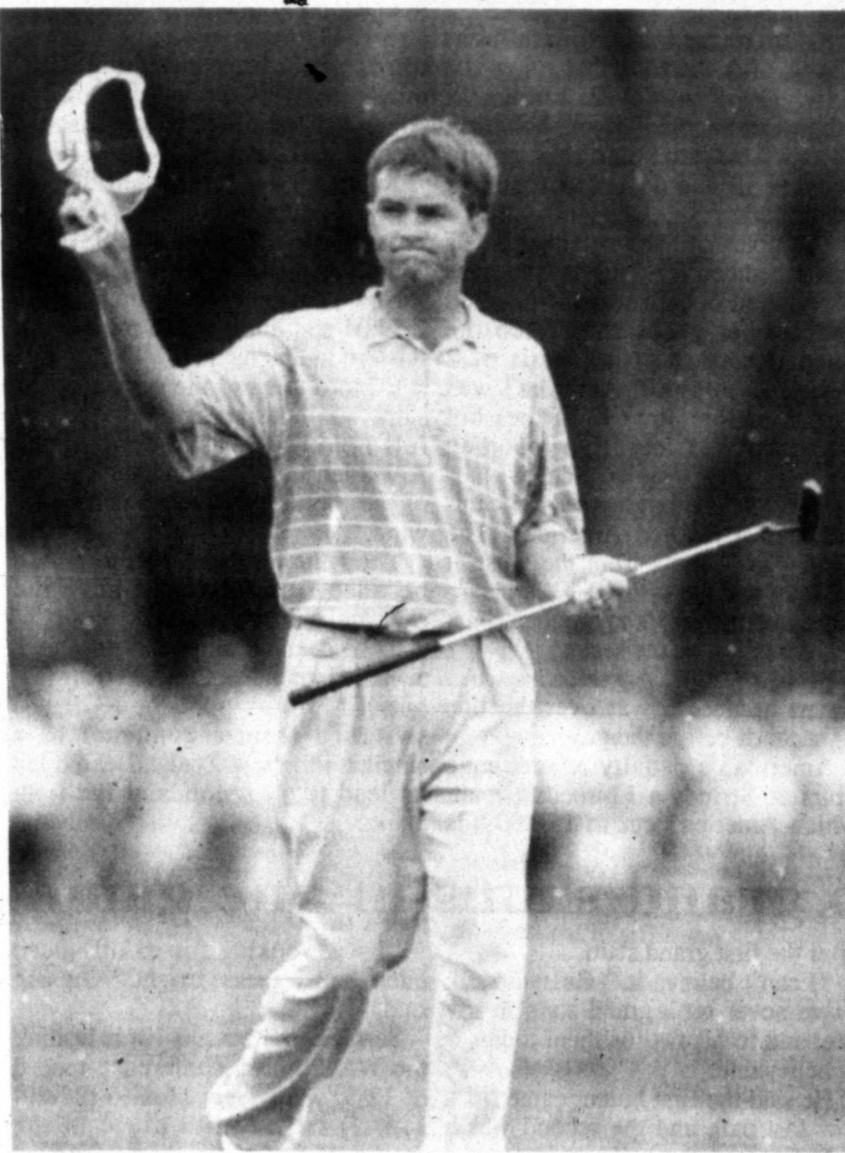
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Sports

Love conquers Heritage Classic

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, S.C. (AP) - Love conquered all. Again. Davis Love III on Sunday became the first golfer to win the Heritage Classic three times and only the second to do so consecutively...



Davis Love III reacts to the crowd as he heads for the 18th green Sunday at the Heritage Classic

Trevino claims Seniors crown with stretch run

By BOB GREEN AP Golf Writer

PALM BEACH GARDENS, Fla. (AP) - Lee Trevino is right on schedule. Maybe even a little ahead of himself in his announced intention of matching or bettering his banner season of 1990...



The Astros' Pete Incaviglia (top, center) is congratulated by teammates after his game-winning single in the 11th inning against the Padres Sunday. The Astros won, 1-0. Houston earned a share of first place with the victory.

Astros edge Padres

HOUSTON (AP) - Pete Incaviglia's run-scoring single with two out in the 11th inning gave the Houston Astros a 1-0 victory over the San Diego Padres Sunday.

Rangers hand A's 6-4 loss

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) - Percentages don't always pan out. Ask Oakland Athletics manager Tony La Russa about Sunday's 6-4 loss to the Texas Rangers.

Hopes are high for Pine Bluff

By ED SCHUYLER JR. AP Racing Writer

John Ed Anthony knows all about dashed Kentucky Derby hopes, having lost with five starters, including favored Demons Begone, who bled and was pulled up in 1987.

Sports Scene

Track District 6-A Track Meet At Miami Girls' Division Team totals: 1. Groom, 177; 2. Miami, 161; 3. Follett, 145; 4. McLean, 38; 5. Lefors, 34; 6. Higgins, 24.

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Baseball Major League Standings All Times EDT NATIONAL LEAGUE East Division Pittsburgh 9 2 818 -

New York tops parade of winners in NHL playoffs By The Associated Press Capitals 3, Penguins 1 At Landover, Md., Don Beaupre stopped 32 shots and Peter Bondra scored twice as Washington beat the defending Stanley Cup champions.

New York tops parade of winners in NHL playoffs

By The Associated Press

The New York Rangers — looking to win the Stanley Cup for the first time since 1940 — led a parade of winners Sunday night in four games that lived up to the NHL's reputation for low-scoring in the postseason.







# Rebel chief frustrates talks, threatens attack on Kabul

By THOMAS GINSBERG  
Associated Press Writer

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Guerrilla commander Ahmed Shah Masood may now be the most powerful man in Afghanistan, but the rebel leader threatening to spoil his efforts to negotiate a peaceful transition is not taking his calls.

Masood interrupted a weekend interview with foreign journalists outside Kabul to try to speak by radio with Gulbuddin Hekmatyar, but was rebuffed.

Hekmatyar, head of the Hezb-i-Islami guerrilla faction, is threatening to attack Kabul unless what is left of the government surrenders by next Monday.

"We have our fighters coming from everywhere" to surround the capital, Saeed Qurib, Hekmatyar's spokesman in neighboring Pakistan, said today. Among the Muslim rebel groups, Hekmatyar's is the most radical and is demanding a strict fundamentalist government.

Masood's fighters have formed a protective ring around Kabul, many of whose residents fear a showdown in their streets

between the rival rebel groups. With each day, the government's negotiating position is weakened by defecting troops and rebel advances. There was little resistance Sunday as the guerrillas and rebellious troops claimed control of at least six provinces.

On Sunday, the government President Najibullah left behind was taken over by a non-communist, former vice president Abdul Rahim Hatif. Najibullah has been in hiding since being ousted on Thursday.

Among the provinces to fall Sunday was Paktia and its capital, Gardez, Najibullah's hometown, said government officials and leaders of rebel mujahedeen, or Islamic holy warriors.

Masood has announced plans for a peaceful transition to an Islamic government that would include the Hezb-i-Islami, though they vow to take the capital by force. Masood's proposed coalition would also include militia commanders and a high-ranking general from Najibullah's old government.

Masood supports an Islamic government, and is considered a moderate compared to Hekmatyar.

"Anything can happen between now and April 27th. But if there is no mujahedeen government in Kabul by then, the same thing that happened to the Soviets will happen to the Communist regime," said Qurib, the spokesman for Hekmatyar.

Next Monday will mark the 14 anniversary of the military coup that installed a Moscow-backed Communist government in Kabul, a city of 1.5 million. Masood, a leader of the Jamiat-e-Islami guerrilla group, emerged as the dominant force in the nation when Foreign Minister Abdul Wakil acknowledged on Friday that he had gone to Masood to talk about establishing peace.

The two also met Saturday. "It is better that a mujahedeen government comes to power," Masood told British, American and French reporters Saturday in Jabal-us-Seraj, about 40 miles north of Kabul. He said the new government would hold office for six months to a year until elections could be held.

Jamiat-e-Islami has said it wants a moderate Islamic government, but it is not clear what kind of policies it would espouse.



(AP Photo)

A column of trucks and jeeps manned by Dostum militiamen makes a stop before moving out of Kabul Afghanistan on the road towards Jalalabad today. Several Mudjahaddin groups are approaching the Afghan capital, some of them threatening to storm it, as the provisional government is making desperate efforts to stay in power.

# Gangster violence plagues Hong Kong's movie industry

By DAVID W. CHEN  
Associated Press Writer

HONG KONG (AP) — Film producer Choi Chi-ming stepped out of an elevator last week and into a hail of .38-caliber bullets fired by two men dressed in security guard uniforms.

But this time, no one yelled "Cut!"

Police believe Choi was gunned down by Hong Kong's notorious triads, or organized crime gangs. If that's true, Choi's death would be the latest act of real-life violence in the business of make-believe.

Last year, police recorded six triad-related attacks on film industry employees, including three in two

days that left one man dead and another with a gunshot wound in the neck.

Choi's death Thursday is believed to be linked to his alleged involvement in narcotics trafficking.

A senior police officer, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Choi had close links to heroin traffickers in the Netherlands and used his production company, Fully International Film Distribution, as a front to launder drug profits.

As such, the shooting highlights the nexus between Hong Kong's underworld and its multi-million dollar movie industry, which dominates box offices in Taiwan, Singapore, Malaysia and other Asian countries.

"People in the film industry don't mind triads, but they do mind triads who don't play the rules of the game," said legislator Rita Fan, who chairs the British colonial government's Security Panel and advocates tougher anti-triad statutes.

Triads have long pressured actors, producers and directors to pay protection money and act in triad-backed movies at reduced rates. Film crews must also pay up to thousands of dollars in "protection fees" to prevent hooligans from breaking expensive equipment.

"I have been threatened to make movies I didn't want to make. These bad people will do anything to get money," said Amy Yip, Hong

Kong's soft-porn queen. "Everybody is very concerned, like one big family. We must stop this."

With close ties to business and government, Hong Kong's 50 triads, whose cumulative membership exceeds 100,000, have interfered with everything from food stalls to public buses and discotheques in this British colony.

Triads date back to the 17th century, when ethnic Chinese formed secret societies to try to topple the Manchu Qing Dynasty. The groups later degenerated into criminal clans specializing in extortion, drug smuggling and murder. Now some triads, such as the Sun Yee On, are known

to have close relations with the Chinese Communist Party.

In Hong Kong, giving triads protection money, or "lucky money," has become so common that many people don't even view it as extortion, said Philip Chan, chairman of the Hong Kong Directors' Guild Association and a former police superintendent.

The movies haven't done much to change this. Like Hollywood's mob epics, Hong Kong's action-comedy gangster films have often portrayed triads as cool, cunning and glamorous.

But then again, triads control several film studios, dictating content and cast. And those who don't cooperate are asking for trouble.

"Many of my friends in the business have been threatened by telephone and held at gunpoint," said Jackie Chan, one of Hong Kong's leading kung fu actors and teen idols. "Their cars get broken into, they get followed by strange people in the streets."

Local entertainers decided enough was enough earlier this year when thugs stole two reels of an unfinished movie after one of the film's stars refused to work for a triad-backed studio.

On Jan. 15, more than 300 actors, directors and production staff wore yellow armbands, locked arms in a sign of solidarity and marched to police headquarters to demand more protection from the underworld.

# U.S. investigators fly to Vietnam in effort to resolve MIAs' fate

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BANGKOK, Thailand (AP) — American military investigators flew to Vietnam today for what the Pentagon has described as the most ambitious effort ever to resolve the fates of U.S. soldiers missing from the Vietnam War.

One team flew from Bangkok to Hanoi, the Vietnamese capital. Another team was to fly later in the day to Danang in central Vietnam.

The total of 58 specialists are to conduct a 30-day search in seven provinces in northern and central Vietnam.

Pentagon officials said last week that the teams would pursue 20 cases, including include eight excavations and 12 investigations that could lead to more excavations.

The effort is "the most ambitious undertaken to date" in terms of the area covered and number of investigators, Pentagon spokesman Pete Williams told reporters in Washington.

Seventeen years ago this month, the Vietnam War ended in a Communist defeat of the U.S.-backed South Vietnam government.

The Pentagon said last week that 1,655 Americans are still listed as missing in action in Vietnam; 522 in Laos; 83 in Cambodia; and six in Chinese coastal waters.

On Thursday, a large U.S. team went to Cambodia along with heli-

copters for investigations in Kompong Cham province.

Last month, the Cambodians gave the United States four sets of remains that are believed to be those of foreign journalists executed by Khmer Rouge guerrillas 22 years earlier. The journalists worked for the CBS and NBC networks.

Five members of the Senate Select Committee on POW-MIA Affairs left for Cambodia from Bangkok today to begin a week-long trip to Indochina.

The committee, formed last year, has been holding hearings and doing investigations. Its members are to go on to Vietnam and Laos following the one-day trip in Cambodia.

One of them, committee chairman John Kerry, D-Mass., said in Bangkok on Sunday that soldiers who deserted during the war may account for a number of sightings of Americans in Indochina after prisoners of war were returned in 1973.

All American POWs were supposed to be repatriated in 1973 under terms of the Paris Peace Accords on Vietnam.

Kerry said his panel can identify no specific cases of American deserters who might still be alive. But he said, "there is some evidence, still being measured, that some people were still alive in Laos after the 1973 accords."

During its trip, the committee plans to visit some caves in Laos where American prisoners are known to have been held.

# Spanish king opens Expo '92, century's last universal fair

SEVILLE, Spain (AP) — Bells pealed, fireworks exploded and workers were still hammering away on exhibits as Expo '92 opened today.

"The Universal Exposition is meant to convey to its visitors the richness and variety of cultures that man has created as well as his capacity for innovation and the ideas of tolerance, respect for pluralism and international solidarity," King Juan Carlos said as he opened the largest universal exposition in history.

After 16 years of planning, billions of dollars of expenditures and precautions taken against the threat of terrorism, the gates opened at 9 a.m. Bells in dozens of Seville's churches and convents pealed and fireworks exploded among hundreds of colored balloons released into the cloudless sky.

Even as the crowds waited for the gates to open, work continued on unfinished pavilions.

The exposition celebrating the 500th anniversary of Christopher Columbus's arrival in the New World brought 110 countries to Seville. Organizers hope to host 18 million visitors by the fair's end on Oct. 12.

The exposition covers a 531-acre site on Cartuja Island in the Guadalquivir River across from downtown Seville.

Spain invested \$10 billion to build a high-speed rail line between Seville and Madrid and bridges, roads and other infrastructure to funnel millions of visitors to the Expo site.

The Expo had its share of setbacks leading up to opening day. On Feb. 18, a major exhibit — the flagship Discovery Pavilion — was gutted by fire. And just three days before the ribbon-cutting, parts of the South Pacific Islands pavilion were destroyed in another blaze.

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