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Lost business forces layoffs of UPS workers

ATLANTA (AP) - For thousands of United Parcel Service workers, the end of their strike didn't mean a return to work.

As the delivery giant slowly began recovering Wednesday from the 15-day Teamsters walkout, the company told some workers they were laid off, at least temporarily, because of lost business.

"All of our jobs depend on our volume level," UPS spokesman Rick Warlick said. "Certainly as we go back to work, as our volume picks up, we will add workers. Any businesses that have gone away as a result of the strike may mean fewer jobs."

UPS has estimated the strike cost at least 5 percent of its business, but has said it won't be able to properly measure lost business until next week.

UPS' daily volume fell during the strike to 10 percent of its normal 12 million parcels and packages. The company expected a quick, large surge as customers shipped packages that had piled up during the strike.

Some 185,000 Teamsters struck the company, and UPS has said more than 15,000 jobs could be cut because of permanently lost business. The company did not release figures Wednesday on the number of workers back on the job.

Thirty-five percent of 4,671 workers in UPS' mid-South offices were laid off Wednesday, said Doug Ashcraft, a manager in Little Rock, Ark.

"To the degree that our customers come back will dictate whether those jobs come back," Ashcraft said.

About 1,200 part-time workers were laid off in Massachusetts and Rhode Island. In Oregon and southwest Washington, 684 workers - 257 of them full-timers - were laid off Wednesday. A handful of Atlanta drivers were also turned away.

In Charlotte, N.C., only a small number of the 800 UPS employees were called back to work. Rows of idle trucks were parked in the expansive parking lot.

"There's not enough work for them," supervisor Norman Bellow said.

Duane Tebbetts, a part-time employee in Arkansas who has

Up goes the steel

With school children watching from the playground, Richard Arnett, maneuvers the heavy-duty overhead fork lift to put the

steel girders in place during the construction of the 20,000 square foot wing being built at the Church of the Nazarene.

FBI moves ahead with full-scale investigation into beating of Missouri prisoners in Texas jail

HOUSTON (AP) - The FBI is moving ahead with a full-scale investigation of the beating of Missouri prisoners whose torture at a Texas county jail was captured on videotape.

FBI Special Agent-in-Charge Don Clark said the agency made the decision to fast-track the probe after talking to the Brazoria County district attorney and viewing parts of the 30-minute videotape broadcast nationally on television this week. The tape shows jailers kicking inmates, prodding them with stun guns and allowing dogs to bite the prisoners.

"The tape, does it bother me?" Clark asked rhetorically. "Yes."

Missouri state officials terminated a \$6 million contract to house 415

inmates at the Brazoria County Detention Center after a Sept. 18 videotape showed the mistreatment.

The tape, apparently made for training purposes by a deputy and obtained last week by The Brazosport Facts, also shows guards dragging an inmate with a broken ankle by his arm.

Clark said his agency, which is investigating whether prisoners' civil rights were violated, would submit findings to the U.S. attorney's office in Houston and the Department of Justice.

If prosecuted, defendants could face up to 10 years in prison.

Meanwhile, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice verified Wednesday that Wilton David Wallace, a guard shown on the videotape

pushing down an inmate with his foot, was convicted for the 1983 beating of a Texas prisoner.

On Sept. 14, 1983, Frank Navarro Cervantes was beaten so badly he was transferred from the Darrington Unit, south of Houston in Rosharon, to Galveston for medical attention.

Wallace, who is being sued by one of the Missouri inmates beaten, did not return The Associated Press' phone call for comment Wednesday.

"This matter is currently in litigation and therefore neither I nor my staff are at liberty to discuss it with you," Wallace's attorney, Otto Hewitt, said in a prepared release. "We expect defendants to be fully vindicated in the court's final judgment, no civil rights violations having occurred or being established."

Wallace was fired on Feb. 23, 1984 from the Texas prison system because of the Darrington incident. He pleaded guilty the next year to a federal misdemeanor count of violating a prisoner's rights and served six months in a federal jail.

The Houston Chronicle reported

today that a second guard hired by a private corrections firm to guard Missouri prison inmates was approved for employment even though he had been convicted of brutalizing a Texas prison inmate in 1983.

Daryl French was a lieutenant with the Texas prison system when he pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor charge of violating the civil rights of an inmate who was beaten by guards. He received a three-month jail sentence as part of a plea bargain with federal prosecutors in 1987.

Jackson, Miss.-based Capital Correctional Resources Inc., the private prison company paid to supervise the Missouri prisoners, did not return repeated phone calls to The Associated Press.

Attorney Lynn Klement, who represents a handful of prisoners wanting to sue Brazoria County over the videotaped torture, said Wallace was a CCRJ employee.

The Missouri inmate beatings provoked outrage across the state after it the videotape was broadcast.

Paperwork to support bid being completed

Paperwork to complete Hereford's bid for a recycled paper plant is being put together for submission to the Fluor Daniel, the Greenville, S.C.-based consulting firm that will make the site selection.

Hereford is on the short list of communities vying for the \$100 million plant, which will employ 100 workers.

Don Cumpton, executive vice president of the Hereford Chamber of Commerce, said Wednesday that the consultants, John Sisson and Craig Pace, who visited Hereford on Tuesday and met with city and community leaders, wanted soil sample reports and the survey of the proposed plant site submitted by Monday.

Cumpton said Mike Hatley, executive director of the Hereford Economic Development Corp., is putting the paperwork together for the submission to Fluor Daniel.

"I'm doing the legwork while Mike's doing the paperwork," Cumpton said.

The package will be used by the consultants in making their final decision about the location of the plant, which will be operated by an unidentified firm.

Other Texas communities were on the consultants' list of places to visit. They were in Amarillo on Monday and are scheduled to visit Cleburne and Millsap today and Friday. On Thursday, Sisson and Pace were in Austin, where they met with state by others in the community who wanted to help.

The Soil Conservation Service office in Hereford provided the soil sample report, while the Deaf Smith County Tax Appraisal District provided the acreage report sought by the consultants, Cumpton said.

"That's what it takes - everyone pitching in to help," he said. "I've had phone calls from other people wanting to do what they can to help."

Cumpton said the cooperation and progressive attitude demonstrated by the community have been a plus in

First-time jobless claims climb by 20,000 in month

WASHINGTON (AP) - The number of first-time claims for jobless benefits shot up by 20,000 last week to the highest level in a month.

New applications for unemployment insurance totaled a seasonally adjusted 337,000, highest since 341,000 during the week ended July 12, the Labor Department said today. Many analysts had expected a smaller 9,000 increase.

The jump was the third straight advance since claims hit a 23-year low of 275,000 during the week ended July 26.

Claims have been distorted in recent weeks by the ripple effects of auto strikes and the industry's

temporary shutdowns for new model retooling.

Some companies were forced to lay off workers because of a lack of supplies due to the strike against the United Parcel Service.

The closely watched four-week average of new claims also rose last week, up 9,500 to 308,000, highest since 325,000 during the period ended July 26.

States with the largest gains were Texas, 3,659; California, 3,014; Pennsylvania, 1,548; New York, 1,228, and North Carolina, 1,225.

The biggest decreases were in Missouri, 2,279; Tennessee, 1,480; Alabama, 1,325; Ohio, 654, and Louisiana, 355.

Indictments returned against 16 offenders

Four men who allegedly stripped more than \$20,000 worth of accessories and other items from a truck were among 16 persons indicted Wednesday by the Deaf Smith County Grand Jury.

The charges against the men are for theft over \$20,000 but under \$100,000. The offense occurred on June 1 while the truck was parked in Deaf Smith County, near Wildorado.

Named on the indictment are Jeff Don Alford, 31, of Amarillo, Mikel Jay Jarrett Jr., 21, of Rt. 3, Box 148, Stephen Duwayne Wagner, 30, of Amarillo, and Jeb Harris, 21, of HCR 2, Happy.

Bonds of \$10,000 has been posted by all four defendants but Jarrett remains in Deaf Smith County jail on an unrelated charge.

Felony driving while intoxicated indictments were returned against Juan Pacheco, 42, of Hereford,

Lovern Washington, 52, of Amarillo, Alfred Casarez, 65, of 410 Jowell, and Gregory Aldrete Zepeda, 52, of 618 Blevins.

Pacheco and Casarez are free on bonds of \$3,000 each. Washington is free after posting \$1,000 bond, and Zepeda is free on \$1,500 bond.

The Grand Jury indicted Manuel Garza, 24, of 203 Norton, for evading arrest. He is free on \$2,500 bond.

Brian Baldwin, 23, of HCR 6, Box 34, is named on an indictment for theft over \$1,500 but under \$20,000. He is in jail, in lieu of bond.

Jeffrey Lee Davis, 25, indicted for debit card abuse, is being held in a Missouri jail awaiting extradition.

Indicted for injury to a child, Santos Liscano Jr., 24, of 436 Avenue H, has posted bond of \$5,000.

Ruby Cruz, 29, of Hereford, indicted for hindering arrest, is free on bond of \$5,000.

Keeping guns safe from children is goal of special week

By DIANNA F. DANDRIDGE
Staff Writer
Children and guns just don't mix.

In an effort to publicize this, the 75th Texas Legislature designated the week of Aug. 24-30 as "Gun Safe Week."

Students in grades K-12 will be bringing home Gun Safe program materials advocating proper storage of guns and age-appropriate handling information.

Having a gun-safe home means there are no unlocked guns. All guns - sporting guns, antiques, BB

guns and all others - are stored in a locked container, and children do not have access to the keys or combination.

Guns that are not stored should have a properly fitted trigger lock. Ammunition should always be locked separately from the guns.

Since the Gun Safe program began in 1996, information has been distributed to more than 185,000 families.

Lou Serrano, Deaf Smith County chief juvenile probation officer, said, "Parents who have guns in their homes, but fail to

properly instruct their children about their use, or fail to keep a gun locked up out of children's reach do as much, if not more, damage than parents who don't talk to their kids about drugs."

During the last four years, the local incidence of minors in possession of guns has steadily decreased.

The juvenile probation department reported five cases of guns at school and four gang-related shootings in 1994.

The following year, there were two reports of guns at school, two

shootings and one incident of a homemade gun.

Last year, the juvenile probation department reported no incidents of juveniles and guns.

Serrano said that for 1997, there has only been one case, and it was determined to be accidental on the part of the teenager.

This is wonderful news for area residents, especially since four Houston children between the age of 2-12 were killed or injured by guns in the hands of juveniles during a three-week period this spring.

Serrano believes the reduction in the number of juveniles with guns is due to the zero tolerance policy at school, plus parents keeping a better watch on guns in the home.

"Junior high-age children seem to become fascinated with gangs, guns and all that it entails," said Serrano. "Usually when we see a case of a minor with a gun, it winds up being a kid just wanting to show someone how tough, they are. Usually (the guns) aren't even loaded."

As part of the right to carry

laws, adults applying for permits are required to take classes, part of which includes a portion on responsibility of adults to maintain a gun-safe environment.

Parents who allow children access to guns may be charged with a Class C misdemeanor and fined up to \$500.

If a child discharges a weapon, causing bodily injury to himself or another person, the adult may be charged with a Class A misdemeanor and fined up to \$4,000, one year in jail or both.

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Lifestyles

WTAMU student will spend fall semester as intern for Combest

While most of her classmates are attending classes, researching papers and studying for tests, West Texas A&M University sophomore Salem Wieck will attend Congressional committee meetings, conduct research in the Library of Congress and correspond with constituents in the 19th Congressional District of Texas.

Wieck, a mass communications major from UMBarger, will spend her fall semester interning with U.S. Rep. Larry Combest, R-Texas, in Washington, D.C. She will leave the Texas Panhandle on Aug. 26 and begin her internship on Aug. 28.

"I don't know whether to be excited or be scared," Wieck said. "It's hard to decide what to feel. I'm looking forward to a new opportunity."

The 19th Congressional District of Texas Public Policy Internship Program is sponsored by Combest's office, WTAMU and Texas Tech University. Each semester, two students are selected to participate. Nine WTAMU students have served internships in Combest's office since the program was established in 1993.

"I welcome Salem to a new learning experience full of opportunity," Combest said. "Each semester, students bring their academic talents and interests to the nation's capital for a front-row seat of what is taught at the University."

Wieck said she chose to apply for the internship to gain hands-on experience in public relations.

"I've always been interested in politics, although I'm not sure I want to be a politician," she said. "I'm a public relations major, and what better place to learn about public relations than Washington. I'm looking forward to gaining real-life experience. I'm getting an education you can't get in the classroom."

She said her duties will include "a little bit of everything." She will research issues for the congressman, attend some committee meetings and assist with correspondence. Combest serves as vice chairman of the House Agriculture Committee, and Wieck, who grew up on a farm, said she hopes her background in agriculture will help her better understand the issues.

Wieck will also earn University

credit while in Washington, incorporating the projects she works on for Combest's office into independent studies and a practicum.

Combest, a 1969 WTAMU graduate, noted that the internship provides students the opportunity to

further their understanding of public policy.

"With their professors' guidance, students benefit from applying what they learn in the classroom to what they experience in Washington, D.C.," Combest said.



Speed throw winners

Winners in the American Business Club (AMBUCS) baseball speed throw during the Town and Country Jubilee are, from left, Chris Castro, adult male division, who threw 77 mph; J.P. Holman, 14 and under, 65 mph; and Blake Schilling and Armondo Torres (not pictured) 12 and under, tied at 53 mph. They are accompanied by AMBUCS member Pat Michael. Each of the winners received two tickets to an Amarillo Dillas baseball game.

Ann Landers

Dear Ann Landers: I am not a famous politician or a member of the British royal family. I'm just one of the millions of women who have written about over the years who cheated on their husbands.

I was luckier than most. I have a wonderful man who was able to forgive me. We have two beautiful children and are a truly happy family.

To the outside world, I have it all, but the path I chose affected those I love most. I live with the knowledge that I broke one of the Ten Commandments as well as my wedding vows. I also live with the pain of having hurt some very decent people. I fear that my children may one day learn of my infidelity and think less of me. I hope that from this point on, my behavior will make up for my past indiscretions, even though nothing can wash away the shame.

I want to share what I have learned. Please urge your readers to talk with their spouses at the first sign of trouble and seek counseling from a competent source. Encourage them to keep their children in the forefront of their thoughts at all times. Caution

them to appreciate what they have and not risk losing it. Whatever the gain, it isn't worth it.

There are no book contracts or movie deals for my story. I am nobody special, just an anonymous woman who cheated on her husband, someone ordinary people can identify with. If you publish my letter, maybe I can make a difference. -- Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Ga.: I can assure you that your letter WILL make a difference. Mission accomplished. Thank you for writing.

Dear Ann Landers: What can one say to a friend whose table manners are repulsive? This woman is lovely in every way, but she sashes food in her mouth, smacking, slurping and chomping like a washing machine. She puts her elbows on the table, hunches over her plate and shoves the food in with her fingers. She talks incessantly, offering a wide view of her half-chewed food and intermittently licks her fingers. Every so often, she uses a fingernail to dislodge a chunk of whatever she is

eating from between her teeth.

I once nicely said, "It is not considered polite to lick your fingers." She replied, "My father always said it's OK to lick your fingers if you do it with elegance." I was too horrified to respond. Evidently, she thinks licking her fingers gracefully is a sign of refinement.

This woman is quite attractive, intelligent and friendly, and I feel sorry for her because so many people are revolted by her eating habits. Any advice? -- Nauseated in Illinois

Dear Nauseated: Shop with her. Visit on the phone. Maintain your friendship, but avoid eating with her whenever possible. Her eating habits are well-established, and she's not going to change.

Dear Ann Landers: This is about the woman who has been married to a cross-dresser for 25 years. He was always getting into her lingerie drawer, and she was terribly upset. Has she ever tried wearing clothes that are too tight? Well, I have, and it's miserable.

She should buy her husband some lovely silk and lace underwear in HIS size, and he will then leave her undies alone. -- Voice of Experience in La Jolla, Calif.

Dear Voice: I hear you loud and clear. Let's hope all the cross-dressers and their spouses did, too.

Ann Landers' booklet, "Nuggets and Doozies," has everything from the outrageously funny to the poignantly insightful. Send a self-addressed, long, business-size envelope and a check or money order for \$5.25 (this includes postage and handling) to: Nuggets, c/o Ann Landers, P.O. Box 11562, Chicago, Ill. 60611-0562. (In Canada, send \$6.25.)

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Charter draped by Rebekahs to honor deceased member

Hereford Rebekah Lodge #228 met Tuesday evening in regular session with noble grand Anna Conklin presiding.

Members paid tribute to Ada Hollabaugh in a memorial service in which the charter was draped. Hollabaugh was born Sept. 14, 1900, and died June 4, 1997. She was initiated into the lodge Feb. 11, 1947, and served as noble grand and later as treasurer for many years. She had also served as reporter.

Members of the lodge presented her a 50 year jewel and lifetime membership at age 96.

Reports were made on sick members and 18 visits to the sick, 23 cheer cards and 17 dishes of food delivered.

Anna Conklin was hostess to Ben Conklin, Tony Irlbeck, Susie Curtsinger, Sadie Shaw, Leona Sowell, Rosalie Northcutt, Nelma Sowell, Peggy Lemons and Lucille Lindeman.

Church meeting will not be held

The regular third Thursday meeting of Barn Church set for tonight has been cancelled.

Services will resume Sept. 11 at 7:30 p.m. in the B Bar S Arena.

After that date regular meetings will be held once a month on the second Thursday.



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Sports

Local Sports Brief

Media Day scheduled

Parents, grandparents, girlfriends and, of course, reporters will have an opportunity to take photos of the 1997 Hereford football teams. The annual Herd Media Day will begin at 6 p.m. Saturday at Whiteface Stadium.

Coach Craig Yenzler said the annual event will kick off with a short program. Also, the players on the varsity, junior varsity and freshman squads will be introduced.

After the program and player introductions, Yenzler said the players and coaches will be available for photographs, adding that he urged parents, grandparents and friends to bring their cameras and take photos of the players.

SCRIMMAGES

The varsity will be on the road Friday, traveling to Plainview for a pre-season scrimmage against the Bulldogs.

The scrimmage will begin at 6:30 p.m. at Plainview High School's stadium.

The junior varsity and freshmen squads were scheduled to meet their Plainview counterparts at 6 p.m. today at the Hereford practice fields. The Herd will open the 1997 season at 7 p.m. MDT in Lovington, N.M.

Coaches' help needed

Coaches, your help is needed.

The Brand is temporarily without a sports editor, so it's a bit difficult in keeping up with all that's going on in sports. There's not only the upcoming football season, but the volleyball and tennis teams also are active.

So, The Brand is asking all coaches to help us report what their teams have been accomplishing. Please call in your game or meet results by 9 a.m. the next morning so we can get them in the paper. The number is 364-2030.

Your cooperation is appreciated.

Sports Briefs

BASEBALL

NEW YORK (AP) - Eddie Murray, released by the Anaheim Angels last week, is rejoining the Los Angeles Dodgers after signing a minor-league contract with the club.

Murray will report to the Dodgers' Albuquerque Triple-A affiliate for the team's Friday night game at Salt Lake City. He is expected to join the major league club on Sept. 1.

CINCINNATI (AP) - Shortstop Barry Larkin is scheduled to have surgery on his left heel on Sept. 3, ending an injury-marred season for the Cincinnati Reds team captain.

TENNIS

COMMACK, N.Y. (AP) - Cedric Pioline of France beat Alert Portas of Spain 6-2, 6-4 to complete the first round of the Hamlet Cup. The rest of play was postponed by rain.

BROOKLINE, Mass. (AP) - Top-seeded Alex Corretja of Spain beat Guillermo Canas of Argentina 6-3, 6-4 to advance to the quarterfinals of the MFS Pro Championship.

Corretja will play Sjeng Schalken of Belgium, who beat Slava Dosedel of the Czech Republic 2-6, 6-1, 7-5. Fifth-seeded Albert Costa of Spain beat Ken Carlsen of Denmark 6-3, 6-4, and Johan Van Herck of Belgium eliminated Denis Van Scheppingen of Belgium 7-5, 6-3.

STONE MOUNTAIN, Ga. (AP) - Top seeds Jana Novotna and Monica Seles advanced to the quarterfinals of the \$450,000 U.S. Women's Hardcourt Championships. Novotna, the top seed, won 4-6, 6-2, 6-2 against Yayuk Basuki of Indonesia. Seles, the second seed ousted Naoko Sawamatsu of Japan 6-4, 6-3.

BASKETBALL

VANCOUVER, British Columbia (AP) - The Vancouver Grizzlies signed first-round pick Antonio Daniels to a three-year contract, about two weeks after the point guard for

Bowling Green let the signing slip out in a television interview. Daniels was the fourth player taken in June's college draft.

MIAMI (AP) - Free agent Terry Mills signed a two-year contract with the Miami Heat. Mills will make \$1 million this season and \$1.15 million the following year. The Heat used their entire league-allotted \$1 million salary-cap exemption to sign the forward, who spent the past five seasons with the Detroit Pistons.

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) - Gary Trent of the Portland Trail Blazers has been charged with fourth-degree assault for a scuffle with an acquaintance who accidentally set off a burglar alarm at the NBA player's home.

Trent is to be arraigned on the misdemeanor charge today, his attorney Robert Weaver said. Trent does not have to attend the arraignment but intends to enter an innocent plea, Weaver said. Trent allegedly punched and choked Theron L. Hall on July 24.

HOCKEY

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) - The Tampa Bay Lightning and Philadelphia Flyers found a way to agree on the future of Chris Gratton.

The cash-starved, for-sale Lightning conceded Gratton to the Flyers by declining to match a \$16.5 million offer sheet the restricted free agent center signed last week. Tampa Bay worked out a deal to obtain right wing Mikael Renberg and defenseman Karl Dykhuis from Philadelphia for the four first-round picks the Flyers sent the Lightning as compensation for signing Gratton.

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Injuries hold back linebacker

By The Associated Press

Injuries to Green Bay linebacker Seth Joyner, who joined the Packers a week into training camp, are playing a big role in his inability to unseat Bernardo Harris as the starting middle linebacker.

Joyner missed three practices with a sore back two weeks ago and one last week with a sore knee. He's also been sidelined this week with a sore knee, which has been bandaged.

"I don't have anything to say," said Joyner, when asked about his situation.

As for Harris, he said he hasn't spent much time worrying about his status.

"I feel pretty good about the way I'm playing right now. I don't really want to think of it as a really competitive battle. If I do that, I might lose focus on what I'm doing out there. I just want to go out and play hard every week and not worry about the battle. I can't look at it that way."

Harris is filling in for George Koonce, the Packers' leading tackler a year ago, who will miss the first six games of the season as he recuperates from knee surgery.

Bears

Coach Dave Wannstedt named Erik Kramer the starting quarterback on Wednesday, giving him the nod over recently acquired Rick Mirer.

"The bottom line is he (Kramer) is probably the most comfortable right now with what we're doing because he's been in the system for three years," Wannstedt said. "He brings leadership to the offense, which we need right now because

he's very confident in what we're doing and that he can execute it all. And that's how the decision was made."

Kramer missed all but four games last season because of a career-threatening neck injury, and the Bears went out in the offseason and traded for Mirer, giving up a No. 1 draft choice to Seattle.

The Bears also gave Mirer a three-year, \$10 million contract extension that included a \$2.6 million signing bonus. Kramer signed a three-year, \$8.1 million contract before the 1994 season.

"I knew coming in all along it was Rick's job. As things progressed, they let me in the quarterback derby a little bit and things worked out," Kramer said.

Broncos

Denver signed free agent cornerback Tim McKyer and waived veteran linebacker Godfrey Myles.

McKyer, 34, has played for six teams in 12 NFL seasons, including stints with the Atlanta Falcons in 1991 and 1996. McKyer also has been to the playoffs eight times and on teams that have won six division championships and two Super Bowls.

The Broncos signed McKyer after learning that cornerback Selwyn Jones would be out for the season with a torn anterior cruciate ligament.

Before joining the Broncos in the offseason, Myles spent six years with the Dallas Cowboys. He played in 76 games, starting 11.

Cowboys

Cornerback Deion Sanders was due at Dallas headquarters today to meet with players, coaches and

medical staff as the Cincinnati Reds have a day off. He will rejoin his baseball team for the start of a series Friday in Atlanta.

Sanders sat out the Reds' 5-3 loss Wednesday to Colorado, the second game he has missed since getting a cortisone injection for a bulging disk in his lower back.

Redskins

Receiver Michael Westbrook will miss tonight's exhibition game against Miami as punishment for punching teammate Stephen Davis at practice.

Westbrook didn't attend the team's annual Welcome Home luncheon Wednesday and wasn't scheduled to make the trip to Florida later in the day.

"Obviously we are treating this as a very serious matter. Mike is going to be disciplined," coach Norv

Turner said.

Rams


St. Louis offensive lineman Gerald Perry, who was late showing up for training camp and faced suspension for steroid use, was released after he walked out of a team meeting.

It wasn't clear why Perry, 32, left the meeting.

"I don't know the reason behind it, but he was having some personal problems," team spokesman Rick Smith said.

On Tuesday, coach Dick Vermeil said Perry would see action at left tackle and left guard in Friday's exhibition finale against Kansas City. He was listed No. 1 on the depth chart at left tackle.

Before training camp, Perry was expected to start at left guard alongside No. 1 draft pick Orlando Pace. John Gerak will start at left guard Friday.



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Seattle Mariners receive good news about Johnson

By The Associated Press
The really good news for the Seattle Mariners came after their 1-0 win over the Cleveland Indians. Randy Johnson, it seems, is all right. Johnson was forced to leave Wednesday night's game in the seventh inning because of a bruised middle finger on his left hand. He re-aggravated an injury that he sustained Aug. 3 when he caught a ball with his bare hand.
"It's a little sore and a little swollen. But hopefully it'll get taken care of in the next five days," Johnson said.
Johnson (17-4) allowed two hits and struck out eight. His win, coupled with Anaheim's 7-3 and 8-5 doubleheader loss to New York, gave the Mariners a 1 (-) game lead over the Angels in the AL West.
"We think he's going to be OK," Mariners manager Lou Piniella said. "We don't anticipate him missing a start."
In other AL games, Boston swept a doubleheader from Oakland by 7-5 and 5-4 in 13 innings. Minnesota defeated Detroit 11-1, Chicago topped Toronto 12-6, Baltimore beat Kansas City 4-2 and Milwaukee dined Texas 6-2.
Edgar Martinez hit his 22nd homer, connecting in the fourth inning off Charles Nagy (12-9) for

the only run at the Kingdom.
Johnson, who leads the majors with 264 strikeouts, gave up a double by Matt Williams in the fifth and an infield single by Tony Fernandez to start the seventh.
Mike Timlin, Norm Charlton and Heathcliff Slocumb combined for three innings of hitless relief.
Indians manager Mike Hargrove said Johnson was tough, as always. "Early in the game, I thought he struggled," Hargrove said. "It didn't look like he had his velocity. But even Randy Johnson struggling is better than most."
"I'm glad we got a hit off him," he said.
During the game, the Mariners made a trade to get outfielder Roberto Kelly from Minnesota for a player to be named. Kelly is expected to play left field, the spot Jose Cruz Jr. held before he was traded to Toronto on July 31 for relievers Paul Spoljaric and Timlin.
Twins 11, Tigers 1
Minnesota stopped its 10-game losing streak as Brad Radke beat Detroit at Tiger Stadium.
Radke (17-7) allowed three hits in eight innings. He is the top winner for the Twins since 1991, when Scott Erickson won 20 and Jack Morris 18.
Denny Hocking, Terry Steinbach and Matt Lawton homered for the

Twins.
Scott Sanders (4-11) fell to 1-5 with a 6.95 ERA in seven starts since the Tigers acquired him from Seattle on July 18.
Yankees 7, Angels 3, 1st game
Yankees 8, Angels 5, 2nd game
Hideki Irabu threw his best game in a while — plus his glove and a tantrum — as New York finished a doubleheader sweep at Anaheim.
Irabu, told earlier this season by manager Joe Torre to tone down his temper, kicked hard at the rubber in the seventh inning after being called for his second balk. Second base umpire John Hirschbeck yelled at Irabu, prompting Torre to come out onto the field.
In the fourth, Irabu (4-2) fumbled a bunt single by Dave Hollins and tossed his glove at the ball as it rolled into the dugout.
Derek Jeter homered twice and drove in four runs in the second game. New York won the opener as rookie Jorge Posada hit a three-run homer.
The Yankees have won nine of 12. The Angels have lost five of six.
White Sox 12, Blue Jays 6
Albert Belle homered, doubled twice and drove in five runs as Chicago beat Toronto at Comiskey Park.
Belle matched his season high for

RBI's, going 3-for-3 with his 24th home run. His two-run double highlighted a seven-run fourth inning.
Jorge Fabregas and Ozzie Guillen each drove in two runs for the White Sox.
Red Sox 7, A's 5, 1st game
Red Sox 5, A's 4, 2nd game
Mo Vaughn hit a pair of two-run doubles to key Boston's doubleheader sweep at Oakland.
In the opener, Vaughn's double highlighted a seven-run fifth inning.
In the second game, Vaughn hit a tying double with two outs in the ninth, and the Red Sox won in the 13th on John Valentin's RBI single.
The Red Sox (64-63) moved a game over .500 for the first time since May 4.

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Glavine ends winless string

By The Associated Press
For most pitchers, a loss and four no-decisions wouldn't be remarkable. Tom Glavine, however, isn't most pitchers.
Glavine stopped his longest winless streak in seven years, winning for the first time since July 16 as he led the Atlanta Braves over the Houston Astros 3-1 Wednesday night.
"Finally, a month later," said Glavine, who hadn't won since July 16. "I've actually pitched pretty well lately and not gotten anything out of it. Pitching well, you can only take that so far and it gets frustrating. It's hard when you're pitching well and not winning, especially when the team is not winning."
After losing his first eight career starts in the Astrodome, Glavine (11-6) has won six straight at Houston since a 1-0 loss on June 25, 1991.
"Obviously this is a pitchers' park," he said. "The first year or two, I didn't pitch that well here. Since then, I've pitched well. These guys have good pitching, so you have to come in and pitch well."
In other NL games, Florida beat Chicago 6-5, St. Louis defeated Montreal 6-3, Pittsburgh beat San

Diego 7-3 and Colorado edged Cincinnati 5-3. Los Angeles' game at New York was rained out, and the teams were scheduled to play a doubleheader today. San Francisco's game at Philadelphia also was postponed by rain, to Sept. 11.
Glavine allowed two hits and five walks in seven innings and struck out a season-high nine. He also drove in a run with a squeeze bunt as the Braves completed a two-game sweep following a slump that saw them lose four of five.
Mark Wohlers pitched the ninth for his 31st save in 35 chances. Javy Lopez went 3-for-4 and hit his 19th homer.
Shane Reynolds (6-8) dropped to 4-1 against the Braves, giving up all three runs and five hits in seven innings.
28 wins weekly scramble
The team of Cal Garrett, Rosie Gonzales, Steve Sanders and Marin Rivas fired a 28 on the front nine to win the weekly scramble at Pitman Municipal Golf Course.
Two teams tied for second by posting scores of 30. Coy Newton, Jerry Ripley, Cliff Arnold and Joel Sturgeon teamed up for one of the 30s. The other team was made up of Craig Nieman, Johnny Dan Alaniz, Doc Weaver and Denny Gibson.
Two teams recorded 31; two were at 32; and two, 33.

Marlins 6, Cubs 5
Livan Hernandez (7-0) won at Miami despite allowing four runs and six hits in 5 2-3 innings. Gary Sheffield hit his 14th homer as Florida improved to 7-0 this season against Chicago and climbed 21 games above .500 for the first time.
Chicago dropped 27 games below .500 for the first time since 1981. They finished 3-6 on a four-city road trip.
Robb Nen retired three batters for his 31st save in 37 chances. Kevin Tapani (2-3) gave up six runs and six hits in 3 2-3 innings.
Cardinals 6, Expos 3
Brian Jordan doubled off Steve Kline (0-1) to break a 2-all tie during a three-run eighth, and visiting St. Louis won its third straight.

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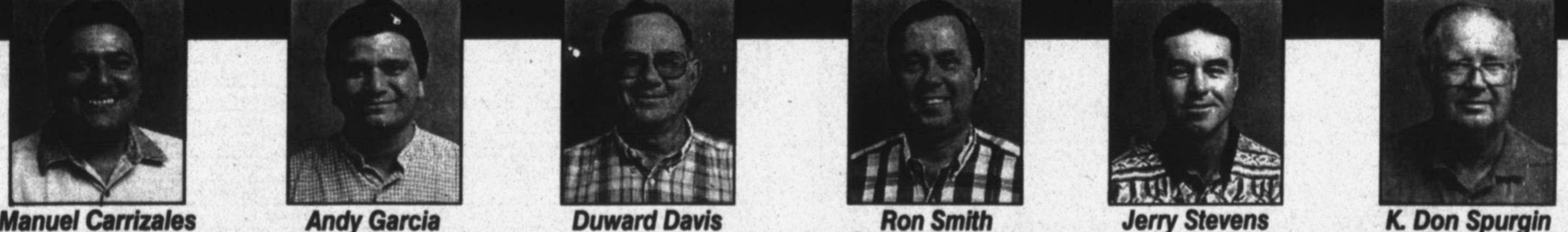
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Heat drying out pastures

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — Another hot summer is drying up pastures and ranges, but advancements in hay and forage production may help some producers beat the heat, the Texas Agricultural Extension Service reported Wednesday.

Extremely dry conditions have scorched pastures in South Texas, according to Terry Lockamy, Cameron County extension agent. "Dryland pastures are not experiencing any growth at this point, but irrigated pastures are still being cut," Lockamy said.

Southwest Texas also reported hot, dry weather with temperatures up to 100 degrees.

Pastures in Southwest Texas are suffering from hot southerly winds, according to extension range specialist Robert Lyons of Uvalde. "We haven't had an economically significant rain since June," he said.

Lyons said forage availability is still slightly above average for this time of year, but the quality is beginning to drop without rainfall.

"Unless we receive above average rainfall in September, standing forage availability this fall and winter will

drop significantly and it may be difficult to winter livestock after this dry, hot summer," Lyons said.

According to extension director Galen Chandler of Vernon, rains have helped soil moisture and range conditions in the Rolling Plains region.

He said warm season tall grass species such as little bluestem and switchgrass have begun to develop rapidly, improving forage in many counties.

In East Texas, all counties received abundant rain, according to extension director Tony Douglas of Overton.

He said the region has an excellent supply of hay and producers are making the third cut.

Extension forage specialist David Bade of College Station said Southeast Texas received ample rain recently which has produced high quality forage.

He also said two new varieties, Tifton 85 and Jiggs Bermuda grass, have become popular for both grazing and hay cutting.

Bade said these new varieties are being cut with hay because they yield more and have a higher quality. They

grow on sand, clay or black soil and are more drought resistant.

According to Bade, Tifton 85 and Jiggs are more expensive than other varieties of Bermuda grass, but higher yields and better quality make up for the price difference.

Bade said he expects these new varieties of Bermuda grass to become more popular as producers realize they can be grown virtually anywhere.

The following specific livestock, crop and weather conditions were reported by district extension directors:

PANHANDLE: soil moisture adequate. Pasture, range good conditions benefiting from the rain. Cattle in good condition. Cotton, sorghum, sugar beets, soybeans, peanuts all rated good. Potato harvest complete; average yields.

SOUTH PLAINS: soil moisture adequate. Hot, humid conditions persist with widespread rainfall. Setting bolls on cotton crop. Sorghum not mature yet. Land preparation under way for wheat.

ROLLING PLAINS: soil moisture adequate. Pastures improving with rain.

O'Leary linked to donation

WASHINGTON (AP) — A House panel investigating campaign fund-raising abuses will review allegations that an aide to then-Energy Secretary Hazel O'Leary sought a donation to O'Leary's favorite charity from a Democratic donor.

Johnny Chung's allegation that he was asked to make the donation while seeking to set up a meeting with a Chinese businessman and O'Leary also sparked renewed calls by Republicans for appointment of an independent counsel to investigate fund-raising abuses.

Chung's allegation "adds breadth and impetus to what we are looking at," Will Dwyer, spokesman for the House Government Reform and Oversight Committee, said Wednesday.

Dwyer said it also lends support to arguments by the panel's chairman, Rep. Dan Burton, R-Ind., and others in Congress that Attorney General Janet Reno should seek appointment of an independent counsel to investigate allegations that Clinton administration officials improperly solicited political donations.

Reno has refused so far to seek

such an appointment, saying career prosecutors are able to investigate the allegations.

Meanwhile, political consultant Dick Morris was questioned under oath for more than 11 hours Wednesday by Senate investigators.

Morris, who ran Clinton's campaign until he was fired last summer following reports he had an affair with a call girl, said investigators asked about Clinton's role in shaping Democratic National Committee spending and ad strategies.

"I made it clear that while the president was heavily involved in preparation of ads, he never saw a final ad before it went on (the air) and the copy of the visuals he approved was always different than the ones that went on," Morris said in a telephone interview. He said Clinton did not give final approval of the ads.

Republicans want to know whether White House and DNC efforts to coordinate expenditures were illegal. Morris was scheduled to be questioned Thursday by House investigators.

Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., a member of the Senate committee

investigating fund-raising abuses, said Chung's allegation should trigger a Justice Department preliminary inquiry to determine whether such an appointment is warranted.

"It is pretty hard for the attorney general to say there is not specific, credible evidence" of criminal wrongdoing to trigger an independent counsel inquiry, Specter said.

If Chung's allegation is true, such solicitation "is inappropriate," Specter said. "You can't do a quid pro quo for a contribution even if it goes to a third party."

"This could trigger an independent counsel on campaign contributions; generally, this is a first cousin," Specter said. "They are pretty closely related."

Chung, who has refused to cooperate with congressional investigators without a grant of immunity from prosecution, made a \$25,000 donation to Africare on Oct. 19, 1995, the same day O'Leary posed for pictures with a delegation of businessmen.

Chung's donation entitled him to a table for 10 at Africare's gala fund-raising dinner that night, at which O'Leary spoke.

Names in the News

KATHARINE HEPBURN
HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — The new edition of the official state information manual honors a local girl: Katharine Hepburn.

The 90-year-old screen legend lives in the Fenwick section of Old Saybrook and grew up in Hartford, the second child of a suffragist leader and a prominent physician.

"She is, unquestionably, one of the most enduring actors in history," states the dedication in the Connecticut State Register and Manual, commonly known as the "Blue Book."

Dr. Robert Hepburn of West Hartford on Wednesday accepted a copy of the book for his sister, whose health has been failing. But he said she still eats a hearty meal, goes for car rides and receives visitors.

Her "character is very strong as usual," he said.

A four-time Academy Award-winner, her movies include "The Philadelphia Story" (1940), "Adam's Rib" (1949) and "On Golden Pond" (1981).

DON KING

NEW YORK (AP) — Don King Day?

No schools were closed, but Wednesday was singled out for the

wild-haired boxing promoter by the City Council's Black and Hispanic Caucus.

The caucus gave King a proclamation, thanking him for helping the city's economy through and called him a "cherished American celebrity."

"He is a self-made person and I think he's done a wonderful job," said Councilman Jose Rivera, chair of the 22-member caucus.

King, who promotes Mike Tyson and other fighters, could face up to 45 years in prison if convicted of federal insurance fraud charges stemming from a canceled fight.

CHRISTOPHER DARDEN

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Christopher Darden says he has taken a newborn girl "into my home, my family, and my heart" — whether she's his daughter or not. A television station said she is.

The baby's mother has said the O.J. Simpson prosecutor fathered her daughter, born May 25. Darden has acknowledged a brief relationship with the woman.

Darden said Wednesday he is awaiting the results of a paternity test since he's unsure the baby is his. He wants primary custody if she is.

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