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▲ Getting ready for another school year

Big Spring Independent School District employee Pete Carrillo scrubs the floor of one of the Big Spring High School classrooms this week as maintenance workers prepare the schools for the new school year next month.



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Samantha Herrera and Rene Herrera go after Lacey Mendoza and Willie Bravo as the four were in the midst of playing chicken wars in the Comanche Trail Park swimming pool.

Kicking around

John Lopez kicks the ball into the outfield as he and several others were taking advantage of the sunny weather to play a game of kickball in the Boys Club yard recently.



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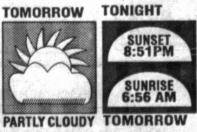
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•Partly cloudy, high near 100:

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Council meeting moves to Lakeview

By PATRICK DRISCOLL Staff Writer

The gymnasium of Lakeview Head Start Center on Tuesday will ring with voices of Big Spring's leadership

routinely plotting the city's future.

In an effort to bring local government to the people, the Big Spring City Council will meet in the gymnasium at 5:30 p.m. to conduct a regular meeting in a neighborhood setting. The school is at 1701 N.W. Seventh. Meetings in the city's other five council districts are scheduled throughout the year.

Council members are inviting the public.

"On behalf of the city council, I would like to cordially invite the citizens of District 1 to the city council meeting," said Mayor Tim Blackshear. "We would like the citizens of District 1 to take this opportunity to informally view the city council's operations.

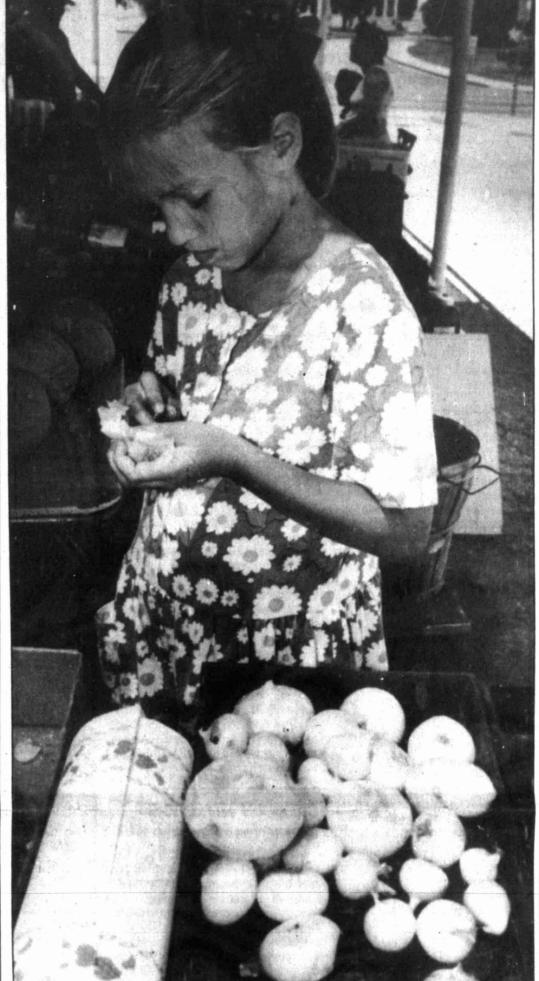
Neglect of Jones Valley, where Lakeview Elementary is, is a prime concern of District 1 Councilwoman Stephanie Horton, elected to office in May. Input from neighbors is crucial to correcting problems, including paving of streets, she said.

"One of my deepest concerns is Jones Valley, which has been neglected for the past number of years," Horton said. "I cannot stress enough to the public to turn out for this meeting.

Horton is the first representative of new District 1, formed when old District 1 was split into two districts. This year began a three-year conversion of three single-member and three at-large districts into six singlemember districts.

The in-district meetings are scheduled to be held the fourth Tuesday of each month, a majority in school facilities. The next, Aug. 24, is also to be at Lakeview Headstart.

Others are scheduled at: Big Spring High School in District 2 on Sept. 14 and Oct. 12; Marcy Elementary School in District 3 on Nov. 9 and Dec. 14; Wasson Road Fire Station in District 4 on Jan. 11 and Feb. 8; Kentwood Elementary School in district 5 on March 8 and April 12; 11th and Birdwell Fire Station in District 6 on April 12 and May 10.



Herald photo by Tim Appel

Helping with the peeling

Abbi Allen uses a small pocketknife to peel the outer layers of an onion as she was helping out her grandparents at the Farmers Market on south Gregg Street Saturday afternoon.

Hope, belief take Becker to new heights



Trooper CURTIS BECKER

Personalities...

By CONNIE SWINNEY

Staff Writer

Curtis Becker, a state trooper based in Big Spring, has a history of turning the most harrowing circumstances into triumphs.

He managed to achieve his goals because he never stopped hoping and believing in his abilities. "Most of the time, I think I've been

in some unfortunate circumstances, he said. "I try to learn from experience and grow. From rescuing a local woman from the clutches of kidnappers last year

to being named officer of the year by the Optimist Club last week, he is humbled by recognition for heroic Born in 1962, Becker was raised in Big Spring. Anxious to join the mili-

tary, he left high school and obtained his GED when he was 17 years old. "I wanted to join the Army. I wanted to serve," he said. "In retrospect, I

should have stayed in high school. Now, I tell people to wait. Awaiting a shot at the 82nd Air-borne, Becker was placed on reserve

"I thought if I wait, I may not get a chance at special forces," he said. "I decided to I should try to be a police

"I decided to ride with a couple of officers on weekends and nights," he added. "I was hooked."

In 1980, the 18-year-old Becker attended a criminal justice course at Howard College, on the advice of a Please see BECKER, page 6A

local police officer.

Exposed to individuals already in law enforcement, Becker longed to start his career.

"A highway patrolman taking the course said they were looking for an officer in Stanton," he said. "I knew if I went there, I would get help getting into the police academy.

Becker hadn't worked there more than two months in 1981, when the police chief position was vacated.

The city manager asked him to be acting police chief, and Becker accepted the position which he held for six months.

At the time the four-man depart-

ment had two positions filled, one of which was held by Becker's twin brother, Chris. "I worked 12-hour days, seven

days a week," he said. "We depended on the sheriff's office and the highway patrol to help us.

"It was a lot of work," he added. "But, we didn't care because we loved it. Stanton city leaders approached

him about maintaining the position, but he declined. "I told them, I had very little experience," he said. "I felt like the chief

needed to know how to investigate

cases and write reports. In the meantime, Becker was finishing his academy training. At 20 years old, he got a position with the Big Spring Police Department.

"I felt good about it because I knew

Concert series is growing in Coahoma

MARTHA E. FLORES

Regional Editor

COAHOMA - Growing up in the 1960s, Walter Lee remembers most people had guitar, piano, some sort of musical instrument lessons or played in a live band.
"Live music was all around," says

Lee who is the coordinator of the First Presbyterian Church of Coahoma Concert Series and pastor at the church.

"Part of what I would like to do is expose the community to what one or two people could do with simple instrumentation," he said.

In the last year, concerts at the church fellowship hall have included performances by folk artists Steve Gillette, Cindy Mangsen, Bill Ward and Ken Gaines. Cowboy poet Frank Hill canceled his fall performance, but is in the process of rescheduling.

Gillette is a former Walt Disney Inc. writer, credited for some of the musical score in Dumbo, as well as in other Disney productions. He has also written for Linda Ronstadt.

"Steve Gillette and Cindy Mangsem, who are from New Hampshire, happen to be on the road and stopped here," Lee said. "Their venues read Baltimore, Houston, Nashville, San Antonio and Coahoma. They were on their way to be guest performers on the Folk Festival Alliance in New Mexico and agreed to perform here.

But Lee did not just pick the phone and ask Gillette and Mangsem, he has been cultivating his musical ties for more than 20 years, beginning when he attended the first Kerrville Folk Festival in 1972. He is one of three chaplains at the festival, having led worship for the last 13 years.

"I am a wanna-be singer-song-writer," Lee said. "I don't play enough to consider myself as having any professional ambition." Although Lee's songwriting aspira-

tions may have fallen short, his network of singers and songwriters is far from a short list.

When contacted by the Big Spring Herald last week, he was talking to half a dozen different artists for the series. In a matter of days from the initial discussion. Lee signed on Austin-based folk singer Tim Henderson to perform Aug. 21 at 7:30 p.m.

Henderson is primarily a songwriter, whose work has been covered by Alan Damron among others, Lee said. Damron performed at the West Texas Center for the Arts earlier this year. Lee is a board member of the

The church picks up local expenses. Donations go to the artist. Suggested donations are \$7 for an individual and \$15 for a family.

"The singer and songwriters are coming in singing their own music not anyone else's," Lee said. "It is primarily for singer and songwriters to do their own stuff.

"This is a new market. I don't think it is parallel to anything that has gone on before. To 20 people to get together for a concert.

"I would like to see it on a regular basis at least once a month and have it recognized not only in Howard County but around the state as a good place to play. I think it is gaining that reputation right now slowly,



Going across

Two cows make their way down the main street of McBride, Mo., Sunday looking for dry ground after a levee protecting the area failed. See related story page 3A.

MONDAY, JULY 26,

The Associated Press

DALLAS - A San Antonio Army hospital's funding was used by U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm in his 1989-90 reelection campaign even though he knew the center's budget was secure. The Dallas Morning News reported in a copyright story in its editions today.

But Gramm spokesman Larry Neal told The Associated Press on Sunday that a typographical error - a dropped "not" — in an internal document caused the newspaper to come to an improper conclusion.

The Morning News reported that Gramm's staff gave the senator a briefing paper warning of a "Potential Risk" before a January 1990 visit to Brooke Army Medical Center near San Antonio.

"We have tried to create a 'BAMC funding scare' while feeling comfortable that BAMC is safe from the budget knife," said the paper. The paper had been written after the Pentagon had assured Gramm privately that the center's budget was secure. "The situation could change to our detri-

Gramm said there was no "funding scare.". Instead, he and briefing paper author Jay Velasquez say the word "not" was omitted from the Jan. 17, 1990, warning, Neal told The Morning News.

The sentence should read, 'We have not tried to create a BAMC funding scare while feeling comfortable that BAMC is safe from the budget knife,''' Velasquez said in a memo accompanying Neal's state-

There was no funding scare. In fact, Senator Gramm's entire mission was to deliver the news that funding for BAMC was secure," Neal said

'Stories in the Jan. 23, 1990, San Antonio Light and San Antonio Express-News say that Senator Gramm had come to town to report that the president supported full funding for the center. There was no scare, no reason for one, and no attempt to create one," Neal said.

The Dallas Morning News obtained the papers involving the event from three former Gramm aides, who were among nine ex-aides interviewed by the newspaper. They said they left the senator's staff for reasons ranging from disillusionment to a desire to continue their education.

Trips by Gramm's wife were tailored to help his re-election

The Associated Press

DALLAS — Confidential documents from former staffers of Sen. Phil Gramm show that trips to Texas in 1989 by his wife, Wendy, who at the time was chairwoman of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, were tailored to help him politically.

In a copyright story in its Monday editions, The Dallas Morning News said Gramm state director Jeb Hensarling spelled out Mrs. Gramm's campaign role in this way in a Jan. 31, 1989, memo:

"Wendy should be used primarily to strengthen our GOP base.

According to the Hensarling memo and other documents, Gramm's Senate staff controlled her schedules in Texas, tailoring her activities to fit the senator's political strategy, although "most of the events we do will be in an 'official' CFTC context for media purposes.'

Mrs. Gramm's agency regulated futures contracts for farm products from grain to pork bellies.

The Hensarling memo recommended that she "should be scheduled into various private meetings with ag leadership types and general business types, in hopes of strengthening the Senator's financial base, as well as his agricultural constituen-

The Morning News said the memo was among hundreds of pages of confidential documents provided the newspaper by former Gramm aides.

Gramm acknowledged in 1989 that his campaign was paying for most of his wife's Texas trips, even when she traveled on commodities commission

Dr. William E. "Rud" Mayer, who lost his job as assistant secretary of defense for health affairs from 1983-89 after tangling with Gramm over the hospital's size, called the explanation "an absurdity.

You've got to realize that what Gramm wanted to portray himself as was the knight in shining armor who got Bud Mayer, this penurious Reagan appointee, to come up with the money," said Mayer, now retired in Tacoma, Wash.



Members of the 3rd Battalion, 141st Infantry, escort to a waiting hearse the body of one of their comrades killed ruing a night training exercise Wednesday at Fort Hood. The bodies of the three soldiers arrived aboard a Texas Air National Guard C-130 at Miller International Airport in

Farmers in hot water over retaliation liens

The Associated Press

TULIA - Speculation about cotton prices or the prowess of high school basketball rivals usually dominates the coffee-shop talk in this Panhandle town.

But from the grain elevators to the Swisher County Courthouse, the hottest topic these days concerns some farmers' legal troubles.

State and federal prosecutors accuse at least eight county residents of filing false liens against judges and attorneys in retaliation for foreclosing on their property. Federal documents say the defen-

dants belong to "We the People," a loosely organized group that claims the United States went bankrupt in 1938 and that debts are null and

Some in Tulia scoff that those who filed the liens were desperate radicals. Others are more sympathetic toward their neighbors.

'They just weren't getting what they thought they deserved. They had nerve enough to object to what's going on," said Bud Roberts, 85, a domino player at the senior citizen's

'These people have worked all their lives - they didn't want the government to take it away from them."

Cases against three Tulia residents will go to a federal grand jury Tuesday in Amarillo or Lubbock. Jerry and Bettie Herndon, both 56,

tice and conspiracy to impede or injure an officer of the United States. William Mason Bivins, 55, is charged with the conspiracy count. The charges stem from false finan-

are charged with obstruction of jus-

cial statements the Herndons and Bivins are accused of filing. The statements claim U.S. Bankruptcy Judge John Akard and other court officials owe the defendants as much as \$77 million. The defendants also claim liens against the judges' and lawyers' property.

"I did to them exactly what they did to me - filed the same things on them as they filed on me," Bivins said in early July.

"In my mind, I have done nothing but cooperate fully with the authorities," Herndon told The Tulia Herald. "I filed some paper in the court, and that is the only crime they accuse me of. I want to do what I believe our nation's laws allow to be done.'

"We the People" adherents say the U.S. government should return to a strict interpretation of the Constitution. They acknowledge the group's home base in Fort Collins, Colo., but say no one tallies its membership.

You just take anybody who's a God-fearing person, and that's how many there'd be," said Nazareth farmer Allen Dobmeier, who is not among the accused.

"I predict if they can get into the grand jury and tell the true side of their story, it'll all be over," Dob-

Mom murders 4-year-old son to 'get the dragon out'

The Associated Press

Returning home

CORPUS CHRISTI - A woman who told officers a dragon was inside her son has been taken into custody after the 4-year-old boy drowned in a creek in what was described as a ritualistic slaying.

Officers said 4-year-old Adam Shook was found dead early Sunday in the back of a pickup truck, clutching two teddy bears and surrounded by family memorabilia.

The child's mother, Elaine Shook 37, was taken to the psychiatric unit of Memorial Medical Center Sunday night after she was taken into custody. No charges had been filed by

early today, police said. Authorities said they found

makeshift altars near the pickup truck parked near Oso Creek. Officers said the mother told a fisherman that she killed her son.

The woman began quoting scripture when officers found her near the pickup truck, Lt. Mike Lowrence, a criminal investigator with the Nueces County Sheriff's Department, said. Lowrance said the child's body was

carefully arranged. "She spoke of dragons and cited a lot of religious Scripture," Lowrance said. "At one point, she said the dragon was inside of him.'

A homemade altar built against a

fence with scrap wood was found

A second structure found nearby that was made of blankets, a pillow and a refrigerator shelf was described by the woman as an altar.

The boy's body was wrapped in a sheet in the back of the pickup truck. A New World translation of the Bible and a family picture had been placed next to the body, Lowrance said "It looked like a ritualistic sort of

thing," Nueces County Medical Examiner Lloyd White said. "All these little piles of objects had been stacked up in the sand and so forth." Authorities believe the boy apparently was brought with two sisters to the creek Saturday night, Lowrance said. The sisters were dropped off with friends about 10 p.m., he said.

"That's when they first became aware that the boy was missing,' Lowrance said. "That is when the Corpus Christi Police Department was notified and they put out a missing person report.

'We estimate that he probably was killed somewhere in the neighborhood of 9 or 10 o'clock (Saturday) night," Lowrance continued. "It looked like the mother had been out there all night.'

"Outland" pulled by the Houston Post

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Post pulled Sunday's version of the popular comic strip "Outland" by Pulitzer Prize-winning artist Berkeley Breathed after editors decided it would offend readers. The Post substituted a previously

run "Outland" strip and made copies of the strip available to readers at the newspaper offices. The switch also was explained in Sunday's edition of the newspaper. 'As journalists, it is always uncom-

fortable to pull a comic strip," Executive Editor Ernie Williamson said. But in this case, I felt we had no The comic strip featured an

exchange between recurring character Opus, a penguin-like character, and a woman who happens upon Opus and two other animal characters who are sitting on "The Men's Kouch" in their underwear.

"Hey? How do you know if a woman has been working at a computer? There's 'White Out' on the screen," Opus jokes to his chuckling cohorts. "You dumb hypocrites," the

woman replies. "You mock the half of humanity that makes your graceless existence bearable. Men should pause for one moment and take another long hard look at the very handful of people were at the plant.

thing that brings meaning to their meaningless lives.' The strip's next two frames depict

the woman walking away and the three male characters left peeking into their underwear.

I think it was the comment about women, the comment about men ... and then when we got to the last panel and the three of them are looking at their genitals, we felt that was pretty offensive," Post editor and vice president Gerald Garcia said Sunday.

Fire engulfs chicken processing plant LUFKIN (AP) — A fire at Pilgrim's

Pride chicken processing plant will keep more than 800 workers off the job, at least temporarily. About one-third of the plant was

destroyed in an early morning fire Sunday. It took firemen almost three hours to get the fire under control, but embers smoldered throughout Pilgrim's Pride is one of the largest

employers in Angelina County and the Lufkin area.

The fire began with an explosion about 3 a.m., officials said.

The plant was the site of worker protests in the past week. Several undred workers struck for three days last week, alleging unfair man-

An investigation began, but officials said they don't suspect arson.

The fire began in the picking room, officials said, at a time when only a

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puters have become a common fixture in American homes and schools. Children, beginning at younger ages, are quickly becoming proficient in

Computer crimes rising

But as the number of household personal computers increases, so too is the number of computer-related crimes, particularly among teenagers, authorities say.

Over the past few months, Tarrant County authorities have confiscated computers from teens in Arlington, Fort Worth and Watauga. All are accused of using their machines to break into telecommunications systems, illegally access long-distance numbers and run up thousands of dollars on the stolen accounts.

Officials say these teens are among a dramatically increasing subculture of juvenile hackers in Tarrant County and nationwide who use a personal computer, a modem and a telephone line to commit technological crimes that are costing U.S. businesses thousands of dollars.

Regulations on herbicides sought

WICHITA FALLS (AP) — Farmers and ranchers in Wichita Falls and several surrounding counties are considering limiting some weed killers, following a spate of complaints about herbicide drift and crop

So far this year there have been at least 10 times the number of complaints about the weed and brush killer 2,4-D as there were in 1992, according to the Texas Department of Agriculture.

Now farmers in Wichita, Clay and Archer counties are considering regulating the herbicide. But such limits have been slow to

come. Farmers there first sought regulation more than two years ago.

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Mississippi River floodwater flow through a hole in the Sny Island, III., levee Sunday, flooding the nation's second largest drainage district and forcing helicopters to evacuate some workers and hundreds of others to hastily depart. The break occurred 10 miles south of Quincy, III.

Weary volunteers mock the coming Mississippi flooding

The Associated Press

McBRIDE, Mo. — As the Mississippi River roared through a collapsed levee, weary volunteers tried to empty enough beer cans to rival mountains of suddenly useless sand-

"Those boys out there drinking beer, they've busted their rear ends to save this town," said Lois Naeger, whose family has owned and operated Al's Place bar and cafe since 1947.

Three beer-drinking, would-be rescuers propped a small boat on one stack of sandbags, climbed aboard and mocked the approaching floodwaters that broke through the levee 10 miles down river.

Couriers kept hauling cold suds from the bar. "We've worked for weeks and there's nothing else to do," declared Chalmers Berkbuegler, who opened a can under the shade of a pecan tree.

'Hey, want a beer?" he asked a visitor. "But drink it fast - water's

Within 30 minutes, swirling, smelly river water inundated Al's Place and the rest of McBride, sending about 120 people scurrying for safety. The 20 residents of nearby Belgique also fled. The levee had protected about 26,000 acres of farmland and 60

Elsewhere, about 80,000 residents of St. Joseph remained without water today after Missouri River floodwaters knocked out the city's only water treatment plant. It could be midweek

before the plant is restarted, officials

St. Joseph residents stood for hours Sunday at water distribution sites. People also scrambled for bottled water in Brownville, Neb., where flooding shut down water service for about 200 residents.

The 650 residents of DeWitt, Neb., had just begun cleaning up from several tornadoes that swept through late Saturday when the floodwaters

The Big Blue River and two creeks that meet near DeWitt went over their banks Sunday afternoon and spread through most of the town, 75 miles southwest of Omaha, Neb. The Big Blue was expected to crest some-

No new rain was expected in Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska and northern Missouri until late today or early Tuesday, the National Weather Service

At least 41 people deaths have been linked to the Midwest flooding since it began last month. The floods have caused billions of dollars in damage to homes, business and

Despite drier weather, officials were concerned that more dikes, battered for weeks by high waters, might start to crumble. At least two Mississippi River levees - near McBride and Quincy, Ill., — collapsed

"I think the water has just been up too long on these levees," said Jack Niemi, an engineer with the Army Corps of Engineers in St. Louis

Rostenkowski vulnerable from scandal

The Associated Press

CHICAGO - Outside a Polish deli on Milwaukee Avenue, Mary Mare can't swallow reports that the Dan Rostenkowski she's known for decades may have taken money illegally from the U.S. House post office. "He was from the neighborhood,"

she said, clutching a bag of baked goods. "He was OK all these years. He's been good. I don't think he would do something like that."

But a younger couple headed into the Krakus Deli along the city's Polish corridor have no trouble accepting media reports that have dogged the 18-term congressman for a year.

"Something's going to have to catch up with him; I think now is the time," said Walter Steibing. "He writes the laws, he's supposed to uphold them, not break them."

In his first public statement since court papers linked him to the embezzlement scheme, Rostenkowski resolutely denied Saturday that he has broken any laws. "I want to make it absolutely clear that I have committed no crime and have engaged in no illegal or unethical conduct," he told reporters.

Still, times are changing for Rostenkowski. While the federal investigation has rocked his political future, changing demographics and a new political map have altered the bluecollar district he has represented since 1958.

Challengers old and new see a chance in the post office scandal to topple the man known on Capitol Hill as "The Chairman" for his leadership of the House Ways and Means

"There's an army of hopefuls standing in the wings waiting for Danny to fall," said Roman Pucinski, a longtime friend and Democratic warhorse who went to Congress with Rostenkows!:i.

"Any way you look at this thing he's got some real difficult problems. He's got his hands full and the worst perhaps is yet to come.'

Political trouble at home has been rare for Rostenkowski, whose father began building a political dynasty in the 1930s in the Polish neighborhood on the city's near northwest side. With the help of then-Mayor Richard J. Daley, his son went from state legislator to congressman.

Rostenkowski achieved prominence after becoming chairman of the House's tax-writing committee in 1981.

While his star was rising in Washington, his district was evolving.

Hispanics and Asians now are a significant presence in a neighborhood once dominated by Eastern European immigrants. Redistricting in 1990 cut 60 percent of his old constituents and stretched the district lengthwise to include western suburbs and parts of Chicago's lake

The lake front is home to such progressive politicians as Dick Simpson, who has been bashing Rostenkowski mercilessly since losing big in the 5th District Democratic primary last

Despite winning easily, Rostenkowski had had to campaign for the first time since 1966. Returning to the campaign trail made him uncomfortable - he called it "eating humble pie.'

He barely had time to savor his victory and the opportunity to work with a Democratic president before the post office investigation and other allegations of financial misconduct hit the front pages.

The former House postmaster last week pleaded guilty to helping congressmen obtain embezzled post office funds for personal use. Court records, when matched with public documents, indicated that Rostenkowski may have been among those receiving money.

The probe was expanded into an investigation of Rostenkowski's district and campaign operations, following up on media reports that he benefited personally from them, too.

Despite the published reports, Rostenkowski has not been accused of wrongdoing by officials, and that's enough for some residents of his dis-



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Young Cubans, who refused to be identified, play dominoes Sunday in the Cayo Hueso neighborhood of Havana, Cuba, in front of a recently painted wal which says "We defend the Happiness." The Communist party made the sign to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the attack of the Moncada headquarters on July 26, 1953.

Israel blasts guerrilas in Lebanon

The Associated Press

METULLA, Israel — Israel blasted guerrilla bases in Lebanon for a second day today with warplanes, helicopter gunships and hundreds of artillery shells in the worst Israeli attack on Lebanon since its 1982

Guerrillas in Lebanon responded. with barrages of rockets on Israeli positions in south Lebanon and settlements in northern Israel. Some 150,000 Israelis in border towns spent the night in underground shel-

The government said Israel did not intend to widen the military opera-

At least 20 people, including six Syrian soldiers, have been killed and 75 wounded in the fighting in Lebanon. Two Israelis were killed and eight injured Sunday when a

rocket wrecked a building in the northern Israeli town of Kiryat She-

The combat escalated fighting between Israeli troops and pro-Iranian and Syrian-backed guerrillas opposed to Middle East peace talks. The focus of the clashes has been a strip of southern Lebanon that Israel has occupied since 1985 as a "security zone" against cross-border guerrilla attacks.

Waves of fighter-bombers and helicopter gunships blasted Shiite Muslim guerrilla bases in south Lebanon overnight, illuminating the positions with parachute flares. Hundreds of shells were fired, Israeli radio report-

Israeli gunboats hammmered Palestinian bases near the northern Lebanese coastal town of Tripoli all night, police said.

Witch hunting on the rise in Kenya

The Associated Press

NAIROBI, Kenya - Police find a freshly severed leg, a well-coiffed woman's head and a mutilated corpse at a man's house. Neighbors accuse him of witchcraft and try to lynch him.

A sword- and arrow-wielding mob abducts eight elderly men and women accused of casting evil spells on their community, breaks their bones, slashes them with machetes and sets them on fire.

Four sons hack their parents to death, claiming the couple bewitched them.

The slayings and attacks are part of an explosion of witchhunting in Kenya since late last year that has seen scores of people accused of practicing black magic. Newspaper accounts suggest nearly 50 have been murdered.

Police are investigating cases of violence linked to alleged witchcraft. But authorities are just as worried about the violence of witchhunts.

"The government will not tolerate such savagery and primitive acts of brutality, which mar the name of a civilized society like Kenya," President Daniel arap Moi warned Kenyans this month.

Traditional beliefs in witchcraft remain strong across Africa, despite colonialists' efforts to stamp them out through legislation and Christianity.

Misfortune, disease and death are readily attributed to black magic, and national soccer teams order spells cast on each other for an extra competitive edge.

What seems to have happened now is that the belief in witchcraft has fueled a hunt for witches who some think might be to blame for the country's worsening economic problems.

More and more citizens now find themselves unable to feed their children, send them to school or buy even basic medicines — leading to stress, illness and a search for scape-

"I'm finding a lot of people suffering from stress that is presenting itself as a psychosomatic illness, said Maxwell Okonji, a Kenyan psychiatrist. "They can't see the connection between the pressures they are suffering under and the way they feel. It is easier for them to see it as something cast on them."

7 family members die when boat sinks

PERRYVILLE, Ark. — A family fishing trip to a cool river on a hot summer day ended disastrously when the group's small, overloaded boat sank. Five children and their parents died.

Nine people, all family members, were aboard a boat meant to hold only three, Perry County Sheriff Gary Lawson said.

None was wearing a life preserver and only the father, David Bailey, 32, could swim, Lawson said.

Bailey, however, was among those who drowned Sunday, along with his 40-year-old wife, Wanda; Crystal and Chris, 10-year-old twins; Amanda, 7; Amber, 4; and David Jr., 18 months, Lawson said

Two girls survived: one 14, the other 12

They told authorities the 12-foot, flat-bottomed aluminum boat began taking on water over the sides. It apparently sank soon after being launched on the Fourche LaFave

Four killed in DWI, wrong way accident

ONEIDA, N.Y. (AP) — A car traveling the wrong way down a highway slammed into two station wagons, killing two adults and two children

and injuring seven other people. Robert Moxley III, 39, was charged policy was robbery.

with drunken driving and driving the wrong way on the New York State Thruway, state police said. The Oneida County District Attorney's office planned to charge Moxley with four counts of vehicular

manslaughter as soon as he has recovered from his injuries, state police said. Moxley remained in serious condition at a hospital Sunday after the

accident, which happened halfway between Syracuse and Utica early Saturday. Killed were Jean Gat Asebi-

Boachie, 38, and his 5-year-old son. Derrick; Marian Opoku-Agymeng, 3, and Hayford Kwesi-Otu, 37. They were traveling in the first station wagon with five other people from Ontario, Canada, four of whom remained hospitalized Sunday.

A couple in the second car suffered minor injuries.

Unioaded old rubles angers finance minister

MOSCOW (AP) - Russian Finance Minister Boris Fyodorov lashed out at the Central Bank's surprise plan to invalidate billions of old banknotes starting today, warning it was "harmful to the people.

Russians were spending old rubles in a frantic rush Sunday, waiting in greatly exceed the speed limit, long lines at groceries and depart- Espinosa said.

ment stores and complaining the new President Boris Yeltsin cut short

his vacation Sunday and returned to Moscow, but said nothing about the measure. Fyodorov's comments were the first sign of government disapproval of the plan.

In the past, members of the government have blamed the Central Bank for fueling inflation by printing too much money

Starting today, only banknotes printed this year remained valid. The weeks to exchange old bills for new.

Central Bank gave Russians two Deputies calmly chase

robbbers for 118-miles

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — A robbery suspect who led police on an 118-mile chase rarely exceeded the speed limit and obeyed all traffic signals while patient deputies, who didn't want to cause an accident, calmly pursued

"It was just a pleasant drive through the country," said Hillsbor-ough County sheriff's spokesman Jack Espinosa. "They were just driving around like it was a parade.

For an hour and 37 minutes early Friday, Kenneth Carlton Bamber ignored the flashing lights of seven police cruisers trailing his pickup. Twice along the way, officers had to stop for gas. Only on the interstates, when

speeds reached 85 mph, did Bamber



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Time to work together

The Republicans idea of sitting on their hands to save the taxpayers from themselves may be an honorable one in their mind, but it is not a method that is helping this country.

Over the years, partisanship has played a major role in shaping the politics of this country. But, usually, if one party does not like what the other party is doing, they have an alternative in mind.

The Republicans are adding amendment after amendment to the National Service Bill, they have played almost no role in the massive budget bill and have killed the jobs creation bill. But, while they are doing this, they offer no viable alternative.

Yes, it is good to see someone in Congress supposedly looking after the interests of the voters. That interest is a long time in coming from either Democrats or Republicans.

The main thing Congress needs to realize, and somehow we must make them realize, is the need to work together to solve this country's problems.

A bad bill, sponsored by either a Republican or a Democrat, hurts all of us as well as a good bill, sponsored by either party,

It is long past time to work together to solve our country's problems which is what we elected these men and women for in the first place.

What's in a name?

Originally, I had planned to write a column on history. However, after a discussion with a white male colleague concerning my usage of the word African-American when describing myself. I decided to address that issue.

The question has been raised several times in recent memory as to why don't I just call myself American. From my point of view, calling myself African-American is no different than people who call themselves Texans.

Neither group is saying they don't
Just for a minute, imagine the only just identify with a smaller group of Americans was Americans. The Dred Blame Me, I Voted For Bush. Americans based on other criteria. In the case of the Texans, it's geographical location. With African-Americans, it's skin color and African

But while there is little public debate concerning Texans not calling themselves American the same cannot be said for the usage of the term African-American.

Part of the reason I believe is the fact African-Americans decided that was the term we would use. I can't seem to recall any outcry over the terms colored or Negro. The mere fact we defined ourselves bothered some people.

Secondly, by implying that by calling ourselves African-Americans we are rejecting our American status then surely it is us who have rejected the rights that accompany that term.

Third, it makes people uncomfortable to believe there are actually people who are proud of the fact their forefathers came from Africa. We're taught that all good things and good people came from Europe. To have pride in something non-European is . . . well not American.

Somehow the whole question of what I choose to call myself seems a little backward. I have always known I was an American. The only people who have ever treated me otherwise were not African-Americans.



Brenda Brooks

A more pressing question would be why are we not always allowed to be just American?

consider themselves American. We word available to describe African-bumper stickers that say, "Don't Scott decision would have read,

Visualize if you can, the signs over ing the 1950s and early 1960s -"Whites only, No (Americans) boys attending think they have more allowed.'

Or how about George Wallace trying to prevent an (American) student from enrolling at the University of Alabama on June 11, 1963.

Is all this too far back for you? Here's one that might sound more familiar "one of my best friends is an (American.)"

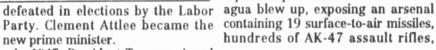
Race matters.

It matters to me and most importantly to this society we live in. What I chose to call myself is secondary to how this society treats me.

If I call myself American what will magically happen? Will no one discriminate against me anymore? Will it lessen the pain of that discrimina-

on wealthy individuals targeted for The racial problems of this country are more complex than the hyphenation of a name.

Brenda Brooks' column appears twice monthly.



the National Security Act, creating the Department of Defense, the National Security Council, the Central Intelligence Agency and the Joint Chiefs of Staff. In 1952, Argentina's first lady, Eva

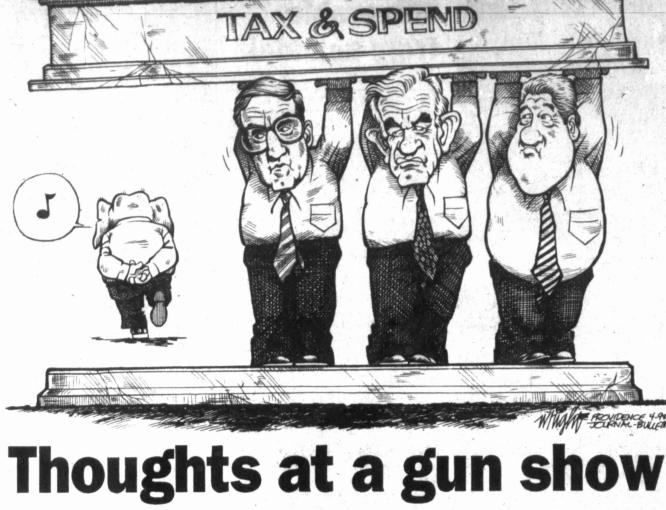
Peron, died in Buenos Aires at 33. In 1952. King Farouk I of Egypt abdicated in the wake of a coup led

In 1956, Egyptian President Gamal Abdel Nasser seized control of the Suez Canal from the French and the

In 1964, Teamsters president Jimmy Hoffa and six others were convicted of fraud and conspiracy in the handling of a union pension fund. In 1971, Apollo 15 was launched from Cape Kennedy.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Jason Robards Junior is 71. Movie director Blake Edwards is 71. Movie director Stanley Kubrick is 65. Rock star Mick Jagger is 50. Actress Susan George is

Thought for Today: "Government is too big and important to be left to the politicians." - Chester Bowles, American diplomat, businessman, author — and politician (1901-1986).



It is a Southern gun show, the typical kind, where retired men display their shiny Colt collections, women shop for pistols to hide in their Louis Vuitton bags and teen-agers suck on frozen lemonade.

There are thick books on Nazi Germany and its weapons, Civil War Minie balls and belt buckles, cartridge boxes, World War II uniforms, arrowheads, Japanese swords, Ku Klux Klan commemorative knives and rare Parkers with wooden stocks as detailed and beautiful as any piece of fine furniture.

Every now and then two people huddle, swapping pleasantries and guns. Sometimes they agree on a price or trade, and one of them walks out with his prize hefted to his shoul-

This Alabama show is part flea market, part political convention. One popular item today is not a gun, but a laminated pin with a head and shoulders photograph of President Clinton with a red, Ghostbuster slash through his face. Also prevalent are those ubiquitous

"Congress has no authority to confer ers had voted for Bush, he would be the rights and privileges of citizen- the politician bombing lraq to prove ship on (Americans) or their descen- his manhood, not Bill Clinton. But never mind.)

Scripps Howard News Service

Even paranoids have enemies, and

at least a few conspiracies are real.

Last week reporters were allowed to

review a remarkable cache of docu-

ments uncovered in Nicaragua when

a secret underground weapons store

exploded on May 23. The find

betrays the far-reaching activities of

an international ring of leftwing ter-

False identification papers, 310

passports including many blanks

from 21 countries, detailed reports

kidnapping, accounts of current

activities of the Basque separatist

fighters in Spain and of the suppos-

edly disarmed Salvadoran guerrillas

- all these came to light when a car

repair shop on the outskirts of Man-

hundreds of AK-47 assault rifles,

Walking up and down these crowdthe water fountains in the south dur- ed convention center aisles, it is hard to believe that most of the good old in common with preppy New Englander George Bush than Arkansas hillbilly Bill Clinton.



Bush the blueblood, Clinton the Bubba. But trust me. That's what they think.

These voters aren't steamed about taxes or health control or abortion or education or poverty or war or peace. Or maybe they are, but for most it's not the primary issue. The only political matter that

counts for beans on these premises is gun control, and Clinton is on the wrong side of that tall fence, the side that supports waiting periods and other measures deemed unreasonable and threatening to the basic freedom by the grand Pooh-Bahs of the National Rifle Association. It was reported that on his recent

trip to Japan, Clinton called up the parents of the Japanese student shot dead in Louisiana by a nervous homeowner when the student had the poor judgment to walk up to the door to ask for directions. That's the kind of bleeding-heart thing the current president does that

makes the NRA hate his peacenik guts. You never would have caught George Bush commiserating with the NRA enemy. And that's what the poor dead Japanese boy had become, the

enemy to those lawful gunowners who believe they have the right to protect their home from all weird-

looking foreigners knocking on the door, asking for help.

National Rifle Association.'

It's been my experience that adults are the ones who need to be told

The gun meet has a bank of police seated at a table near the door to make sure all these Eddie Eagleunload their pieces before bringing them into the crowd.

Opps. There I go hinting at another ugly media myth. That guns can kill. 'Media Myth: 'There are 33,000 gun deaths each year Stricter gun control would be a step in the right direction.' Truth: While this figure is roughly accurate, it sensationalizes the tragedy of the loss of life. Almost 55 percent of this number, or 18,000, are suicides. Roughly 40 percent, or 13,000, are homicides. About 4 per cent, or 1,400, are accidental

of the American Society of Newspaper Editors' Distinguished Writing Award, the National Headliners Award for Commentary and the Ernie Pyle Award, is author of "Good Grief: The Story of Charles M. Cold War ending is no reason for letting guard down

I pick up a piece of NRA propagan-

da called "Twelve Tall Tales, Media Myths About Guns, Gun Laws and the

Among the familiar contentious points, this one: That we pinkos in the media haven't been giving the NRA enough credit for its "Eddie Eagle" coloring book on gun safety, which in only two years told 1.6 million children to stay away from "unsecured firearms."

I wonder into which nonsensationalized category the student's wasted

Rheta Grimsley Johnson, winner

mer heat has subsided.

plots simply never change I also come from a long line of

their evenings.

for trains. I have been sitting on my front

I live on a nice street and I have a nice front porch. I have a swing and two rocking chairs. I sit in one of the

The swing is a little hard on what is left of my rear following the weight

there are a lot of other people, at least in my neighborhood, who aren't sitting inside watching television in the evenings either. They aren't, trained gunowners remember to however, sitting on their porches. They are out engaging in some sort of exercise.

either. In fact, there seems to be less joggers everyday.

(I was sitting in my doctor's office a few weeks ago when a nurse looked in and said to him, "Cable News Network is on the phone. They want to know your advice on running in the road race in this hot weather." My doctor looked up and said. "Don't A man had a heart attack and died in that particular race.)

A lot of bicycle riders come by my house while Catfish and I are on the porch. They wear helmets and tight pants and race past in large packs. The other evening, maybe 15 came by in a blur. Three minutes later a lone cyclist raced past. He appeared to be attempting to catch up with the "He reminds me of horses I tend to

bet on," I said to Catfish.

I get a lot of people out walking their dogs. A man comes by walking after a time.

for over a decade, but my ears seem to be the same length as always.

to be younger than the other exercisers. A roller skater came by my house recently, going downhill, at what must have been 35 miles an hour. If he had fallen, they would have had to scrape him up all the way to the airport.

by my house that is exercising in a manner to which I am not familiar.

They aren't jogging, but they aren't arms back and forth, prissily.

told me. "It's not as hard on your knees as jogging."

pleasantly to anybody who happened

powerwalkers, or dog walkers would come by (the roller skaters and cyclists were going too fast) I would call out, "Good evening." Amazing. To a person, each called

I must have said "good evening"

That made me feel awfully good. Made me feel good about myself, my neighbors and my city.

sitting full time, me and ol' Catfish. moving prissily, too.

we're starting to think alike as we



Lewis Grizzard

I've been doing a lot of sitting on my front porch lately. I do this late in the evenings after the intense sum-

I suppose there are two primary reasons. One is, television just gets more rotten by the day. I've got 50 channels. And I still have trouble finding anything worth watching. I'm even tired of the Spice Channel. The

front-porch sitters, and, before air conditioning and television, that's the way a lot of people used to spend I did that with my own family when

I was growing up. My grandfather and I used to count cars and listen

porch with my dog Catfish, the black Lab, and counting BMW's. He growls when Volvos come by.

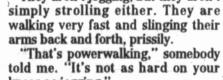
rocking chairs.

loss I incurred as a result of my heart surgery in March. One thing I have noticed is that

There aren't just joggers anymore,

a dog that looks like a rat. He sort of looks like a rat, too. They say people often begin resembling their pets Catfish and I have been together

I get roller skaters, too. They tend There's another group that comes



It once was the custom to speak

to come past while one was sitting on one's porch. I wondered how that would play in a large American city So one night whenever the joggers,

back, "Good evening."

20 times, and not once did anybody ignore my attempt to be pleasant.

We may even take up front-porch

By the way, he said he thought the powerwalkers looked as if they were We don't look alike, but I guess

enter our rocking-chair years. c 1993 by Cowles Syndicate, Inc.



This date in history

The Associated Press

Today is Monday, July 26, the 207th day of 1993. There are 158 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: Forty years ago, on July 26, 1953, Fidel Castro began his revolt against the regime of Fulgencio Batista with an unsuccessful attack on an army barracks in eastern Cuba. Castro finally ousted Batista in 1959.

On this date: In 1775, Benjamin Franklin became Postmaster-General. In 1788, New York became the

11th state to ratify the U.S Constitu-

In 1908, U.S. Attorney General Charles J. Bonaparte issued an order creating an investigative agency that was a forerunner of the FBI. In 1945, Winston Churchill

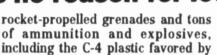
resigned as Britain's prime minister

after his Conservatives were soundly

In 1947, President Truman signed

by Gamal Abdel Nasser.

43. Tennis player Vitas Gerulaitis is



terrorist bombers. We mention this partly as a matter of historical interest. Nicaragua's Ronald Reagan mounted an unpopular but warranted policy of American resistance, were serious about their "revolution without borders." It is inconceivable that this terrorist hideaway operated from 1985 through this spring without at least tacit San-

dinista support. Furthermore, while militant Marxism seems anachronistic today, miscellaneous forces bent on seizing and reportedly has returned there, power by violence still labor in the shadows around the world. Investi- arrayed by Laurie Mylroie, a respectgators have tied six actual kidnappings — two in Mexico and four in Brazil — to the Managua militants. Of more direct interest to Americans,

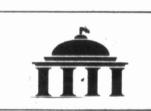
rocket-propelled grenades and tons ports found in the possession of Ibrahim Elgabrowny, a suspect in the Feb. 26 bombing of the New York World Trade Center. The passports contain the photos of El Sayyid Nosair, his wife and children; Nosair "Sandinista" Marxists, against whom is in prison in New York on a weapons charge after being acquit-

ted in the murder of Rabbi Meir

To this brew, add the distinct possibility of Iraqi connections: Sandinista leader Daniel Ortega has repeatedly visited Iraq, as recently as this year; and a key suspect in the World Trade Center bombing, Ramzi Ahmad Yususf, left Iraq in late 1992 one of several suggestive facts

Kahane.

ed authority on the Iraqi regime. Whatever the facts of the Trade Center bombing, it is clear that Western intelligence services and immithe State Department is "very congration authorities face an undimincerned" about five Nicaraguan pass- ished challenge from terrorists.



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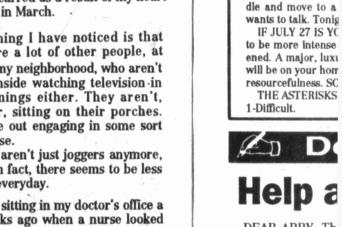
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Jacqueline Bigar - Horoscope FORECAST FOR TUESDAY, JULY 27, 1993

ARIES (March 21-April 19): As you revise your view of a partnership, see the change as a new beginning. What started as a dream becomes an inspired reality. Be careful about a friend who may ultimately let you down. Tonight: Brainstorm with a buddy.****

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Others seek you out. Sort through their offers, keeping in mind what will work within a special partnership. A boss or parent could be unusually cranky. Don't let that mar a nearperfect day. New information helps you reinforce your financial foundation. Tonight: Togetherness is

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You find a stumbling block where you least expect it. Count on a loved one to help you get what you want. Eliminate red tape at work. Tonight: Kick up your heels.*** CANCER (June 21-July 22): Get past previous restrictions by loosening up. A business partnership may not be working for you any longer. Openness and a willingness to let go will produce excellent results

Romance, creative interests and children are highlighted. Tonight: Burn the midnight oil.***** LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): As your intense side takes over, look to concerns at home. Then check out an investment and examine whether it really suits you. Let go of an associate who keeps raining on your

parade. Tonight: You wild thing!** VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You are being pushed to the max - but you enjoy performing at that high level. Review recent decisions and go for what you want, although a co-worker might not understand. Remember, there is always tomorrow. Tonight: Lounge around.****

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Use an unexpected revelation to find deeper security and a better sense of direction. Question the decision made by a loved one. It's time to stop taking another's feelings for granted. Are you getting bored? Tonight: Catch up on news.*** SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Use innovative thinking to make an important point. You can work through

current restrictions while keeping your primary goals in mind. You'll get more done with a smile today than with logic, as your magnetism is irresistible. Tonight: Treat yourself.**** SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Mobilize during the day's later hours, when you are in prime form.

Listen to your instincts concerning a misunderstanding, and make a conciliatory gesture when you feel more like your old self. Do more listening than talking. Tonight: Use your magic.*** CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Use the morning hours to further your interests. Your creativity will kick in when you are faced with a financial problem. A friend helps you choose the right direction. Don't broad-

cast new information or a secret confided by an associate. Tonight: Get some Z's.*** AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Charge into work and get the job done. Don't get bogged down by selfdoubt, that emotional indulgence is a waste of time. Your effectiveness is being tested. Remember that by acting responsibly you will win what you most covet. Tonight: Why not party?**

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You might be perturbed by a dark dream or insecurity. Jump over the hurdle and move to a new level. Double-check the costs of a planned trip. Make time for a higher-up who wants to talk. Tonight: Dinner with co-workers.****

IF JULY 27 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Associates will prove to be testy this year, and your daily life will seem to be more intense during the next several months. If you trust in yourself, your security won't be threatened. A major, luxurious purchase - perhaps a new car or home - is in the offing. During winter the focus will be on your home, family and personal matters. Changes will prove to be positive, largely thanks to your resourcefulness. SCORPIO is an anchor.

THE ASTERISKS (*) SHOW THE KIND OF DAY YOU'LL HAVE: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so

Dear Abby - Letters...

Help available for homeless DEAR ABBY: This is my experience with a

"homeless" man carrying a large "Will Work for Food" sign: This man was living in the bushes behind

my husband's place of employment. When the police arrested him for trespassing and vagrancy, they found \$1,000 in cash in his pockets. He told the police he had made the money by standing at a busy intersection in town with one of those signs. He also said he could never do as well working because he takes in \$500 to \$600 a day just holding up that sign.

Abby, think about this: If one person at each stop signal gave you a dollar, and the signal changed 30 times an hour, and you stood there for eight hours a day, you could make \$240 a day. Realistically, the figures

are probably much higher. I recently saw a family (a mother, father and three young children) standing at a busy intersection holding these "homeless" signs. Not only is this dangerous, it's emotional blackmail. Please comment. -LETICIA IN

BRADENTON, FLA. DEAR LETICIA: Homeless people do not have to beg. There are missions for the homeless in every city.

The wife of one of the executives at the Los Angeles Times invited me to have lunch at a downtown mission for women where she was a volunteer. What an eye-opener!

I met women of all ages who had found themselves homeless for one of a number of reasons: widowed, divorced, hopeless family problems, alcohol, drugs, no insurance, no credit, and they couldn't come up with the money for rent. Some had lived in their cars until they had to sell them in order to eat.

DENNIS THE MENACE



WHAT KIND OF SCRATCH ARE YOU MAKING THE CAKE OUT OF ?

Some women lived at the mission. One formerly well-to-do 50-ish woman had her beautifully groomed 18-year-old Persian cat

That visit also opened my eyes to the generosity of the volunteers who could have been playing golf or bridge, but had volunteered to work in the mission kitchen preparing soup by the gallons and tasty meatloaf!

What a valuable learning experience it was for me. I recommend it for women (and men, too) with time on their hands and charity in their hearts.

DEAR ABBY: As an expectant mother of twins, I am amazed at the number of people who have the nerve to ask if I used fertility

drugs in order to conceive. I consider this to be a private matter. However, I am certain that a number of expectant mothers would appreciate your letting the public know that it is none of their business, and they should not be asking such a rude and personal question. — EXPECTING

IN CALIFORNIA DEAR EXPECTING: The "public" already knows it's none of their business. The problem is how to deal with such rude and per-

sonal questions. My standard reply: "Why do you want to

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THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"This is golf for people who don't like holes in their lawn.

HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



B.C.

GASOLINE ALLEY

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rented a metal detector, Clovia!

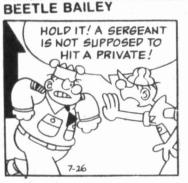
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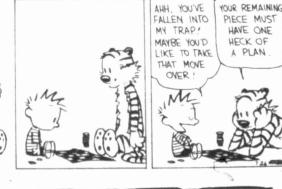








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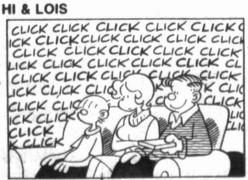
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Permian Basin Weather

Tuesday: Mostly sunny, high near 100; fair night, low low 70s.

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, high near 100; fair night, low low

Thursday: Mostly sunny, high near 100; fair night, low low 70s.

By PATRICK DRISCOLL

The Big Spring City Council on

Tuesday will consider first readings

of several ordinances concerning the

airpark, appointments to two boards

and hear a report on property tax

The council is scheduled to meet at

5:30 p.m. in the gymnasium at Lake-

view Headstart Center, 1701 N.W.

· Consider three separate ordi-

nances to accept Air Park Develop-

ment Board recommendations for

To submit an item to Springboard,

put it in writing and mail or deliver

it to us one week in advance. Mail

to: Springboard, Big Spring Herald,

P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, 79720; or

Bingo listings appear on Sunday

•There will be gospel singing at

•Spring Tabernacle Church, 1209

Wright St., has free bread and what-

ever else is available for area needy

Big Spring Senior Citizen Center

•High Adventure Explores Post

has ceramics classes from 9:30-

11:30 a.m. Age 55 and older invited.

519 will meet at 7 p.m. at the VA

Medical Center, room 212. Ages 14-

•Senior citizen dance from 7:30-

•The Rap Group will meet 6-

7:30p.m., at the VA Medical Center,

room 212. All veterans of Vietnam,

Lebanon, Grenada, Panama and

•The Big Spring American Jr.

Rodeo and Open Junior Rodeo will

be held today through Saturday.

Nightly performances start at 7:30

p.m. For information call Nita

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•The Big Spring Alliance for the

mentally ill will meet at 7 p.m., at

the Hoard County Mental Health

Center, 4th & Runnels. For informa-

•Friday night games of Dominoes,

Forty-two, Bridge and Chickentrack

from 5-8 p.m., Kentwood Center,

have a Country/Western Dance from

Fashion painting classes, 9:30-

11:30 a.m. Free. Ages 55 and older.

the Scenic Mountain State Park.

Meet at the Pavilion at 8 p.m. for

trail walk; at 9 p.m. for tale talk.

Fridays and Saturdays. For more

Spring City Senior Center will

•Big Spring Bass Club July points

have a Country/Western Dance from

tournament will be at Lake Colorado

City. Tournament hours are 3 p.m.

to midnight. Open to members and

guests. For information call Kerry

The Big Spring Police Department

· A glass door, valued at \$280, was

A vehicle window, valued at \$120, was

A tool box and tool, valued at \$1,900

Michael Leonard Todd, 21, of Big

was reportedly stolen on the 4000 block

Spring was arrested and charged with

reportedly damaged on the 1400 block of

damaged on the 200 block of Runnels.

reported the following incidents:

8-11 p.m. Area seniors invited.

Mills at 267-7407.

of West Highway 80.

public intoxication.

information call 267-8255.

Spring City Senior Center will

•Spring City Senior Center:

•Sunset tales and nature trails at

2805 Lynn Dr. Public invited.

8-11 p.m. Area seniors invited.

10:30 p.m., at the Civic Center,

Colorado City. Area seniors invited.

the Kentwood Center on Lynn Dr. at

7 p.m. For information call 393-

bring it by the office, 710 .Scurry. ATTENTION CALENDAR USERS:

Staff Writer

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Springboard.

Today

Tuesday

Wednesday

Persian Gulf invited.

Wright at 263-7789.

from 10 a.m. to noon.

from 12:45-1:45 p.m.

tion call 267-7380.

Thursday

from 10 a.m. to noon.

On the agenda:

September crude oil \$17.83, up 8, and October cotton futures 60.60 cents a pound, down 45; cash hog is 50 cents higher at 47 cents even; slaughter steers is steady at 73 cents even; August live hog futures 48.20, up 8; August live cattle futures 74.47, up 72 at 9:56 a.m., according to Delta Commodities.

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Cabot	47%		+3/4
Chevron	88		+1/6
Chrysler	45%		+1/4
Coca-Cola	44		nc
De Beers	18%		nc
DuPont	48%		+1/4
Exxon	65%		+1/4
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Quotes are from today's market, and the change is market activity from 3 p.m. the previous day.

Pat Martinez, Sr.



died Saturday, July 24, 1993, at the Vetertration Medical Center. Rosary will cousins.

be at 7:30 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home Chapel. Spring.

Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Sacred Heart Catholic James Womack Church with the Rev. James

DeLaney, pastor, officiating.

Mr. Martinez was born March 17, Church of Christ, officiating. 1923, in Toyah. He was a lifetime employee of the Veterans Adminis- Funeral Home, Lamesa. tration Medical Center, retiring in

He played semi-pro baseball for the Big Spring Tigers and was manager for the Big Spring Cardinals. He was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving in the combat engineers in the Pacific in World War

He married Natalie Everett Sept. 30, 1947, in Big Spring.

Survivors include: His wife, Natalie, Big Spring; one son, Pat Martinez Jr., Big Spring; two daughters, Lori Martinez and Terri Ontiveros, Big Spring; one brother, Frank S. Martinez. grandchildren.

Norris Padgett

Norris Dann Padgett, 65, of Big Spring, died Friday in a local hospi- Derwin Meeks, Jody Weeks, Frosty

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at First Baptist Church Kemp and Jeff Faubion Chapel with Dr. Kenneth Patrick officiating and Dr. James Cowan assisting. Arrangements are with Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Mr. Padgett was born February 26, 1928, in Abilene. He married Deloris Moore, Dec. 19, 1969, in Calabasas. Calif. He lived most of his life in Howard and Mitchell counties. He was a Baptist and a veteran of the U.S. Navy, entering the Seabees in 1945 and serving four years. He attended school in Forsan, Colorado City and Big Spring and was one of

Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Rosewood Chapel

BIG SPRING

the first students to attend Howard County Junior College. He had been employed by Humble

Pat S. Mar- Oil Company and Standard Oil Comtinez Sr., 70, pany, and was later self-employed as of Big Spring, a painting contractor.

Survivors include: his wife, Deloris Padgett, Big Spring; his mother, Mamie Roberts of Big Spring; one ans Adminis- daughter, Linda Ruth Padgett, Big Spring; one son, Michael Dann Padgett of Brownwood; and several

> The family will be at 1606 Goliad. They suggest memorials to the American Heart Association, Howard County Division, P.O. Box 1223, Big

Services for James Womack, 71. of Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Lamesa, are scheduled for 10 a.m. Park under the direction of Myers & Tuesday at Lamesa Church of Christ with Larry Marshall, pastor of Knott

Burial will be at Lamesa Memorial resident of Big Spring and a longtime Park under the direction of Branon

> Mr. Womack died Sunday at University Medical Center after a short

> He was born June 22, 1922, in Nashville, Ark. He married Gladys Weeks Jan. 12, 1944 in Lamesa. They moved to the Ackerly area in 1938 from Loraine. He served as a radio operator in the U.S. Army from January 1942 until January 1946, and served 16 months in Germany. They moved to Lamesa in 1965 from

Survivors include: his wife, Gladys; two sons, Danny Womack, San Beni-Cleveland, Ohio; one sister, Celia Rut- to and Marvin Womack, Lubbock; ledge, Holland, Mich., and three three sisters, Mary Hooten of San Saba, Martha Jean Parker of Big Spring and Ruth Floyd of Ackerly; and four grandchildren.

> Pallbearers will be Preston Weeks, Floyd, David Carter, Greg Weeks, Richard Cooper, Ricky Kemp, Mike

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Pat S. Martinez, Sr., 70, died

Saturday. Rosary will be 7:30

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Funeral Mass will be 10:00

A.M., Tuesday at Sacred Heart

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Norris Dann Padgett, 65,

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Avantech, Harmony Drilling and sand blasting and painting building. The board assists the council in managing Big Spring McMahon/Wrinkle Airpark.

Another ordinance to be considered on first reading is rezoning 1200 Runnels for a day care.

 Closed sessions to discuss appointments to the Colorado River Municipal Water District and Civil Service Commission as well as the municipal court judge contract and the audit committee.

The council is scheduled to make appointments in open session on the water district board and the civil service commission. The agenda also allows "any action necessary." The water district provides water

Council considers airpark ordinances at Tuesday

to Big Spring. The audit committee recently studied bids for city audit services. Two weeks ago, the council chose to accept a bid from the local firm of Lee, Reynolds, Welch & Co. against the committee's recommendation to go with an Abilene firm, the original low bidder.

· A report on property tax collections from Drew Mouton, city delinquent tax attorney. Mouton is expected to also discuss the collection

The council is also scheduled to discuss the property appraisal dis-trict budget, a patrol for Moss Creek Lake, a golf course irrigation pump, and the July waste water treatment plant report.

Bids to be considered include an audit services contract and approval of specifications for two half-ton pickup trucks.

Purchases to be considered include rock and asphalt for a seal coat project and a budget amendment for a municipal court computer.



Church hit

Paramedics attend to injured at the St. James Church in suburban Cape Town Sunday after black gunmen burst into the white church firing automatic rifles and tossing hand grenades. Ten people were reported killed and 20 injured in this incident, the deadliest yet in a series of attacks on whites in South Africa this year.

Becker.

Continued from page 1A

I had completed something," he said. "Just a couple of years before my future was in doubt.

"I felt I had a direction in my life; a goal I could really achieve," he said. In the meantime, he had met his wife, Charlotte, whom he married in

His next goal was to become a highway patrolman. He achieved that goal in 1984 and has worked as a state trooper since.

He started the wheels in motion for his most recent goal in May. Taking the test to become a Texas Ranger, Becker was one slot away from being

"I think becoming a ranger is going to be it," he said. "If you're federal, you have to move out of state, so I wanted to stay here in Texas."

He managed to see much more than Texas in 1990, when he volunteered for Detachments with the 7th Special Forces Group in Panama, during the United States military

"I realized how good we had it in the U.S.," he said. "We take a whole lot for granted here that people die

for there.' One thing Becker says he has not taken for granted is his family. His parents are Jack and Blanche. Other than his brother, he has two older

Marisa Van

Dear Marisa,

sisters: Sharon and Carol.

"You get your strength from your family," he said. "It's hard to put into words how you feel about them.

His main interests are his family and his job, in which he received a Director's Citation in 1992 from the colonel of the Department of Public

In that same year, he was named the 1992 Trooper of the Year by the DPS Officers Association. "What keeps me going is my family

and the department," he said. "I wasn't sure at first, that I'd be able to get this far because I was a high school drop out without much college, but I never quit thinking, 'One

Dear Jax, How do you make Buskirk

recycled paper procedure

Follow this step-by-step First, some information:

Making recycled paper is messy. It is also a lot of fun. Someone will have to use a food processor and an electric iron. Both can be dangerous. So make sure that you get help on today's project because it is a big one. It is best to do this with some friends and family. That way you can spread the mess and the fun around.

WHAT YOU NEED: 2 full newspaper pages torn into 2-inch squares - food processor -2 tablespoons white glue - 2 or 3 cups water sink with 4 inches water - old panty hose coat hangers - electric iron OPTIONAL: insect screen - strainer - food coloring - dryer lint

Berkeley Heights. Recycled paper can be made with less electricity, with less water, with a lot less pollution, and

Paper is made from cellulose (SELL-u-

up trees and dumping the pulp in acid.

But recycling uses cellulose over and

los), which is in plant fibers. The

cellulose is made by grinding

it saves trees from being cut down.

Beakman first answered this question 2 years ago. It's the topic most people write in about. So clip this out and

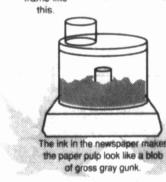


Undo the coat hanger and use the wire to make a flat square about 6 by 6 inches big. Stretch one leg of the panty hose over it. Take your time; it could snag. If you put tape on the ends of the wire, it will snag less. Make sure it is tight and flat. Tie knots in the hose. Use the other leg for another piece of paper. You will need one frame for every piece of paper you make. You might want to make more

Make your frame like

step 2 Put a handful of the paper and some water into the food processor. Close the food processor and turn it on high. Keep adding paper and water until you have a big gray blob. You may have to add a little more water to keep things moving smoothly. Keep the food processor on until all the paper has disappeared. Then leave it on for 2 whole minutes. Put the glue in the sink water and add all of the paper pulp you just made. Mix it really well. Use your hands. Mix up the sink water again and then scoop the frame to the bottom of the sink. Lift it

real slow. Count to 20 slowly while you are lifting. Let the water drain out for about a minute. Mix up the sink every time you make a new piece.



Try other things like the screen or a strainer. Try adding lots of food coloring, or lint, or leaves, to the food processor.

Now you have to hang the frames on a clothesline or put them out in the sun. Wait until they are completely dry with no dampness at all. You Can then gently peel off the paper. Have a grown-up use the iron - set on the hottest setting - to steam out your paper. You Can keep making paper until the pulp is all strained out of the sink. See how strong your paper is. Trim it with scissors. Write on it. It is

strong. We'd love it if you sent us a letter on recycled paper you made yourself!

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Major Leag roundup/2

Pack fans love Reggie

Monday, July 26, 1



CARMEL, Ind. — The or away got away again.

For those keeping score is something she does, bu encourage others to do Lopez is now 0-for-17 a Women's Open. In effect become the Sam Snead of golf: unquestionably, the golfer of her era; und somehow, in her own championship because s always goes wrong.

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The Open got away again

CARMEL, Ind. — The one that got away got away again.

For those keeping score - which is something she does, but does not encourage others to do - Nancy Lopez is now 0-for-17 at the U.S. Women's Open. In effect, she has become the Sam Snead of women's golf: unquestionably, the greatest golfer of her era; undecorated, somehow, in her own national championship because something always goes wrong.

"I'm disappointed," Lopez said, "because I felt this was the place where I could win it.'

As she spoke Sunday, visible over her left shoulder in the gauzy, lateafternoon light was the 18th green at Crooked Stick Golf Club. A few minutes earlier, Lopez birdied the hole to complete a befuddling round of 74.

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A few minutes before that, a tough little golfer named Lauri Merten had air-mailed a 6-iron to four feet and holed a birdie putt of her own to complete a 68 and win the Open.

It was Merten's third win as a professional in 11 years. Lopez, by comparison, won five tournaments in her first full year on tour and 47 in 17 seasons by the time she stepped off the plane in Indianapolis early in the week.

None of them, though, was the

Open.
"It's just not that important," Lopez said. "I'd love to win it, but I won't let it destroy my career and everything else I've accomplished. You just can't say it's the only measure of success.

"It's unfair to do that to any player. It's unfair to put that much importance on it.'

She was smiling bravely when she said this, but no one likely had put more importance on winning this tournament this time than Lopez herself.

She'd bundled her three kids and their nanny off to Cincinnati and told her husband, former baseball player and current Reds coach Ray Knight, to work out the rest of the arrangements - no ifs, ands, buts or other distractions about it.

She came here accompanied only by her father and first teacher, Domingo, the same way she spent her early years on tour. She won her latest title two weeks ago in Ohio and tied for 10th last week in New York. She was playing well and she knew it. So did Domingo.

"In the Open, already, three times she finishes second," he said, watching from the second fairway. "She is tired of finishing second."

Lopez seemed that when she leftthe clubhouse Sunday at 5-under and four shots off the lead. She promptly set up seven birdie opportunities, then failed to cash in any of

"She hits every green," Domingo moaned, "but the ball does not go in the hole.

At the eighth, it went into the water instead. And along with it, went Lopez's chance to to right an injustice of the monumental kind.

At No. 8, a long par-4, she put her tee shot so close to the edge of a lake swollen by overnight storms that she could not take a stance facing the green.

Mindful of a double-bogey that resulted when she plunked a ball into the same body of water from almost the same locale Saturday, Lopez chipped back into the fairway. Everything was going according to plan until she chunked a wedge on her next shot and found the lake anyway. The adventure

ended at triple-bogey.

Over the four days, Lopez lost six strokes to par on the eighth hole, the same number of shots she lost by to Lauri Merten.

"I was wishing for a lot of things to happen," she said, "but after the triple, I was wishing that hole had been washed away by the storm."

Still, as spectacular as this flameout was, it was easier to take than several of Snead's crash-and-burn routines and at least one of Lopez's

own Open hard-luck sagas. In 1977 at Hazeltine, the zipper on her shorts gave out and Lopez couldn't concentrate on her putting for fear her underwea was showing each time she bent over.

First-ever CWT draws rave reviews

By DAVE HARGRAVE

Sports Editor

A man from San Antonio and a woman from Midland took top honors, but the big winner at Sunday's Comanche Warrior Triathlon was the event itself.

The inaugural event at Big Spring's Comanche Trail Park received all it could have asked for wonderful weather, a terrific turnout and volumes of volunteers. A total of 76 athletes took part in the event, and that fact alone was cause for celebration. The turnout might have been higher if not for a triathlon in Santa Fe, N.M., on the same day.

"And we thought if we got 50, that would have been wonderful," said Marae Brooks of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce.

Ron Larsen, a staff sergeant in the U.Ş. Air Force, came from San Antonio for the event, and it was worth the drive. Larsen, 34, won the men's

hour, 26 minutes and 55 seconds.

"My job keeps me busy, so I can only race when I'm off, and I happened to be off today," Larsen said. I'm always tough in my age group, but I don't usually don't win overall."

Larsen used a strong race-ending run to stave off a strong challenge from Tim Key, who won the men's ages 25-29 title in 1:28:27. The race began with a half-mile swim followed by a 20-mile bicycle ride and a 4.3mile run. "I really liked the course," Larsen said. "It was a tough run very challenging."

The run up Scenic Mountain was also a challenge for Karen Hagner of Midland, but she handled it well and won the women's overall title going away. Her time was 1:44:36.

"The hill weeded out the ones that could run from the ones that couldn't," said Hagner, 34. "It was really tough getting up that hill, but once I did, the rest was pretty easy."

Race director Mike Greer said the race was predominantly a West Texas affair, with the majority of runners coming from Midland, Lubbock and San Angelo. He said he knew of seven or eight participants who were from Big Spring. The event also drew athletes from Dallas, Austin, San Antonio and Houston.

Greer, an experienced race director who lives in Lubbock, said the triathlon could not have gone much better than it did.

"Marae did a great job getting this started, and the volunteers were wonderful," he said. "We had an abundance of volunteers, and you have to have volunteers to do something like this.

"It's sometimes difficult to get athletes to come to West Texas," Greer added, "especially when you're competing with Dallas-Fort Worth triathlons. But when they get out • Please see TRIATHLON, page 6B

Course a hit with participants By DAVE HARGRAVE

Sports Editor

Soon after the first-ever Comanche Warrior Triathlon, talk was already pointing toward next summer. Some of the athletes couldn't wait until

"Some of them are on their bikes already, riding the course again. Can you believe that?" said Marae Brooks of the Big Spring Chamber of Com-

Recognition. Reputation. Large turnouts. That's what a good triathlon can earn through the years if it's done right. With first impressions as important as they are, the Comanche Warrior Triathlon could prove to be as long-lasting and entertaining as its athletes.

"I really liked the course," said • Please see COURSE, page 6B

Midland's Karen Hagner, the women's overall winner by virtue of her time of 1 hour, 44 minutes and 36 seconds. "The run made it really interesting, with us running up that big hill.'

Oh, yes. The hill. Scenic Mountain, like its name suggests, is a pleasant place for viewing, but it's not so nice for runners going uphill. Hagner, 34, examined the course the night before and knew what to expect. The mountain caught others by surprise.

"Everybody assumes West Texas is flat," said race director Mike Greer, who lives in Lubbock. "They just don't realize. I've been directing triathlons for four years. I've directed races in Hawaii, on the East Coast, and this is one of the neatest courses in the world. This course has

Tragedy strikes Talladega again

By The Associated Press

TALLADEGA, Ala. — The highs and lows of stock car racing were never more apparent than at Talladega Superspeedway, where tragedy, mourning, hope and excitement mingled on the big oval track.

On a smothering hot and humid Sunday, an estimated 100,000 spectators turned out to watch NASCAR's DieHard 500 and pay homage Davey Allison, who died July 13 after a helicopter crash the previous day. Before the alternately melancholy,

frustrating and enervating day was as did the other drivers in the wild over, another Winston Cup driver, wreck. cally injured in a Birmingham hospi-

The day concluded with Dale Earnhardt's spectacular six-inch victory over Ernie Irvan.

'They say racing's a high risk sport, though I don't really think it is," Dale Earnhardt said. "I think it's

as safe as anything else.
"Davey didn't die in racing and Stanley Smith crashed doing what he ∞ enjoyed doing. Hopefully, he's OK

"The racing community has pulled together and done a good job getting

through what has happened to Davey and Alan (Kulwicki).

Kulwicki, the defending series champion, died in a plane crash in April and the mourning has also continued for him.

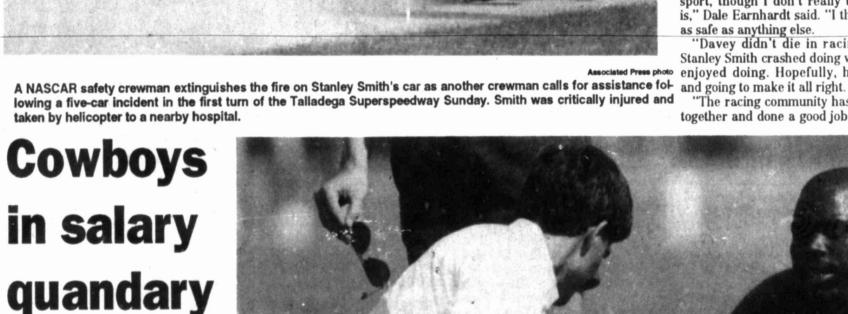
Smith, from Chelsea, Ala., was injured during a seven-car crash just before the halfway point in the 188lap race. His Chevrolet was struck front and back during the melee that also saw Jimmy Horton's car tumble over the wall and onto a road at the base of a 30-foot earthen bank.

Somehow, Horton escaped injury,

journeyman Stanley Smith, lay criti- David Smitherman, a spokesman for Carraway Methodist Medical Center, said the 43-year-old Smith was in very critical condition in the hospital's neuro-intensive care unit. He has a fractured skull and some paralysis on his right side.

Even as doctors were working to save Smith's life, the race went on, and in spectacular fashion, with 26 lead changes among 10 drivers.

Earnhardt, a five-time Winston Cup champion who leads the 1993 point chase by 234 points over Dale Jarrett, took the lead from Kyle Petty on lap 185.



By The Associated Press

AUSTIN - How do you fit \$50 million worth of players into a \$35 million salary cap?

That's what the Dallas Cowboys are trying figure out. Call it the Cowboys' quandary, or the reason Emmitt Smith sits at

home in Pensacola, Fla. Or call it the reason why there may be no more dynasties in the NFL'3 era of free agency.

For as Dallas prepares to become the team of the '90s, it must find a way to avoid losing its awesome young talent because it won't fit under the salary cap that takes effect next year.

So here is Jerry Jones, the team's owner, drawing graphs on a napkin in the team's dining room at St. Edwards College.
"It's simple," he says. "If we pay what we project to Emmitt and to

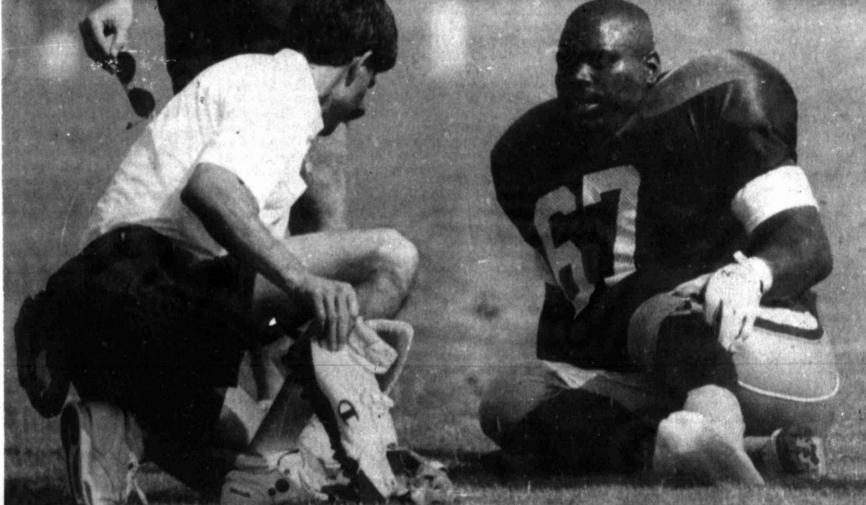
Troy Aikman, that's 25 percent to 33 percent for two players. What do we have left for the other 50?'

The Cowboys aren't the only team with that dilemma.

"You may be better off without a franchise-type quarterback," says Carl Peterson, president of the Kansas City Chiefs. "If you can get by with a \$2 million guy instead of a \$4 million guy, that leaves you an extra \$2 million to spread around."

Dallas, despite its Super Bowl victory, has one of the lowest payrolls in the NFL, with or without Smith.

That's because the Cowboys remain the NFL's youngest team,



a painful dislocated toe. He had surgery on the toe during the offseason.

Dallas defensive tackle Russell Maryland, right, gets help changing his shoe during practice Friday in Austin. Last year, Maryland played the season with

had few players eligible for unrestricted free agency, and were prevented from signing free agents by the "Rooney Rule," which prohibits a team that reached the league championship games from signing a player unless it loses one.

But most other teams soared over the cap in this first season of free agency, and will probably have to cut players they signed when the cap takes effect next season at 67 percent of gross revenue.

"It's like people with no limit on their credit cards," Jones says. "They just keep spending and spending and spending, and suddenly they have to get rid of what they own."

Right now, Dallas' problem is

Smith, who has completed three years and therefore isn't eligible for free agency, which this year takes effect after five seasons. But his contract is up, he's not at training camp and he doesn't plan to be as long as the Cowboys' offer of \$9 million over

four years remains on the table.

The Cowboys' problem worsened Friday, when Thurman Thomas signed a four-year deal worth \$13.5 million with Buffalo. That left Jones and Smith \$4 million apart and Jones saying things like:

"It's not the running backs that win you the Super Bowl, it's quarterbacks.'

Perhaps. But what Dallas has at tailback without Smith is journeyman Derrick

Gainer; Michael Beasley, who spent most of last year on the practice squad, and Derrick Lassic, a fourthround draft pick. Also, the Cowboys have a plethora

of young players who look like the All-Pro team of the '90s — offensive tackle Erik Williams, center Mark Stepnoski, defensive tackle Leon Lett. cornerback Kevin Smith, safety Darren Woodson and a half-dozen others they don't want to see wander off after four years in the league.

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By The Associated Press

SCOREBOARD Monday, July 26

Cincinnati at Houston (8:05 p.m. EDT). All-Star Darryl Kile (11-1) starts for the Astros against Jose Rijo (7-5) in a matchup of disappointing teams.

STATS

The Yankees overcame an 8-0 deficit to beat the Angels 9-8 Sunday at New York. It was the Yankees' biggest comeback since June 26, 1987, when they trailed Boston 9-0 and won 12-11 in 10 innings.

STREAKS

California has lost nine straight games and finished 1-10 on its road trip. It was the most losses for California on a road trip since it went 4-11 on a trip in 1989. Their worst trip was 0-10 in May 1969.

Ken Gritfey Jr. hit a home run in for the sixth consecutive game Sunday. The all-time record is eight in a row by Dale Long (Pittsburgh, 1956) and Don Mattingly (New York, 1987). His home-run streak broke the Mariners' team mark of five games with a homer, set by Richie Zisk in April 1981.

J.T. Snow of the Angels hit six home runs in April. He has five since then.

Tom Glavine (12-4) lost both of his NL playoff starts to Pittsburgh last October, but is 3-0 with an 0.78 ERA against them this season and 7-0 against them the last two seasons. The left-hander, who became the fourth former Cy Young Award winner to face the Pirates in the last 10 days, is 13-5 overall against Pittsburgh in his career, with all five losses in Three Rivers Stadium.

Francisco Cabrera of the Braves faced Pirates reliever Stan Belinda for the first time since Game 7 of the NL playoffs last season, and hit a routine fly in the ninth inning. Belinda has allowed 12 of his 16 earned runs this season at home; ERA at Three Rivers Stadium.

SLUMPS

Fred McGriff of the Braves is 0for-23 lifetime against Pittsburgh's Randy Tomlin.

SEASON SERIES

The Red Sox swept a four-game series from Oakland for the first time since August 1980, dropping the Athletics to 15 games below .500 for the first time since Aug. 23, 1986. The Red Sox have swept nine series this season, including seven at home. ... The Braves outhit the Pirates 21-4 Sunday and 67-29 as they took three of four in the weekend series, outscoring Pittsburgh 37-17. ... Montreal took its season series from San Diego 10-2.

STARVED

The Oakland Athletics were hungry, as well as unhappy, after being swept in a four-game weekend series by the Boston Red Sox. Manager Tony La Russa canceled the team's post-game clubhouse meal after the Athletics lost 8-1 Sunday, their ninth loss in 10 games. Oakland is 15 games below .500 for the first time since August 1986.

STARS

- Mo Vaughn hit a grand slam and went 4-for-5 as Boston beat Oakland 8-1. He had five RBIs. Albert Belle hit two homers,

had three hits and scored three runs as Cleveland beat Seattle 11-9. Mike Moore pitched a one-hit-

ter to help Detroit beat Kansas City

 Sunday's crowd of 54,378 was the second-largest at Cleveland Stadium this year, second only to the sellout of 73,290 on opening day against the Yankees. The four-game series against Seattle drew 156,785, the most for four games at Cleveland since 156,886 attended a series against Detroit on June 1-4,

- The Rockies set another attendance record Sunday, drawing 65,211 for a total of 251,521 for a four-game series against St. Louis. It broke their own four-game mark of 251,447 set May 6-9 against Atlanta. The Rockies own the top three four-game series attendance records in major-league history.

He finished with a .364 average, five homers and 16 RBIs against the 'It was an embarrassing game We've got a lot of young players here who had better start taking they're down," Bonds said. "They've advantage of the opportunity got a lot of nagging injuries. We they've got here." - Pirates catcher wouldn't mind playing them in the Don Slaught after a 13-1 loss to playoffs. The Phillies are very strong Atlanta on Sunday. versus their own division. But the

Alomar homer rallies Jays past Texas

By The Associated Press

Roberto Alomar's three-run homer in the ninth ruined a Texas comeback from a 6-1 deficit as visiting Toronto remained tied with New York by gaining a 9-7 win over the Rangers.

Turner Ward and Devon White opened the ninth with singles off Tom Henke (4-3). Alomar then hit a 1-1 pitch to the opposite field off the left-field foul pole for his 11th home run of the season.

Mike Timlin (3-1) pitched 2 2-3 innings and got the win despite allowing two homers. Duane Ward pitched the ninth for his career-high 26th save.

Yankees 9 **Angels 8**

Mike Gallego understands the wrath of New York fans after experiencing first-hand the so-called Bronx cheer.

Gallego's error at second base led to six unearned runs in California's eight-run second inning, threating to spoil the afternoon for a crowd of 50,429 — the largest in Yankee Stadium since opening day. Gallego, who has committed just six errors this season, was booed his next few times at bat.

"That's the nature of this city," Gallego said. "It's tough to swallow at times. I think my wife and kids took it harder than I did."

But the torrid Yankees, struck by what designated hitter Danny Tartabull thought was either "meant to be or karma," rallied to win 9-8 for a sweep of their four-game series with the Angels.

That was good news for Gallego, who was off the hook when Pat Kelly's decisive single capped a tworun ninth.

"It's a great win, a great comeback," Gallego said. "Wow."

By winning, the Yankees remained just one percentage point behind Boston in the wild American League East. It was New York's biggest comeback since June 26, 1987, when the Yankees trailed Boston 9-0 and won 12-11 in 10 innings. "We were down 8-0," Kelly said.

"Everybody in the dugout was saying, 'We're going to win this game. We're going to win this game. Donnie (Mattingly) was saying, 'Don't give up.

They didn't. Shortstop Gary DiSarcina, California's most dependable fielder, became the goat instead as the Angels lost their nint's straight game.

With California still ahead 8-7, Steve Frey (2-1) walked Tartabull to open the last of the ninth, and Mike Stanley's potential double-play grounder went through DiSarcina's legs. Ron Tingley's passed ball advanced the runners and Bernie Williams was intentionally walked to load the bases.

Paul O'Neill's sacrifice fly tied the

Chicago rookie Kevin Roberson,

who tied the score with a home run

in the ninth inning, delivered an RBI

single in the 11th off Houston reliev-

er Doug Jones (3-8) at the Astrodome

as the Cubs took a 3-1 victory in 11

Bob Scanlan (2-4) pitched two

scoreless innings for the victory and

Randy Myers worked the 11th for his

The San Francisco Giants would

like nothing more than to play the

Philadelphia Phillies in October for

The two first-place teams finished

"We hope beating them has a lot of

psychological effect, but in my past

experience, when you go to the play-

offs, how you've done against the

other club has no bearing," Giants

manager Dusty Baker said. "But

that's a long way off. I'll talk about

that when we get there. You just

have to give our pitching a lot of

The Giants took three of four

weekend games from the Phillies at

Candlestick Park as Bill Swift pitched

seven strong innings Sunday in a 5-2

Swift (14-5) gave up three hits and

The Phillies saw their lead over

second-place St. Louis sliced to four

games, while the Giants maintained

their nine-game margin over Atlanta.

off reliever Larry Andersen in the

seventh inning for a major league-

leading 29 home runs and 79 RBIs.

'We've caught the Phillies when

Barry Bonds hit a two-run homer

struck out nine for his fourth consec-

credit this weekend

utive victory.

their season series Sunday, with the

Giants winning eight of 12 games.

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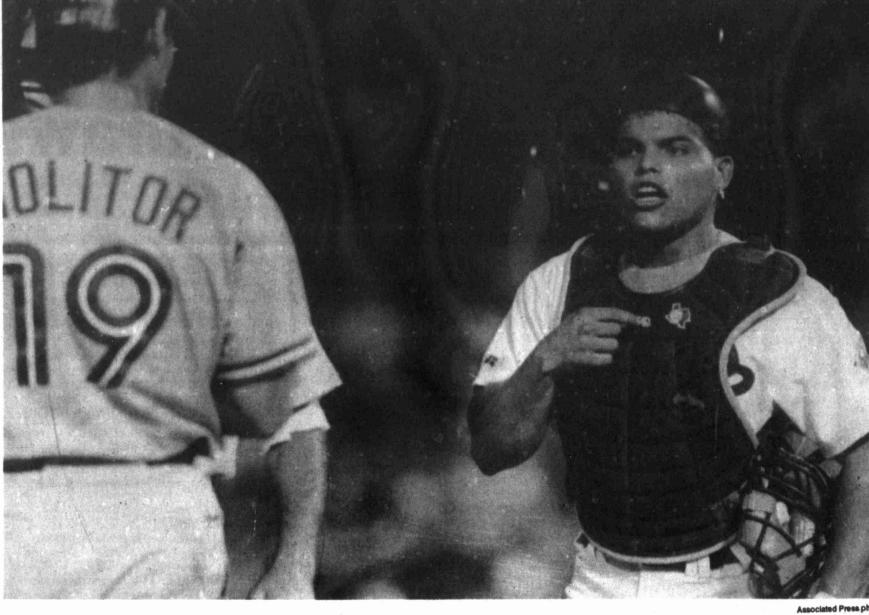
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inings.

30th save.

Giants 5

Phillies 2



Texas catcher Ivan Rodrigeuz, right, argues with Toronto Blue Jay Paul Molitor after an inside pitch in the eighth inning Sunday night in Arlington. Moli-

score, and Gallego advanced pinchrunner Hensley Meulens to third

with a fly. Kelly then singled to left.
"It was a bad error," DiSarcina said. "I just don't know what to say after that. Routine ground ball. I have no idea how I missed it."

California, which scored just 15 runs in its previous eight games, got just two hits after the eight-run, nine-hit second. John Habyan, the fourth New York pitcher (2-1) got the

"To say one game would make or break a season, I wouldn't go that far." Yankees manager Buck Showalter said after the Yankees won for the eighth time in 10 games.

The Yankees' comeback began in homer and sixth in seven games. Tartabull and Williams singled in runs in the third, and Wade Boggs' RBI groundout in the fourth made it

Tartabull hit an RBI groundout in the seventh off Gene Nelson, and O'Neill's two-run double on a ball that Stan Javier overran in center closed New York within a run.

'We found a new way to lose one,' Angels manager Buck Rodgers said. "That's a tough one, quite possibly

Rookie's blast sinks Astros in 11

Danny Jackson (8-8) was the loser.

David Justice had four hits and

three RBIs as Atlanta finished a

weekend demolition of Pittsburgh's

pitching at Three Rivers Stadium.

The Braves outhit the Pirates 21-4,

giving them 67 hits as they took

three of four in the series by outscor-

Tom Glavine (12-4) pitched four-

Todd Zeile had four hits and two

RBIs, including a two-out, run-scor-

ing single in the 11th inning off Gary

Wayne (2-3), lifting St. Louis past

Dante Bichette hit a two-run

homer in the eighth to put the Rock-

ies ahead 4-3, but the Cards tied it in

Omar Olivares (3-2) pitched two

hit ball in seven innings and had a

two-run double.Randy Tomlin

Rockies 4, 11 innings

Colorado at Mile High Stadium.

play is irrelevant.'

Braves 13

Pirates 1

ing the Pirates 37-17

dropped to 3-7.

the ninth.

Mets 4

Dodgers 0

innings for the victory.

Cardinals 5

the toughest of the year." Red Sox 8

Athletics 1

Mo Vaughn hit a grand slam off Bob Welch (7-7) and tied his career high with five RBIs, and Frank Viola (6-8) got his first Fenway Park victory since April 18 as Boston won its 10th straight game.

Andre Dawson also homered for the Red Sox, who have won 25 of 30 games. Oakland, last in the West, has lost nine of 10 and has its worst record in seven seasons.

Boston tied the Orioles for the longest winning streak in the AL this season and is one behind the best streak in the majors. Baltimore won the second when Stanley hit his 17th 10 in a row in June and Los Angeles won 11 straight in May.

Indians 11

Mariners 9

main thing is getting there. Who you for first major league shutout and

Albert Belle homered twice to tie for the league lead, and Kenny Lofton hit a tiebreaking sacrifice fly in the eighth inning for host Cleve-

Ken Griffey Jr. set a Mariners record with his two-run homer in the fifth, his sixth straight game with a

Joe Orsulak hit a home run as New

York beat Los Angeles at Dodger Sta-

Hillman (1-4) tossed his first com-

plete game in 17 career starts, strik-

Ramon Martinez (8-6) was the

Marquis Grissom, who ended an 0-

for-16 slump with an RBI double in

the eighth inning, scored the go-

ahead run on an error in the 10th as

visiting Montreal beat San Diego for

its 10th victory against the Padres

John Wetteland (5-1), who blew a

save opportunity by allowing Billy

Bean's ninth-inning home run, got

the victory. Gene Harris (4-5) lost for

the fourth time in his last six appear-

Orestes Destrade hit a two-run

homer and rookie Robb Nen (1-0)

won his first NL start as Florida beat

Cincinnati at Joe Robbie Stadium.

ances, including three to the Expos.

ing out five and walking none.

Padres 4, 10 innings

Expos 5

this season.

Marlins 7

Reds 3

major-league record of eight consecutive games with a home run, set by Pittsburgh's Dale Long in 1956 and Don Mattingly of the New York Yankees in 1987.

homer. He's two away from the

tor accused the Rangers of pitching at him intentionally.

Griffey's 28 homers are a career high and tie him with Belle for the AL lead. He hit 27 last year. Jeremy Hernandez (2-2) was the

winner, and Derek Lilliquist pitched the ninth for his ninth save.

The Mariners, who had trailed by five runs twice, took a 9-8 lead on Tino Martinez's homer in the seventh. Cleveland tied it on Belle's homer off Jeff Nelson (3-2) in the bottom half.

Twins 5

Shane Mack had three hits and White Sox 3 helped Jim Deshaies continue his 1993 Metrodome success.

Deshaies (11-7) improved to 8-1 at home this season. In 5 2-3 innings, he allowed two runs, and Rick Aguilera pitched the ninth for his 27th

Ben McDonald (7-9), coming off a one-hit shutout of Kansas City five days earlier, allowed eight hits and four earned runs in 6 2-3 innings.

Tigers 3 Royals 0 Mike Moore pitched a personal-

best one-hitter to end a six-game winless streak, and host Detroit defeated Kansas City to end a sixgame slide.

Wally Joyner's one-out single in the second was the only hit off

It was the first complete game of the season for Moore (6-5), who went 0-2 with an 8.89 ERA through his dry spell. The Tigers are 8-23 in their last 31 games.

David Cone (6-10) allowed four hits and six walks in 7 2-3 innings as the Royals' winning streak ended at four.

Brewers 7

Milwaukee's Tom Lampkin and Tom Brunansky hit consecutive homers in a four-run sixth inning in support of Cal Eldred (11-10) for visiting Milwaukee.

Greg Vaughn led off the sixth with a triple off Alex Fernandez (12-5) and scored on a single by Dave Nilsson. Lampkin followed with his third homer and Brunansky hit his fourth for a 5-3 lead.



Chicago's Sammy Sosa (21) gets a warm greeting in the dugout by teammate Mark Grace after Sosa scored the go ahead run in the 11th inning of the Cubs' game with Houston Sunday. Chicago went on to win, 3-1.

Eric Hillman pitched a five-hitter the seventh. **Just for YOU!**

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Edwards: Access to power key

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By The Associated Press-

HOUSTON — A sociologist says the focus of civil rights efforts is turning to the vestiges of racism in professional sports, but black athletes are not prepared to handle the

Harry Edwards says athletes, whom he calls the key to better integration in sports, are rarely in the position to voice their worries.

"It is difficult for big-name athletes to speak out against racism because they are not prepared, Edwards said Saturday during the National Association of Black Journalists' annual meeting in Houston.

"They can't speak out because they are out playing golf with the owners and general managers. We are no longer fighting for access to performance. We are fighting for access to power.'

Edwards sat on a panel with other leaders, including the Rev. Jesse Jackson. Athletes such as Houston Oilers quarterback Warren Moon and former NBA player Dick Barnett also participated.

The conversation centered on the dearth of blacks in ownership or top management positions with sports franchises.

"It's been 46 years since Jackie Robinson broke the (color) barrier, yet the people who make the decisions — team presidents, general managers, personnel directors, chief scouts ... they're all white, years later," Jackson said.

"There has been too little protest about it. But athletes are going to have to start taking notice because they, in fact, can control the indus-

Moon said it's difficult for athletes to voice their concerns without jeopardizing their jobs.

"Power is the key to change," the veteran said. "Once my career is over, I want to get into ownership and hire minorities into major positions, not just community directors but power positions."

Jackson pointed out that the Dallas Cowboys - with 40 black players on their Super Bowl roster and three blacks in their front office typify the racism remaining in

'We can protest that," Jackson said. "This is a \$19 billion industry. It's mostly a private industry, but we subsidize their stadiums. And they will respond to pressure.'

Wisconsin law professor Linda Greene, however, said protests have damaged the effort to eradicate racism in sports, adding that teams have only made token gestures toward minorities.

"The world of sports has responded to racism the same way other elements of society have responded — with denial," Ms. Greene said. "Athletics are important, but let's not forget the big pic-

The NABJ concluded its four-day meeting on Sunday.

Merten wins women's open

By the Associated Press

CARMEL, Ind. - Even Lauri Merten didn't consider herself a contender for the U.S. Women's Open championship.

It had been nine years since the 33-year-old's last victory. She missed the cut in two of her last three tournaments and finished in a tie for 75th in the third.

"I didn't come here to win the Open, to place well in the Open,' Merten said after her surprising 1stroke win. "I felt I could play well in the Open. I loved the golf course when I saw it. I thought it was a long hitter's golf course, and I don't

hit it extremely long.' Since her last victory, there's been a divorce, depression and thoughts of trying a different occupation.

"I've had a lot of struggles in my life, personal and everything,' Merten said after picking up \$144,000 Sunday at Crooked Stick Golf Club. "I just kind of kept going. I tried to regroup a little bit, and then I started to get a little mechanical.

The biggest winner's check in the tournament's 48-year history elevated Merten from 16th to fourth on this year's money list with \$319,706.

Things began to turn when she finished second in the LPGA last month, but her scores quickly went skyward again despite instruction from Mike McGetrick.

"My chipping hasn't been good the last couple of weeks. I've been working on it with Mike," said Merten, who had three superb chip shots while shooting a 4-under-par

Green Bay fans go crazy for Reggie

By The Associated Press

Reggie White's impact on the Green Bay Packers defense was expected. His impact on the fans is something else.

"It was incredible," White said after an estimated 30,000 people showed up Sunday to watch the Packers take part in an intrasquad scrimmage at Lambeau Field.

"When I walked out there and saw all those people, that was an experience like none other ... To see this many people out for a professional scrimmage is incredible," he said.

White was the target of intense bidding by numerous NFL teams after last season. He finally agreed to a \$17 million deal with the Packers. Every time the public-address announcer mentioned White, the

crowd cheered. White, who signed with the Packers as a free agent after eight seasons in Philadelphia, finished with two tackles and no sacl s, seeing action on 15 plays.

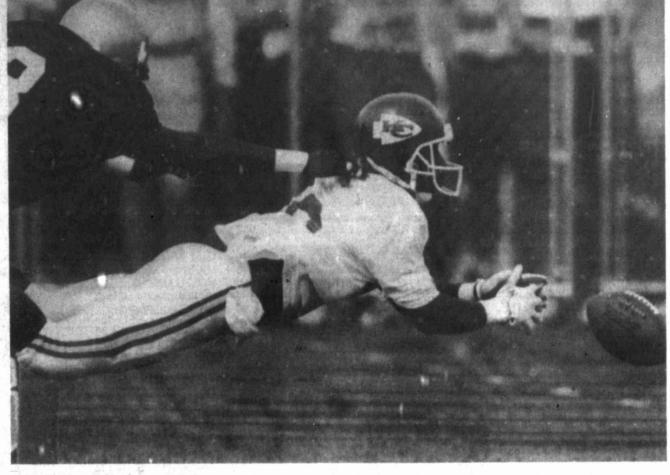
The Packers play their first exhibition game Saturday in Canton, Ohio, against the Los Angeles Raiders.

Pro Bowl running back Ricky Watters and San Francisco agreed on a two-year contract Sunday. Terms were not disclosed.

Watters missed 12 days of training camp, but said he had worked out during the holdout and was anxious to carry the football again.

He will join the club in time for its departure Monday for Barcelona. Spain, where the 49ers and Pittsburgh Steelers play an exhibition game next Sunday.

Wilber Marshall, who left the Washington Redskins to sign a \$2.75 million contract with Houston, was the first veteran to report to the Oilers' training camp.



Kansas City's J.J. Birden just misses a pass during a scrimmage against the New Orleans Saints Saturday in La Crosse, Wisc. Chiefs quarterback Joe Montana did not play in the scrimmage.

coordinator Buddy Ryan, who also Mirer. joined the Oilers this season. Marwith the Chicago Bears and said he doesn't mind his coach's reputation for pointed criticism.

'That's just him, you've got to get used to that and realize it's just the second player chosen in April's Buddy," Marshall said. "You take NFL draft. heart and keep going.

Seahawks

Seattle said there was nothing new to report about the status of no-show

He has reunited with defensive Cortez Kennedy and holdout Rick

Kennedy, last season's NFL Defenshall played for Ryan as a rookie sive Player of the Year, is under contract and is being fined \$4,000 a day for missing training camp. He is seeking a contract extension. Mirer, a quarterback from Notre Dame, was

Bears

Rookie tight end Chris Gedney, Chicago's third round draft pick, will miss eight to 10 weeks with a broken collar bone.

The 6-foot-6, 254-pounder was injured during Saturday's scrimmage. Gedney was a first-team All-America selection after grabbing 34 passes for 587 yards and five touchdowns at Syracuse last season.

Colts

Indianapolis officials confirmed Sunday that team owner Robert Irsay met the day before with Leigh Steinberg, who serves as agent for holdout quarterback Jeff George and linebacker Duane Bicket.

Spokesman Greg Ellis said there were no agreements reached with either player. George been absent since camp began July 15. Team officials said he has not contacted them to explain the holdout, and George has refused to talk with the media.

Saints

Tight end Irv Smith, the second of New Orleans' two first-round draft choices, signed a four-year contract with an option year.

Smith had said he would sit out the season rather than take a contract without an option year. Willie Roaf, the Saints' first draft choice, had already signed a contract with an option year.

Rams

Arthroscopic surgery revealed a torn cartilage and a bone chip in running back David Lang's right knee. Expected to battle first-round draft pick Jerome Bettis for a starting job, Lang will miss eight to 12 weeks, the Rams said. The prognosis came as a shock because an MRI done Saturday showed no damage. Surgery showed damage in an area of the knee the scan was unable to

Eagles

Philadelphia officials hope to sign No. 1 draft pick Lester Holmes before the team departs for Tokyo on Tues-

"In my opinion, it's critical that Lester Holmes go to Tokyo," Eagles contract negotiator Bob Wallace said. The Eagles play the Saints on Saturday in the Tokyo Dome.

Indurain wins third consecutive Tour de France

By The Associated Press

PARIS - No one is happier than Miguel Indurain that the Tour de France is over.

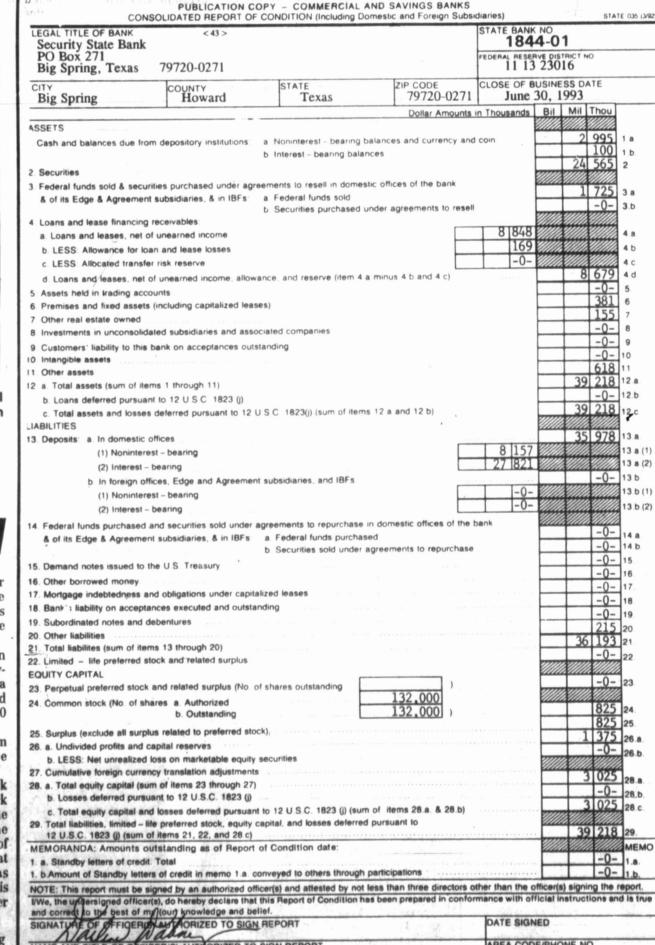
Indurain won his third consecutive Tour title by his largest margin vet — almost five minutes — and was never threatened after he took over the lead in the ninth stage almost two weeks ago.

"I was the No. 1 favorite, but the pressure was enormous and it is not always easy," Indurain said. "But ! was perfectly prepared for this year and hope to be in the same kind of

form next year." Indurain completed a 2.312-mile

loop around France in less than 96 hours, averaging almost 24 mph.

In 1991, the Spaniard won by 3 1/2 minutes and last year by 4 1/2. This time, it was 4:59 over Switzerland's Tony Rominger, the only rider to beat Indurain in a long time trial in almost three years.

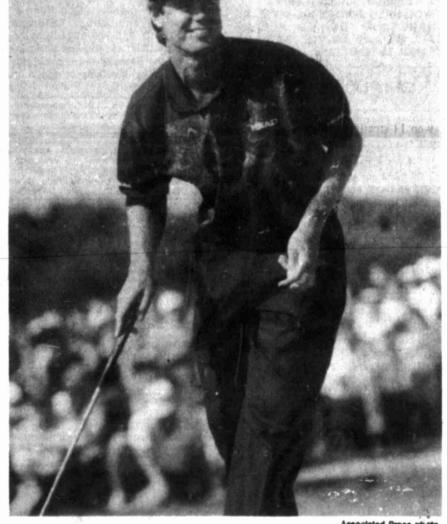


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PGA golfer Paul Azinger smiles on the 18th green after removing his ball from the cup at the New England Classic at Pleasant Valley Country Club in Sutton, Mass. Sunday.

Aggressive Azinger wins at New England

By The Associated Press

SUTTON, Mass. - Four holes into the New England Classic, Paul Azinger decided it was time to get aggressive.

How aggressive? Ask Bruce Fleish-

Fleisher was playing in the group ahead of Azinger on the 606-yard fifth hole, when he was nicked by Azinger's shot from the fairway.

Azinger apologized to Fleisher, but the shot was indicative of the kind of tournament Azinger played in a 4-stroke victory in the New England Classic. He turned what might have been a punch-the-clock performance into a stellar 16-under-par total, one shot off the record for the tournament set in 1985 by George Burns.

Azinger missed only one green and one fairway Sunday. He played 18 holes without a five on his card, and his 3-under 68 came after rounds of 67, 69, and 64.

"I hit it great. I just stayed aggressive," Azinger sale.

Azinger's long blast on the fifth hole, his second shot from the fairway, rocketed over a hill, landed in front of the green and glanced off a startled Fleisher.

Fleisher missed his little birdie putt after the surprise; then Azinger came down the hill and got up and down for a birdie. Press room wags

were calling the hole a "fleshy," or perhaps a "fleishy," instead of the better-known "barky," which is when a player makes par or birdie after hitting a tree.

The aggressive play continued on the tricky 371-yard 15th hole, playing dead into a wind. Azinger used a driver to carry a deep gully and water hazard and landed the ball 40 yards short of the green.

Azinger then used a driver from the fairway to reach the par-five 18th in two.

Azinger's \$180,000 winner's check puts him over the \$1 million mark for the year, second overall on the PGA Tour to Nick Price. It was the 10th win of his career and second of the year, the other coming in June at the Memorial Tournament. He has finished in the top six 10 times this year and is a lock for the U.S. Ryder Cup team.

Four shots back were Jay Delsing and Fleisher. Bobby Clampett and Joey Sindelar tied for third at 10-

It wasn't quite as easy for Azinger as the 4-shot margin implied.

Clampett, playing with Azinger in the final pairing, started a shot behind and was on the leader's heels all day - in fact, he was the only player within three shots of Azinger.

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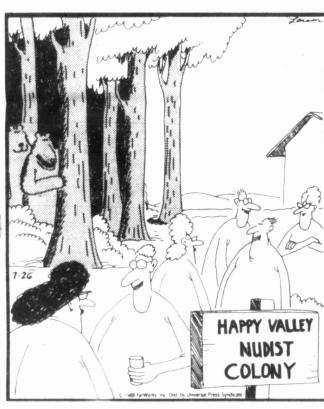
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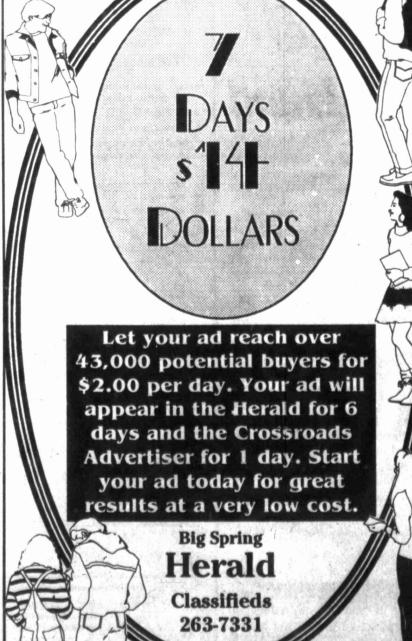
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Four more festival swimming records fell Sunday night, making eight through two sessions. Leading the way are Cathy O'Neill of Richardson, Texas, and Rachel Joseph of Springfield, Ore., a pair of 16-yearolds who each have three golds and two records to their credit.

Earlier Sunday, 77-pound Michelle Kwan won the ladies figure skating gold medal before the largest crowd in U.S. skating history, 25,691. She did it by staying upright while every other skater in the field fell at least

On a day where temperatures neared 100 degrees, athletes competed in 21 sports ranging from archery to wrestling. The gold medal matchups were determined in men's and women's basketball, and a record fell in women's weightlifting.

Competition was to continue today in 21 sports, with finals in four of

O'Neill broke the festival record in the 400-meter individual medley in a time of 4 minutes, 51.44 seconds, then won her third gold with a 1:12.20 in the 100 breaststroke. Her first came Saturday night in the 200 breaststroke.

"I didn't even know what the record was," O'Neill said of the 400 IM, "I usually don't look at them. I don't like to know because if I'm just off, I'll be disappointed. It would just upset me, and that's not the way to look at a race."

Joseph set a festival record in the 100 backstroke with a time of 1:03.58. She took more than 3 seconds off the 200 backstroke record Saturday night.

Her other gold came as a member of the winning 800 freestyle relay Sunday night.

Scott Jones of Houston has four gold medals in swimming, three of them gold. Two of those came as members of relay teams.

Kwan's program Sunday included six triple jumps. She planned to do seven, but said one turned out to be a double when she landed it.

No matter. The Alamodome crowd gave her a standing ovation when she finished. And the judges gave her. a row of 5.5s to 5.8s for the technical and artistic segments — easily the

day's highest scores. "I would think this was my best performance and most exciting, especially in this big rink," Kwan

The U.S. Figure Skating Association confirmed it was the biggest American crowd for competitive figure skating. Although it could not site previous attendance figures, it based its conclusion on the seating capacities of arenas that have held major figure skating events.

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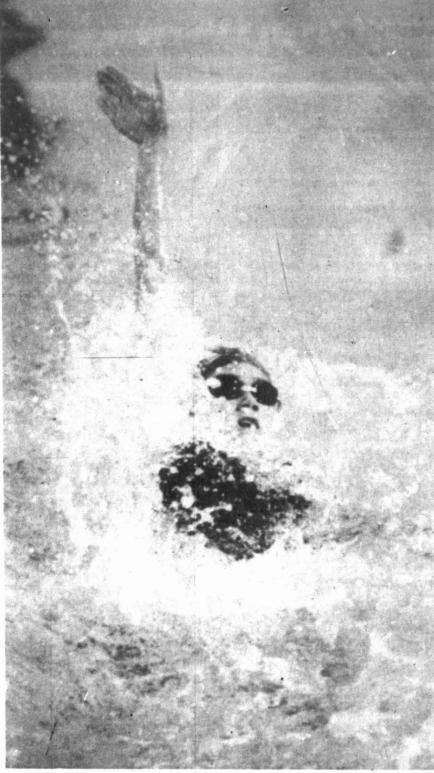
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Sunday's attendance also smashed the festival single session skating record of 14,527 set in 1990, and was the largest single-session crowd in festival history. The previous mark was 20,886 for the gold medal men's

basketball game in 1987. Michael Chack of Bricktown, N.J., won the men's gold medal late Sunday, while Amy Webster and Ron Kravette of Boston won the gold in

ice dancing. In the pairs competition, the gold medal went to Karen Courtland of

Whippany, N.J., and Todd Reynolds of Spring, Texas. The gold medal matchups were

sorted out for men and women in basketball. The North men got 22 points from

Derek Anderson of Ohio State to beat the South 133-126. The North will play the West, which rallied to beat the East 104-94. Jeff McInnis, who is headed for

North Carolina, had 19 points and Kuame Evans of George Washington added 16 for the North. The South (0-2) made a game of it after trailing 78-60 at halftime as Martice Moore of Georgia Tech scored 21 and Scotty Thurman of Arkansas had 20.

The West outscored the East 32-13 in the third quarter to overcome a nine-point halftime deficit. Jerald Honeycutt, who's on his way to Tulane, had 22 points and 10 can record.

rebounds for the winners. Burt Harris of Southern Cal had 20 points and

The East (0-2) got 23 points and 11 rebounds from Jerry Stackhouse, who will play at North Carolina.

It'll be the South against the East for the women's gold medal. Both won Sunday to get to 2-0 in pool

Crystal Robinson of Southeastern Oklahoma State scored 16 of her 24 points in the second half as the South overcame a 17-point deficit to beat the North 73-68.

Latina Davis of Tennessee scored all 13 of her points in the second half for the South. Leslie Johnson of Fort Wayne, Ind., and Jannon Roland of Urbana, Ohio, scored 12 apiece for the North (0-2). Both will be freshmen at Purdue this fall.

The East got 12 points from Kristina Nicholson of Penn State, and 10 apiece from Jennifer Root of Virginia Tech and Lena Patterson of Maryland, in beating the West 71-55. Gwyndolyn Hobbs of UNLV scored 14 for the West (0-2).

In women's weightlifting, 141pounder Lea Rentmeester of Denmark, Wis., set Junior American records in the snatch (176 1/4 pounds) and clean-and-jerk (214 3/4) to win the gold medal. Her total of 391 1/4 was another Junior Ameri-

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| Boston                | 55  | 43 | .561 | _     |
| New York              | 56  | 44 | .560 | -     |
| Toronto               | 56  | 44 | .560 | _     |
| Baltimore             | 54  | 45 | .545 | 1 1/2 |
| Detroit               | 51  | 48 | .515 | 4 1/2 |
| Cleveland             | 47  | 52 | .475 | 8 1/2 |
| Milwaukee             | 39  | 57 | .406 | 15    |
| West Division         |     |    | * .  |       |
|                       | W   | L  | Pct. | GB    |
| Chicago               | 52  | 45 | .536 | -     |
| Kansas City           | 50  | 47 | .515 | 2     |
| Texas                 | 49  | 47 | .510 | 2 1/2 |
| Seattle               | 49  | 50 | .495 | 4     |
| California            | 44  | 53 | .454 | 8     |
| Minnesota             | 42  | 54 | .438 | 9 1/2 |
| Oakland               | 40  | 55 | .421 | 11    |
| Saturday's Games      |     |    |      |       |
| Boston 5, Oakland 3   |     |    |      |       |
| Kansas City 6, Detroi | t 3 |    |      |       |
| New York 5, Californi |     |    |      |       |

Baltimore 9, Minnesota 2 Chicago 6, Milwaukee 5 Seattle 6. Cleveland 5 Toronto 5, Texas 1 Boston 8, Oakland 1

Sunday's Games New York 9, California 8 Detroit 3, Kansas City 0 Cleveland 11, Seattle 9 Minnesota 5, Baltimore 2 Milwaukee 7, Chicago 3

Monday's Games Texas (Brown 7-6 and Bohanon 4-1) at Kansas City (Haney 6-2 and Rasmussen 0-2), 2, 6:05 p.m. New York (Key 12-3) at Detroit (Wells 9-6), 7:35

Cleveland (Kramer 3-2) at Chicago (Alvarez 8-6), 8:05 p.m

Boston (Clemens 9-6) at Milwaukee (Novoa 0-

Oakland (Darling 2-4) at California (Finley 11-7), 10:05 p.m.

Only games scheduled Tuesday's Games New York (Abbott 7-8) at Detroit (Gullickson 6-

Baltimore (Sutcliffe 8-6) at Toronto (Morris 5-10), 7:35 p.m

Cleveland (Mutis 2-3) at Chicago (McDowell 15-Boston (Darwin 9-7) at Milwaukee (Navarro 5-

8), 8:05 p.m. Texas (Rogers 7-6) at Kansas City (Appier 11-4), 8:35 p.m

Minnesota (Tapani 5-11) at Seattle (Hanson 8-7), 10:05 p.m. Oakland (Witt 8-7) at California (Springer 1-5),

NATIONAL LEAGUE

| INVITORING PERCAPE |    |    |      |        |
|--------------------|----|----|------|--------|
| East Division      |    |    |      |        |
|                    | W  | L  | Pct. | GB     |
| Philadelphia       | 62 | 38 | .620 | _      |
| St. Louis          | 57 | 41 | .582 | 4      |
| Montreal           | 52 | 47 | .525 | 9 1/2  |
| Chicago            | 49 | 48 | .505 | 11 1/2 |
| Pittsburgh         | 45 | 54 | .455 | 16 1/2 |
| Florida            | 42 | 56 | .429 | 19     |
| New York           | 33 | 65 | .337 | 28     |
| West Division      |    |    |      |        |
|                    | W  | L  | Pct. | GB     |
| San Francisco      | 67 | 33 | .670 | _      |
| Atlanta            | 58 | 42 | .580 | 9      |
| Houston            | 51 | 47 | .520 | 15     |
| Los Angeles        | 51 | 47 | .520 | 15     |
| Cincinnati         | 51 | 50 | .505 | 16 1/2 |
| San Diego          | 38 | 62 | .380 | 29     |
| Colorado           | 36 | 62 | .367 | 30     |
| Saturday's Games   |    |    |      |        |

Chicago 7, Houston 6

San Francisco 5, Philadelphia 4 Los Angeles 5, New York 4, 10 innings

Colorado 9, St. Louis 8 San Diego 11, Montreal 4 Sunday's Games Atlanta 13, Pittsburgh 1 Chicago 3, Houston 1, 11 innings St. Louis 5, Colorado 4, 11 innings

New York 4, Los Angeles 0 Montreal 5, San Diego 4, 10 Innings San Francisco 5, Philadelphia 2 Florida 7, Cincinnati 3

Monday's Games Los Angeles (Hershiser 7-9) at San Francisco (Hickerson 5-1), 4:05 p.m.

San Diego (Whitehurst 3-6) at Chicago (Guzman 9-7), 8:05 p.m.

Cincinnati (Rijo 7-5) at Houston (Kile 11-1), 8:05

Atlanta (Maddux 10-8) at Colorado (Leskanic 1-3), 9:05 p.m. Only games scheduled

Tuesday's Games San Diego (Benes 10-7) at Chicago (Harkey 7-

4), 3:20 p.m St. Louis (Magrane 8-8) at Philadelphia (Greene 12-3), 7:35 p.m.

Montreal (Rueter 1-0) at Pittsburgh (Cooke 5-6), 7:35 p.m. Florida (Rapp 1-2) at New York (Gooden), 7:40

Cincinnati (Browning 7-5) at Houston (B.Williams 3-3), 8:05 p.m. Atlanta (Smoltz 8-8) at Colorado (Reynoso 7-5).

Los Angeles (Gross 7-8) at San Francisco (Burkett 14-4), 10:35 p.m.

#### TRANSACTIONS

#### **Transactions**

BASEBALL

American League
CHICAGO WHITE SOX—Placed George Bell, designated hitter-outfielder, on the 15-day disabled list. Recalled Matt Merullo, catcher, from Nashville

of the American Association. DETROIT TIGERS-Signed Storm Davis, pitcher. Designated John Hudek, pitcher, to Toledo of

the International League for assignment TEXAS RANGERS-Activated Manuel Lee, infielder, from the 15-day disabled list. Placed Jeff

Huson, infielder, on the 15-day disabled list. National League CINCINNATI REDS-Activated Kevin Mitchell, outfielder, from the 15-day disabled list. Waived

Greg Cadaret, pitcher, for the purpose of giving him his unconditional release: COLORADO ROCKIES-Placed Andres Galar

raga, first baseman, on the 15-day disabled list. Recalled Marcus Moore, pitcher, and Pedro Castellano, infielder, from Colorado Springs of the Pacific Coast League, Sent Scott Fredrickson, pitcher, to Colorado Springs. FLORIDA MARLINS-Activated Bret Barberie

second baseman, from the 15-day disabled list. Sent Gus Polidor, infielder, to Edmonton of the Pacific Coast League. HOUSTON ASTROS—Activated Greg Swindell

pitcher, from the 1.5-day disabled list. Optioned Shane Reynolds, pitcher, to Tucson of the Pacific Coast League. NEW YORK METS-Recalled Ryan Thompson,

outfielder, from Norfolk of the International League. Placed Darrin Jackson, outfielder, on the 15-day disabled list. PITTSBURGH PIRATES—Sent Denny Neagle,

pitcher, to Buffalo of the American Association SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS-Placed Mike Jackson, pitcher, on the 15-day disabled list. Recalled Tim Lavana, pitcher, from Phoenix of the Pacific Coast League. **FOOTBALL** 

National Football League CINCINNATI BENGALS-Released Brian

Casey, offensive tackle. NEW YORK GIANTS-Signed Michael Stra han, defensive end, to a two-year contract. Waived Hassan Bailey and Mike McFarland, defensive

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS-Agreed to term

with Irv Smith, tight end, on a four-year contract plus an option year.
PHILADELPHIA EAGLES—Signed James Joseph, running back, to a two-year contract. Released Robert Doherty, offensive lineman

PHOENIX CARDINALS-Signed David Braxton, linebacker, to a one-year contract.
SAN DIEGO CHARGERS—Signed Gill Byrd, cornerback, and Mike Zandofsky, offensive line

man, to one-year contracts.

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS—Signed Ricky Watters, running back, to a two-year contract. Waived

SEATTLE SEAHAWKS-Waived Anthony

#### **Tour de France**

pre, 5 hours, 27 minutes, 20 seconds

PARIS, France (AP) - Results Sunday of the 20th and final stage of the Tour de France - a 122-mile leg from Viry Chatillon to Paris: 1. Djamolidine Abdoujaparov, Uzbekistan, Lam

2. Frederic Moncassin, France, WordPerlect 3. Stefano Colage, Italy, MOB, same time.

4. Uwe Raab, Germany, Telekom, same time. 5. Maximilian Sciandri, Italy, Motorola, same

6. Phil Anderson, Australia, Motorola, same

7. Johan Museeuw, Belgium, GB-MG, same

8. Giovanni Fidanza, Italy, Gatorade, same

9. Christophe Capelle, France, GAN, same 10. Marc Sergeant, Belgium, Novemail, same

11. Jean-Claude Coletti, France, GAN, same

12. Blarne Rils. Denmark, Ariostea, same time. 13. François Simon, France, Castorama, same

14. Brian Holm, Denmakr, Telekom, same time. 15. Herman Frison, Belgium, Lotto, same time.

Other Motorola riders

22. Frankie Andreu, Dearborn, Mich., same

27. Andy Hampsten, Boulder, Colo., same time 38. Alvaro Mejia, Colombia, same time. 86. Michel Dernies, Belgium, same time.

1. Miguel Indurain, Spain, Banesto, 95 hours

100 Steve Bauer, Canada, same time. 118. Sean Yates, Britain, same time.

57 minutes, 9 seconds. 2. Tony Rominger, Switzerland, CLAS, 4 minutes, 59 seconds behind.

3. Zenon Jaskula, Poland, GB-MG, 5:48. 4. Alvaro Merjia, Colombia, Motorola, 7:29. 5. Bjarne Rils, Denmark, Ariostea, 16:26. 6. Claudio Chiappucci, Italy, Carrera, 17:18.

7. Johan Bruyneel, Belgium, ONCE, 18:04. B. Andy Hampsten, U.S., Motorola, 20:14. 9. Pedro Delgado, Spain, Banesto, 23:57.

10. Vladimir Poulnikov, Ukraine, Carrera, 25:29. 11. Gianni Faresin, Italy, MOB, 29:05. 12. Antonio Martin, Spain, Amaya, 29:51.

13, Stephen Roche, Ireland, Carrera, 29:53. 14. Roberto Conti, Italy, Ariostea, 30:05. 15. Jean-Phulippe Dojwa, France, Festina, 30:24.

Other Motorola riders 71. Sciandri, 1:57:14. 84. Anderson, 2:10:45. 89. Andreu, 2:17.10 (tie) Yates, 2:17:10. 101. Bauer, 2:25:40.



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## **Triathlon**

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here, they like it, and once we get them out here, they'll want to come

Big Spring's Vic Keyes, one of the event's planners, won the men's 45-49 division in 1:42:38. Harlan Smith of Big Spring won the men's 40-44 division in 1:49:11. Another Big Springer with a strong finish was Alex Padilla, who took second in men's 15-19 with a clocking of

1:53:40 The triathlon course was a big hit (see related story), and there were

no serious injuries, Greer said.

Part of the competition included three-person triathlon teams - one swam, one biked and another ran. A team identified only by the name of team member Tim Wilson won that competition with a time of 1:49:28. Special Forces took second (2:05:00) and The Steers (2:10:46) were third.

Another division was for the Clydesdales - men 34 or older who weigh more than 200 pounds. Kenny Dresel (2:08:12) won that division.

In all, 18 division champs were crowned.

Greer said he expects the Comanche Warrior Triathlon to have continued success. Next year he plans to run the event and let someone else do the directing.

"For a first-time race, we had a great turnout," he said. "I've been putting on triathlons for four years, and between 50 and 100 is a good number to expect for a first time. We really had a flawless deal."

Keyes said the swim in the lake wasn't quite as big a hit as the bike/run on the mountain. "Our only problem was the bottom of the lake was mushy, but that's only the start. Once everybody got in the lake and

always rough edges, but nothing major. The course, the race, everything went really well."

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## Course

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one of the best, and toughest, 4.3mile runs I've ever seen. "I signed a one-year contract to be

race director. Next year, I'm going to do it, I'm going to run this. Marae's going to have to find another race director." When Brooks was planning for this inaugural triathlon, she knew the

Draw as many people to the first one as possible, then let the athletes spread the word. "We did exactly what we wanted to do. We got people from all over the

selling point would be the course.

state, everybody had a good time, and everyone's raved about the course," Brooks said. "The bulk of the athletes here were from San Angelo, Lubbock and Midland, and in those cities they have no terrain. It's all flat. If they'll come over and train in Big Spring, they'll know we have a great course for them to train

"The mountain made a big impression," said Big Spring's Vic Keyes, one of the event's planners who went on to win in the men's ages 45-49 division. "A lot a people were surprised when they saw it on the bike,

then they saw it on the run." started swimming, it was great."

Federation race official from Levelland, gave the official word. "For their first time putting on a triathlon, it went off really well. When it's the first time, there's

Robbie Timberlake, a Triathlon