

## Union Pacific's problems bringing U.S. grain harvest to screeching halt

### Rail-car shortage jeopardizing

### U.S. grain exports

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — As corn, wheat and soybeans pile up on the ground this fall, critics are blaming Union Pacific's merger with Southern Pacific for a railroad traffic jam.

The problem is transportation between the nation's fields and key grain ports on the Gulf of Mexico along the tracks of the nation's largest railroad.

Farmers, grain elevator managers and politicians said they think the newly enlarged company is overwhelmed and fear the backlog will ruin the nation's international markets and sink grain prices.

The shipping problems were expected to be discussed by federal regulators

today at a hearing in Washington.

The problem was affecting or expected to affect most of the grain-producing states.

"It is a terrible mess, the worst we've ever seen," said Bill Sebree of NIK Marketing, which coordinates grain shipments for 112 elevators in Nebraska, Iowa and Kansas.

"We are running better than 30 days behind schedule for guaranteed grain trains to arrive and we have loaded trains sitting still for up to two weeks," he said. "Elevators are losing up to \$30,000 on each train that's late."

Union Pacific said the congestion would be worse if it had not purchased the Southern Pacific and its key lines, but agreed there were problems.

"It's so political and I don't want to upset the railroads by saying anything," said Rick Sorenson, manager of the Continental Grain Co. Outside his elevator in Shelton, about 150 miles

west of Omaha, 700,000 bushels of grain stood in a pile nearly three stories high.

Sales of soybeans for export have reached only about half the amount sold by this time last year, said Bill Biedermann, a commodity analyst with Allendale Inc. in Crystal Lake, Ill. And only about 20 percent of what's been sold overseas has actually been shipped so far.

"The demand for U.S. grain is good but the guys on the dock are not delivering," Biedermann said.

"Our foreign customers will be forced to go to other countries for their imported grain if they have to wait much longer," Biedermann said. "This is a huge problem for U.S. agriculture."

Union Pacific cites problems affecting its merger partner.

Railroad spokesman John Bromley said floods and derailments in Texas

happened at the same time shipping business increased and that all combined to overwhelm the Southern Pacific.

Union Pacific sent some of its people, locomotives and equipment to help, but that diversion meant the traffic jams spread.

Now loaded grain cars wait in rail yards for locomotives, which may be busy elsewhere. Heavy traffic along the routes to the Gulf ports mean it takes longer for the grain trains that are moving to make the trip, which delays the return of locomotives and empty cars.

The timing couldn't be worse for farmers who are reaping an expected record soybean crop, the third-largest corn crop and above-average milo and wheat crops.

"Rail-car shortages are not new. What makes this year so odd is the amount of grain coming in," said Don

Roose at U.S. Commodities Inc. of West Des Moines, Iowa. "It's a strange phenomenon."

Grain elevators want more covered hopper cars to hold the grain, and Union Pacific said elevators are partly to blame for holding grain from last season's crop in hope of receiving better prices this year.

The railroad has 33,000 grain cars and Bromley said more won't solve the problem.

"You don't fix a traffic jam by adding more cars," Bromley said.

In the meantime, elevators across the Midwest are turning away fresh crops because their storage bins and outdoor stockpiles are overflowing. In Kansas, elevators have been forced to shut down, up to three days at a time, while they wait for rail cars.

"The railroads will catch up — but the big question is when and will it be too late?" Biedermann said.

## Salvation Army makes difference with funds

EDITOR'S NOTE — This is the sixth in a series of feature stories on member agencies of the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County. Next week: Westside Community Center.

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN  
Features Editor

A busy service agency like the Salvation Army, has no time for resting on its laurels.

Years of serving the area's needy with hot meals, clothing, shelter and education behind them, the staff just keeps working to find new ways to help.

Saturday they observed Make A Difference Day with a health and fun fair aimed at the neighborhood around the headquarters building, where many people cannot afford needed treatments.

"Salvation Army meets needs, wherever they are, and whatever they are," said Maj. Roy Tolcher, commander.

The Army is one of the local United Way agencies that will receive funds from the campaign now in progress.

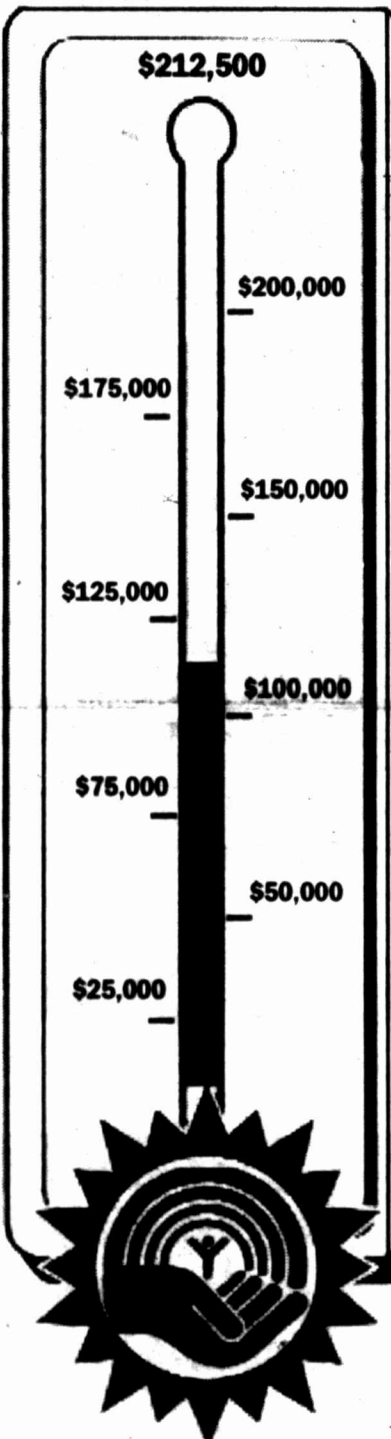
Although the United Way funding is a fraction of the Army's half-million dollar budget, losing it would mean the loss of programs — or the need to make up the funding another way, Tolcher said.

Local Salvation Army staffers are extremely busy at this time of year, with holiday programs in full swing. A food drive to fill Thanksgiving food baskets for the needy begins today.

Applications for Christmas help are being taken now, and Angel Trees will be placed around the community in a few weeks. Christmas fund drive kettle will go out Nov. 21.

"All the other projects of the Salvation Army don't fold up at this time, either," Tolcher said. "They just get added to the list."

Salvation Army may be best known for its lodge, 308 Aylford, and its Thrift Store at 503 N. Gregg. In 1996, the lodge served more than 21,000 meals to hungry people.



The thrift store, where the needy are given vouchers for clothing donated by the community, is also open to the public.

In the summer, the Army buys school supplies for needy children. Religious programs are offered: Tolcher is a minister at the adjoining church for services and study programs each week.



At Saturday's Salvation Army's Make a Difference Day Health and Fun Fair, Traci Beltran was stuffing bags with information about the VISTA program. The fair, a first-time program for the Army, reached out to residents of the community with health and education.

"If we can get them to church, we can feed their souls," Tolcher said. "But we concentrate on the need, whatever it is, so we worry about the outside first."

As welfare reforms are implemented, Tolcher said he expects social service agencies to take a larger share of that load. Already, he said client numbers are increasing as changes in

food stamp benefits and other programs come into effect.

But Tolcher said the Salvation Army will just change with the times, reaching out to help with new projects and programs.

"Our thing is to meet the need at the point of need," he said. "We'll see what needs doing, and what can be done."

## Computer learning

### New instruction system at Howard College may herald a new method of learning

By STEVE REAGAN  
Staff Writer

A new computer instruction system at Howard College may herald a new method of learning, college officials say.

The Plato Curriculum Manager computer system, which was installed in June, was displayed to the public during an open house at the college Thursday afternoon.

Esther Lopez, Howard director of continuing education, said the new system allows for students to learn at their own pace. The results so far, she said, have been impressive.

"I see a lot of different uses for it," Lopez said. "I also see it used as a supplement to academic instruction."

After the system was installed in June, a pilot program of 24 students tested it, Lopez said. During the program, the students advanced an average of 3.2 grade levels, with one student advancing seven grade levels.

Melinda Wait of TRO Systems, which installed the computers, said they teach curriculum ranging from the second grade to middle years of college.

After the student's skill level is assessed, he or she is placed

in the program, and the computers begin instruction at the student's skill level. From there, students advance at their own level.

"It enrolls you in tutorials and you go through a lesson cycle for each of those objectives," Wait said. "At the end of each cycle is a mastery test. If you don't (answer 80 percent of the questions correctly), you go through the cycle again."

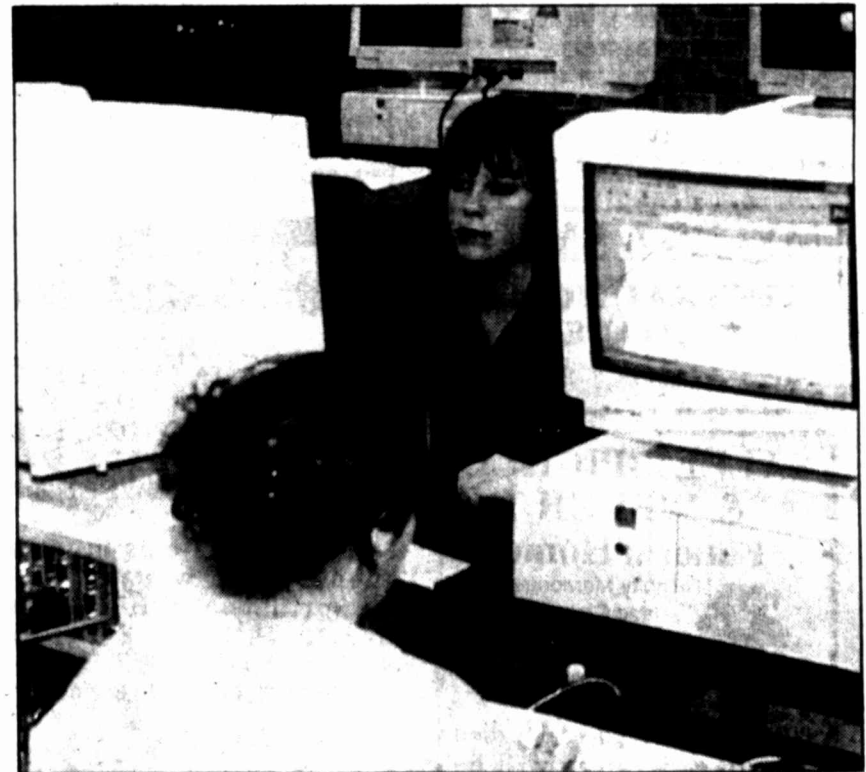
Wait said another advantage to the system is that it offers specialized instruction. For example, if students are lacking in just one area of a grade level, they can receive instruction in that area, instead of having to take the entire curriculum.

"The system diagnoses what you specifically need to learn," Wait said. "Then you learn that one skill, instead of having to go back through the whole chapter."

The system, Lopez said is ideal for adults in continuing education, but also works in other areas as well.

"Anybody on campus can use this," she said. "There's no age limit to it... I think it's ideal for home-schooling."

About the only students the system is not appropriate for, Wait said, are those below the third grade.



Brooke Barber (back to camera) and Brandy Logsdon work at computer workstations at Howard College. The college recently unveiled a self-paced computer instruction curriculum.

## Crews work to reopen rail line after head-on collision

HOUSTON (AP) — Gusty winds slowed efforts to reopen a Union Pacific rail line Sunday, a day after a two-train collision closed it.

Four crewmen were injured Saturday when two trains collided on the city's southwest side, sending up a huge fireball and thick black smoke that could be seen for miles.

Union Pacific crews had hoped to have the track reopened by 6 p.m. Sunday, but could not move in as soon as expected to repair the rail line because of delays in purging a nearby propane pipeline of its explosive contents, Union Pacific spokesman Mark Davis said.

High winds slowed efforts to burn off the gas in the line,

Davis said. The company expected to reopen the track by 1 a.m. Monday, he said.

The train crews suffered cuts and bruises from jumping off just before the fiery crash, officials said.

The trains were moving at about 10 mph when they crashed head-on, Texas Railroad Commissioner Barry

Williamson said. One train was traveling from Houston to Long Beach, Calif., and the other was going from Tucson, Ariz., to Houston.

Five of the six locomotives involved were destroyed. A flat car also derailed.

Both trains were carrying general merchandise, such as clothing, electronics or lumber.

### WEATHER



Tonight, fair. Lows around 40. Tuesday, partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 70. Tuesday night, clear. Lows around 40. Extended forecast, Wednesday through Friday, dry. Lows upper 30s to mid 40s. Highs upper 60s to mid 70s.

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## WHAT ARE YOU DRESSING AS FOR HALLOWEEN?

"A vampire, because it's cool."	"An executive, because it looks cool."	"Rainbow Bright, because she's pretty."	"A princess, because I love them."	"The Grim Reaper, because he looks neat and scary."	"A witch."	"A spider, because I want to scare people."	"A Football Player Justin, because I play football."
Shannon Hall, 5th Grade	Jesse Hall, 5th Grade	Cassie Strickland, 5th Grade	Sarah Strickland, 5th Grade	Alisa Henson, 5th Grade	Cassie Henson, 5th Grade	Ty Henson, 5th Grade	Justin Henson, 5th Grade

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UT pays 94 percent of staff below average Austin wages

AUSTIN — A study has found that 94 percent of University of Texas secretaries, computer technicians, librarians and other nonteaching employees are paid below average for the Austin market.

That means just 380 of 6,281 employees surveyed were making the same or more than those in similar jobs outside UT.

Even for officials, the results were an eye-opener.

"I knew it was bad, but I hadn't figured it up," Sandy Moreno-Haire, UT assistant vice president and human resources director, said after hearing the findings. "That's awful."

Since Buck Consultants of St. Louis took the salary snapshot in April, workers have received a \$100-a-month raise from the Legislature, and selected workers got even more. As a result, fewer employees might be in the below-average pay category.

Jarrell twister didn't fit normal storm patterns

AUSTIN — A scientist studying the tornado that devastated Jarrell last May says the twister had several unusual aspects that contributed to its deadliness.

The May 27 storm killed 27 people in the central Texas town, leaving nothing behind of several homes but their concrete foundations.

Baylor University meteorology professor Don Greene spent six days studying the tornado's path. It was his first opportunity to investigate an F5, the rarest and most powerful of tornadoes.

He plans to present his findings to the Texas Academy of Sciences at a meeting next spring.

Only one in 200 tornadoes is powerful enough to be classified as F5, with winds blowing at least 261 mph — strong enough to carry away sturdy frame houses, turn cars into missiles and suck trees out of the ground.

Tuition promise inspires Amarillo students

AMARILLO — The odds were stacked against Amanda Polk and Natalie Guerra when it came to going to college.

The girls' parents never finished high school. Miss Polk's older siblings dropped out. Miss Guerra's older siblings graduated from high school, but none went on to college.

Miss Guerra says she never thought about going to college until she heard about a unique program at Palo Duro High School. The program rewards

students with free local college tuition if they maintain at least an 80 percent grade-point average and a 95-percent attendance all four years of high school.

She admits she didn't believe the offer at first.

"I thought it was a hoax," she says.

Festival includes discussion of books-to-film experience

AUSTIN — Your book is going to be turned into a film. Dream come true, nightmare or something in between?

"Selling your work is selling your baby," says author Mary Willis Walker, whose "Under the Beetle's Cellar" was purchased by ABC.

"I think it's really difficult to let go for me, and mere money can't compensate for it."

People who attend the second annual Texas Book Festival this weekend can hear a discussion of the book-to-movie process by Ms. Walker, Janice Woods Windle, whose "True Women" was a CBS miniseries; and Doug Richardson, a screenwriter who just had his first novel published.

Their Sunday talk is among numerous panels on topics ranging from true crime to Texana to twinstip to teeing off.

Former Bexar housing head is subject of Florida probe

SAN ANTONIO — A former San Antonio housing official is being investigated by a federal grand jury in Florida involving possible misuse of funds from a job he held there after leaving Texas, the San Antonio Express-News reported.

George A. Arias was executive director of the Bexar County Housing Authority from 1980 to 1994. He was fired in a dispute with Bexar County Housing commissioners and later reached a settlement when he sued for reinstatement.

Arias took a similar job in the northern Florida town of Palatka.

Arias' attorney, Paul Meredith, acknowledged Arias is being investigated by a Jacksonville, Florida, grand jury for possible use of public funds to pay for trips back to San Antonio and entertainment at adult nightclubs. Meredith said his client may have been guilty of "sloppy management" but is innocent of criminal wrongdoing.

Arias was suspended without pay in April 1996 from his job as director of the Palatka Housing Authority. Arias fought the ouster and a Florida judge ruled last month that the Palatka Housing Authority can fire him.

Republic of Texas trials may end turbulence

ALPINE (AP) — The days of fear and frustration, when Richard McLaren and his Republic of Texas held sway, might soon be over for residents of the Davis Mountains.

The first group from McLaren's separatist movement was set for trial today, bringing the hope of relief to those who suffered as McLaren waged paper war on his neighbors before actual gunplay resulted in a weeklong standoff with police.

"We'd like to think we'd be rid of his shadow hovering over us," said Joe Rowe, who was taken hostage along with his wife, Margaret Ann, in the incident that sparked the siege outside Fort Davis.

Court officials were to decide this morning whether to try McLaren and his chief lieutenant, Robert Otto, or Gregg Paulson and his wife, Karen. All four are charged with engaging in organized criminal activity for allegedly plotting to kidnap the Rowes.

They face five to 99 years or life in prison and fined \$10,000 if convicted of the felony. About 200 prospective jurors were summoned this morning in Alpine, where the trial was moved from Fort Davis, nearly 30 miles to the north.

The group not selected for trial today will go to court later, as will Richard Frank Keyes III, accused along with the Paulsons of carrying out the abduction.

"Whichever one is ready to go, that's what we'll try," said Judge Kenneth DeHart.

Authorities say Keyes and the Paulsons were retaliating for the arrest of a group member April 27 when they shot their way into the Rowes' house in the Davis Mountains Resort.

By the time the siege ended May 3 with the group's surrender, 300 state troopers, Texas Rangers and other officers had poured into the area where McLaren had set up an "embassy" in a trailer and wooden cabin.

Republic followers believe Texas was never legally annexed by the United States and is an independent nation. The trial was drawing keen interest in the resort, where residents have watched closely as their one-time tormentors make their way through the legal system.

McLaren was generally viewed for years as a thorn in the community's side, making life miserable by filing liens on people's property and harassing them through suits they had to waste time and money to fight.

The locals called it paper terrorism.

Resort residents later came to consider McLaren an outright threat as he helped launch the statewide Republic movement and surrounded himself with armed supporters, his so-called embassy forces.

Now they're hoping the trials will help heal the community.

"It may provide some closure for the people here that someone is trying to dispense justice," said Rachel Barr, who remained in her home during the standoff's first day.

A cynicism born in the days of the siege lingers, however. Residents say they have seen McLaren escape the fate he deserves too often, and don't believe they will have heard the last of him, even if he goes to prison.

McLaren proved the skeptics right to some extent when he sued DeHart, the Rowes and other officials while in jail for what he called unlawful imprisonment and acts of war against the Republic.

"I was extremely disappointed that the man left here alive. I may seem like a witch, but that's just the way I feel about it," said Michele Behrent, another resident. "The only way our problems would have been over is if McLaren had left here dead."

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# EDITORIAL

### Quote of the Day

"Free speech, exercised both individually and through a free press, is a necessity in any country where people are themselves free."

—George Bernard Shaw

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## High school bands have stellar year at competition

Almost without exception, our area's football teams have had sterling seasons so far. But if you're one of the many fans who head for the concession stands at halftime, you've missed out on another brand of excellence.

All three Howard County high school bands — Big Spring, Coahoma and Forsan — capped excellent marching seasons last week at their respective regional marching contests.

The three bands all finished within the top two spots in their respective classes to earn invitations to area-level competition last Saturday.

The Big Spring Steer Band, under director Rocky Harris, had its best showing in a decade when it earned the top rating of any 4A band at the regional contest in Odessa. It was the only 4A band to receive three Div. I ratings — the highest bestowed by judges — at the contest.

The Coahoma Bulldog band, under the husband-and-wife team of Jeremy and Jincy Ross, earned a spot at the 2A area competition in Bedford, while Forsan's band, directed by Jim Rhodes, qualified for the 2A area contest in Amarillo.

The students in these bands have spent countless hours since the summer honing their skills and perfecting their routines, and last week's awards show the hard work paid off.

So, when you go to the game next week, fight off the urge to grab a snack at halftime. What you see will be entertaining, to say the least.

Congratulations, musicians.

### YOUR VIEWS

#### TO THE EDITOR:

The officers of Student Council would like to say "thank you" for the coverage in the Herald during our 33rd homecoming celebration at Big Spring High School. We do appreciate the pictures and articles that were printed. Thank you from each of us for the continued support of the Big Spring Herald.

BHS STUDENT COUNCIL  
(signed by eight members)

"thank you" to the fire department for being in attendance at the bonfire.

Our sincere thanks also goes to the Big Spring Police Department and the officers who were in attendance at the homecoming parade. We appreciate each of the officers who helped throughout the parade.

Thank you again for your support.

BHS STUDENT COUNCIL  
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#### TO THE EDITOR:

On behalf of the Big Spring High School Student Council, the officers would like to say "thank you" to the City of Big Spring for their support in preparing our annual homecoming bonfire. The bonfire that was held on Thursday night of homecoming week at the compost site was a huge success. We especially want to thank Mr. Perry Hall of the City of Big Spring for making all the plans and preparations for the bonfire, as well as all the other employees of the city who pitched in to help make homecoming memorable.

We think it is important for the community of Big Spring to know that the city "came to our rescue" when it looked like we might not be able to have a bonfire. As it is not possible for students to be taken out of class during the day to build the bonfire, we could not have held the bonfire without the help from the City of Big Spring. We also want to take this opportunity to publicly say

#### To the Editor:

I have lived in Big Spring many years but seldom have I seen so many improvements being accomplished within the city that the city is doing that according to years of precedent, it doesn't have to do.

To those citizens that work or strongly want to make this city a better place to live, these efforts are a welcome relief and are noticed and appreciated not only by us that live here but by the growing number of visitors who get their first impression of our home town by its appearance, and by our friendly people secondly.

Thanks for your good work on the park entrance, the Spring, golf course, the paving and utility lines, cleaning up around the auditorium, the great effort on Beals Creek, the judicious use of the prisoners, and the forthcoming Hangar 25 Museum, and others.

Keep up the good work.  
JERRY WORTHY  
Big Spring

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"IN AN EARLIER LIFE I WORKED FOR THE IRS... BUT I CAME BACK IN A HIGHER STATE."

## Will IRS reforms be a Trojan horse?

Now that the Clinton administration has capitulated in the face of a Republican juggernaut,

we can expect some kind of overhaul of the widely-hated Internal Revenue Service.

But will Congress really defang the tax collection agency?

Mr. Clinton and Democrats in Congress were in a political bind as Republicans claimed the unusual role of champion of the underdog.

"In the David-versus-Goliath battle between the taxpayer and the IRS, David is about to get a bigger slingshot," said

House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Bill Archer, a Texas Republican.

Even though Archer's proposed IRS reforms carry the worrisome look of a Trojan Horse, Clinton and most Democrats found it "no win" to seem to reject the principle that a taxpayer is innocent until proven guilty. Archer steamrolled them with his comment that "criminals have more rights in this country than taxpayers do."

So we are allowed to hope that no Americans will ever again have reason to cry that the IRS is investigator, indictor, judge, jury and executioner in most tax disputes.

But the reforms may constitute a smaller slingshot than Archer suggests. For example, will the IRS be stripped of the power to file liens and seize property before taxpayers have been found guilty in any court?

In campaigns against drug abuse, prostitution and even reckless driving, this society long ago effectively abandoned the presumption of innocence. We let lawmen seize the cash of people merely suspected of being drug peddlers and seize the cars of "Johnsaccused" of soliciting sex before they are found guilty in any court of law. Some small-town police earn their pay by seizing the vehicles of persons they allege to be speeders.

Will Congress really take away this worst of police state tactics, but which is probably the most effective weapon employed by the IRS?

A lot of people are rejoicing prematurely over the now-bipartisan talk of switching the burden of proof from taxpayers to the IRS in court cases. This may sound great and "the American way," but don't forget that in audits and other challenges the taxpayer

will still have the burden of proving that he declared all income and took only deductions allowed by law. IRS agents may request or subpoena far more documents and do more "detective" work to build a case that will stand up in court.

So, as the IRS develops new ways to deal with tax cheats and scofflaws, the honest people who pay voluntarily may find the tax system more burdensome after "reforms" than it is now.

This talk of making the IRS taxpayer-friendly may sound soothing, but the reality is that the agent who takes your money can never really be your friend. The most we can hope for is that Congress will make the rules so clear that an IRS agent can never again be Goliath and we taxpayers will never need slingshots.

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## Sweet are the uses of the simile

The question comes up all the time: What is the difference between a simile and a metaphor?

The American Heritage Dictionary has the best and clearest

definitions. A simile is "a figure of speech in which two essentially unlike things are EXPLICITLY compared, usually by means of 'like' or 'as.'" Thus Chaucer described Cleopatra. "And she was fayr AS the rose in May."

A metaphor, by contrast, is "a figure of speech in which a word or phrase that designates one thing is applied to another, in an IMPLICIT comparison." In the Song of Solomon the woman speaks: "I AM the rose of Sharon, and the lily of the valleys."

Out of my file of "The Good Stuff," let me offer a few contemporary examples. First some similes:

A sportswriter for the Savannah (Ga.) Morning News covered a racetrack demonstration of "IndyCars." He found them "not that much bigger than the Indy Lights, but they are certainly louder — something like a chain saw on steroids."

Leonard Pitts, a columnist for The Miami Herald, recalled his failure as a ballroom dancer: "Linda Levy dragged me out to the floor for a dance and I stood there like a totem pole in a body cast."

Julia Keller of The Columbus (Ohio) Dispatch wrote an obituary column in July on Charles Kuralt: "They were premeditated, those slowed-down ways of his. He let his ideas steep. His prose — spoken and written — bore the marks of his thinking, like footprints across a fresh snowfall."

In Charlotte, N.C., staff writer John Vaughan of the Observer turned in a charming piece of whimsy on chipmunks. It appears that chipmunks are the favorite prey of outdoors cats (as distinguished from indoor cats). Typically, "in the first light of dawn Puff lies waiting among the hydrangeas, and two hours later you find another deceased chipmunk laid out neatly on the front step, like a pint-sized mobster in a pin-striped suit."

Two writers for Newsweek wondered in August about fashions of the future. Costumes might be conservative, as in "Star Trek," or outrageous, as in "The Fifth Element," but "since fashion changes faster than a traffic light, we'll probably end up wearing each at some point ..."

Moving on to metaphors: Lawrence Toppman of Knight-Ridder Newspapers reviewed a movie last year, "Barb Wire," and was mildly displeased with the performance of actress Pamela Lee: "Lee goes beyond ordinary badness to a realm achieved by few, sucking the whole movie down to her level ... She's a Chernobyl of incompetence, a Mount St. Helens of miscasting, a human ash cloud that chokes off all life in her presence."

Mr. Toppman then tossed moderation to the winds. William Raspberry, a gifted columnist for The Washington Post, commented a few months ago on the disdain shown by talk-show hosts for newcomers not yet members of their fraternity. "I worry about political correctness and snobbery and the pull-up-the-rope arrogance of those already in the treehouse."

R.M. Campbell, music critic for the Seattle Post-Intelligencer, went down to

San Francisco to cover the reopening of the city's famed opera house. It had been badly damaged in the earthquake of 1989 and had been closed for 18 months for wholesale renovation: "The opera house had a facelift that refreshed its complex but didn't change its marvelous bone structure."

Ron Wiggins of The Palm Beach Post wrote a rueful piece in August about the closing of Manero's restaurant in West Palm. For 27 years Manero's had epitomized fine dining. Now it had become "another casualty of global smarming, the shrinking ice cap of grace and civility."

In a mystery novel, "Clues of the Caribbees," T.S. Stripling described a sleuth who relied on abstract reasoning rather than methodical investigation. "He had become a theoretical spider, spinning his web not to catch flies, but to indulge a passion for geometry."

Notice, if you will, one characteristic common to these similes and metaphors: They relied for their punch, explicit or implicit, on familiar things: roses, chain saws, totem poles, traffic lights, tree houses, ice caps, spiders, pin-striped suits and footprints in the snow. Go forth, you writers, and do likewise.

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## Marlins take Series trophy with 3-2 win in 11 innings

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MIAMI — This is what baseball is all about.

Coming oh so close and falling oh so far.

The exuberance of youth fulfilling dreams.

A curse seemingly dooming one of baseball's oldest teams to unending failure.

It was one of the great ones Sunday, a seventh game of the World Series going to extra innings for only the fourth time. And in the end, eight months after the season's start, baseball had its youngest champion, a Cuban defector who relished in rewards and reunion all at once, and a

team that just couldn't believe what slipped through its hands.

"I guess every little boy imagines this might happen at one time. It's a total fantasy for me," Marlins manager Jim Leyland said after Florida's incredible 3-2, 11-inning victory over Cleveland.

A fantasy for one team was a nightmare for another.

Two more outs. That was all Cleveland needed in the ninth inning to wrap up its first World Series title since 1948.

But singles by Moises Alou and Charles Johnson, and Craig Counsell's sacrifice fly tied the score against Jose Mesa in the ninth. And Tony Fernandez's error in the 11th set up a

Edgar Renteria's game-winning hit off Charles Nagy.

In just their fifth season, the Marlins had won it all, the fastest title ever for any franchise in the majors. The \$89 million they spent on free agents last winter showed money can buy success in baseball these days.

"I'm very disappointed that we lost. I can't describe how disappointed," Indians manager Mike Hargrove said on his unhappy 48th birthday. "I don't really know what to tell the team, other than they played hard all year long."

The tension in extra innings was immeasurable. Players knew even the tiniest mistake could blow it apart — just look at the way Cleveland right

fielder Manny Ramirez nearly let Alou's two-out, two-on fly in the 10th pop out of his glove.

"I was too nervous to watch," Florida first baseman Jeff Conine said. "I don't think you can find a better finish than that."

The World Series had been bashed for 10 days: The Marlins were a wildcard team that finished nine games out of first; the Indians, at 86-75, had just the fourth-best record in the American League; neither team could manage a well-pitched game; television ratings were at an all-time low.

Well, all of that was true. Yet none of it mattered Sunday night.

Players and fans spend their entire lives hoping for night like this. Most

never make it.

"We haven't given up all year," Leyland said, "and tonight, wasn't a night to give up."

Fernandez had the biggest turnaround of all. His two-run single off Al Leiter had put Cleveland ahead in the third. Jim Thome walked, Marquis Grissom singled and Jarret Wright moved the runners over.

For most of the night, it appeared Wright would become the first rookie to win Game 7 since Babe Adams led Pittsburgh over Detroit 8-0 with a six-hitter in 1909.

He gave up two hits in 6 1-3 innings. One of them turned out to be critical — a leadoff homer by Bobby Bonilla in the seventh.

## BIG GAME LOOMS



Grady freshman Vicente Ramirez holds tightly to the football as Dawson's Tim Barrera (10) and Randy Rodriguez (24) bear down to make a tackle during The Wildcats' 42-20 win. The 'Cats, now 6-2 on the season and 3-0 in district play, will play host to Wellman this week in a game that would virtually clinch a playoff spot for the winner.

## Eagles knock off Cowboys, KOing Aikman

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

PHILADELPHIA — While a woozy Troy Aikman struggled to make sense of it all, Rodney Peete made something crystal clear to Philadelphia Eagles fans who don't want him to be their quarterback.

"They should know that I haven't lost a game at home that I've started and finished," said Peete after running his record in such circumstances to 9-0 in the Eagles' comeback 13-12 victory over the Dallas Cowboys on Sunday.

The trend bodes well for Philadelphia, which plays four of its next six games at Veterans Stadium. And it gives Peete a strong foundation as he builds his case to remain a starter.

Since taking over from an inconsistent Ty Detmer last week, Peete has played poorly most of the time, then well

enough at the end to eke out two close victories.

"We did struggle for three and a half quarters, but ... as long as we're in striking distance, I feel very comfortable about our chances of winning," said Peete, who finished 13-for-31 for 126 yards.

That the Eagles were still within striking distance, trailing only 9-3 going into the fourth quarter, is a testament to Philadelphia's defense, which knocked Aikman out of the game in the first quarter, and Dallas' continuing inability to produce touchdowns.

The Cowboys defense did their part. It limited the Eagles to 81 yards in the first half, only 23 on the ground.

And Dallas' special teams came through, setting up three scores with two long kickoff returns and nearly blocking a punt that instead traveled only 8 yards.

The Cowboys offense enhanced that excellent field position — until the end zone came close into view. Then, as they have often during the season, the Cowboys froze.

On their first drive, the light turned red at the Eagles 8, and Richie Cunningham kicked the first of his four field goals.

On their second scoring drive, the stop sign materialized at the Eagles 6, and Cunningham trotted out to pad the lead.

A missed field goal by former Cowboy Chris Boniol once again gave Dallas good field position late in the first half. Again, after the Cowboys stalled at the Eagles 18, Cunningham connected, but instead of the 21 points the dominating Dallas offense would have had in its heyday, it had only nine.

"When there was a situation where they were already in

field goal position, we were thinking, 'We'll give them the three, but that's it,'" said Rhett Hall, who recorded 3 of the Eagles' six sacks.

The temptation is to blame the loss of Aikman, who suffered a sore neck and a concussion when he took a helmet-to-helmet blow. But even with Aikman, Dallas entered the game getting touchdowns on only 32 percent of its drives inside the opponent's 20.

"With Troy going down, that's a big shot to the offense, but I thought Wade Wilson stepped in and did a good job," said Emmitt Smith, who ran for 126 yards. "We actually beat ourselves. We didn't execute when it counted."

After Boniol finally put the Eagles on the board late in the third quarter and early in the fourth, the Cowboys once again had a chance to score that elusive touchdown, but didn't.

## Moon shows rookies how to play, passing for five touchdowns

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Warren Moon proved that he's not too old to be a starting quarterback in the NFL.

Moon, in his 20th season of professional football, passed for 409 yards and five touchdowns to lead the Seattle Seahawks to a 45-34 victory over the Oakland Raiders (3-5) on Sunday.

Rookies Jake Plummer and Tony Graziani, each making his first pro start, showed they aren't yet ready to lead their teams. Graziani completed just four passes and threw two interceptions before being pulled at halftime of Atlanta's 21-12 loss to Carolina. Plummer threw four interceptions in Arizona's 41-14 loss to Tennessee.

Moon, who completed 28 of 44 passes, including three TD tosses to Joey Galloway, was so hot his own coach was afraid to stand too close to him on the sidelines.

"I didn't want to touch him," Dennis Erickson said. "I didn't want to burn myself."

led by Moon, who will be 41 on Nov. 18, the Seahawks rolled up 554 yards, their second most in history. The Seahawks (5-3) won their third in a row and fifth in their last six games.

## NFL ROUNDUP

"Too much is made of the fact that I'm 40 years old," he said. "I can still read defenses and throw the football. As long as I'm surrounded by good people, I'll be OK."

Moon had his seventh 400-yard passing game in his 14th NFL season, tying Joe Montana for second place behind Dan Marino's 13.

"He plays like he's in his 20s," admired Oakland quarterback Jeff George.

In other games Sunday, Denver edged Buffalo 23-20 in overtime, Pittsburgh beat Jacksonville 23-17 in OT, the New York Giants beat Cincinnati 29-27, Minnesota topped Tampa 10-6, Philadelphia edged Dallas 13-12, Baltimore beat Washington 20-17, Kansas City topped St. Louis 28-20, San Francisco shut out New Orleans 23-0 and San Diego topped Indianapolis 35-19.

The Bears-Dolphins game, originally scheduled for Sunday afternoon in Miami, was rescheduled to tonight to accommodate Game 7 of the World Series. Green Bay and New England will also play tonight in a Super Bowl

rematch.

Detroit and the New York Jets were idle.

### Oilers 41, Cardinals 14

Steve McNair ran for two touchdowns and threw for two more as Tennessee took advantage of Plummer's four interceptions.

"Hopefully this will never happen again," Plummer said. "It's not what I wanted for my first start, but I'm going to go back and look at my mistakes and correct them."

McNair threw 55- and 20-yard scoring passes to Chris Sanders for the Oilers (4-4), who have seven interceptions in the past two weeks after having none in the previous six. All five Oilers TDs came after Arizona (1-7) turnovers.

### Panthers 21, Falcons 12

Tshimanga Biakabutuka rushed for 104 yards and two touchdowns as Carolina (4-4) beat a rookie quarterback making his first start for the second week in a row.

One week after stopping New Orleans and Danny Wuerffel, the Panthers kept Graziani on the run almost constantly and the seventh-round draft pick from Oregon complet-

ed just four of 18 passes for 24 yards. Graziani was intercepted twice before being lifted at halftime in favor of Billy Joe Tolliver.

### Steelers 23, Jaguars 17

Kordell Stewart completed 25 of 42 passes for 317 yards and two touchdowns, including a 17-yard shovel pass to Jerome Bettis in overtime as Pittsburgh moved into first place in the AFC Central.

Bettis' fumble at the Steelers' 16 led to Mark Brunell's 3-yard go-ahead scoring pass to Pete Mitchell with 8:13 to play, but Pittsburgh's Norm Johnson sent the game into overtime with a 19-yard field goal with 2:21 remaining.

The visiting team still hasn't won in six games of a fast-developing rivalry that has succeeded the Browns-Steelers as the AFC Central's biggest. Jacksonville (5-3) has won all three at home, as have the Steelers (6-2).

### Broncos 23, Bills 20

Jason Elam kicked a 33-yard field goal with 1:56 left in overtime as the Broncos overcame a 20-point Buffalo (4-4) rally to defeat the Bills, one day after Denver battled through a blizzard back home.

Terrell Davis ran for 207 yards on 42 carries and scored one touchdown, and Elam added field goals of 23 and 22 yards for the Broncos (7-1).

### Vikings 10, Bucs 6

Charles Evans scored on a 1-yard run and Eddie Murray kicked a 28-yard field goal as Minnesota (6-2) won for the fourth time in five games.

Murray's field goal snapped a scoreless tie with just over four minutes left in the third quarter, and David Palmer returned a punt 57 yards to set up Evans' TD in the final minute of the period.

The loss was the third straight for the Bucs (5-3), who opened the season with five successive victories.

### Giants 29, Bengals 27

Tyrone Wheatley and Charles Way each scored twice and Jason Sehorn intercepted a 2-point conversion pass with 1:30 to play as the Giants (6-3) won their fifth straight.

Coupled with losses by Dallas and Washington, New York enters its bye week with a 1-game lead in the NFC East.

The Bengals (1-7) lost their seventh consecutive game despite opening a 21-10 halftime lead.

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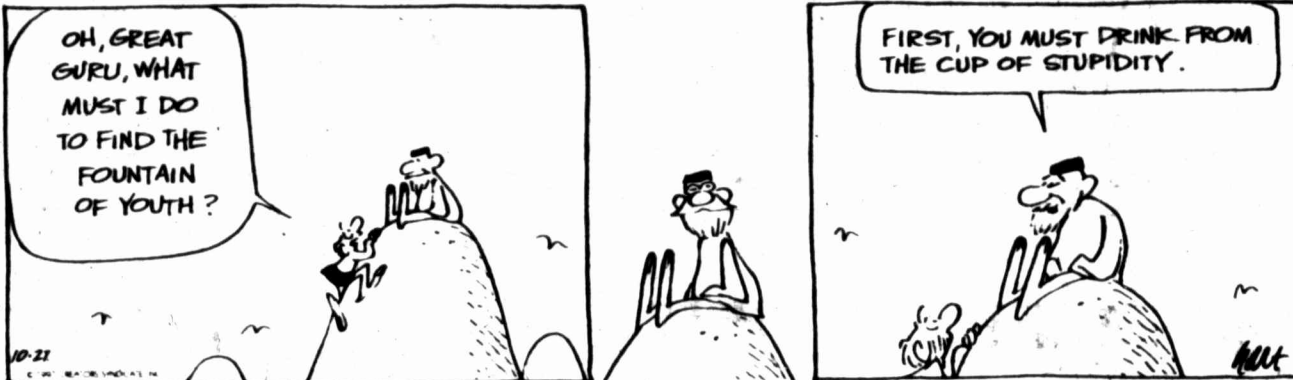
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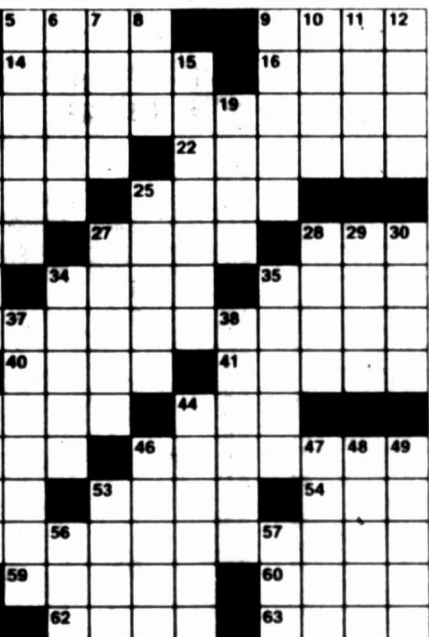
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Today's Highlight in History: On Oct. 27, 1787, the first of the Federalist Papers, a series of essays calling for ratification of the U.S. Constitution, was published in a New York newspaper. On this date: In 1795, the United States and Spain signed the Treaty of San

Lorenzo (also known as Pinckney's Treaty), which provided for free navigation of the Mississippi River. In 1858, the 26th president of the United States, Theodore Roosevelt, was born in New York City. In 1880, Theodore Roosevelt married Alice Lee. In 1904, the first rapid transit subway, the IRT, opened in New York City. In 1914, author-poet Dylan Thomas was born in Swansea, Wales. In 1938, Du Pont announced a name for its new synthetic yarn: nylon. In 1947, "You Bet Your Life," starring Groucho Marx, premiered on ABC Radio. (It later became a television show on NBC.) In 1954, Walt Disney's first television program, titled "Disneyland" after his yet-to-be completed theme park, premiered on ABC. In 1967, Expo '67 closed in Montreal. In 1978, Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin were named winners of the Nobel Peace Prize for their progress toward achieving a Middle East accord. Ten years ago: South Korean voters overwhelmingly approved a new constitution, establishing direct presidential elections and other democratic reforms. Associated Press correspondent Terry Anderson, a hostage in Lebanon, spent his 40th birthday in captivity. Five years ago: The government reported that the U.S. gross domestic product grew at an inflation-adjusted annual rate of 2.7 percent in the third quarter of 1992. Friends of Queen Elizabeth II staged an elaborate celebration for the 40th anniversary of her ascension to the British throne. One year ago: U.S. envoy Dennis Ross shuttled between Jerusalem and the Palestinians' Gaza Strip headquarters, trying to finesse a deal to start an overdue Israeli withdrawal from Hebron. Today's Birthdays: Former "Tonight Show" executive producer Frederick DeCordova is 87. Actress Teresa Wright is 79. Actress Nanette Fabray is 77. Baseball Hall-of-Famer and sportscaster Ralph Kiner is 75. Actress Ruby Dee is 73. Former Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher is 72. Pianist Floyd Cramer is 64. Actor-comedian John Cleese is 58. Country singer Lee Greenwood is 55. Actress Carrie Snodgrass is 51. Rock musician Garry Tallent (Bruce Springsteen & the E Street Band) is 48. Author Fran Lebowitz is 47. Actress and TV personality Jayne Kennedy-Overton is 46. Actor Peter Firth is 44.

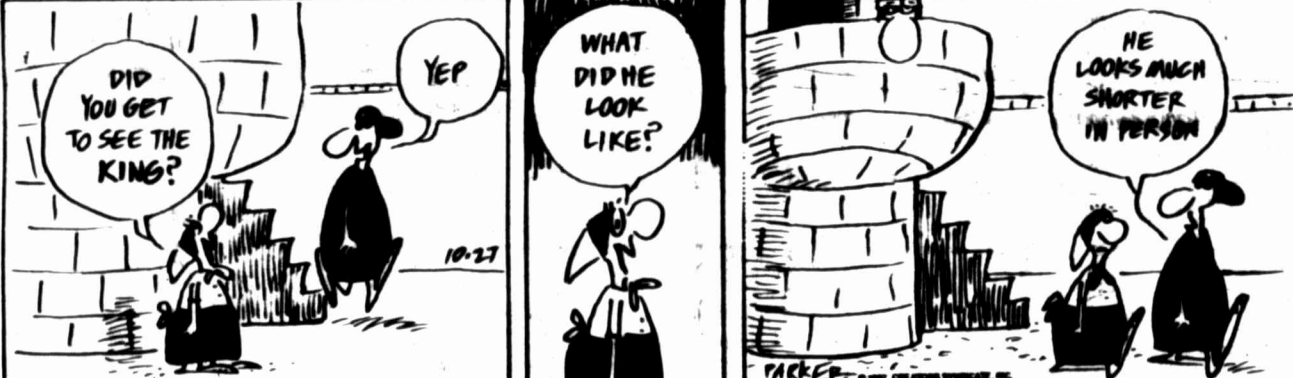
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