

MONDAY MORNING

Senior Trip

Last holiday season, Fern Harris received a present from Southwest Airlines. The airline sent 850 seniors home for the holidays./**1B**



SPORTS

Davis Cup

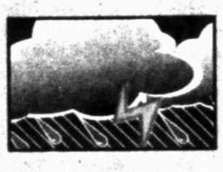
Sampras was at his best, beating the U.S. champ to send the United States to the finals for the second time in three years./**1C**

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Thunderstorms, high in mid-70s. Weather on 2A





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Fund-raising

President Clinton walks with Deputy White House Chief of Staff John Podesta on the White House grounds as the President prepares to travel to New York, Sunday. Republicans feel their calls for a special prosecutor have been vindicated since the Justice Department revealed Saturday it has opened a 30-day review of President Clinton's involvement in campaign money-raising irregularities during the 1996 presidential campaign.

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Serbia votes

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia — Many Serbs boycotted Sunday's elections, fed up with the hard times they have seen under Slobodan Milosevic's decade-long autocratic rule. Although turnout was slow into the afternoon, the boycott looked unlikely to be strong enough to invalidate the vote.

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Diana crash

LONDON — A British lawyer says he saw a small black car fleeing at high speed from the crash that killed Princess Diana, London's Sunday Times reported. The newspaper quoted Gary Hunter who was in Paris on Aug. 31 celebrating his wife's birthday, as saying he saw the car from the window of his third-floor hotel room.

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Advocate spreads message of hope

Nicole Simpson's sister helps raise funds for Snyder center

By Alice Ashmore
Staff Writer

SNYDER — Denise Brown, the sister of Nicole Brown Simpson, made her first trip to Texas Sunday to speak on the issue of family violence, and to help raise funds for a new family violence center in Snyder.

Ms. Brown said her mission in life is to put an end to family violence. "If people get more involved and more educated, we will be able to stop this monster called domestic violence."

She believes the death of her sister Nicole opened America's eyes to the issue of family violence, much like Rock Hudson's death raised AIDS awareness. "It (family violence) was a dirty little secret that no one wanted to talk about," she said. "Until there is a tragedy, nobody does anything."

Since the death of her sister, Ms. Brown has become dedicated to the fight against domestic violence. She said she came to Snyder, "because they asked me."

Ms. Brown spoke at a fund-raising dinner called "Celebration of Hope" to commemorate the building of the Noah Project-West Family Violence Center.

Though the new $250,000 center is not yet finished, there is cause for celebration. "This group has done an outstanding job, said Susan Keeling, executive director of the Noah Project in Abilene. "They have raised the entire amount of the capital campaign in 15 months."

The current facility is a cramped space in the old Scurry County jail, but construction is under way for a new 4,100-square-foot facility that will nearly quadruple the space for the shelter.

The new family violence center stands as a poignant reminder of the consequences of domestic violence. It is located on the site where a young mother of two boys lost her life in a family violence incident in February 1990.

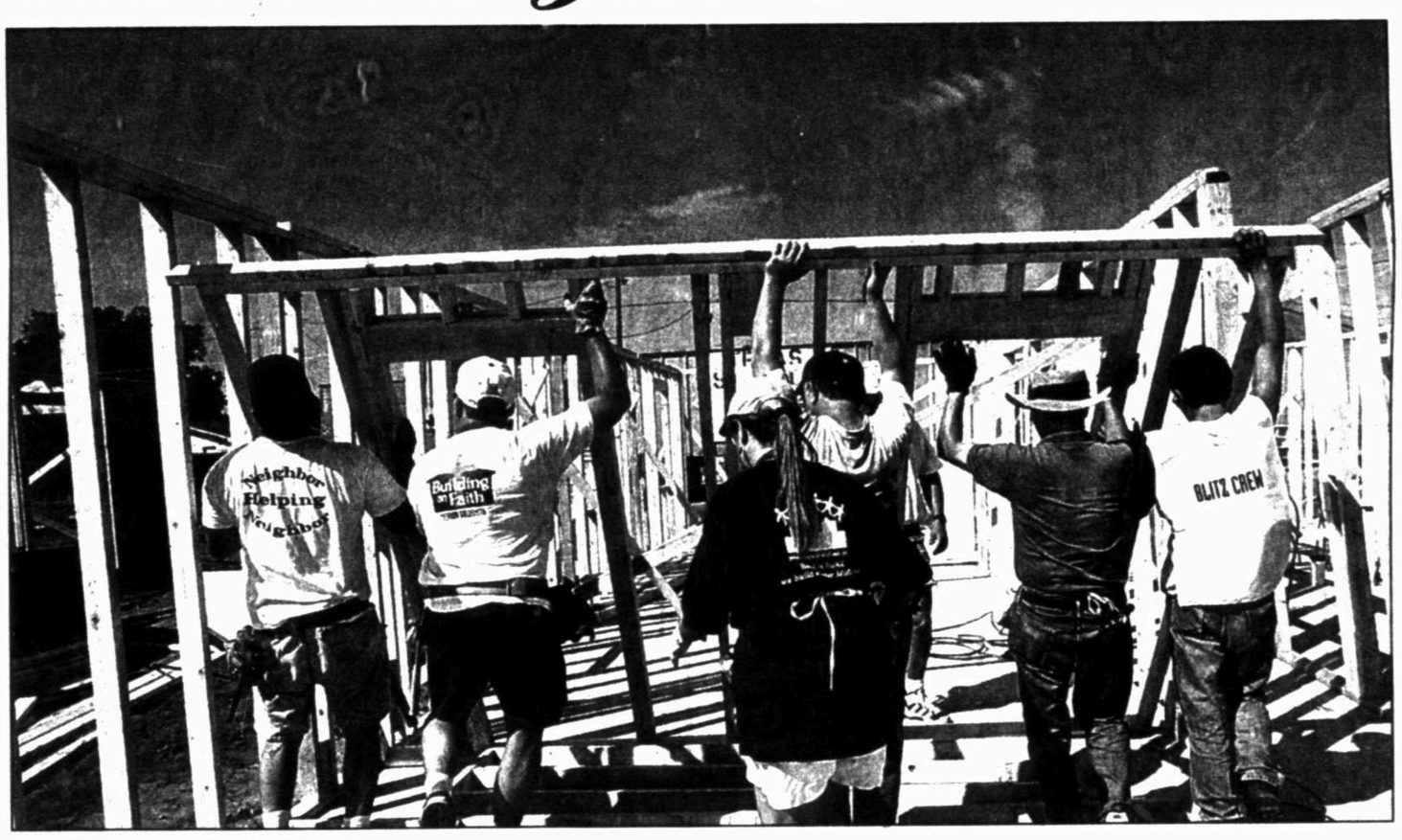
The 25-year-old woman was kicked in the chest by her husband, and died of a lacerated heart, said Lea Ann Bell, Noah Project-West assistant area service director. Although the couple had a history of family violence, the woman remained in the home. "She was too scared to leave," Ms. Bell said. "He had continually threatened her." He is now serving prison time for her murder.

Ms. Brown said the scenario is all too familiar. "There is a whole cycle of violence, of power and control over a human being." She said the cycle begins with verbal and emotional abuse, then escalates to physical violence. The violent incident in usually followed by a "honeymoon" period in which the regretful spouse vows never to hit again.

"If he hits you once, he's going to hit you again," Ms. Brown said. "If he threatens to kill you, he probably will."

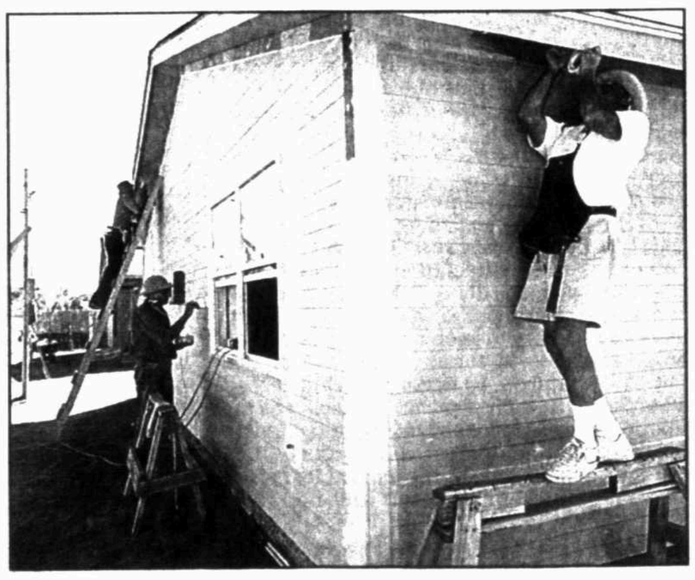
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Miracle on Jackson Street



Volunteers from local organizations, at right, raise an interior wall during the Habitat for Humanity's Blitz Build'97. An estimated 800 volunteers built six houses in 10 days during "Miracle on Jackson Street."

Before the final coat of paint was applied, below, workers prepare the house by masking off areas and painting trim.



Volunteers turn out for Habitat's Blitz Build '97

In 1991, Fred Yates was one of a few pioneers to brave the scorching heat to help construct the first Habitat for Humanity homes in Midland.

Enduring the hard labors of building a house was not the ideal way for him to spend his retirement years, but Yates said he knew a good thing when he saw one.

"It's an opportunity to help people in need who live in houses that are not adequate for their families," Yates said Friday, while adding a few finishing strokes of paint to a window pane.

"I volunteered with Habitat to build those homes," he said while pointing with paint-splashed hands to a cluster of brick homes a few yards from the construction site on Jackson Street. "We had about 25 volunteers during the first week.

"It would decrease to about half a dozen the second week. It took us a year to finish one house.

"It's amazing that we can get through with this line of homes in just 10 days," he said.

Since its first year in Midland, Habitat for Humanity has helped 12 local families fulfill their dreams of owning their own homes, Executive Director Lana Hines said.

"It's called coming together," she said. More than 500 people signed up to participate in Blitz Build '97. That's the number Habitat estimated would be needed to build six homes in one week.

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Story by Rick Lopez Photos by Kes Gilhome

IRS wiped out 42 percent of penalties last year; hearings to examine agency

WASHINGTON (AP) — Early 42 percent of the $13.2 billion worth of penalties that the IRS assessed against taxpayers last year was wiped off the books after corporations and individuals challenged the levies as excessive or unnecessary.

This high reversal rate, and other aspects of the Internal Revenue Service's byzantine penalty structure, will come under scrutiny during hearings this week by the Senate Finance Committee. Senators will question, among other things, whether lower-income taxpayers get a fair shake when dealing with the IRS.

To the IRS, the large number of penalties wiped away each year shows that the system is working — that taxpayers can get relief if they show they made an innocent mistake, such as failing to sign a tax form.

"A lot of it is automatic, it's a simple process," said a senior IRS official, who spoke on condition he wouldn't be identified further. "They give us the correct information and we automatically abate it."

Yet a number of accountants, lawyers and others practicing before the IRS say Congress should review the agency's penalty structure, which they say has grown large and unwieldy.

"There are too many penalties for too many infractions and no one could reasonably expect taxpayers to comprehend

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Peru pardons

Juan Huapaya, 35, was tried and absolved twice for terrorism by Peruvian military courts, but nevertheless spent almost three years in prison. Despite being innocent, he has been unable to return to his former life.

AP Photo

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WEATHER

Midland forecast

3-day forecast



Today	Tuesday	Wednesday
Thunderstorms	Scattered t-storms	Scattered t-storms
High 75	High 76	High 75
Low 65	Low 64	Low 63

Today's forecast calls for fog and drizzle early, then cloudy with a 70 percent of rain likely, according to the National Weather Service. The high will be between 70 and 75 and winds will be from the southeast at 10-20 mph.

Tonight calls for cloudy skies with a 50 percent chance of showers and a low between 60 and 65.

Tuesday's forecast calls for mostly cloudy skies with a high near 80.

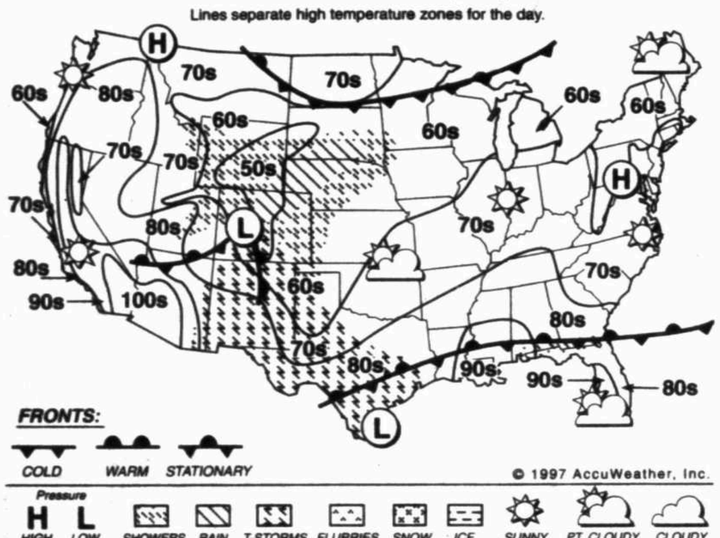
After an overnight low of 55, Sunday's high was 68, compared to the record high for that date of 100 set in 1977. Record low for this date was 40, set in 1983.

Yesterday's precipitation		Yesterday's temperatures	
Rainfall Saturday	.02 in.	High	68
Rainfall Friday	.00 in.	low	55
Total for month	.57 in.	Normal high	84
Total for year	13.47 in.	Normal low	59

Sunrise 7:37 a.m. Sunset 7:45 p.m.

National forecast

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Monday, Sept. 22.



Via Associated Press

United States temperatures

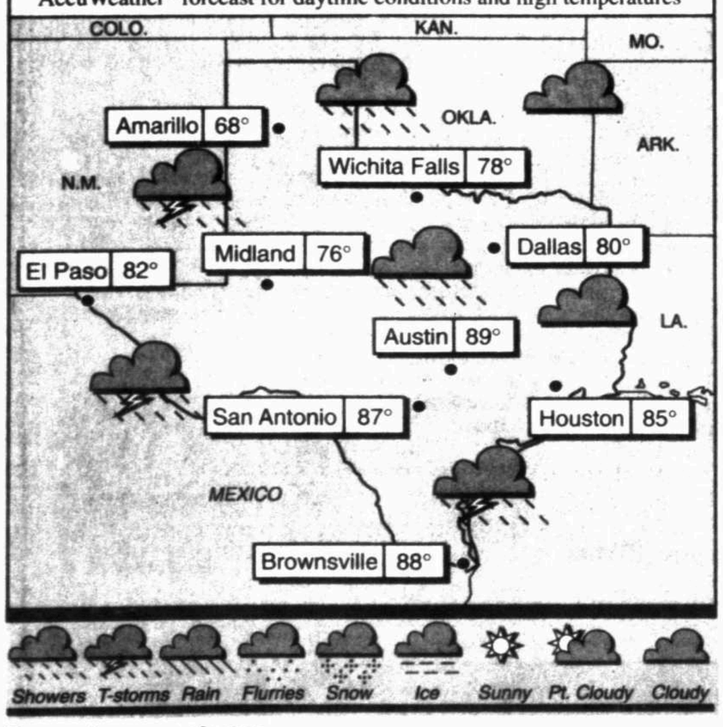
Temperatures indicate previous day's high and overnight low to 8:34 p.m. EDT.

	Hi	Lo	Prc	Otlk
Albany,N.Y.	58	43	clr	
Albuquerque	62	56	1.41	cdy
Amarillo	65	47	rn	
Anchorage	53	44	.01	rn
Asheville	67	65	cdy	
Atlanta	89	70	cdy	
Atlantic City	65	49	.56	clr
Baltimore	69	50	clr	
Billings	58	46	cdy	
Birmingham	92	69	cdy	
Bismarck	71	35	cdy	
Boise	74	48	clr	
Boston	62	49	.07	clr
Brownsville	88	75	.29	cdy
Buffalo	57	42	cdy	
Burlington,Vt.	54	46	cdy	
Casper	51	45	rn	
Charleston,S.C.	81	73	cdy	
Charleston,W.Va.	66	52	cdy	
Charlotte,N.C.	76	70	cdy	
Cheyenne	47	40	.01	rn
Chicago	65	48	cdy	
Cincinnati	69	50	clr	
Cleveland	61	52	clr	
Columbia,S.C.	82	71	cdy	
Columbus,Ohio	65	50	clr	
Concord,N.H.	59	46	clr	
Dayton	70	47	clr	
Denver	60	46	rn	
Des Moines	68	44	cdy	
Detroit	62	43	cdy	
Duluth	62	35	cdy	
Evansville	74	52	cdy	
Fairbanks	58	32	cdy	
Fargo	69	40	cdy	
Flagstaff	68	38	cdy	
Grand Rapids	62	41	cdy	
Great Falls	70	34	clr	
Greensboro,N.C.	72	62	cdy	
Hartford Spgfld	61	45	.06	clr
Helena	72	34	clr	
Honolulu	89	74	cdy	
Indianapolis	68	51	cdy	
Jackson,Miss.	93	69	cdy	
Jacksonville	93	71	cdy	
Juneau	52	48	rn	
Kansas City	72	49	cdy	
Las Vegas	86	71	clr	
Little Rock	84	65	cdy	
Los Angeles	87	65	clr	
Louisville	74	54	cdy	
Memphis	80	67	cdy	
Miami Beach	85	81	cdy	
Milwaukee	63	46	cdy	
Mpls-St Paul	63	38	cdy	
Nashville	78	64	cdy	
New Orleans	94	72	cdy	
New York City	64	55	.02	clr
Norfolk,Va.	68	64	clr	
North Platte	50	48	.26	rn
Oklahoma City	74	57	cdy	
Omaha	64	41	.06	rn
Orlando	92	67	cdy	
Philadelphia	65	53	clr	
Phoenix	98	78	clr	
Pittsburgh	61	46	clr	
Portland,Maine	60	41	.01	clr
Portland,Ore.	84	52	clr	
Providence	63	48	.02	clr
Raleigh-Durham	74	64	clr	
Rapid City	58	50	rn	
Reno	79	39	clr	
Richmond	72	57	clr	
Sacramento	93	55	clr	
St Louis	71	56	cdy	
Salt Lake City	63	50	.02	rn
San Diego	76	55	clr	
San Francisco	75	58	cdy	
San Juan,P.R.	89	79	.37	rn
Santa Fe	55	51	cdy	
St Ste Marie	60	35	cdy	
Seattle	73	50	clr	
Shreveport	90	71	cdy	
Sioux Falls	62	32	rn	
Spokane	79	48	clr	
Syracuse	56	42	clr	
Tampa-St Ptrsbg	93	74	cdy	
Topeka	73	51	cdy	
Tucson	96	72	.19	cdy
Tulsa	75	60	cdy	
Washington,D.C.	70	56	clr	

State forecast

Monday, Sept. 22

AccuWeather® forecast for daytime conditions and high temperatures



Texas temperatures

Highest temperature last 12 hours, lowest past 18 hours and precipitation for 24 hours ending at 7 p.m. CDT:

	Hi	Lo	Pcp.
Abilene	84	56	
Alice	83	74	0.10
Amarillo	65	47	
Arlington	91	65	
Austin	93	74	
Beaumont	90	76	
Brownsville	88	75	0.29
Burnet	91	71	
Childress	74	53	
College Station	95	72	
Conroe	91	69	0.05
Corpus Christi	85	77	0.47
Corsicana	95	66	
Dalhart	63	46	
Dallas	91	67	
Del Rio	83	73	0.99
Denton	89	62	
El Paso	84	65	0.02
Fort Stockton	73	56	
Fort Worth	90	65	
Galveston	M	76	M
Harlingen	89	76	0.14
Houston Hobby	84	75	1.18
Houston Intrctnl	89	70	0.65
Huntsville	95	69	
Junction	89	71	
Kingsville	86	77	1.53
Laredo	86	75	
Lubbock	84	51	0.15
Lufkin	95	67	
Marfa	72	61	
McAllen	93	75	
Midland	88	55	0.02
Mineral Wells	87	59	
New Braunfels	90	74	
Paris	88	66	
Rockport	82	75	2.29
San Angelo	84	61	
San Antonio	89	75	
Terrell	91	65	
Texarkana, Ark.	85	M	
Victoria	78	74	0.99
Waco	94	68	
Wichita Falls	82	58	
Wink	88	55	0.09

VIOLENCE: Brown stresses education, safety

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She said she regrets that she did not see the indicators of domestic abuse, like verbal put-downs and controlling behavior, in her sister's relationship with O. J. Simpson. "I did not see the signs," she said. She said the abuser often isolates the victim from family and loved ones.

"It really boils down to education," she said. And Ms. Brown now educates with a vengeance. "I am going to continue to keep speaking and keep fighting until the day I die," she said. "It keeps my sister alive — everybody's — not just Nicole."

Ms. Brown will address more than 2,000 high school and college students today at the Scurry County Coliseum. She said she hopes to reach young adults with the message that, "domestic violence is a learned behavior."

She also has developed a program for younger children called "Hands Are Not For Hitting." She said that during the program, children trace the outline of their hands on a piece of paper, then sign a pledge that they will never use their hands to hit others.

"Children are the future," Ms. Bell said. "We can educate them that family violence is not OK, and that teen dating violence is not OK."

Ms. Brown stressed the importance of a "safety plan" for all women. "A safety plan is putting together the things you need to get away," she said.

She said that women should put away cash, an extra set of car keys, and copies of important documents, like children's birth certificates, in case they ever have to leave. "Once you leave, a woman is in 75 percent more danger (from her abuser); she has to take precautions and go into hiding," Ms. Brown said.

The Noah Project-West Family Violence Center will serve clients in Scurry, Nolan, Fisher, Mitchell and Kent counties. The shelter will house three administrative offices, a waiting/conference room, four bedrooms with private baths, a children's play area, kitchen and laundry facilities.

Ms. Bell said a safe, comfortable facility is essential to the residents of the shelter. "They are making life-changing decisions while they are here."

The Noah Project West shelters between 250 to 300 people a year and also serves non-residents. It is funded by private foundation money, grants and the United Way.

"Become independent," Ms. Brown urges women. "A little independence never hurt anybody."

IRS: 'Mom and pop' cases targeted, agent says

(From 1A)

their applicability," said Joseph Lane of the National Association of Enrolled Agents, whose members represent taxpayers before the IRS.

"We believe the current penalties should be subject to a top-down congressional review .... We think the current code's proliferation of penalties has accomplished nothing but to create taxpayer perceptions of a system run amok and acts like a 'hidden tax rate,'" said Lane, a scheduled witness at the hearings, which begin Tuesday.

Phil Brand, a former IRS chief compliance officer now with a large accounting firm, KPMG Peat Marwick LLP, agreed.

"If there is anything ripe for change, administratively in the law, it would be a comprehensive look at penalties," Brand said.

Last year, the IRS agreed to abate $5.5 billion of the $13.2 billion in civil penalties levied in 1996, according to agency data. The percentage of penalties abated fluctuated from 29 percent to nearly 49 percent in the 1990s, according to a review of IRS data by The Associated Press.

Lane said some taxpayers, intimidated at dealing with the IRS, simply pay penalties without investigating whether the notices are warranted, particularly in light of the agency's deep-seated computer problems.

"A tremendous amount of people who get these notices and pay them because they don't want to have any hassle with the IRS," Lane said.

The hearings will address the fairness of IRS collection practices and penalties, with some witnesses suggesting the agency unfairly picks on taxpayers who can't afford to hire lawyers or accountants to defend themselves.

Several current and former IRS agents made that point in an interview on CBS' "60 Minutes."

"They don't go after corporate America or the wealthy people," a current IRS agent told "60 Minutes." Instead of taking on major corporate cases, which can take three years and tie up resources, the agency concentrates on "mom and pop" cases, the agent asserted.

The IRS contends its audit practices are fair and its audit cases are selected on the basis of computer models, not by individual agents. Many penalties are automatically generated due to some problem identified in the processing of tax forms.

The bulk of the $5.5 billion in penalties abated last year concerned deposits of taxes withheld from workers' checks, or other corporate infractions; 53 percent of corporate penalties were reversed. The IRS abated $643.8 million of tax penalties — about 16 percent of the $4.1 billion imposed — against individuals in 1996. The higher percentage for corporations is because there are more chances for error, such as the biweekly filing of payroll taxes, while individuals typically file once a year.

"By law, we are required to assess the penalty if certain criteria apply. We don't have much of a choice," the IRS official said. Accountants say the IRS often is reasonable in abating penalties if people have a decent explanation, such as illness or similar emergency.

Said former IRS official Brand: "The IRS will listen to a good, well-constructed argument about reasonable cause."

AFL-CIO hopes to cast organizing as civil rights issue

PITTSBURGH (AP) — After the votes were counted at a North Carolina food-processing plant, workers say, managers let the employees know what they really thought of their efforts to form a union.

"We were pushed out of the room, we were beaten up, spit on," said Rayshawn Ward, 21, who was sprayed with Mace and handcuffed by security guards when he stepped in to protect his wife in the melee.

If the AFL-CIO has its way, such stories will be seen as more than random incidents of workplace strife. The giant labor federation aims to make the right to organize the next big civil rights issue.

The AFL-CIO is gathering in Pittsburgh for its biennial convention — the first celebrating labor's rejuvenation under the presidency of John Sweeney, who has made recruitment his top priority.

Still, fewer than 15 percent of American workers belong to a union.

While the increasing globalization of the economy and an anti-union climate in the 1980s stymied unionization efforts, Teamsters President Ron Carey was more blunt about blaming the leadership of the past.

"A lot of it was because people fell asleep at the wheel," Carey said referring to what he often calls "fat cat" union bosses who were more interested in their own advancement than in supporting workers.

Currently, unions need to recruit 300,000 new members yearly just to maintain their share of the work force. But without dramatically increasing membership, the labor movement will find it difficult to win battles over wage disparity or broader social issues.

Over the summer, some 11,000 union activists attended regional AFL-CIO organizing conferences in 12 cities to share strategies and spread enthusiasm for recruitment.

Companies that wish to thwart unionization of their workers typically have more resources, can constantly lobby workers at their work sites and use labor laws to delay certification of union votes for three years or more.

"The hypocrisy of these laws is that they were designed to encourage collective bargaining, but they actually inhibit millions of Americans from achieving the middle-class dream through unionization," said Richard Bensinger, the AFL-CIO organizing director.

Over the summer, some 11,000 union activists attended regional AFL-CIO organizing conferences in 12 cities to share strategies and spread an evangelical enthusiasm for the task of recruitment.

At a similar session in Pittsburgh on Saturday, Vice President Al Gore listened to about 100 grass-roots organizers tell how companies fought them.

Gore likened unions in the workplace to the checks and balances in the federal government, and he said most Americans would be shocked to learn how some companies employ "slick lawyers," violence and harassment to fight rank-and-file union votes.

"They frustrate the will of the democratic majority in those elections," Gore said. "That is wrong."

Five percent of workers who try to organize a union get fired, Gore said. He cited as examples for business to follow the MGM Grand Hotel in Las Vegas and Levi Strauss Inc., which did not insist on formal elections once a majority of their workers signed pledge cards to support unions.

"There is simply no place for employers inside union elections," Gore said.

The first resolution on the agenda of the convention opening Monday calls for increasing the federation's involvement in industrywide organizing.

The item says the AFL-CIO will "seek to establish the right to organize as the civil rights issue of the next decade," through public education and building coalitions with community groups. A long-term goal is labor law reform.

Federation officials plan to spend $20 million annually, beginning next year, on a television advertising campaign designed to change the way the public views unions. After some internal debate, leaders agreed to find a way to finance the plan without asking the convention to approve a special assessment.

After the convention, workers such as Ward — whose United Food and Commercial Workers representatives are demanding a new vote on grounds the company violated election rules — will still be the ones on the front lines of the labor movement.

"I was Maced. I was arrested for trying to protect my wife," he said. "We want a union, we need a union. And last but not least, we're gonna get a union."

The Singing Senators strut their stuff in Mississippi

BRANSON, MO. (AP) — He's the majority leader of the United States Senate and some say he'd like to be the next president of the United States. But what Trent Lott really wishes he could do, he said Sunday, is sing bass like Richard Sterban of the Oak Ridge Boys.

"Sterban is my idol," the jovial Lott declared minutes before he and his four-part harmony group, the Singing Senators, joined the Oaks on stage for a matinee show at the Charley Pride Theater. "If I could sing bass like Sterban, I know I could do anything."

Well, if he can't sing like Sterban — and the consensus of several people who heard him Sunday was that he can't, but he does come surprisingly close — Lott at least got to stand next to his hero on stage for more than a half hour.

And when the two belted out the low, low, "ummmmh poppa, ummmmh poppa, mau, mau" harmony to the Oaks' signature song "Elvira," he got to hear the audience that filled about two-thirds of the 2,000-seat theater whoop in surprise and appreciation.

"That Trent Lott's got quite a voice," Randy Meetze of Springfield said afterward. "I was totally surprised at him being able to carry that bass part like he did."

For their part, the Singing Senators — Lott and Republican colleagues John Ashcroft of Missouri (baritone), Larry Craig of Idaho (lead) and James Jeffords of Vermont (tenor) — insist they're nothing more than a novelty act.

"The good thing is we're not worried if we screw up ... and so far it hasn't affected our ability to get our jobs done," Jeffords said.

"Of course, it could affect our ability to keep our jobs. We might have to think about that in the future," he added, laughing.

If their show at Branson was an indication, however, it did nothing but enhance any future job prospects for the four, at least two of whom, Ashcroft and Lott, are said to have presidential ambitions.

Looking downright professional in their matching blue work shirts and tan pants, the Senators took the stage halfway into the Oaks' first set and ran through a handful of songs, including "You're a Grand Old Flag" and "This is My Country."

They hit their stride with the gospel tunes "Turn Your Radio On," and "Dig a Little Deeper in the Well," and, joined by the Oaks and Charley Pride, brought the audience to its feet with "Elvira" and "God Bless America."

Their between-songs patter was strictly corny, with Ashcroft explaining their high-fiving after the first song, "Any time we start together and end together, we celebrate."

Their show was mainly apolitical, except for the group's teasing that Ashcroft, who recently gave a conservative political speech to the Christian Coalition, would have to do penance for singing lines like "My baby is American made, born and bred in the USA, from her silky long hair to her sexy long legs."

The Senators came together two years ago, after Craig and Lott noticed how well they harmonized together on "Happy Birthday" at a party and decided to put a group together.

Now they perform regularly at Republican fund-raisers and are considering recording an album this winter.

And then it's off to Hollywood, right?

"Oh, no, no," says Jeffords, shocked at the suggestion. "We're not so carried away with ourselves that we don't understand we'd better keep our day jobs."

Mother arrested in stabbing death of 4-year-old

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — The mother of a 4-year-old girl who was fatally stabbed has confessed to the attack and been charged with capital murder.

Amy Ivy, 18, was being held Sunday in Tarrant County Jail in lieu of $300,000 bail. Investigators said they don't have a motive in the stabbing, which initially was believed to have been committed by Ms. Ivy's mother.

Shauntraniece Ivy's throat was slit and she was stabbed in the back several times while she slept early Monday morning in the home she shared with her mother, grandmother and other family members, police said.

The grandmother, 38-year-old Jessie May Ivy, was also stabbed in the attack. On Sunday she was still in a Fort Worth hospital recovering from surgery for stab wounds to her head, neck and upper chest.

The younger Ms. Ivy, whose name is spelled Ivey in some documents, was arrested Friday night after questioning by homicide detectives, who said they had learned new information from the woman's mother.

Homicide Sgt. Paul Kratz said Amy admitted that she, not her mother, killed the girl.

Amy Ivy's "statements alludes to her wanting to spare her child the life (she) had led," Kratz said. "It's very hard to come up with an explanation for something that defies regular thoughts.

"How in the world do you come up with the explanation for killing a 4-year-old?"

According to Amy Ivy's initial story, which police now say is untrue, she awoke around 6:30 a.m. because she heard a commotion, went to her daughter's room and found her stabbed to death. The teen-ager also said she saw her mother in the bathroom cleaning a bloody knife, which led to a struggle in which she stabbed her mother.

Jessie Ivy is unable to speak but has written police notes about the incident. The first note said, "My daughter Amy tried to kill me in sleep," according to an arrest warrant.

The grandmother's second note recounted how she awoke to someone stabbing her in the neck and then fought with the attacker.

Homicide officials who had put the grandmother under police guard had said last week they were planning to charge her with murder once her condition improved. They had said nothing pointed to anyone other than the grandmother.

Amy Ivy also has a 1-year-old daughter and is pregnant.

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Serbian election Boycott unlikely to be strong enough to invalidate vote

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) — Many Serbs boycotted Sunday's elections, fed up with the hard times they have seen under Slobodan Milosevic's decade-long autocratic rule.

Although turnout was slow into the afternoon, the boycott — called by two of three main opposition leaders — looked unlikely to be strong enough to invalidate the vote. Those opposing the election describe it as a farce, heavily weighted in favor of Milosevic's ruling Socialist Party.

Milosevic was constitutionally barred from running for a third term as Serbian president, but has so much influence and maintains such firm control over the Serb media that his choices for president and parliament were considered sure bets. Preliminary results were expected Monday.

Nearly halfway through the polling, election officials estimated that 25 percent of eligible voters had cast ballots. The independent radio station B 92, which has supported the opposition, said only 10 percent had voted.

The vote would be invalid only if 51 percent of the 7 million eligible voters failed to participate.

The elections were expected to leave the 250-seat Serbian parliament dominated by a coalition of ex-Communists now known as the Socialists and a leftist party headed by Milosevic's wife, Mirjana Markovic. Milosevic's protege, Zoran Lilic, was expected to win the presidency.

That would complete a deft job swap Milosevic engineered this summer. The Yugoslav parliament elected him in July to the largely ceremonial post of president of Yugoslavia, which consists of Serbia and tiny Montenegro. That job had been held by Lilic.

Milosevic, the only East European leader to have survived the anti-communist revolutions of 1989 and the post-communist upheaval, voted Sunday in Belgrade's Dedinje district with his wife and son, Marko.

"Serbia needs to maintain its peace and stability, to continue on the road of recovery and economic development and maintain the course of reforms," a confident-looking Milosevic said. "I hope these elections will confirm this."

The elections also could seal the demise of the opposition coalition that undermined Milosevic last winter with several local election victories. Milosevic annulled the results, setting off three months of daily protests. Combined with international pressure, Milosevic was forced to accept the opposition victories.

But the three coalition leaders disagreed about whether to participate in Sunday's elections, dividing their once-unified followers.

Momcilo Pavic, who supports the boycott, was distributing leaflets with the sarcastic message: "I'm going to vote because I believe there will be no electoral theft."

"It's only the fools and those who are naive who are voting today," Pavic said.

International monitors were watching over Sunday's election, unlike the November local elections. However, those calling for a boycott say the 170 foreigners from the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe were too few to prevent vote rigging at the 9,827 polling stations across Serbia.

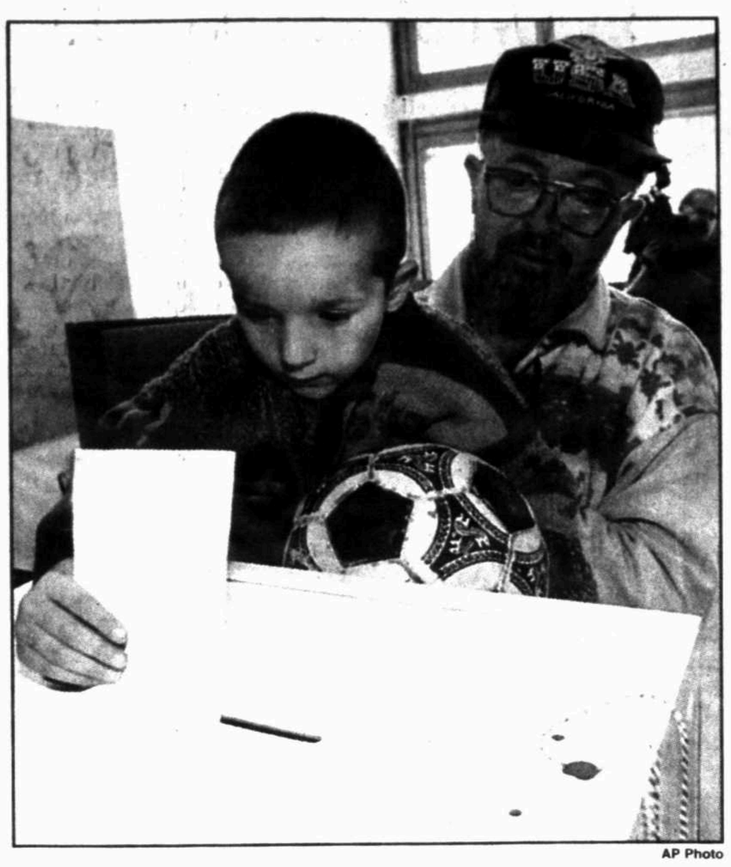
Belgrade mayor Zoran Djindjic, leader of the Democratic Party, has led the boycott call. Vuk Draskovic, his former coalition ally, was running for the Serb presidency. Neither Draskovic nor another opposition personality, ultranationalist Vojislav Seselj, had much chance of success.

Both Djindjic and Draskovic claimed there were irregularities during the vote Sunday.

The Democrats said the Socialists were in panic that the turnout would be below 50 percent, dispatching their activists to voters' homes with threatening messages. Draskovic's party claimed police kicked his members out of electoral boards at several polling stations in order to rig the elections in favor of Milosevic.

During the summer, the old Serb parliament — dominated by Milosevic's allies — increased the number of voting districts from nine to 29. That would cut into opposition support in cities and give proportionally more weight to votes in rural areas, where the Socialists are strong.

Ethnic Albanians in the southern province of Kosovo also were boycotting the vote, but for very different reasons. Ethnic Albanians, who make up one-fifth of Serbia's population, want an independent state.



AP Photo

A boy holds a ball as he casts a ballot for his father in a polling station in Belgrade during presidential and parliamentary elections in Serbia, Sunday.

Report: British lawyer saw small black car escaping crash that killed Princess Diana

LONDON (AP) — A British lawyer says he saw a small black car fleeing at high speed from the crash that killed Princess Diana, London's Sunday Times reported.

The newspaper quoted Gary Hunter, who was in Paris on Aug. 31 celebrating his wife's birthday, as saying he saw the car from the window of his third-floor hotel room.

French investigators said last week pieces of a taillight not from Diana's Mercedes were found at the crash site, and two unidentified witnesses had said they saw a small, black hatchback, possibly a Fiat Uno, near the smashed Mercedes.

Hunter, a partner in a London law firm, was quoted by the Sunday Times as saying he was watching television when he heard an "almighty crash" at 12:25 a.m.

He went to the window, saw people running toward the tunnel and, seconds later, saw a car turning from the area by the tunnel exit and roaring down the Rue Jean Goujon, the street below.

"I heard the screeching of tires. I saw a small dark car turning the corner at the top of the road. I would say it was racing at 60-70 mph," Hunter, 41, was quoted as saying.

"My own feeling is that these were people in a hurry not to be there. I am confident that the car was getting off the scene. ... It looked quite sinister."

Hunter said the car could have been a Fiat Uno or a Renault.

The newspaper said Hunter had testified to lawyers for the family of Dodi Fayed, Diana's new millionaire beau, and believed the testimony was passed on to investigators.

Fayed, Diana and their chauffeur, who was legally drunk, were all killed in the high-speed crash as they fled photographers.

The Sunday Times said experts are cautious about the second car theory, saying a small car hit by the heavy Mercedes at high speed would also have crashed.

In another report, The Sunday Mirror said investigators want to know what made the sole survivor, bodyguard Trevor Rees-Jones, fasten his seat belt shortly before the crash.

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> —Gary Hunter
> British lawyer

Bodyguards, ready for action, do not usually wear seat belts.

Rees-Jones, 29, recovering in a Paris hospital, told investigators last week that he cannot remember the circumstances of the crash.

The Mirror also said that another British witness, Londoner Brenda Wells, 40, told investigators she was driving back from a party and was forced off the road by a motorbike pursuing a big black car. Then came the crash.

"The big car had come off the road. I stopped and five or six motorbikes arrived and started taking photographs. They were crying, 'It's Diana,'" the newspaper quoted her as having testified.

Nine photographers and a motorcycle courier have been placed under formal investigation for manslaughter and failure to assist people in danger. They have not been formally charged.

Meanwhile, Sunday was the last day for signing condolence books at Kensington Palace, Diana's home. In the week after her death, mourners lined up for 12 hours to sign. Buckingham Palace said the 30 books will be offered to Diana's family, the Spencers.

Earlier, British philatelist Peter Jennings appealed to Diana's brother, Earl Spencer, to allow the release of five commemorative stamps.

The stamps were to have been issued last week, but were held up after Spencer asked for more time to consider commemorations.

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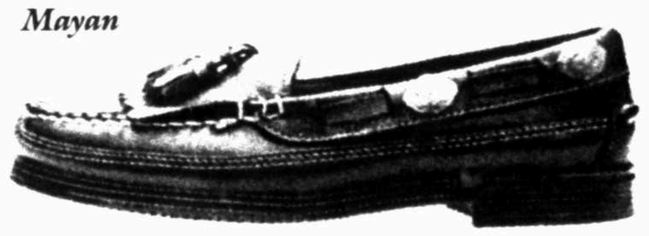
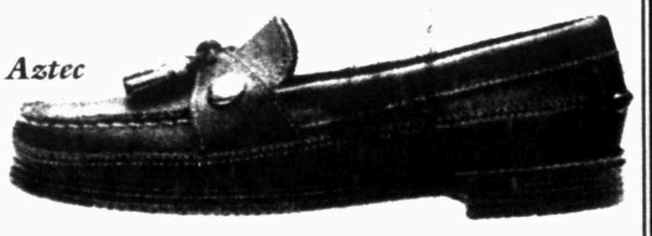
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Miracle on Jackson Street



Habitat workers toil, reaffirm their faith in God

By Richard Enos
Staff Writer

Habitat for Humanity of Midland members rejoiced on Sunday as they ended more than a week of feverish building with the dedication of six new homes.

The organization held a ceremony at the intersection of Indiana Ave. and Jackson Street, the site of its "Miracle on Jackson Street" building frenzy to provide homes for six needy Midland families.

Lana Hines, Habitat for Humanity's executive director, spoke in a tent filled with faithful followers. She reaffirmed the group's strong faith in God and praised the charity's founders.

"It was people back in 1990 and 1991 who had a vision for Habitat for Humanity in Midland," she said. "As you know, 'Miracle on Jackson Street' is a reality. The materials used, the work done on these homes we can really be proud of."

As a reward to Blitz Bosses and project managers, who began work early in the morning during Blitz Build '97, Ms. Hines handed out coffee mugs.

Gilbert Bates, one of Habitat's crew bosses, said that a man on the street was amazed at the group's accomplishments.

"He said, 'I can't believe what I'm seeing,'" Bates said. "He said 'This is really the body of Christ.' And it is. This is really the body of Christ and we did what He wanted us to do."

Mike Perrin, a project manager, expressed his faith, too, both in the organization and in God.

"It really amazed me how God ... answered one prayer after the next," he said. "If we needed something, God was there to turn it over to us."

Habitat then invited the new homes' future inhabitants to speak. Mary Rivera, who will live at 402 Jackson St., expressed her gratitude.

"I would like to thank everyone who came out here," Ms. Rivera said. "There's no words, I'm so happy."

The Rev. Jon Stasney, pastor at St. Nicholas Episcopal Church, led the group in prayer and then toured each of the houses to bestow a blessing.

"Let us pray: Let the mighty power of the Holy God be present in this place to banish from it every unclean spirit," Stasney said at each house. "To cleanse it from every residue of evil, and to make it a secure habitation for those who dwell in it; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord."

Ms. Hines told the Midland Reporter-Telegram that the homes' speedy completion was a "miracle."

"It's just incredibly rewarding," she said. "Obviously there was a lot of hard work put in by a lot of people. But the Lord is good."

She said that each of the six houses cost about $30,000 in labor and materials each, but would easily sell for $50,000 in the real estate market.

Sponsors and contributors for the Habitat project included the Junior League of Midland, Midland Junior Women's Club, Cellular One, Chevron, Bank One, Texas Commerce Bank, Energas, Acme Brick, Home Depot, Kelly Moore Paints, Triangle Lumber, H-E-B, Wal-Mart, city of Midland, TU Electric, KMID-TV, KWES-9, KOSA-TV and the Reporter Telegram.



(Above) Habitat for Humanity Construction Manager Blaine Murray works on a roof during the first day of the "Blitz Build". (Top left) Midlander Bob Cornell keeps the site clean outside 405 S. Jackson St. (Top right) The new residents held a ribbon cutting Sunday during the dedication ceremony for their newly built homes. (Left) After the homes were finished visitors and volunteers were allowed to tour the completed houses.

BUILD: Families sweat for Habitat to get into their own homes

(From 1A)

She said volunteers who showed up with tool belts and good intentions might have doubled the number of volunteers.

"This is an event that goes on across the nation," Ms. Hines said. "Once a year, they have a 'Building on Faith Week.' It's an opportunity for the churches and community to come out and show their support. If you make that support, you are designated as a 'Building on Faith' affiliate."

She said that Midland was honored as an affiliate because of its impressive turn-out.

"We have some people who have signed up for some of our other projects this year. This is not the only one we have. We have 12 other families in line," Ms. Hines said.

"We know what kind of people live in Midland, and their level of generosity is fantastic. There is a reason we did the blitz this year. Habitat for Humanity was a well-kept secret. We needed to draw as much attention as we could to this event."

After giving a volunteer instructions to pick up cans of paint that had been donated by a local hardware store, Ms. Hines pointed to the workers picking up debris outside of finished homes, and said, "These are the volunteers who sustain good work."

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Roberta Parker can tell you stories about south Midland.

She will tell you that this is the area where she grew up. She also will tell you that this is her neighborhood, which she calls home.

"If they gave me a choice between living in a mansion or in this neighborhood, I would still want to live here," Ms. Parker said, grinning. "I have a lot of pride in this area."

For years, Ms. Parker dreamed of owning her own home — one that is furnished with a washer and dryer, has a gas line for her stove and is strong enough to withstand all kinds of weather. This, she said, was almost impossible for someone working at a grocery store, supporting a teen-age son, and with insufficient salary to obtain financial assistance from local banks.

Almost two years ago while visiting her grandmother, who also lives on Jackson Street, Ms. Parker spotted workers starting construction on a home, which was being built by Habitat for Humanity.

"I went and talked to one of the builders, and he told me about the program," she said.

Ms. Parker filled out an application for assistance, and around Christmas Day, was told she was eligible for a three-bedroom house. Habitat for Humanity would help her purchase her own home through a no-interest mortgage if she contributed 350 hours in "sweat equity" labor working on her own house and houses for other people.

After a year and a half, she had worked half of her sweat equity hours for a down payment. She worked on the construction of her own home until she was done. She now lives in the 500 block of Jackson Street, which is a few blocks from her grandmother's house — and the site of this year's building blitz.

Though she is done with her labor, she still helped hundreds of volunteers working on six other homes in this year's Miracle on Jackson Street that will benefit five local families.

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Irma Rodriguez and her three children moved from Houston to Midland in 1989. After a divorce and two jobs, she thought she and her children, ages 24, 20 and 12, would be living in an apartment forever.

She knew a woman who was the recipient of a Habitat home.

"I told her I wish I had a house, but I did not have any credit," Ms. Rodriguez said. "She told me about Habitat for Humanity."

She called Ms. Hines and filled out an application. A few months later, Ms. Rodriguez was told to start gathering her sweat equity hours.

"I told my family and they were so excited."

Her hours of labor were invested at Habitat homes built at Spruce Avenue and Benton Street last November.

"I was working a full-time job, but I put in my hours," she said as she helped a group of painters put the last coat of pink on her new home at 403 S. Jackson Street.

"I want to decorate very good inside. I know it will take some time, but I'll do it a little at a time."

She said that her sons have helped with the construction throughout the week. Her youngest child, who has been attending school throughout the blitz, has not seen her new home yet.

"I think she'll have a big surprise on Monday."

Though her hours of sweat equity are complete, she plans to participate in Habitat projects as long as there is a need for volunteers.

"I will definitely continue to help. At least once a week," she said. "I want to help people with their dreams. I know these people have the same dreams I do."

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Jake Kemper, one of six blitz bosses, said the large crowd of volunteers had met their daily goals ahead of time, possibly by 24 hours.

The participants began Sept. 12 with framing and sheathing. An unexpected downpour delayed construction for a while, but was not a large obstacle.

Panels, doors and windows were added on the homes Sept. 13, and electrical wiring was completed by Sept. 14, Kemper said.

Plumbing, insulation and sheet rock were installed Monday and Tuesday. By Wednesday, most of the work was done. Cabinets, ceiling fans and water heaters were installed.

On Thursday and Friday, volunteers placed floor tile, painted the exterior of the house and began basic landscaping.

A dedication ceremony was held Sunday afternoon.

"We began each day with prayer," Kemper said. "We had a few problems, but everything is going smooth."

Finding work to assign volunteers was not difficult, he said.

"The work is all laid out, so we all have something to do. Those with experience, like framing, caulking, and that type of work, help out with that," he said.

"It's hot, but we have plenty of food and drinks to keep everyone going."

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Other recipients of blitz homes include:

- Martha Cardenas, a local housekeeper and mother of four children, ages 14, 8, 6 and 4;
- Mary Rivera, a hostess at a local restaurant, mother of three children 5, 4, and 2;
- Freddie and Jorena Henry — Henry is 63 and disabled and his wife works at a local retirement home; and
- Willie and Julia Long: Long works for Southwest Airlines and his wife is a college student studying respiratory therapy.

One house does not have a designated family yet, Ms. Hines said.

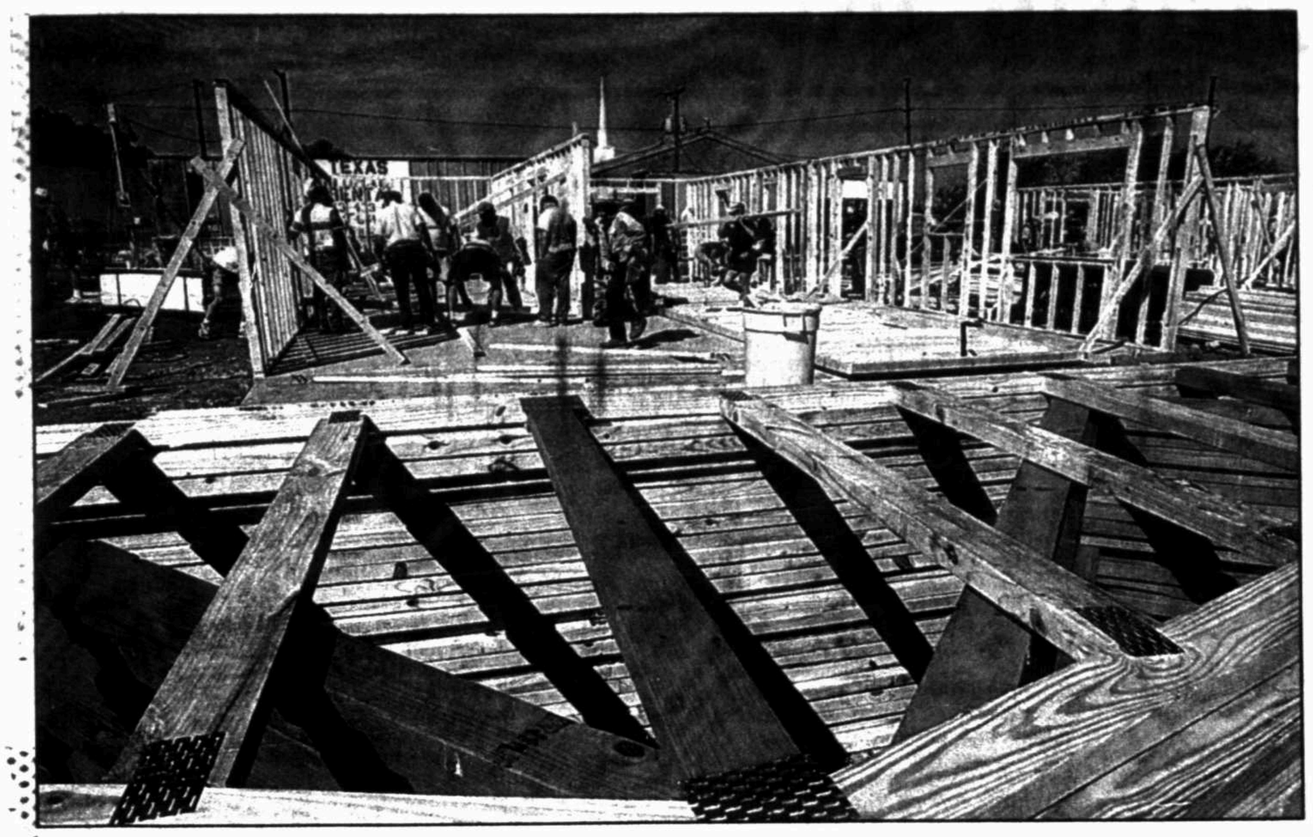
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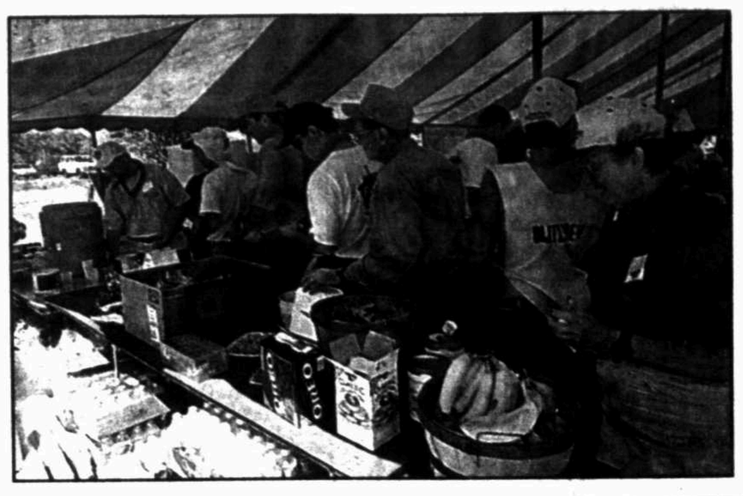
The average Habitat home costs $30,000. Single-parent homeowners must work 350 hours of sweat equity, while married homeowners must work 500.

The blitz received wide recognition and $250,000 in donations, Ms. Hines said. The Abel Hanger Foundation contributed $125,000, local churches contributed $47,000 and local corporations $44,000. Citizens gave private donations totaling $28,000 and fund-raisers contributed another $9,000, she said.

Several local hardware stores also contributed construction supplies and materials, she said.

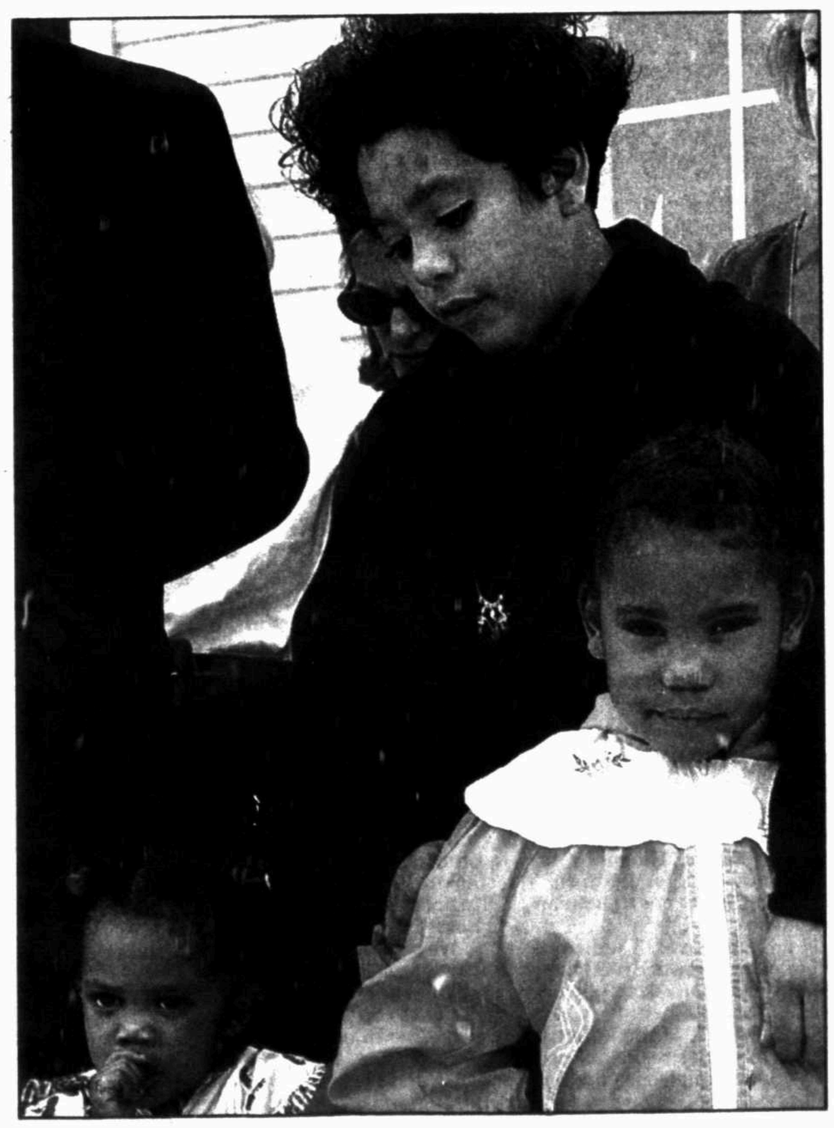
Habitat for Humanity International was founded in 1976 by Millard and Linda Fuller. It is a non-profit, Christian housing ministry, and seeks to eliminate poverty housing and homelessness from the world. Habitat has built more than 50,000 houses around the world, providing about 300,000 people with safe, decent, affordable shelter.



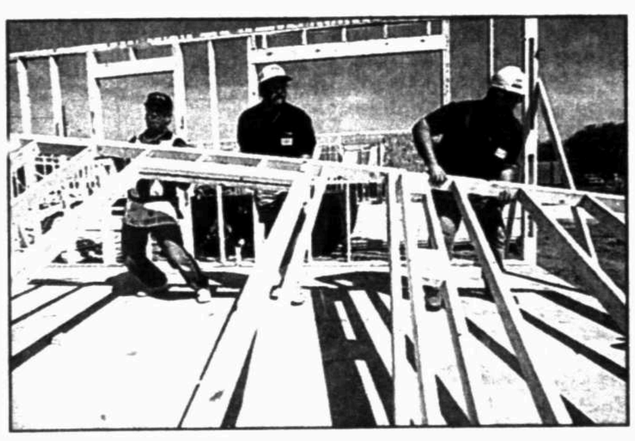


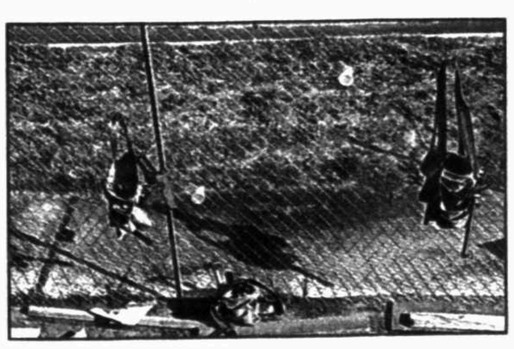


(Above) Lighted by the morning sun Brad Brock of Midland nails up siding panels on 403 S. Jackson St. (Below center) Maria Rodriguez uses a roller to paint the side of a house. Ms. Rodriguez, a future Habitat for Humanity homeowner was putting in her "sweat equity" on the "Miracle on Jackson Street" project. She hopes to have her house built by Christmas. (Below right) Project Manager Mike Perrin, center, helps raise an exterior wall during the framing stage of the project. (Bottom) Tool belts and drinking cups hang from the perimeter fence as volunteers break for lunch.
(Top left) Roofing trusses lie in front of 402 S. Jackson St. as volunteers work on the framing. (Top right) Meals were taken under the circus-style tent next to the building site.
Below left) Mary Rivera and her daughters Chelbie, 5, right, and Breanae, 2, pray during the benediction of their new house at 402 S. Jackson St.









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Commissioner's remarks about oil industry on target

We usually tend to agree with what Texas Railroad Commissioner Carole Keeton Rylander says, but her comments last week while addressing the Society of Petroleum Engineer's Horizontal Conference in Midland seemed particularly apropos.

A supporter of free enterprise and arch-enemy of government interference, Ms. Rylander pointed out that the oil industry pumps $60 billion into the Texas economy while providing 500,000 direct jobs. It also pays $825 million in severance taxes and $1 billion in indirect sales taxes. The oil and gas industry has a big impact on daily life in Texas.

We have seen the value of free enterprise and the detrimental aspect of governmental regulation here in the oil patch.

Then Ms. Rylander focused on an item with which we agree wholeheartedly.

"We need," said Ms. Rylander, "to develop a new era of prosperity — not a new era of bureaucracy."

To achieve that prosperity, she said, "we must lower taxes and reduce government — both federal and state. Economic development begins with fewer taxes, less government spending and less government regulation."

We not only agree that such a philosophy is necessary for the oil and gas industry, but believe that the validity of that free enterprise platform has been proven time and time again in this country.

Competition, she stressed, is a better regulator of the market than government.

Ms. Rylander's comments should find favor here in the heart of the Permian Basin because, in a manner of speaking, the proof is in the pudding. We have seen the value of free enterprise and the detrimental aspect of governmental regulation here in the oil patch.

Yet her message also needs to be heard in other parts of the country. Here she is preaching to the choir. Elsewhere, she might bring new converts into the flock.

Whom to Write

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Princess, prince of a fellow: grief is the same

LUTHERSVILLE, Ga. — From London to Luthersville, about a million miles.

In a simple country church, its red brick stacked beneath a white steeple, the family of Robert Frank Turner mourns his death.

On the same day as the whole world buries Princess Diana, there are other sorrows, other important gravesites.

The Turner family of Senoia comes together, too. A standing-room-only crowd gathers beneath the old shade trees of a country churchyard. They talk for a while, say their hellos, smoke a last cigarette.


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Then they file inside, slowly, reluctantly, past the open casket, looking down once more at their friend and neighbor, Frank.

One important funeral is held in a regal sanctuary where velvet robes have brushed ancient stone, and where kings are buried.

The other is at little Rocky Mount Bethel Baptist Church in rural Meriwether County. Working men hurriedly adjust their neckties to show the proper respect.

Yet the pageantry of grief is somehow the same, reduced to its rudimentaries. Those who would look for contrasts discover more similarities. Somehow it doesn't matter if you're rich or poor, royal or common, black or white. Death is cold. And no matter who we are, we huddle around the fires of ceremony to try and warm ourselves.

There are no dignitaries, no movie stars at Frank's funeral. His death, at age 51, was unexpected. This husband, son, father of four, grandfather of 10, doesn't have Pavarotti to mourn, or Elton John to sing.

But Carl Williams throws his dark head heavenward and croons "His Eye Is on the Sparrow" in the most beguiling tenor.

"I sing because I'm happy. I sing because I'm free....."

And Mary Ella Tolbert rattles the blue translucent panes when she sings of her own inevitable "homegoing."

There are no heads of state, no future kings at Frank Turner's service. But there are beautiful women with babies on their hips and flowers on their hats. And there is a song on the lips of almost everyone packed into an auditorium to say last goodbyes.

The preacher singsongs a sermon about David, who had his vices.

"Nothing I say now is going to hurt Frank," the preacher says. "And there ain't nothing I can say now to help him."

So the preacher just talks about David, how, when in the Valley of the Shadow of Death, David remembered his faith.

"It ain't going to be all right," the preacher tells Frank's grieving family. "It is all right."

And the whole congregation agrees, with a groundswell of clapping and shouting and scattered "Amens." The funeral becomes a celebration, which is what the Rev. Alvin Baker intends.

Outside the air is clear and cool, and the bright sunshine begins to fade the flowers on dozens of arrangements. The grave already has been dug, and soon Frank will be in the ground near his father and two sisters.

There is nothing to do but go home, go on, realizing, as the preacher has just said: "One day, sooner or later, all of us is going to find it is time to leave here."

The funeral for a princess. Another for a prince of a fellow. And the stricken looks on the faces of two families.

As Thomas Gray's "Elegy Written In a Country Churchyard" says, "The boast of heraldry, the pomp of power/And all that beauty, all that wealth e'er gave/Awaits alike the inevitable hour. The paths of glory lead but to the grave....."

The pulpwooders are felling the pines and gums in the surrounding woods. You can see their tracks.

But today those woods are quiet, as if out of respect. The sun that shone on that other funeral, the one across the sea, is now shining here, and making dappled patterns on the red clay drive.

From London to Luthersville. Maybe not so far a distance after all.

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Today in History

Today is Monday, Sept. 22nd, the 265th day of 1997. There are 100 days left in the year. Autumn arrives at 7:56 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 22, 1776, Nathan Hale was hanged as a spy by the British during the Revolutionary War.

On this date:

In 1789, Congress authorized the office of Postmaster-General.

In 1792, the French Republic was proclaimed.

In 1862, President Lincoln issued the preliminary Emancipation Proclamation, declaring all slaves in rebel states should be free as of Jan. 1, 1863.

In 1927, Gene Tunney successfully defended his heavyweight boxing title against Jack Dempsey in the famous "long-count" fight in Chicago.

In 1949, the Soviet Union exploded its first atomic bomb.

In 1958, Sherman Adams, assistant to President Eisenhower, resigned amid charges of improperly using his influence to help an industrialist.

In 1964, the musical "Fiddler on the Roof" opened on Broadway, beginning a run of 3,242 performances.

In 1975, Sara Jane Moore attempted to shoot President Ford outside a San Francisco hotel, but missed.

Charley Reese

Equality may sound ideal, but it poses nothing but trouble

Aristotle said the passion for equality is at the root of sedition. It is certainly at the root of much of the conflict in the United States.

As usual, the conflict is exacerbated because few people these days bother to define their terms. In fact, many people prefer nondefinable language. They like words to mean anything they want them to mean in any particular situation. That's what I call totalitarian semantics. It is much favored by federal judges who have to pretend that their arbitrary decisions are rooted in the Constitution.


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Actually, only two kinds of equality are even possible. One is the equality of all in the eyes of God. We have nothing to do with that. The other is the ideal that all citizens can be equal before the law. Realizing that ideal is difficult, but it is possible and it is worth striving for.

By the way, that is not an ideal that originated in the United States. It is one we inherited from the British. The United Kingdom, for all the blather about diversity, is the mother country of the United States, and most of our institutions and political philosophy are either outright British in origin or derivatives of things British. The second most influential country in American development is Germany.

Otherwise, humans are unequal in all respects. That, too, we have nothing to do with it. We are made that way. If we recognize that inequality is natural and refrain from the elitist habit of labeling every difference in terms of inferior or superior, then a happy society can be maintained. That's the way it was in the early days of the republic.

Once, however, we deny natural inequality, there will never be anything but trouble and conflict, for we will be not only at war with each other over imagined discrimination but at war with nature herself. And no one ever wins that war.

I, for example, have a mechanical aptitude bordering on zero. It appears to be as a natural as the color of my hair and eyes. No amount of effort on my part has ever succeeded in overcoming my natural ineptitude for things mechanical. I even took shop courses, both wood and metal. The results were disastrous. Among the things for which I give thanks are all my fingers. Avoiding outright amputation was the sole success of my ventures into woodworking and metalworking. I have always owned guns and knives, but you will never find a power saw in my house or garage. I am wisely scared of them.

I admire but neither envy nor feel inferior to people who have a high level of mechanical skills. I do not think my shop teachers discriminated against me or that the mechanical aptitude tests were biased. My inequality does not cause me any trouble so long as I refrain from attempting to repair something around the house.

I am unequal to others in lots of respects — talents, intelligence, circumstances, education, energy levels, inclinations, ambitions and so on. So are we all. As an author once expressed it, the characteristic of creation is profusion, not uniformity. Yet I never feel inferior or superior to others. Envy is the most demeaning of vices and arrogance the most stupid. I see people as simply creatures of God, like me, and frankly, I enjoy the variety.

Unfortunately, many Americans seem to be determined to reproduce here the society that just failed in the Soviet Union. The constant harping on alleged discrimination, and the constant demand for government coercion to erase any differences in status or achievement, will produce the same results here as it did in the Soviet Union: violence and collapse.

We should be careful lest we achieve an equality of misery.

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Jailed for terrorism, pardons can't restore lives of Peru's innocent



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Antonia Alfaro, 39, weighs fish at her stall in a street market in the poor Lima neighborhood of Canto Grande Tuesday. Alfaro, a mother of four, spent four years of a life sentence for terrorism in prison, before being pardoned by President Alberto Fujimori.

By David Koop
Associated Press Writer

LIMA, Peru — The first thing Antonia Alfaro did after she left prison was knock on the doors of family and friends to collect the children she left behind when anti-terrorism police took her and her husband away.

Only then, did the 39-year-old mother of four give in to the anger she felt for having served four years of a life sentence for a crime she says she did not commit.

In pardoning Alfaro last Oct. 4, President Alberto Fujimori conceded she had been convicted of terrorism on insufficient evidence.

But, like hundreds of other terrorism prisoners pardoned in the past year, Alfaro found life tough on the outside. They still carry the stigma of conviction, have trouble resuming careers or finding jobs and face the breakup of families.

Their plight is a scar from the war with leftist guerrillas that has killed 30,000 people since 1980 and has included widespread human rights abuses by both sides.

"It's been hard. I lost everything and had to start over again. Plus, the terrorism conviction stays on my record like a stain," said Alfaro, who sells fish in a market in the poor Lima barrio of Canto Grande.

Fujimori's government has freed 226 prisoners it admits were unfairly convicted by military courts of terrorism or treason.

Human rights groups claim that in the drive to put guerrillas behind bars, secret military courts filled Peru's prisons with the guilty and innocent alike in the early 1990s. They estimate that of the 3,900 people jailed on terrorism-related charges, 600 are innocent.

In 1996, the government admitted errors were made by the military courts, which are presided over by "faceless judges" either wearing hoods or sitting behind one-way glass. It formed a review board to determine which prisoners were wrongly convicted and recommend their release.

But the pardoned prisoners have received no compensation and the government has left the convictions on their criminal records.

"They are innocent. They have been pardoned. But they continue being marked, stigmatized," said Gabriela Joo, a social worker who assists freed prisoners.

Suspicion follows the pardoned prisoners. When they apply for a job or are stopped by police, their records come out, making it difficult for them to make a living or lead normal lives.

In some cases the pardoned prisoners' spouses remarried thinking they would never get out of prison or their children were given to other families. Most left prison penniless.

The years in prison, often surrounded by hardline Maoist guerrillas in brutal conditions, scarred many of the innocent, said the Rev. Hubert Lanssiers, a priest who works in Lima's prisons and is Fujimori's representative on the prison review board.

"Prison's effect on the innocent is very hard. I've seen many who have lost their minds," he said.

Alfaro was named by a suspected Shining Path guerrilla during a 1993 interrogation as having helped load a car bomb.

Police found no trace of explosives on her hands or incriminating evidence in her house. But a military court sentenced her and her husband to life in prison.

Human rights groups say suspected rebels are pressured, even tortured, to give names of fellow guerrillas during interrogations. Sometimes they name personal enemies or mere acquaintances as collaborators.

Simply being named is often enough for a military court to hand down a life sentence.

Alfaro says she did not know the woman who gave her name, but many people knew her name through her fish stall in a busy street market.

While in prison, she lost her children and her house. Another seller took over her fish stall. Her relationship with her husband, who also has been freed, collapsed.

After a fight, she got her children back and her fish stall. Many of her customers go elsewhere because they are afraid to buy from her, she says. She wants the government to clear her name and compensate her for the years in prison.

"It's clearly unjust. The government has admitted it made a mistake, but will not compensate them or even wipe their slates clean," said Ernesto de la Jarra of the Legal Defense Institute.

Although human rights advocates say more should be done to help imprisoned innocents, they give the government credit for trying to right past wrongs.

"I think it is meritorious that the president has admitted there were errors and has taken steps to correct them. But evidently it is not enough," Lanssiers said.

Even those acquitted by military courts can face a nightmare.

Juan Huapaya, 35, was tried and absolved twice by military courts on charges of belonging to a leftist guerrilla group, but he still spent almost three years in prison awaiting the trials.

Since being freed in May, Huapaya, a former leader of the municipal workers union, has been unable to get Lima City Hall to rehire him as a municipal policeman.

"I'm not guilty. Everyone has said so. But I can't get my old life back," he said.

Train crash probe looks at safety system

LONDON (AP) — Rail officials are investigating whether a computerized warning system was switched off when a passenger express train plowed into a freight train, killing six passengers, track operators said Sunday.

The question of whether the safety mechanism, which slams on brakes in an emergency, was operating is "fundamental" to the inquiry into Friday's accident, said Andy Hancock, acting director of Railtrack, which operates the rail lines.

Hancock refused to confirm or deny newspaper reports that the system, known as the Advanced Warning System, was switched off because Great Western, the train operator, and Railtrack considered it unreliable.

The passenger express, heading to London's Paddington station from Wales, slammed into an empty freight train crossing the track Friday, killing six male passengers and injuring more than 150.

Five of the dead were British.

Six of the most seriously injured people remained hospitalized Sunday, two in critical condition, hospital officials said.

The driver of the passenger express is out on bail for investigation of a manslaughter charge. He was arrested and questioned Friday, but has not been charged.

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Commissioner's remarks about oil industry on target

We usually tend to agree with what Texas Railroad Commissioner Carole Keeton Rylander says, but her comments last week while addressing the Society of Petroleum Engineer's Horizontal Conference in Midland seemed particularly apropos.

A supporter of free enterprise and arch-enemy of government interference, Ms. Rylander pointed out that the oil industry pumps $60 billion into the Texas economy while providing 500,000 direct jobs. It also pays $825 million in severance taxes and $1 billion in indirect sales taxes. The oil and gas industry has a big impact on daily life in Texas.

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Then Ms. Rylander focused on an item with which we agree wholeheartedly.

"We need," said Ms. Rylander, "to develop a new era of prosperity — not a new era of bureaucracy."

To achieve that prosperity, she said, "we must lower taxes and reduce government — both federal and state. Economic development begins with fewer taxes, less government spending and less government regulation."

We not only agree that such a philosophy is necessary for the oil and gas industry, but believe that the validity of that free enterprise platform has been proven time and time again in this country.

Competition, she stressed, is a better regulator of the market than government.

Ms. Rylander's comments should find favor here in the heart of the Permian Basin because, in a manner of speaking, the proof is in the pudding. We have seen the value of free enterprise and the detrimental aspect of governmental regulation here in the oil patch.

Yet her message also needs to be heard in other parts of the country. Here she is preaching to the choir. Elsewhere, she might bring new converts into the flock.

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In a simple country church, its red brick stacked beneath a white steeple, the family of Robert Frank Turner mourns his death.

On the same day as the whole world buries Princess Diana, there are other sorrows, other important gravesites.

The Turner family of Senoia comes together, too. A standing-room-only crowd gathers beneath the old shade trees of a country churchyard. They talk for a while, say their hellos, smoke a last cigarette.


Johnson

Then they file inside, slowly, reluctantly, past the open casket, looking down once more at their friend and neighbor, Frank.

One important funeral is held in a regal sanctuary where velvet robes have brushed ancient stone, and where kings are buried.

The other is at little Rocky Mount Bethel Baptist Church in rural Meriwether County. Working men hurriedly adjust their neckties to show the proper respect.

Yet the pageantry of grief is somehow the same, reduced to its rudimentaries. Those who would look for contrasts discover more similarities. Somehow it doesn't matter if you're rich or poor, royal or common, black or white. Death is cold. And no matter who we are, we huddle around the fires of ceremony to try and warm ourselves.

There are no dignitaries, no movie stars at Frank's funeral. His death, at age 51, was unexpected. This husband, son, father of four, grandfather of 10, doesn't have Pavarotti to mourn, or Elton John to sing.

But Carl Williams throws his dark head heavenward and croons "His Eye Is on the Sparrow" in the most beguiling tenor.

"I sing because I'm happy. I sing because I'm free...."

And Mary Ella Tolbert rattles the blue translucent panes when she sings of her own inevitable "homegoing."

There are no heads of state, no future kings at Frank Turner's service. But there are beautiful women with babies on their hips and flowers on their hats. And there is a song on the lips of almost everyone packed into an auditorium to say last goodbyes.

The preacher singsongs a sermon about David, who had his vices.

"Nothing I say now is going to hurt Frank," the preacher says. "And there ain't nothing I can say now to help him."

So the preacher just talks about David, how, when in the Valley of the Shadow of Death, David remembered his faith.

"It ain't going to be all right," the preacher tells Frank's grieving family. "It is all right."

And the whole congregation agrees, with a groundswell of clapping and shouting and scattered "Amens." The funeral becomes a celebration, which is what the Rev. Alvin Baker intends.

Outside the air is clear and cool, and the bright sunshine begins to fade the flowers on dozens of arrangements. The grave already has been dug, and soon Frank will be in the ground near his father and two sisters.

There is nothing to do but go home, go on, realizing, as the preacher has just said: "One day, sooner or later, all of us is going to find it is time to leave here."

The funeral for a princess. Another for a prince of a fellow. And the stricken looks on the faces of two families.

As Thomas Gray's "Elegy Written In a Country Churchyard" says, "The boast of heraldry, the pomp of power/And all that beauty, all that wealth e'er gave/Awaits alike the inevitable hour. The paths of glory lead but to the grave....."

The pulpwooders are felling the pines and gums in the surrounding woods. You can see their tracks.

But today those woods are quiet, as if out of respect. The sun that shone on that other funeral, the one across the sea, is now shining here, and making dappled patterns on the red clay drive.

From London to Luthersville. Maybe not so far a distance after all.

Rheta Grimsley Johnson's column is distributed by King Features Syndicate.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Monday, Sept. 22nd, the 265th day of 1997. There are 100 days left in the year. Autumn arrives at 7:56 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 22, 1776, Nathan Hale was hanged as a spy by the British during the Revolutionary War.

On this date:

In 1789, Congress authorized the office of Postmaster-General.

In 1792, the French Republic was proclaimed.

In 1862, President Lincoln issued the preliminary Emancipation Proclamation, declaring all slaves in rebel states should be free as of Jan. 1, 1863.

In 1927, Gene Tunney successfully defended his heavyweight boxing title against Jack Dempsey in the famous "long-count" fight in Chicago.

In 1949, the Soviet Union exploded its first atomic bomb.

In 1958, Sherman Adams, assistant to President Eisenhower, resigned amid charges of improperly using his influence to help an industrialist.

In 1964, the musical "Fiddler on the Roof" opened on Broadway, beginning a run of 3,242 performances.

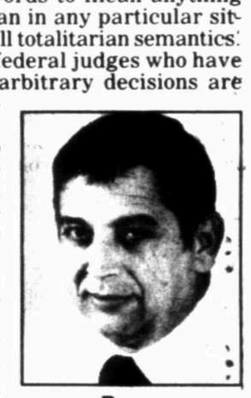
In 1975, Sara Jane Moore attempted to shoot President Ford outside a San Francisco hotel, but missed.

CHARLEY REESE

Equality may sound ideal, but it poses nothing but trouble

Aristotle said the passion for equality is at the root of sedition. It is certainly at the root of much of the conflict in the United States.

As usual, the conflict is exacerbated because few people these days bother to define their terms. In fact, many people prefer nondefinable language. They like words to mean anything they want them to mean in any particular situation. That's what I call totalitarian semantics. It is much favored by federal judges who have to pretend that their arbitrary decisions are rooted in the Constitution.


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Actually, only two kinds of equality are even possible. One is the equality of all in the eyes of God. We have nothing to do with that. The other is the ideal that all citizens can be equal before the law. Realizing that ideal is difficult, but it is possible and it is worth striving for.

By the way, that is not an ideal that originated in the United States. It is one we inherited from the British. The United Kingdom, for all the blather about diversity, is the mother country of the United States, and most of our institutions and political philosophy are either outright British in origin or derivatives of things British. The second most influential country in American development is Germany.

Otherwise, humans are unequal in all respects. That, too, we have nothing to do with it. We are made that way. If we recognize that inequality is natural and refrain from the elitist habit of labeling every difference in terms of inferior or superior, then a happy society can be maintained. That's the way it was in the early days of the republic.

Once, however, we deny natural inequality, there will never be anything but trouble and conflict, for we will be not only at war with each other over imagined discrimination but at war with nature herself. And no one ever wins that war.

I, for example, have a mechanical aptitude bordering on zero. It appears to be as a natural as the color of my hair and eyes. No amount of effort on my part has ever succeeded in overcoming my natural ineptitude for things mechanical. I even took shop courses, both wood and metal. The results were disastrous. Among the things for which I give thanks are all my fingers. Avoiding outright amputation was the sole success of my ventures into woodworking and metalworking. I have always owned guns and knives, but you will never find a power saw in my house or garage. I am wisely scared of them.

I admire but neither envy nor feel inferior to people who have a high level of mechanical skills. I do not think my shop teachers discriminated against me or that the mechanical aptitude tests were biased. My inequality does not cause me any trouble so long as I refrain from attempting to repair something around the house.

I am unequal to others in lots of respects — talents, intelligence, circumstances, education, energy levels, inclinations, ambitions and so on. So are we all. As an author once expressed it, the characteristic of creation is profusion, not uniformity. Yet I never feel inferior or superior to others. Envy is the most demeaning of vices and arrogance the most stupid. I see people as simply creatures of God, like me, and frankly, I enjoy the variety.

Unfortunately, many Americans seem to be determined to reproduce here the society that just failed in the Soviet Union. The constant harping on alleged discrimination, and the constant demand for government coercion to erase any differences in status or achievement, will produce the same results here as it did in the Soviet Union: violence and collapse.

We should be careful lest we achieve an equality of misery.

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Jailed for terrorism, pardons can't restore lives of Peru's innocent



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Antonia Alfaro, 39, weighs fish at her stall in a street market in the poor Lima neighborhood of Canto Grande Tuesday. Alfaro, a mother of four, spent four years of a life sentence for terrorism in prison, before being pardoned by President Alberto Fujimori.

By David Koop
Associated Press Writer

LIMA, Peru — The first thing Antonia Alfaro did after she left prison was knock on the doors of family and friends to collect the children she left behind when anti-terrorism police took her and her husband away.

Only then, did the 39-year-old mother of four give in to the anger she felt for having served four years of a life sentence for a crime she says she did not commit.

In pardoning Alfaro last Oct. 4, President Alberto Fujimori conceded she had been convicted of terrorism on insufficient evidence.

But, like hundreds of other terrorism prisoners pardoned in the past year, Alfaro found life tough on the outside. They still carry the stigma of conviction, have trouble resuming careers or finding jobs and face the breakup of families.

Their plight is a scar from the war with leftist guerrillas that has killed 30,000 people since 1980 and has included widespread human rights abuses by both sides.

"It's been hard. I lost everything and had to start over again. Plus, the terrorism conviction stays on my record like a stain," said Alfaro, who sells fish in a market in the poor Lima barrio of Canto Grande.

Fujimori's government has freed 226 prisoners it admits were unfairly convicted by military courts of terrorism or treason.

Human rights groups claim that in the drive to put guerrillas behind bars, secret military courts filled Peru's prisons with the guilty and innocent alike in the early 1990s. They estimate that of the 3,900 people jailed on terrorism-related charges, 600 are innocent.

In 1996, the government admitted errors were made by the military courts, which are presided over by "faceless judges" either wearing hoods or sitting behind one-way glass. It formed a review board to determine which prisoners were wrongly convicted and recommend their release.

But the pardoned prisoners have received no compensation and the government has left the convictions on their criminal records.

"They are innocent. They have been pardoned. But they continue being marked, stigmatized," said Gabriela Joo, a social worker who assists freed prisoners.

Suspicion follows the pardoned prisoners. When they apply for a job or are stopped by police, their records come out, making it difficult for them to make a living or lead normal lives.

In some cases the pardoned prisoners' spouses remarried thinking they would never get out of prison or their children were given to other families. Most left prison penniless.

The years in prison, often surrounded by hardline Maoist guerrillas in brutal conditions, scarred many of the innocent, said the Rev. Hubert Lanssiers, a priest who works in Lima's prisons and is Fujimori's representative on the prison review board.

"Prison's effect on the innocent is very hard. I've seen many who have lost their minds," he said.

Alfaro was named by a suspected Shining Path guerrilla during a 1993 interrogation as having helped load a car bomb.

Police found no trace of explosives on her hands or incriminating evidence in her house. But a military court sentenced her and her husband to life in prison.

Human rights groups say suspected rebels are pressured, even tortured, to give names of fellow guerrillas during interrogations. Sometimes they name personal enemies or mere acquaintances as collaborators.

Simply being named is often enough for a military court to hand down a life sentence.

Alfaro says she did not know the woman who gave her name, but many people knew her name through her fish stall in a busy street market.

While in prison, she lost her children and her house. Another seller took over her fish stall. Her relationship with her husband, who also has been freed, collapsed.

After a fight, she got her children back and her fish stall. Many of her customers go elsewhere because they are afraid to buy from her, she says. She wants the government to clear her name and compensate her for the years in prison.

"It's clearly unjust. The government has admitted it made a mistake, but will not compensate them or even wipe their slates clean," said Ernesto de la Jarra of the Legal Defense Institute.

Although human rights advocates say more should be done to help imprisoned innocents, they give the government credit for trying to right past wrongs.

"I think it is meritorious that the president has admitted there were errors and has taken steps to correct them. But evidently it is not enough," Lanssiers said.

Even those acquitted by military courts can face a nightmare.

Juan Huapaya, 35, was tried and absolved twice by military courts on charges of belonging to a leftist guerrilla group, but he still spent almost three years in prison awaiting the trials.

Since being freed in May, Huapaya, a former leader of the municipal workers union, has been unable to get Lima City Hall to rehire him as a municipal policeman.

"I'm not guilty. Everyone has said so. But I can't get my old life back," he said.

Train crash probe looks at safety system

LONDON (AP) — Rail officials are investigating whether a computerized warning system was switched off when a passenger express train plowed into a freight train, killing six passengers, track operators said Sunday.

The question of whether the safety mechanism, which slams on brakes in an emergency, was operating is "fundamental" to the inquiry into Friday's accident, said Andy Hancock, acting director of Railtrack, which operates the rail lines.

Hancock refused to confirm or deny newspaper reports that the system, known as the Advanced Warning System, was switched off because Great Western, the train operator, and Railtrack considered it unreliable.

The passenger express, heading to London's Paddington station from Wales, slammed into an empty freight train crossing the track Friday, killing six male passengers and injuring more than 150.

Five of the dead were British.

Six of the most seriously injured people remained hospitalized Sunday, two in critical condition, hospital officials said.

The driver of the passenger express is out on bail for investigation of a manslaughter charge. He was arrested and questioned Friday, but has not been charged.

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How would Clinton's proposed 4th-grade reading, 8th-grade math tests work?

Test ideas

Although Congress will decide the future of proposed national tests for fourth-grade reading and eighth-grade math, advisers to the Education Department have come up with some ideas of how the tests would work:

GENERAL

Tests would be first given in the spring of 1999. Children would take both tests in their regular classrooms, supervised by their regular teachers. The 90-minute examinations would be given over two days.

TYPES OF ANSWERS

Both tests would require a mixture of answers. Some would be multiple-choice, requiring children to pick the correct answer from a choice of four or five. Some math answers have blanks where students fill in the numerical answer.

There would also be short written answers and longer written answers in reading.

Some math questions would require children to show how they solve the problem. Partial credit would be given if the right steps were taken but the answer was wrong.

EXAMPLES

READING — A passage tells how glaciers and icebergs formed from snow.

A multiple-choice question would test basic understanding by asking what happens when chunks of ice break off glaciers and fall into the ocean. (Answer: Icebergs are formed.)

Using the reading and their own knowledge of the world, students would also write what makes glaciers move and how that differs from what makes other things move.

MATH — A drawing shows five balls marked "A" balancing three balls marked "B" on scales. Another drawing shows a ball marked "B" balancing a ball marked "A" and two marked "C." Question: How many "C" balls does it take to balance an "A" ball?

Choose which of five possible answers is the correct one. (Answer: 3).

A child could solve the problem by using algebra, figuring out first that what was given was 5a3b and ba+2c. Then, the child could figure out that 5a3a+6c, 2a6c and a3c. Alternately, a child could use more visual thinking, grouping balls: AAAAAACC, ACC, ACC, etc.)

WASHINGTON (AP) — If President Clinton has his way, millions of fourth- and eighth-graders will soon sit down in their classrooms to take tests measuring how well they can read or do math.

They'll fill out multiple-choice questions. They'll write answers: a few words, a sentence, sometimes longer. They'll show how they solved their math problems — and might get some credit for using the correct approach even if the answer is wrong.

As little as six weeks later, the grades will come back — a numerical score based on correct answers to the 90-minute tests, each given over two days.

Each child's skills and knowledge will be deemed basic, proficient or advanced in the subject — a judgment not made in the other widely used, commercially available tests now found in many American schools.

And if the Education Department can iron out technical problems, the math results will be compared with how students in other countries do.

Whether the voluntary tests are given in the spring of 1999 as planned depends on Congress. The House voted last week to block them. The Senate has given them the green light, but only if an independent board takes control of testing from the Education Department.

The Clinton administration says the idea behind the tests is to give parents and schools new types of information in a more-timely fashion.

First of all, the tests of fourth-grade reading and eighth-grade math will be among the most public around, says Marshall S. Smith, acting deputy secretary of education.

A model test will be put on the Internet next spring, along with suggestions of activities or books for teachers and parents to use.

"Everybody will see what the test is like," said Smith. "There will be descriptions of the items, why they are on the test and what they are trying to measure."

The actual tests also will be made public soon after they are given so teachers and children can go over them and other people can try them. Because of that public distribution, the tests would have to be changed each year.

Also, the graded tests will be returned to parents and schools before the end of the school year.

"The teacher will be able to sit down with the kids and say, 'This is where you're strong, and this is where you're weak,'" Smith said. Principals could use the test to help see that teachers are better trained.

But not everyone believes the uses will be so benign. Civil rights groups worry that poor black and Hispanic children in substandards schools will be branded as inferior and unteachable. Some teachers

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worry about the use of tests to rate them and to compare schools.

Other people criticize the tests for the opposite reason.

"If a student fails or if a school is failing to reach real skills and knowledge, all we have is information," said Oklahoma Gov. Frank Keating, a Republican. "There are no consequences."

Oklahoma is one of 46 states creating education standards that all students should be able to meet. Those who fail the state's third-grade reading test get "intensive remediation" and may be held back.

Many states already are developing new tests designed to see how students meet their state standards. In addition, more than half offer commercially available tests in a variety of grades, as does Oklahoma.

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50 volunteer to be injected with live strain of HIV

CHICAGO (AP) — A group of doctors and public health advocates say AIDS research is so important that they are willing to risk their lives by being the first humans to be injected with a vaccine consisting of a live, though weakened, strain of HIV.

The International Association of Physicians in AIDS Care, based in Chicago, wants to conduct the test involving about 50 volunteers. The group intends to talk with National Institutes of Health officials about the idea.

Gordon Nary, executive director of the Chicago group and one of the trial's volunteers, said the risks of being in the study are diminished by what can be learned from it.

AIDS vaccine development is a slow process because of the safety measures and rigorous animal testing needed before injecting humans with a trial vaccine.

"Vaccine development has really dragged on because there is an assumption by conservative scientists that people won't step up and do this," Nary said.

AIDS research efforts have focused on vaccines that do not involve a live virus because of fear that even a weakened, live human immunodiciency virus strain might be capable of causing AIDS or other problems.

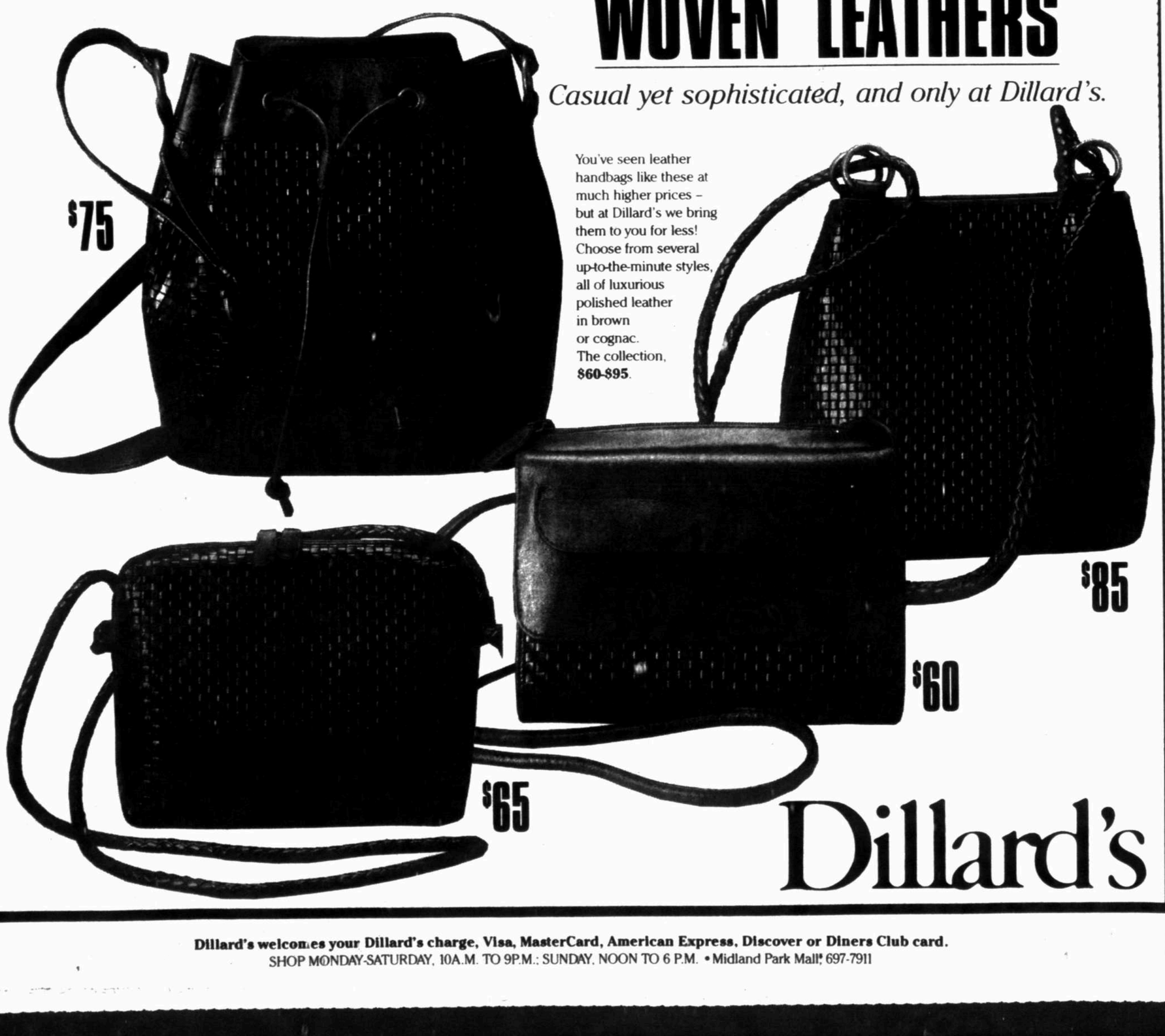
Dr. Mark Grabowsky of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases is skeptical of the proposed study and says it's premature to talk about injecting healthy people with a live vaccine.

The Chicago group wants approval from the Food and Drug Administration but promises to go on even if they don't receive an OK from the FDA, said Dr. Charles Farthing, the study's leader and medical director of the AIDS Healthcare Foundation in Los Angeles.

Meanwhile, prominent AIDS researcher David Ho told the 2,500 people gathered in Miami Beach, Fla., for the U.S. Conference on AIDS that researchers are developing protease drugs that would be taken once a day — instead of the current regimen of dozens of pills several times a day. Trials involving patients could begin within six months, he said.

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No, a grasshopper

A grasshopper hops into a bar and has a seat.

"Hey," the bartender says, "we've got a drink named after you."

The grasshopper says, "You've got a drink named Murray?"

This week's lawyer joke

Q: What is the difference between a lawyer and a herd of buffalo?

A: The lawyer charges more.

Just reboot

Three men are driving through the desert. The electrical engineer is driving with a mechanical engineer in the front passenger seat and the computer software engineer in the back seat. Suddenly the car breaks down. The three men are sitting in the car trying to figure out what to do.

The electrical engineer says, 'well, the warning lights would seem to indicate that the radiator is too hot, that the seat belts are not fastened, that the car needs oil & gas; the emergency flasher is on but does not work, nor do the brakes, airbags, or headlights; besides all that, that a door is ajar.'

The mechanical engineer says, 'Well, the buzzing clearly indicates that the fan belt is no longer turning the fan, the pistons are blown, the valves are clattering, the muffler is shot, and there is something rattling very loosely in the glove box.'

The computer software engineer says, 'I know, let's all get out and get back in again.'

Quickies

A psychiatrist is a fellow who asks you a lot of expensive questions your wife asks for nothing.

Marriage is give and take. You'd better give it to her or she'll take it anyway.

It's not that I'm afraid to die. I just don't want to be there when it happens. — Woody Allen

If God wanted me to touch my toes, he would have put them on my knees.

I can only please one person a day, and today ain't your day

Cajun bashing

Two Cajuns went fishing in the bayou. They caught fish like mad! They got tired of hauling in the catch and decided to mark the spot by putting an 'X' in the middle of the boat. They got back to the dock and one of them said, 'Hey, how are we going to know where the spot is if we don't get this boat the next time we go fishing???'

From a 5-year-old

Q. Why do sharks live in salt water?

A. Because pepper makes them sneeze.

Unhappy astronaut

America, Russia and Japan are sending up a two year shuttle mission with one astronaut from each country. Since it's going to be two years up there, each may take any form of entertainment weighing 150 pound or less.

The American approaches the NASA board and asks to take his 125 lb wife. They approve.

The Japanese astronaut says, 'I've always wanted to learn Greek. I want 150 lbs of books to learn Greek with.' The NASA board approves.

The Russian astronaut thinks for a second and says, 'It's gonna be two years up there. I want 150 pounds of the best Cuban cigars ever made.' Again, NASA okays it.

Two years later, the shuttle lands and everyone is gathered outside the shuttle to see what each astronaut got out of his personal entertainment. Well, it's obvious what the American's been up to, He and his wife are each holding an infant.

The crowd cheers.

The Japanese astronaut steps out and makes a 10 minute speech in absolutely perfect Greek. The crowd doesn't understand a word of it, but they're impressed and they cheer. The Russian astronaut stomps out, clenches the podium until his knuckles turn white, glares at the first row waving a chewed up cigar at them and says:

'Anybody got a match?'

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And now a new disease for the 1990s: Sports-aholism

By Diane White
N.Y. Times News Service

As soon as we had shopaholics and sexaholics it was only a matter of time before we had sportsaholics, and here they are. Sports addiction is the dysfunction du jour. In his new book, "Not Now Honey, I'm Watching The Game," Kevin Quirk explains sportsaholism — his word for it — and suggests ways to overcome it.

Ostensibly, Quirk addresses male sports addicts and the women who love them — or who have to be around them at least — but in fact his book, like most "recovery" books, is aimed primarily at women. After all, how many men would willingly pry themselves away from ESPN and say, "Help! I'm a sports addict!" If anything is to be done about a sports addiction, it's the woman who must get the ball rolling, so to speak.

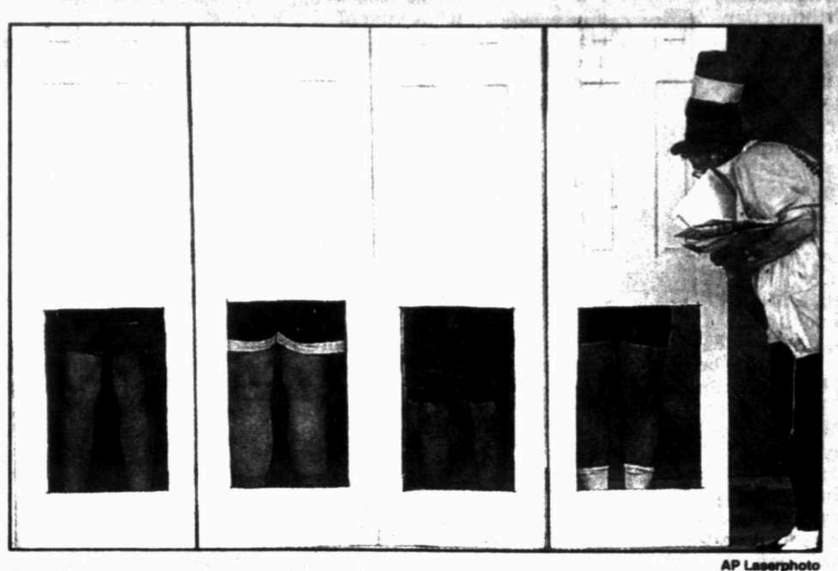
But let's back up a minute. Can sports really be an addiction? What behavior can't, these days? We are all codependent, or so it sometimes seems. Most of us know men who are utterly obsessed with sports. But are they addicts? Or just obnoxious?

Quirk argues that sports can indeed be an addiction and that what grabs men (and a few women) is the drama, which, he writes, "can hook you like a drug, one you may never want to give up. And while sports-aholism certainly doesn't ravage the body the way alcoholism or chemical dependency do, it can have negative life consequences."

Quirk writes from the perspective of a recovering sportsaholic who knows firsthand about those consequences. His first marriage came asunder because of his obsession with sports. Later he gave up his "dream career," sportswriting, and became a counselor specializing in "relationships and life transitions."

A sportsaholic, Quirk writes, is,

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In kneed of a winner

Barbara Cain, right, checks out the knees of, from left, Rod Parham, Frank Niciewski, Tory Jones and Dan Wilcox during the Men's Knees Contest last Saturday, at the Winston-Dillard Melon Festival at Riverbend Park in Winston, Ore. Eight contestants bared their legs in the competition that saw all the contestants walk away with at least one award from Jones' hairiest knees to Phillip Baca's ugliest knees.



Curt Wilcott/Reporter-Telegram

Fern Harris participated last year in the annual "Home for the Holidays" program sponsored by Southwest Airlines.

Senior Trip

Southwest Airlines again offers program to senior citizen fliers

By Mella McEwen
Staff Writer

Last holiday season, Fern Harris received a present from Southwest Airlines.

Mrs. Harris won a trip on the airline through its "Home for the Holidays" program for senior citizens and traveled to San Juan Capistrano, Calif. to visit her brother, whom she hadn't seen in a year.

She was one of 850 senior citizens the airline flew to visit loved ones last year.

Southwest is offering its "Home for the Holidays" program again this year, in conjunction with the Permian Basin Area Agency on Aging. Senior citizens who are at least 65 can apply for a trip at one of the local senior centers or at the agency on Aging. The deadline is October 17.

Mrs. Harris said without the program she wouldn't have thought of visiting her brother at that time. She thoroughly enjoyed her trip last year, saying that "I felt it was fun to know I was sitting there and I was as important as the King of England."

She intends to apply again this year, if the rules allow, and if luck strikes a second time, she said she'd like to visit her twin brother in Washington State.

And she encourages other senior citizens to apply "if they can travel at all and would enjoy it."

She loves to travel, whether it's by plane, train or car, and traveled different places with her husband Lyle, to whom she was married for 54 years. She recalled driving the family truck to Alaska and then flying over the North Pole and also traveling to Japan to visit a girl they had befriended who had grown up to be a missionary.

Mrs. Harris was born in La Junta, Colo. in 1916 on a cattle ranch. She said she lived in the country until she was 8 when the family moved into town.

At age 19, after she had graduated from high school, her mother suggested she

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Love of veterans carved into his heart, memorial

By Jon McConal
N.Y. Times News Service

PROCTOR — T.L. Steele's love for the military lies entrenched in his emotions.

Just how deep those feelings are can be seen in a hand-carved wooden memorial at the Hanson cemetery not far from this town west of Dublin, Texas.

Steele did most of the work himself.

He's a huge man with big fists, a big face and a wrenching grip.

'I love the military," he said.

Because of that love, he built his memorial to veterans free.

"Why? Well, a memorial company wanted $2,500 to build one out of stone. And then every time we lost a veteran, it would cost another $100 to add his name and it wouldn't be in alphabetical order," he said. "And a rock marker would be so low on the ground that you couldn't see it unless you got down on your hands and knees."

But with his marker, all that is required is to add or turn around a wooden slat.

Steele learned carpentry early. But he wanted to fly when he volunteered for the service June 3, 1941.

"But when I was a kid, some buddies and I had gotten some BBs out of a shotgun shell and were trying to destroy the evidence. The powder exploded and nearly blinded me," he said.

So much for being a pilot. Instead, he became a

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Thank You Note ...

Midland Neighborhood Housing Services held a press conference to spotlight the completion of two of our projects for home owners on Midland's south side. We rehabilitated a home in the Washington Park area and we reconstructed a home in the South Park area.

Because we saw that the home owners we were able to assist with rehabs or reconstruction of their homes would truly benefit from a brightening up of their "new" home with some new accessories, we developed a "Welcome Home" kit to present to each home owner as we complete the construction work.

We would like to publicly acknowledge businesses and individuals who donated items for the "Welcome Home" kit for each family. Alldredge Gardens donated a plant for each home. Walmart donated a welcome mat, two towel sets, two bath mat sets and a kitchen towel set. J.J.'s Balloon Creations donated a basket of goodies. NHS board members Dorothy Smith and Betty Terrell each donated a shower curtain set.

To all of these we offer our sincere thanks!

— Cynthia Ortiz-Ramirez
Community Organizer

JIMMY PATTERSON

Because she's your mother, that's why



Patterson

There are certain phrases and questions you hear only in houses where there are kids. Words or sentiments that would be unique to where families live and children grow, and nowhere else. (According to Mrs. P, some of these phrases could very well be heard where only men live too, but I resemble that remark).

Anyway, here are a few favorites:

Can I peel your banana for you before you eat it?

Why are there socks in the microwave?

Please don't climb on the cat.

I'lllllllllll get it!

Get off the phone right now!

Where are my shin guards?

Please don't use your shirt sleeve to wipe your nose.

Get down off there.

Do you think I can see through you?

You call this clean?

Quit touching yourself.

Because I'm your mother, that's why.

Because she's your mother, that's why.

Daddy? ... Daddy?... Daddy? ... Daddy? ... Daddy? ... Daddy? ... Daddy? ... Daddy?... Daddy?

Will you PLEASE get your finger out of your nose.

The answer is still no.

I don't care what everybody else is doing.

And who's gonna be paying for this?

It's MINE!

Don't hit your sisters.

Did you wipe?

As long as you live in this house, that's the way it will be.

I don't know, ask your mother.

I don't know, ask your father.

I was a kid once, too, ya know.

Who didn't lower the seat'

(Fill in the blank) THIS INSTANT!

What time is it, where is it, and when do I have to pick you up?

As long as I live there will never be another slumber party in this house.

You promised I'd do WHAT?

There's not enough money in the world.

Stop that and eat.

Chew your food.

Don't talk with your mouth full.

Get off the couch with that cupcake.

Close that refrigerator door RIGHT NOW.

You pierced what?

What is that silver thing in your tongue?

Turn off the light when you leave the room.

Don't 'But, Dad!' me.

Yeah, sure it was an accident.

I will not be ignored.

Don't make me come over there.

If I have to get up out of this chair ...

I'm sorry, but this is not a democ-

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DAVE BARRY

A good egg, sure, but what happens when it hatches? What then?

I don't mean to get all mushy here, but I want to tell you about Earl.

Earl is my pet. I got him several months ago, at my 50th birthday party, which was a quiet and relaxed affair, in stark contrast to my 30th birthday party, which I am pretty sure is still going on somewhere.



Barry

Earl was given to me by my friend Carl Hiaasen, a Miami Herald columnist and book author. Carl does not write syrupy, romantic books; Carl writes the type of book wherein a key character has his left hand surgically replaced with a working weed whacker.

At my party, Carl, who was clearly embarrassed about making such a maudlin gesture, presented me with a Tupperware container bedecked with colorful ribbons. On the lid, written with a marking pen, was a date.

"That's when it's supposed to hatch," said Carl.

"Hatch?" I said.

I opened the lid, and there, on a bed of moss, was an egg. Carl wouldn't tell me what kind of egg, because he wanted it to be a fun surprise. But you could tell it wasn't a baby chicken in there.

"When it hatches," said Carl, "it's going to want to eat."

"Eat WHAT?" I asked.

"You'll know," said Carl.

We named the egg Earl. I'm pretty sure Earl is a snake. I say this because Carl told me he got Earl from a guy named Joe, who is very active in the South Florida snake community, although he is also involved with other reptile groups. I met Joe at a party one evening in a nice suburban Miami home; we'd been chatting for a few minutes when Joe reached into his pocket, exactly the way a person might reach for a package of breath mints, and pulled out — I swear — a turtle with two heads.

"You don't see many of these," observed Joe.

"No," I said, brushing off my shirt where I had spat beer on it.

So anyway, now we have a suspected snake egg in the household. This fact does not sit well with a certain type of person, and when I say "a certain type of person," I am referring to my wife, Michelle. She believes that there should be no life form in the household that could not qualify for a Social Security card. She's even afraid of lizards, which are cute little rascals that you see everywhere here in South Florida, outside and inside, clinging to your walls and ceilings, showing off their physiques, sometimes engaging in explicit sex acts and then smoking tiny lizard cigarettes. "It's Always Spring Break," that is the lizard motto.

The other day I found a lizard in our fax machine. I don't know what he was doing; maybe we was trying to transmit himself to some other household where he had heard there were some hot lizard babes. Anyway, Michelle saw this lizard and went sprinting into the bathroom and closed the door; she would not come out until I had shooed it onto the floor and out the door, which is not easy because lizards move at just above the speed of light, so you have to lunge around your living room like a water buffalo chasing a gnat, a scene that always draws hearty chuckles from the lizards on the ceiling.

The point is that Michelle hates lizards, and she REALLY hates snakes. Many women feel this way. Several months ago we had a houseguest named Bonnie who is, like Michelle, a sports writer. Bonnie was staying in our little guest cottage, and one morning she came sprinting into the house, ashen-faced, to report that (1) she thought she had seen a snake go into the cottage; and (2) she was not going into the cottage ever again, even if this meant abandoning her luggage. Michelle totally agreed with this decision. These are two women who routinely ask critical questions of professional football players the size of construction equipment, but they insisted on remaining in the house and sending me, armed only with a broom, to find the snake.

I laughed in a deep and manful voice. "You silly women!" I said. "It's just a snake!" Then, when I got inside the cottage, I minced around with only my toenails touching the floor, waving my broom like a madman, praying to a Higher Power to please please please let the snake not be there, which fortunately it was not, although Bonnie nevertheless checked out immediately and has not returned.

So considering the anti-snake stance of the household, it's pretty ironic that we wound up with Earl as a pet. He hasn't hatched yet, and he's past his due date. Carl says if Earl doesn't hatch, he (Carl) will give us a replacement.

But we don't want a replacement. We like Earl just the way he is. He sits on the dining table, in his beribboned container, and he's never a speck of trouble. If you feel down and need somebody to talk to, Earl is there. When we leave the house, we tell him, "Stay, Earl! Good boy!" and when we get home, he's right where we left him. Call me crazy, but I believe Earl and I have developed a bond. I believe that, if I got into some kind of trouble — say I was home alone and, while rummaging in the freezer for frozen yogurt, I got my hand trapped in the automatic ice-maker — I could yell, "Earl! Go get help, boy!" I could yell this until my arm froze off, and Earl would never get bored. He's a terrific listener.

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Dave welcomes your comments, complaints, news tips and greetings, no matter how rude! Mail them to: Dave Barry, Miami Herald, 1 Herald Plaza, Miami, Fla. 33132.

Despite the hyenas, this lion stood his ground till the end

By John Kass

My grandfather used to tell the story about the old lion.

When the lion was young and strong, the jackals and hyenas who fed off his kills were afraid and they kept a safe distance. All the animals would marvel at his strength and ingenuity and tell stories about his prowess.

But the lion got old. One day, he got his foot caught under a rock. Something in his leg snapped and he began to limp. The hyenas smelled weakness and got closer. Since he couldn't turn as easily as before, they started nipping.

"This is for exposing us as cowards," said a jackal, "even though we lived off you for a long time."

"And this is for making me feel lousy," said a hyena after taking a bite. "So there."

"It's the way of the world," said the vulture, as he swooped in. "And it's time we took you down."

The lion understood. He didn't like it, but he understood. After fighting so many battles, with so many more important and more powerful foes, the attack would have been humorous if it didn't hurt his pride.

Even as they ripped into him, a wry smile played on his mouth, because the entire episode was ridiculous, as if it were happening to someone else. Then he remembered who he was and the anger burned in him again, and he roared and scared them away.

But it didn't scare them for long. In his mind, he realized that what was happening was natural, and that it happened to all lions — and to men and women too. It was his heart what was breaking.

That story comes to mind today.

Because last Friday would have been Mike Royko's 65th birthday.

He lived a complicated life and was a complicated man, which helped make him a great writer. The political attacks at the end didn't kill him. The life he led and 30 years of daily deadline pressure did it. But like the old lion, he was hurt by the attacks.

Like many readers, I grew up in Chicago. And we read Mike's column every day. He spoke for us, and he wrote what he saw and what he felt and what he learned about things. I knew him slightly, just enough to drop into his office from time to time, for a smoke and to listen. And he helped me.

Others, of course, knew him best. His wife, Judy; his children, Sam and Kate and Robbie and David; Mike's brother, Bob, and sisters, Eleanor and Dorothy; several close friends at the paper, like Hanke Gratteau, Ellen Warren and Rick Kogan; Sam Sianis, owner of the Billy Goat Tavern; and too many others to mention.

I wasn't close to him, except in the way a reader is close to a writer, just as you were close to him. So how best to remember him?

There are trees being planted in his name in Chicago parks and there is a Park District softball tournament with his name on it this weekend, but a friend of his suggested another way.

How about changing the name of Wright Junior College to Mike Royko College? He always considered Chicago's junior college system one of the great achievements of the late Mayor Richard J. Daley. Why? Because the colleges gave working class kids a fighting chance against the children of privilege.

He stood up for the little guy and aimed at the powerful, even as others kissed the seat of power and continue to pucker up today.

But a few years ago, something happened. He became more than just America's greatest columnist. Somehow, he became a totem, a symbol of the old ways. And there were people who wanted to knock him down and boost themselves.

Did he make mistakes? Sure. Did he offend some people? Yes. Did he fawn over homosexuals? No, but is that a crime? Did he anger minorities? A few times. But he angered whites too.

In other words, he provoked everybody. You, me, everybody. That's part of the job. And on balance, there has never been a better journalist.

Toward the end, the battles were about what words were allowed and what ideas were allowed. He remained the same. When he attacked the rigid Republicans, and segregationists and the political bosses, that was one thing.

Many people loved satire then, especially the liberals, who fed off what he wrote.

But later, when he trained that same eye on the rigidity of the political Left and its own brand of intolerance, the liberals didn't like it. So he became the enemy. And they began snapping and nipping.

He complained about it in a brilliant and lengthy interview done by Chris Robling for WBEZ radio that has been saved on tape. Taking away words and subjects and ideas from writers was like taking away tools from carpenters, Mike said.

Some political types wanted to paint Mike as intolerant. But he took on real enemies — bigots, opponents of open housing, the machine politicians and the real Daley and the racists — when few had the guts to fight them. And, back then, in many of our neighborhoods the people wanted him silenced.

If he had shown up in Gage Park, for example, when I was a kid, chances are they would have strung him up outside Polo's Lounge on 55th Street. About a year ago, I told him so.

"Yeah. But they don't remember that now. They don't remember that, do they?" he said.

See that you do.

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PATTERSON: Why is it that parents are always both sick *and* tired; never just one?

(From 1B)

racy.

If you can't play nice, then you can't play at all.

Are you TRYING to get your bicycle stolen?

Please don't yell from room to room.

Sure I understand.

Knock first, PLEASE.

Are you bleeding?

'Cause if you're not bleeding, you're fine.

Don't.

Don't.

DON'T!!!

Stop right now.

And how long have you known about this?

I don't care what so-and-so is doing.

If you don't watch it ... I'LL GROUND YOU FOREVER!!

Any reason why you always disappear when it's time to: set the table/wash the dishes/clean your room/take the trash out/feed the cat/feed the dog/make your bed/do your homework?)

I am sick and tired of (FILL IN THE BLANK) ...

(Author's Note: Why is it that parents always have to be both sick AND tired? Ever notice that? Parents are never either just sick OR tired; it's always both.)

You're right ... life isn't fair.

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SENIORS: Woman blessed with life she has been given

(From 1B)

would have a better time finding work if she moved to California. Mrs. Harris took a train to California, staying with relatives and finding work in Long Beach.

The job, she admitted, was a low-paying one and one day a salesman asked her why she was working there. Told "It's a job," the salesman said his company was hiring. So she took a bus to Los Angeles and got a job in the accounting department.

She met her husband, a cabinetmaker, at church and she continued working until she had children, a son who now lives in Oregon and a daughter who lives in Midland. She and her husband lived in Los Angeles until 10 years ago when her son suggested they move closer to one of the children. They moved to Oregon near their son Tom and then a little over a year ago she moved to Midland to live with her daughter, Valerie Mullins, a first grade teacher at Calvary Christian Academy.

Her life, she said, has been contented and she is proud of the fact that she and her husband were able to live together and have a good life together for over 50 years. And, she admitted with a smile, she is blessed to have two children that love and spoil her.

MEMORIAL: Man claims to have repaired over 200 damaged bombers

(From 1B)

master carpenter and eventually a squadron carpenter, serving 21 years in the military.

He can name about 226 B-24s that he repaired after they were hit during bombing runs. He pounded the table with those ham-size fists.

"A young whippersnapper who is unstabilized in life, to me, nothing better can happen to him than to go into the military," he said.

He invited us to follow him to the cemetery. He backed his large sedan out of the driveway and roared down a gravel road sending up spirals of dust and gravel.

We soon arrived at the cemetery.

"This is an old one," he said. "Half of them here are my kin."

We walked to the marker. It has the names of veterans from the Civil War, WWI and II, Korea and Vietnam.

The memorial stands beneath a huge oak. Smells of drying grass and leaves were strong.

"I got that cypress from Shorty Fox over at Hogtown. My son helped me some on the building. So did my old first sergeant. But, I did all of the carving myself. Came from pure love and affection," he said in a growl. "————, my roots are right here. Deep. Deep. And I am not planni g on leaving. No sir."

We walked past other graves. Steele called out names and gave a little history with each one.

"That man, he ran out in the middle of a street trying to save a little girl's life, and he was killed," he said.

We returned to the memorial. He read the names.

"I know every one of them. Kin to most," he said.

"And look at that. I did that," he said.

He pointed at the word veteran. He misspelled it "vetran."

"I screwed up," he said.

I doubt that anyone would consider it worth going to war over.

SPORTS: Recovery plan emphasizes cutting down, not out, sports

(From 1B)

"someone who lives life for sports or through sports." There's a big difference between a sportsaholic and a sports fan. To help readers judge just how far gone they, or their loved ones, are, Quirk has devised three questionnaires, including one called the "Sportsaholism Checklist," which could be read as the 20 warning signs of sports addiction ("Do you often say, 'Just one more game'?")

After going through the questionnaires, I was heartened to discover that I don't live with a sports addict, even though it sometimes seems I do. My husband has a special room — he calls it The Hoops & Hooves Room — where he keeps all his basketball and horse racing junk, excuse me, his extensive collection of sports memorabilia. And he'll watch just about any sports on TV, even — or maybe especially — women's pro volleyball. But there's a world of difference between his keen interest in sports and the obsessive behavior Quirk describes in his book.

Some men he interviewed took pride in the how much time they spend on sports, demonstrating, Quirk writes, "that uniquely male phenomenon of wanting to be a bigger and better fan than the guy down the block." Some said they watched, listened to, or read about sports more than 100 hours a week. For many men, sports comes first, ahead of everything else. The majority of those who responded to Quirk's sportsaholism questionnaire checked off "family/spouse" as the only things that grip them with the same passion and intensity as sports. Quirk interprets that as an encouraging sign for those who live with sportsaholics.

"Yes, he knows you're out there," he writes. Swell. But is that true?

Quirk outlines a program designed to help sportsaholics conquer their addiction, a plan that doesn't involve going cold turkey but emphasizes cutting down on sports, developing other interests, learning to communicate. But, as with any addiction, the sportsaholic has to want to change. Why should he? In our sports-mad culture his behavior is perfectly normal.

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GOP says Reno must now call independent counsel

WASHINGTON (AP) — Saying their persistent demands for a special investigation had been vindicated, senior Republicans on Sunday insisted that Attorney General Janet Reno must now appoint an independent counsel to look into White House fund-raising activities.

"I honestly think she has no other choice," said House Judiciary Committee Chairman Henry Hyde, R-Ill. "There is sufficient and credible evidence sufficient" for the appointment of an independent counsel, added Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Orrin Hatch, R-Utah. "She could do that tomorrow."

On Saturday the Justice Department revealed it has opened a 30-day review of President Clinton's involvement in campaign money-raising irregularities during the 1996 presidential campaign. During that time, Reno must decide whether to launch a more extensive 90-day review that could lead to her appointing a special prosecutor.

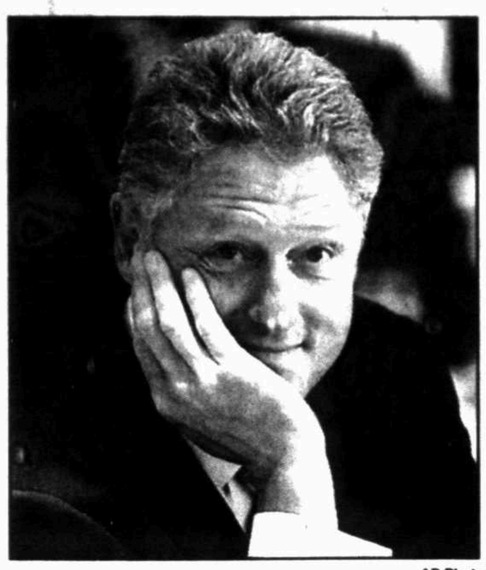
"We suggested she should have done that seven months ago," Hatch said on NBC's "Meet the Press." "She ought to get the burden off her back."

Republicans have been pressing Reno to invoke the Independent Counsel Act that comes into effect when senior members of an administration are suspected of legal violations.

Sen. Thad Cochran, R-Miss., said on CBS' "Face the Nation" that "the Attorney General should resign" to take responsibility for delays in the investigation. Other GOP lawmakers have urged that impeachment procedures begin against her if she fails to name a special prosecutor.

She has so far resisted, suggesting that it is unclear whether a century-old law banning federal employees from seeking political donations from federal offices is applicable to the president and vice president.

But a Justice-FBI probe into fund-raising activities has taken on new life in recent weeks with reports that donations solicited by Vice President Al Gore, and possibly Clinton, were moved from soft money accounts, which may be outside the law, to hard money ledgers. Soft money refers to the unrestricted contributions to national political parties while hard money is directed at certain candidates or races.



AP Photo

President Clinton waits to address a $10,000-a-plate fund-raiser in San Francisco on Saturday. Earlier Saturday, the White House confirmed that Attorney General Janet Reno has launched a 30-day review of the president's fund-raising activities.

White House senior adviser Rahm Emanuel said on CNN's "Late Edition" that the president did nothing illegal and "we plan on cooperating" fully with the Reno investigation.

Both Clinton and Gore have sought to play down the possibility of any political damage from the latest development. "I don't know anything about it," Clinton said on Air Force One as he returned from a trip to California. Gore said in Moscow that it would have no effect on his visit to Russia.

The investigation has taken a toll on public opinion of Gore, CBS News reported Sunday. Just 21 percent of 1,051 adults have a favorable view of Gore, the lowest in any CBS poll since he became Clinton's running mate in 1992. More than half are undecided and a quarter have an unfavorable view, CBS said.

The poll was taken by phone Thursday through Saturday, and results have a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

Hatch said the real issue was not whether Clinton and Gore made improper phone calls from the White House, but on whether foreign governments — namely China — illegally tried to influence the presidential election and on whether White House-generated donations went into hard money accounts.

"This is another Agnew-Nixon situation," said Hyde, also on NBC in reference to the Watergate investigation during the Nixon administration.

But Democrats on the Sunday news shows stressed that a decision to name an independent counsel was far from certain and that Reno must be allowed to make that decision based on the evidence.

Sen. Robert Torricelli, D-N.J., a member of the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee, which is holding hearings on campaign finance irregularities, told ABC's "This Week" that never in the 114 years of the statute has anyone been prosecuted for making phone calls or soliciting nonfederal employees from federal property.

California prepares for uncertainties of El Nino

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Unnerved by memories of smashed piers and flooded homes from the El Nino of 1982-83, Californians are staging disaster response drills and patching leaky roofs for what might become the weather phenomenon's worst reincarnation in more than a century.

The White House has even called an "El Nino summit" here on Oct. 15.

There's no way of saying yet what the winter will bring or — like the state's ever-present earthquake threat — when something might happen.

El Ninos can also bring drought to the West Coast, but most experts are betting on a Seattle-style winter for Southern California, with perhaps double or triple the usual rainfall.

"We do know it's a very major El Nino, but the term itself doesn't necessarily imply heavy rain," says state climatologist Bill Mork in Sacramento.

An El Nino occurs when the westward trade winds blowing across the tropical Pacific Ocean weaken. That allows a mass of warm water that the wind normally pushes toward Australia to slosh eastward toward South America. El Nino takes its name from the Spanish word for child because that warm water usually appears around Christmas.

The warm water heats the atmosphere and other parts of the ocean — pushing water temperatures up to 5 degrees above normal off California's coast — and that alters storm tracks.

The jet stream can develop at a lower latitude than normal, creating a flow of moist air from Hawaii directly to the West Coast, a "Pineapple Express" carrying one drenching storm after another.

There's a difference this time around.

"The flow normally doesn't develop until late fall and winter, but this year, it started appearing in July," Mork said.

That, in turn, increases the uncertainty. The early development might mean this El Nino will fizzle early, said Dan Cayan, a climate researcher at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography in La Jolla.

"Is it going to kind of spend itself out before our winter (storm) period? That's one of the $64,000 questions," he said.

Or could it follow some completely different schedule?

"The scariest thing for me is the fact we could have something happen early in the season, then we could start to wind down, then we could be back in the thick of it," said Debby Steffen, a regional director for the state Office of Emergency Services.

International weather experts have predicted the worst El Nino in 150 years. It's already associated with drought in parts of Asia, New Zealand and Australia. And warm-water fish have been caught farther north than normal along the West Coast.

Most people draw comparisons with weather caused by the El Nino of 1982-83. According to the United Nations' World Meteorological Organization, it killed nearly 2,000 people and caused about $13 billion in damage worldwide.

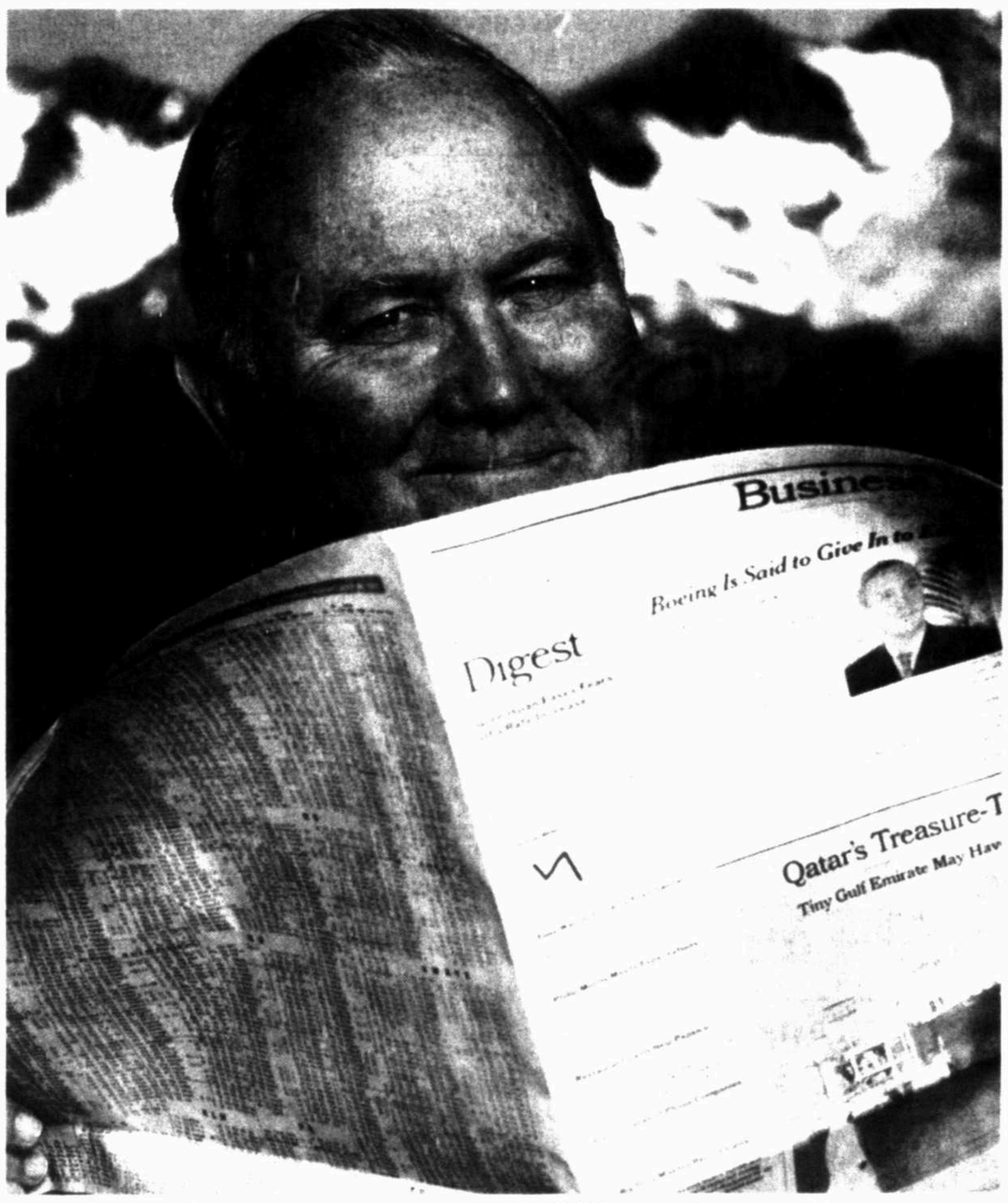
Now Long Beach has built a sand berm to protect oceanfront homes. Ventura is strengthening its rebuilt pier. Malibu is readying thousands of sandbags and hoping the state will pay for demolition of the city's deteriorating pier before a storm breaks it up and hurls it at nearby homes.

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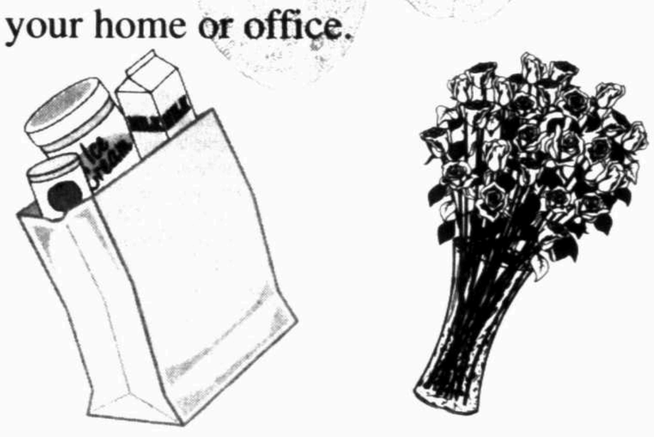
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"CENTERS" RELOCATION

Centers for Children and Families has relocated its Midland offices. The new location for Centers is in the ARCO Permian building, 600 North Marienfeld Street, Suite 253. The new phone numbers are 570-1084 (main number), 570-1923 (Parenting Heartline), and 570-4089 (fax). Centers invites anyone interested to visit the new location and learn more the services and programs offered.

SCOUTING ANNIVERSARY

On Saturday, October 18, The Buffalo Trails Council of Boy Scouts will celebrate the 50th anniversary of BTSR at the CAF hanger. All Scouters past and present are welcome to attend. Tickets for the event are $10.00. Call 570-7601 for more information.

YOUTH CAMPAIGN SET

The United Way of Midland's Youth Campaign kicks off today. This educational campaign runs under the theme "A Dime's worth of Difference," and is designed to teach elementary through high school students about the United Way, its member agencies, and the value of volunteering and philanthrophy. Funds raised in the youth campaign are distributed to member agencies by panel of volunteer high school students. Last year, 16 Midland schools participated. "If you're interested in volunteering to help out with this year's campaign," call Katy Morrow at 685-7712.

CAMP FIRE PROGRAMS

Teens in Action is the "cool" place to be for students in grades 7-9. This Camp Fire program gives teens the opportunity to talk about issues important to them, develop leadership skills, make new friends, and plan projects that will make a difference. For more info, call Mauro Sotelo at 520-1522.

Kids Care is an afterschool licensed child care program which operates until 6:00 p.m. every regular school day. Cost is $15 for registration and $28 per week. Discounts are available. For school locations and more information, call 520-1532.

FAMILY READING PROGRAM

Casa de Amigos, Community and Senior Services, and Midland Need to Read (all United Way member agencies) are collaborating with the Junior League of Midland to continue the Family Reading Program. Each agency is contributing funding to continue the program and will provide additional sites for tutors to meet with their students. The Junior League is committing 10 new volunteer tutors through their Strengthen the Family program.

MRCC VOLUNTEER TRAINING

The Midland Rape Crisis Center begins it's fall volunteer training session Tuesday, September 23. If you're interested in becoming a volunteer, or you need more information, please call 682-7273.

UNITED WAY ON LINE

The United Way of Midland is now on the World Wide Web. Find out all the important details about the United Way, our member agencies, and where your gift dollars go at **www.basinlink.com/united way**. You can also e-mail us at **unitedway@basinlink.com**. In addition, the 1997-99 Directory of Community Services for midland County is now on the web. This listing of more than 100 local health and human service agencies, child care providers, clubs and civic organizations and more can be found at **www.basinlink.com/unitedway/dir.htm**.

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UNITED WAY SETS GOAL ABOVE $3 MILLION FOR FIRST TIME

By Melia McEwen
Staff Writer

With the soundtrack to the movie "Top Gun" blaring throughout Midland Center, the United Way of Midland kicked off its 1997 fund-raising campaign and 50th anniversary celebration on September 10.



Sue Roseberry of Arco Permian performed the national anthem Wednesday at the kick-off of the 1997 United Way Campaign.

Decked out in a leather jacket and sunglasses, campaign chairman Tony Best, president of Arco Permian, said there were three reasons the soundtrack was chosen.

"The music is exciting, it's fast-paced and it's high altitude," he said, which is appropriate because "we intend on going to a level Midland has never been before.

"This will be the first year the city's goal has exceeded $3 million, and we're going to do it with this campaign."

This year's goal is $3.049 million. Best said that he believes the goal will be met because of the generosity of local corporations, foundations and donations from individual contributors. Out of each dollar donated to United Way, he said, 86 cents goes to the 16 member agencies in Midland. He also pointed out that one in three Midlanders uses a United Way member agency each year.

"That's really why we're here," he said. "To help those in need."

Also helping kick off this year's campaign were the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Lee High School cheerleaders and Midland High School's marching band.

Best said that one of the most exciting elements of the campaign is a new leadership-giving campaign called "Gem of the Community." Donors who pledge 1.5 percent of their annual salary qualify as a "Gem of the Community." To allow more people in the community to "have a chance to participate, there is also the "Fast Track" installment plan, which gives the donor three years to fulfill their pledge and also gives instant recognition.

The United Way is looking to construct a Wall of Fame, possibly at Midland Center or at Midland International Airport, where "Gem of the Community" donors will be recognized.

Best said the organization is also focusing on leadership giving by women and minorities this year, with Mary Lou Cassidy and Pat Cordero heading up those efforts.

In addition, the Abell Hanger Foundation has agreed to increase any new leadership donations by 50 percent, up to $100,000.

United Way of Midland began life in 1947 as Community Chest and the first goal was $15,000.

Long-time volunteer Paul Rea, a lifetime member and past president of the organization, recalled some of the people who were involved in the United Way - former President Bush and his son, Gov. George W. Bush, who is a former campaign chairman.

Rea also recalled the one year that the agency did not set a goal. The year was 1986, when oil prices collapsed "and Midland's economy headed south. Tom Wageman (former president of First National Bank of Midland) was campaign chairman and decided not to set a goal. Even though we didn't have a goal, we raised more money that year than we did when the economy was booming."

Ruth Bell, past United Way president and chairman of the 50th anniversary committee, said that the United Way has a legacy of caring, laughter and initiative "and I hope we follow the examples of creativity, energy and courage we've had in the last 50 years, the courage to face the needs of members of our community and to find solutions.

"We live in highly technical and impersonal times and in times of crisis, there is nothing more important than a human response," she said. "A volunteer does more to reinforce self-esteem, respect, caring and healing than I can think of."



A Girl Scout Brownie and Daisy choir performed at the United Way luncheon at Midland.

WHY THE UNITED WAY?

During the campaign season, there's one question the United Way of Midland always hears; Why should I give to the United Way? There are several good answers.

Your contributions through the United Way of Midland provide services for Midlanders through programs at VOLUNTEER-APPROVED agencies. Hundreds of volunteers serve on dozens of committees, making sure your money is being used most effectively. In addition, because the United Way of Midland is a local, independent organization, 99 cents of every dollar you donate stays right here in our community.

With your gifts, the United Way of Midland provides funding for 16 local member agencies. Other community agencies are also funded through special United Way of Midland grants. That means your money is providing more help for more people. And because of low overhead costs, more than 86 cents of each dollar goes directly to the people who need it most.

Finally, each year one in three Midlanders benefits from a United Way of Midland member agency. Odds are, you know someone served by a United Way agency; you may even be that someone.

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A LETTER OF THANKS

by Sandra Tisdale
Executive Director, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Midland

As most of you are aware, EXXON COMPANY USA closed its Midland office last month. What may not be common knowledge, is the concern for our community demonstrated by EXXON'S management in the wake of this closure. Thanks in no small part to the efforts of Mr. Craig Black, (Accounting Supervisor), EXXON executives in Houston generously agreed to donate a huge portion of its office equipment and furnishings to United Way of Midland for distribution to many of the 150+ non-profit organizations in this city. Literally hundreds of desks, credenzas, chairs, filing cabinets, computers, and other office furnishings became available to agencies and schools which ordinarily would not have the capital dollars to purchase these items. In terms of increased efficiency, professionalism and productivity, I cannot begin to define the value to area non-profits created by this donation. Clearly, the most important factor, is that by virtue of this gift, EXXON has increased the capacity of numerous organizations to meet the needs of Midland residents.

As the 1997 Chair of the Council of United Way Agency Executives (C.U.W.A.E.), it is my pleasure to publicly thank EXXON COMPANY USA for its incredible past and present generosity to United Way of Midland and the entire non-profit community. Additionally, I would like to take this opportunity to applaud the dedicated staff at United Way of Midland for the care and countless hours spent orchestrating the equitable distribution of EXXON'S donated furniture and equipment. We are all fortunate to live in a city populated with so many compassionate individuals and organizations who have a genuine desire to improve the community through service to others.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS

The statistics are frightening. The Department of Public Safety says in 1996, 38 percent of the women killed in Texas were murdered by their intimate male partners. A study called the First Comprehensive National Health Survey of American Women reports that a woman in the U.S. is physically abused by her intimate male partner every nine seconds. The U.S. Justice Department says 80 percent of runaways come from homes where domestic violence occurs.

The numbers point to a problem of epidemic proportions. The month of October is designated Domestic Violence Awareness month, a time when people and communities are urged to become aware of family violence and take a stand against it.

On November 1, The Permian Basin Center for Battered Women and Their Children, A United Way of Midland member agency, will hold a special candlelight community worship service for those concerned about violence in the home. The service will be at St. Luke's United Methodist Church, 3011 Kansas, beginning at 6:30 p.m. The service is sponsored by the Battered Women's Center and the St. Luke's Domestic Violence Committee. For more information, call 694-2571.

If you'd like more information on Domestic Violence Awareness Month, you can contact the Battered Women's Center at 683-1300.

Upcoming Events

"BID THE BASIN" BACK FOR '97

It's time once again to "Bid the Basin". The annual auction event, which benefits the United Ways of Midland and Odessa, is set for this coming Saturday, September 27.

Hundreds of area merchants have donated great items to bid on; everything from hot air balloon rides to get away vacations.

The call-in auction will be broadcast live on KWES - Newswest 9 from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., and from 10:30 p.m. until the merchandise is gone!

Tune in on September 27, "Bid the Basin", and help the United Way!

Other UPCOMING EVENTS for United Way member agencies include:

Community and Senior Services

8th Annual Texas Size Garage Sale, Friday, November 7, 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. and Saturday, November 8, 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Admission Friday is $3.00, free admission on Saturday. Proceeds benefit Meals-on-Wheels and Homebound Services for the area's elderly and disabled.

Boy Scouts

Distinguished Citizens Award Dinner honoring Kenny Jastrow II and Terry Jastrow, Thursday, October 9, 6:30 p.m. at the Petroleum Club. $150 per couple. Sponsorship tables available. Call 570-7601 for more information.

Agency Needs

These are some of the items most needed by United Way of Midland member agencies.

CASA DE AMIGOS
Volunteers (dentists/dental hygienists, tutors, AmeriCorps volunteers, yard workers), Children's educational software (Windows 95), new carpet for children's nursery, slide projector.

CENTERS FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES
Computer hardware, software and printers, decorative items (silk plants, wall hangings, etc.)

FROM THE CAMPAIGN CHAIRMAN: A RECORD GOAL REQUIRES A RECORD EFFORT

by Tony Best
United Way of Midland Campaign Chair

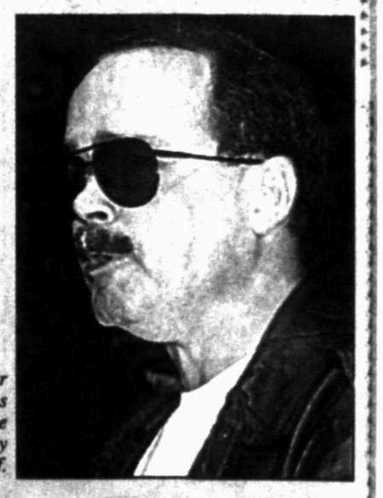
In planning the 50th anniversary of the United Way of Midland, all of the volunteers involved knew we had to do something special. Not just a neat event or ceremony, but something that would really make an impact on the lives of Midlanders. As we organized our ideas and mapped out our strategy, the answer became crystal clear. We needed a record campaign goal. And did we ever set one!

For the first time ever, the United Way of Midland is aiming to surpass the $3 million level in giving. The total goal: $3,049,000. Certainly, it's a lofty objective, but one that is certainly within reach with the utilization of a few new campaign strategies. Those strategies are:

- to focus on growing leadership giving, which is the largest growth area nationally for philanthropic contributions
- to implement bold new initiatives to expand United Way giving in Midland, such as:
  - > A new leadership program, "Gems of the Community", with a new category allowing those who give 1.5% of their annual income to become leadership givers, or "Gems"
  - > Female and minority leadership programs
  - > an installment plan for leadership givers
  - > Significantly increasing public recognition for contributors
  - > a new $100,000 matching grant for leadership giving from the Abell-Hanger Foundation
  - > the addition of leadership campaign coordinators in Top 10 companies
- to ask our local corporations, foundations, and thousands of citizens to again support the United Way of Midland and its 16 member agencies, who provide for the needs of more than 35,000 people
- to rely on the commitment and talents of a tremendous Campaign Cabinet
- and to aggressively "thank" each and every donor.

Using a focused, high energy campaign, we can move in the right direction. But we can only reach our record goal with your help. We're asking you to join thousands of others just like you in Midland, from every segment of the community, in making our city a better place to live. Stand up, make a difference, and change lives. We need the POWER OF U!

Tony Best is the President of ARCO Permian, and a United Way of Midland Volunteer.



United Way campaign chair Tony Best, decked out in sunglasses and a flight jacket, addresses the crowd at the recent United Way of Midland Campaign Kickoff.

DEATH NOTICES

Sandra McGill

Sandra McGill, 64, died Saturday, Sept. 21, in San Antonio.

Services are pending with Ellis Funeral Home.

Lavonia Robinson

Lavonia Robinson, 83, died Saturday, Sept. 21, in Midland.

Services are pending with Ellis Funeral Home.

Obituary & Death Notice policy

There is no charge for death notices of residents or former residents of Midland or for those who have Midland relatives. We also publish death notices for residents of the surrounding West Texas area.

Free death notices include date and place of death, service and burial information, funeral home handling arrangements, date and place of birth, brief biography, survivors and memorials. A longer, more detailed obituary is available for a charge. It may include tributes, expanded biography, organizational associations, notes of appreciation, pallbearers, honorary pallbearers and a photo.

Deadline for both free death notices and paid obituaries is 4:30 p.m. and information must be either received from or verified by a funeral home.

POLICE REPORTS

Injury accident

A 79 year-old Odessa woman was seriously injured Sunday afternoon in an accident on Interstate 20 at the 143 mile marker just east of Midland, according to authorities.

Matt Ruff, a state trooper with the Midland office of the Texas Department of Public Safety, said the woman's name is being withheld until family can be notified.

Ruff said the woman was driving her van westbound on I-20 when the accident occurred.

For reasons unknown, Ruff said, the woman lost control of the van and crossed over into the north side barrow ditch and continued driving in the ditch for 1/4 of a mile.

"She tried to correct to get back on the interstate, but she overcorrected," Ruff said. "Then once she got onto the pavement, she overcorrected again.

"That's when the van began to slide sideways and it overturned about two times."

The woman apparently suffered several broken bones and was taken to the Memorial Hospital and Medical Center's emergency room, Ruff said.

Midland Police Department
Sunday

Burglary of vehicle: Jeremy Graves said that a New Mexico license plate was taken from a pickup at 300 S. Baird St..

Burglary of habitation: Charlie Smith reported that golf clubs were taken from a garage at 4102 Godfrey Court.

Burglary of vehicle: Scott E. Wilson reported that a purse, valued at $165, credit cards, and $57 in cash were taken from a van at 2001 Culver.

Criminal mischief: Vandalism was reported to a car at 4511 N. Midkiff Road.

Midland County Sheriff's Office
Saturday

Theft: Friends Convenience Store, 13220 W. U.S. 80, reported that an 18-pack of beer was taken. The theft was reported at 1:01 a.m.

Sunday

Sexual assault: The Permian Basin Drug Task Force reported that a woman was possibly sexually assaulted at the 7000 block of Airline Road. It was reported at 2:03 a.m.

Anyone having information concerning these incidents should contact the Police Department at 685-7108 or Crime Stoppers at 694-TIPS.

DEAR ABBY

Don't learn hard way that seat belts save lives

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: A few weeks ago, you printed a letter from a reader who was disturbed when she saw young children who were obviously not secured in safety seats in automobiles. Her concern is valid. Parents who do not buckle in their children properly and do not fasten their own seat belts risk their lives and the lives of their children.



Van Buren

Two years ago, I was driving from my home to a friend's wedding. Twenty miles from my destination, I glanced at my radio to change stations. When I looked back at the road, I saw I was heading off the highway. I panicked, overcorrected my steering and ended up rolling on the median.

I cannot express what was going through my mind when the accident occurred. I know I screamed as the car skidded and suddenly felt blood trickling down my face. My passenger had to break the windshield to escape. Luckily for me, a good Samaritan stopped and pulled me out of my car. We were taken to a hospital.

My parents were terrified when they received the call informing them of the accident. They later told me that the two-hour drive to the hospital was the longest two hours of their lives.

My passenger and I were fortunate to escape with only cuts and bruises. As we left the hospital, a Texas state trooper who had been dispatched to the scene of the accident, said, "The seat belts saved your lives."

A few weeks ago, one of my neighbors was killed in a car accident similar to mine. His family said he always used his seat belt, but for some reason, he chose not to use it that night. He would have been 19 on his next birthday. — ROBYN A. SANDERS, ARLINGTON, TEXAS

DEAR ROBYN: It cannot be repeated too often -- seat belts save lives. A day or so after your letter arrived, a mother sent me this tragic letter about two of her five children:

DEAR ABBY: On June 14, I received the phone call that every parent dreads. Three of my five children were returning from a ski race camp in Montana when the driver fell asleep. My two eldest children, both boys (Christopher, 17, and Travis, 15), were fatally injured. Travis died immediately; Chris died three days later.

The teens and the father of one of the boys had been caravaning home from camp when the 16-year-old who was driving our van fell asleep. The van slid for about 300 feet on the grassy shoulder of the road. The tires blew out, and when the rims hit the pavement, the van rolled end over end. Chris was ejected through the sliding door; Travis was thrown out the back hatch and the van rolled over on him.

The driver of our van, one other teen and our 14-year-old daughter Monica survived the accident. We are grateful that Monica suffered only a few scratches as did the other survivors; however, she still suffers from the emotional trauma of seeing her brothers die — she was especially close to Travis.

No drugs, alcohol or horseplay were involved in the accident. The driver was just tired. We harbor no hard feelings toward him — we know it was an accident.

Abby, we will never be able to thank all the people who helped these kids — the doctor who arrived at the scene and helped the survivors; the emergency personnel; and the motorists who went hours out of their way to bring some of the kids and the ski gear home.

I can't describe the pain that we as a family experience every day now. Our talented, handsome sons are gone — because they didn't buckle up. They were diligent about wearing their seat belts, but that night, for some reason, they didn't. I'll always wonder why.

Abby, if sharing our tragedy prompts even one person to buckle up, writing this letter to you will not have been in vain. — TERRI W. HARTLAUER, SALT LAKE CITY

DEAR TERRI: Please accept my deepest sympathy on the loss of your sons, Chris and Travis. My heart goes out to you and your family. Losing a child is devastating, but to lose two under such tragic circumstances is almost more than a family can bear.

Readers, this could happen to anyone. Please be sure that your young children are fastened in their safety seats every time, and insist that your older children wear seat belts. Set a good example for them by wearing one yourself.

Abby shares more of her favorite, easy-to-prepare recipes. To order, send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, More Favorite Recipes, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

Abigail Van Buren's column is distributed by Universal Press Syndicate.

Separatist's arrest stuns small town

NEW WAVERLY (AP) — The arrest of fugitive separatist Richard Keyes III in this small town 55 miles north of Houston was surprising for people like Tarrie Adamick, who read about it in the newspaper.

"New Waverly, I would think, would be the last place (this would happen)," said Ms. Adamick, a supermarket manager who's lived for nine years in the town of fewer than 1,000 people.

Keyes, 22, had eluded authorities since May, when he fled after a weeklong standoff between members of the Republic of Texas and about 300 Texas Department of Public Safety troopers and Texas Rangers. He was caught Friday in the Sam Houston National Forest just west of New Waverly.

Keyes, who grew up in St. Marys, Kan., faces charges of aggravated kidnapping and organized criminal activity in Jeff Davis County. He spent the weekend in the Harris County jail without bond awaiting a transfer to West Texas.

Keyes will probably be transferred on Wednesday or Thursday, Jeff Davis County Sheriff Steven Bailey said Sunday.

Tammy Noviski, 16, a waitress at the Waverly House restaurant, learned about the arrest when she heard some customers talking about it.

Still, there were a few New Waverly residents who had not heard the news by Saturday.

"I don't think anybody thought much of it, to tell you the truth," said Brad Smith. "It was over as quick as it started."

The Fort Davis standoff started when members of a faction of the Republic of Texas, led by self-styled Republic of Texas ambassador Richard McLaren, took McLaren's neighbors hostage.

After McLaren and five followers surrendered, Keyes took off into the wilderness with another McLaren follower, Mike Matson.

Matson was later killed in a gun battle with police and the search for Keyes was called off on May 7, four days after the standoff ended.

Official: Traffic deaths anything but accidents

DALLAS (AP) — More than 53 percent of all traffic deaths in Texas last year were alcohol-related, well above the national average and more than many states with comparable populations, statistics show.

There were 3,741 traffic deaths in the state in 1996 and 1,991 of them were considered alcohol-related, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

"These are incidents which we could do something about," said Gary Taylor, senior regional program manager for the federal agency.

Texas' 53.2 percent is a 3-percent improvement from the previous year. However, it is still far worse than the national average of 40.9 percent.

"Even though we had a percentage decrease in Texas, we still had more crosses in the cemeteries," Taylor said.

In raw numbers, Texas had more alcohol-related traffic deaths than other states with large populations. California had 1,606 such deaths, Florida 1,015 and New York 523.

Taylor's agency considers a traffic death as alcohol-related when evidence shows that either a driver or a nonpassenger, such as a pedestrian or cyclist, had a blood alcohol content of 0.01 or greater. A blood alcohol content of 0.10 percent is considered legally intoxicated.

Harris County led Texas with 252 such deaths. There were 151 in Dallas County. Tarrant County's total of 78 represents 60.5 percent of its 129 traffic deaths.

Experts say increased enforcement and education is a big step in combatting the problem.

Bart Logan, a program manager for the Texas Department of Transportation in Austin, said his agency will spend at least $325,000 this year on education programs.

"Even though the focus is enforcement, we are trying to educate on the dangers of drinking and driving," said Logan, who specializes in alcohol measures.

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MONEY BRIEFING

Been there, done that

Most Americans contemplating a vacation want to go someplace they've never been before, according to a survey commissioned by Yesawich, Pepperdine and Brown, an advertising and marketing firm. The survey of 1,600 households found 70 percent of respondents want new experiences. Sixty percent of the respondents said they'd like to take a cruise during the next two years, while half want to do something connected to nature, such as hiking, climbing, visiting beaches or lakes, snow skiing or adventure trips. Peter Yesawich, president of the company, attributes Americans' sense of adventure to the improved economy.

Required reading

You'd expect to see titles like "The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People" and "In Search of Excellence" on a list of the most influential business books of the 20th century. You expect to see the Bible. "Oh, the Places You'll Go," by Dr. Seuss, or "Catcher in the Rye" might seem surprising choices. But they were among those named to the list by 527 readers of Chief Executive magazine. Among the other offbeat selections: "Atlas Shrugged," by Ayn Rand; Shakespeare's "Antony and Cleopatra"; and "The Origin of the Species" by Charles Darwin.

The grind

Job-related pressure is really getting to a lot of workers. A survey conducted by the American Society of Chartered Life Underwriters & Chartered Financial Consultants and the Ethics Officer Association found that 57 percent of more than 1,600 U.S. workers polled report lost sleep or insomnia due to workplace pressure. Forty-eight percent of the respondents said they had headaches, while 37 percent reported workplace pressure made them depressed. Thirty-five percent said the pressure had made them gain or lose weight.

Going retro

The idea of driving a station wagon might make you feel like Ward Cleaver, but Consumer Reports magazine says, "don't count wagons out yet." The magazine, which reviewed several wagons in its September issue, said wagons are more pleasant to drive than minivans and sport utility vehicles. Many families are turning from minivans to SUVs, but Consumer Reports noted that more wagons will be coming on the market next year, and some will have all-wheel-drive options that will make them competitive with the SUVs.

Here today, gone tomorrow

It used to be that prospective employers would look askance at job candidates whose resumes showed them bopping around from one company to another. But Challenger, Gray & Christmas Inc., an employment consulting firm, says the stigma attached to moving around is fading because many companies now tend to hire workers for short-term work, often only for the duration of one project. "After the assignment is finished, so is the job," said John Challenger, an executive vice president. Workers in the high-tech business are among those with shorter tenures, the company said.

If you don't have an ocean, get one

Some of the executives surfing in the early morning hours aren't doing it on the Internet — they're riding the waves off La Jolla, Calif. Fast Company magazine reports some of those surfing at the Windansea break north of San Diego include a Smith Barney financial consultant, a Silicon Valley Bank senior vice president and Robert Hecht-Nielsen, founder of HNC Software. There's also Rep. Brian Bilbray, a California Republican who surfs during trips home from Washington. These surfers say riding the waves helps them learn how to remain calm under pressure.

MONEY MATTERS EDITOR
JIMMY PATTERSON

Capital gains tax can be avoided

By Vivian Marino
AP Business Writer

On the surface, it seemed like a lifetime opportunity for Richard and Marjory Abbott of East Williston, N.Y.: A nearby hospital was offering a sizable sum for some rental property they had purchased 20 years ago.

Yet the Abbotts, both age 70 and semiretired, were reluctant to sell. They were concerned about the large capital gains taxes with which they'd be hit, plus they wanted to remain real estate investors a little longer.

Not a problem, it turned out. The couple not only managed to accommodate Winthrop Hospital in Mineola, N.Y., which needed their property to expand its facilities, but to stay invested in real estate and avoid taxes on capital gains.

A little-known section of the Tax Code, Section 1031, permits owners of investment or business real estate to defer paying income taxes on the profit from a sale by entering into an exchange transaction through a third-party intermediary.

What happens in a 1031 transaction is this: Owners sell their investment property, and the proceeds of the sale are held in escrow by an intermediary, who rolls over the money into another property on behalf of the client. The purchased property is usually picked out by the clients ahead of time.

The Internal Revenue Service says the exchange has to be for "like-kind" property, a term loosely meaning just about any other type of investment real estate, from condos and town houses to strip malls and undeveloped land. In some states, even the rights to natural resources, like water or timber, fit the definition.

In the Abbotts' case, their property, which consisted of a couple of two-family homes which they had rented out over the years, was sold to Winthrop Hospital for about $750,000 and "exchanged" for part-interest in several out-of-state commercial properties leased to popular restaurants.

"For us the whole thrust was, we weren't looking to get out of real estate ... but we wanted to help out the hospital and not get hurt" by taxes, said Abbott.

He said that since the original purchase price of the property was significantly less than the sale price, he and his wife stood to lose about a third of the profits to taxes. The situation would have been different had the property been a primary residence — up to $500,000 of gain realized on a sale can be excluded under The Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997.

When the Abbotts are ready to get out of real estate investing, however, they will have to pay the taxes on their capital gains.

"In the long run, we still have the same amount of money (invested) over there," Abbott said, of the new purchases.

Because property owners don't directly handle any cash, the transaction is considered an exchange, and therefore qualifies for the special treatment under Section 1031.

"You could conceivably defer paying capital gains forever if you hold that property until you die ... then your heirs can hold onto it," said Tim Egan, executive director for the Federation of Exchange Accommodators, a Sacramento, Calif.-based trade group representing the intermediaries, which are responsible for handling the reams of paperwork involved in the transactions.

Anyone considering such a swap should be aware of the very strict guidelines. For instance, the property being purchased in the exchange must be of equal or greater value than the property being sold. It cannot be a primary residence, nor a second home, unless it's mainly used for income. Also, the intermediary cannot be the property owner's lawyer or accountant.

And there are time restrictions. The exchanged property must be identified within 45 days once the exchange contract is put in motion, and the exchange must be completed in 180 days.

"Before you even list the property, you have to make a decision that you're going to do an exchange," Egan said. "You can't in midstream decide to do this, just as you can't back out once you've made a decision."



Dennis Blunk, right, and his son, Matthew, 11, watch "The Sixth Man" at the Moberly Five & Drive in Moberly, Mo. Blunk, from Brunswick, Mo., brought his family 40 miles to see a drive-in double feature.

Lights ... camera ... family fun

Drive-in movie theaters make a big comeback in 1990s America

Associated Press

Christopher Jackson knew something was up when his dad transplanted the white leather seats from their idled 1965 Mustang to the bed of the family pickup truck.

"I asked him why. He said we were going to the drive-in movies," the 12-year-old recalled. "I started jumping up and down, I was so excited."

And with that, Christopher became one of the legions of people who are discovering — or rediscovering — drive-in movies.

"It's cool," he said.

Since the Five & Drive theater reopened in Moberly, Mo., this spring, up to 1,000 movie-goers have come on some busy weekend nights.

And similar scenes are playing out around the country.

The Rustic Drive-In in North Smithfield, R.I., routinely turns away customers from the 580-car theater on Saturday nights during warm weather, said the owners, Clem and Beverly Desmaris, who met at the drive-in in 1954 and bought it in 1988.

In Lamesa, people from Midland, Odessa and Lubbock make the hour-long drive for shows every weekend at the Sky-Vue.

"The great thing about the drive-in is that you can do things there you can't in the cinema. You can smoke; the kids can make noise; you can sit outside in front of a big screen. Not a night goes by when someone doesn't thank me for reopening the drive-in," said Jim Lipuma, 31, who in 1995 bought and refurbished the Galaxy Drive-In in North Vandergrift, Pa. He also reopened the Moonlite drive-in in Brookville, Pa., this spring.

Forty years ago, there were more than 4,000 drive-in theaters around the country. They were nearly driven to extinction in the 1970s and 1980s by cable television, VCR's, land developers and the comforts of climate-controlled indoor theaters. Many of those that remained turned to B movies and X-rated films for survival.

But today, the National Association of Theater owners says there are more than 825 drive-ins, including many that have been reopened by drive-in theater buffs and preservationists trying to hold on to a piece of Americana. The first drive-in opened in Camden, N.J. in 1933.

The Five & Drive project started when Elmer Bills Jr., co-owner of the B&B Theaters chain, was building a new five-screen indoor theater on the acreage of his company's old drive-in, which shut down in 1985 after 35 years of "B" movies and carload nights, where one price admitted all.

"We went out and looked around the site and the old screen tower was still standing, and we said we might as well put the drive-in back in operation. We sure had plenty of room," Bills said.

There were changes, to be sure. Instead of the familiar crackling loudspeakers on stretching cables, movie soundtracks are broadcast by low-range FM radio. Visitors who don't have FM receivers may borrow one at the box office.

In another change, some drive-ins now feature homemade and fancy foods at concession stands. Haar's Drive-In in Dillsburg, Pa., offers fried oysters, chicken cordon bleu and hand-cut french fries.

The Five & Drive uses the snack bar and restrooms from the ne rby indoor theater complex. A common projection room on the second floor means one projectionist can run the whole operation, including the movie to the wide outdoor screen. B&B, which operates a string of movie houses across the Midwest and a generation ago owned 11 drive-ins, believes it now has the only hybrid operation in the nation.

Although first-run movies are featured, the drive-in is a little less expensive than the walk-up theater. A ticket to the walk-up theater costs $5.50 for adults, and $3.50 for children, while the drive-in costs $3.50 for adults and $2 for kids.

The Five & Drive usually shows two features; on this Saturday evening, the opening movie was the G-rated Disney animated film "Hercules," and the second attraction, started after the very young fell asleep, was the PG-rated "My Best Friend's Wedding."

"We've found that's a good formula, something for the grown-ups and something for the children," Bills said. "It's a fine evening of entertainment for the whole family."

The Jackson family was among 400 visitors at the Five & Drive on this humid, summer night. Rows of vehicles lined up well before sunset — classic cars carrying sentimental couples, vans driven by parents holding pajama-clad youngsters, pickups parked on the rear row by cuddling teenagers.

"They told me it was a special place, and that when you saw the windows steamed up, you knew not to bother them," Christopher said as his parents grinned.

"Brings back old memories," said his father, 39-year-old Pete Jackson.

Charles Eggers, 45, had just arrived in Missouri from Modesto, Calif., for a visit with his girlfriend in Columbia. In keeping with the evening's retro feeling, they arrived in his 1969 Gran Torino.

"She wanted to run to the drive-in and I just said great because that's all we had growing up," Eggers said. "There's nothing like a drive-in — a sweetheart in the front seat, you get bored with the movie, you neck a little. It's a good evening out."

Two generations made the trip: the son and daughter of Eggers' girlfriend, and the son's fiance, who busily wiped the bugs from their windshield.

While the movie-goers were clearly satisfied, Bills recalled with glee the glory days of his drive-in, when the Missouri State Highway Patrol had to help direct traffic for one particularly popular feature, a country music movie called "Cotton Pickin' Chicken Pickers."

"It's a rarity to see a drive-in open these days," Bills said with pride, "but it's been hugely popular."

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SPORTS & COMICS

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SPORTS BRIEFING

TV Sports

BASEBALL — Montreal Expos at Atlanta Braves, 6:35 p.m., TBS.
NFL — Pittsburgh Steelers at Jacksonville Jaguars, 8 p.m., ABC. RADIO: KCRS (550 AM).

Texas Scores

BASEBALL — Anaheim Angels 4, Texas Rangers 1.
Houston Astros 8, Cincinnati Reds 3.

AP Top 25

The Top Twenty Five teams in The Associated Press college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Sept. 20, total points based on 25 points for a first place vote through one point for a 25th place vote and previous ranking:

	Record	Pts	Pv
1. Florida (32)	3-0	1,699	3
2. Penn St. (28)	3-0	1,675	1
3. Nebraska (7)	**3-0**	**1,601**	**7**
4. Florida St. (1)	3-0	1,530	5
5. North Carolina (2)	3-0	1,475	6
6. Michigan	2-0	1,412	8
7. Ohio St.	3-0	1,287	9
8. Auburn	3-0	1,180	12
9. Tennessee	2-1	1,158	4
10. Washington	2-1	1,148	2
11. Iowa	3-0	1,062	13
12. Michigan St.	3-0	968	17
13. LSU	2-1	805	10
14. Virginia Tech	3-0	770	18
15. Washington St.	3-0	767	19
16. Colorado	**1-1**	**725**	**15**
17. Clemson	2-1	547	16
18. Kansas St.	**2-0**	**495**	**20**
19. Georgia	3-0	444	25
20. Stanford	2-1	403	21
21. Alabama	2-1	329	11
22. Texas A&M	**2-0**	**290**	**—**
23. Brigham Young	1-1	215	—
24. UCLA	1-2	181	24
25. Arizona St.	2-1	177	14

Others receiving votes: Air Force 129, N. Carolina St. 73, Southern Miss. 66, Pittsburgh 26, Wyoming 18, California 11, Colorado St. 11, Oregon 11, Kansas 10, **Texas 9, Oklahoma St. 8,** Arkansas 7, Kentucky 6, South Carolina 6, Miami 5, Southern Cal 5, Toledo 4, Boston College 1, Georgia Tech 1.

NBA rules change?

ORLANDO, Fla. — It may have been the familiar sight of one or two stars excluding their teammates from the offense. Or all those bodies crashing to the floor beneath the basket. Certainly, the glut of sub-100-point games did not help.

Whatever the case, the National Basketball Association's rule makers have finally come to grips with the fact that their game is losing its aesthetic appeal.

"There's no doubt we've slowed down some," Rod Thorn, the league's vice president of operations, said Sunday. "The look of our game is not what we'd like it to be."

Thorn spoke on the last day of the league's annual meetings in Orlando. Part of the business this weekend was explaining rules changes to coaches and general managers — changes meant to increase scoring and decrease dull basketball.

Four changes approved by the league's board of governors in June are designed to help the league escape its present (isolation plays, quick three-point attempts and predictable post-up, kick-out offenses) and retreat to its past (open-court offenses and constant ball movement).

— The three-point line, which has been 22 feet from the basket the last three seasons, has been moved back to its original distance of 23 feet 9 inches. In the corners, the distance remains 22 feet.

— A defender will not be allowed to use his forearm to impede the progress of a player who is facing the basket in the frontcourt.

— A player will not be allowed to call time out if both of his feet are in the air and any part of his body has broken the vertical plane of the sideline or baseline.

— The no-charge area near the basket, in which an offensive foul is not called when contact is made with a secondary defensive player, has been expanded. Five hash marks on the floor will mark the area for officials.

The rule changes are the most significant since the restriction of hand-checking by defensive players before the 1994-95 season.

"Basically, we're trying to encourage more driving to the basket," Thorn said.

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Sampras sends U.S. to Cup Finals

By Joseph White
AP Sports Writer

WASHINGTON — Playing not only for country but with a chance to humble a U.S. Open champion, Pete Sampras was at his impeccable best.

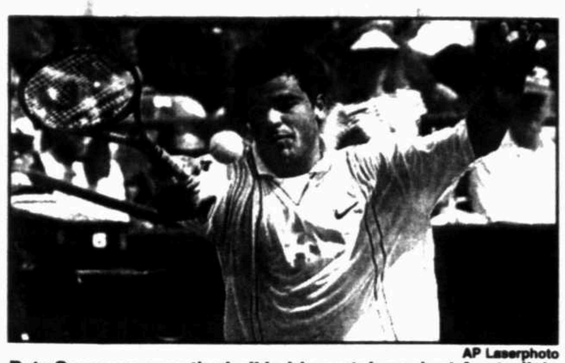
He didn't just put away volleys. He was up in the air — way up — spiking shots into his opponent's court. And Patrick Rafter and the Australians didn't stand a chance.

Sampras beat the reigning U.S. champ 6-7 (6-8), 6-1, 6-1, 6-4 on Sunday to send the United States to the Davis Cup finals for the second time in three years.

"I couldn't play any better," Sampras said of the last three sets. "I did everything that I could do very well, served well and returned well. ... I think the key was the crowd. That kind of got me going and pumped me up."

Sampras gave the United States an unbeatable 3-1 lead in the best-of-5 semifinal. Michael Chang made the final score 4-1 with a 7-6 (7-5), 7-6 (7-2) victory over Mark Philippoussis in match reduced to the best-of-3 sets.

The United States will play the Nov. 28-30 finals in Goteborg, Sweden. The Swedes, last year's runner-up to France, defeated Italy 4-1 after sweeping Sunday's reverse singles.



AP Laserphoto
Pete Sampras eyes the ball in his match against Australia's Patrick Rafter during Davis Cup play at the William H.G. Fitzgerald Tennis Center in Washington on Sunday.

After his winning volley, Sampras raised both hands and hugged captain Tom Gullikson. Sampras and Gullikson then each ran a victory lap with an American flag to the cheers of 7,500 — minus a couple of hundred Australians — at the FitzGerald Tennis Center.

Sampras, the world's top-ranked player, has won eight consecutive Davis Cup singles matches. But he raised his level of play against Rafter, who earlier this month won the U.S. Open crown Sampras had come to own for much of the 1990s.

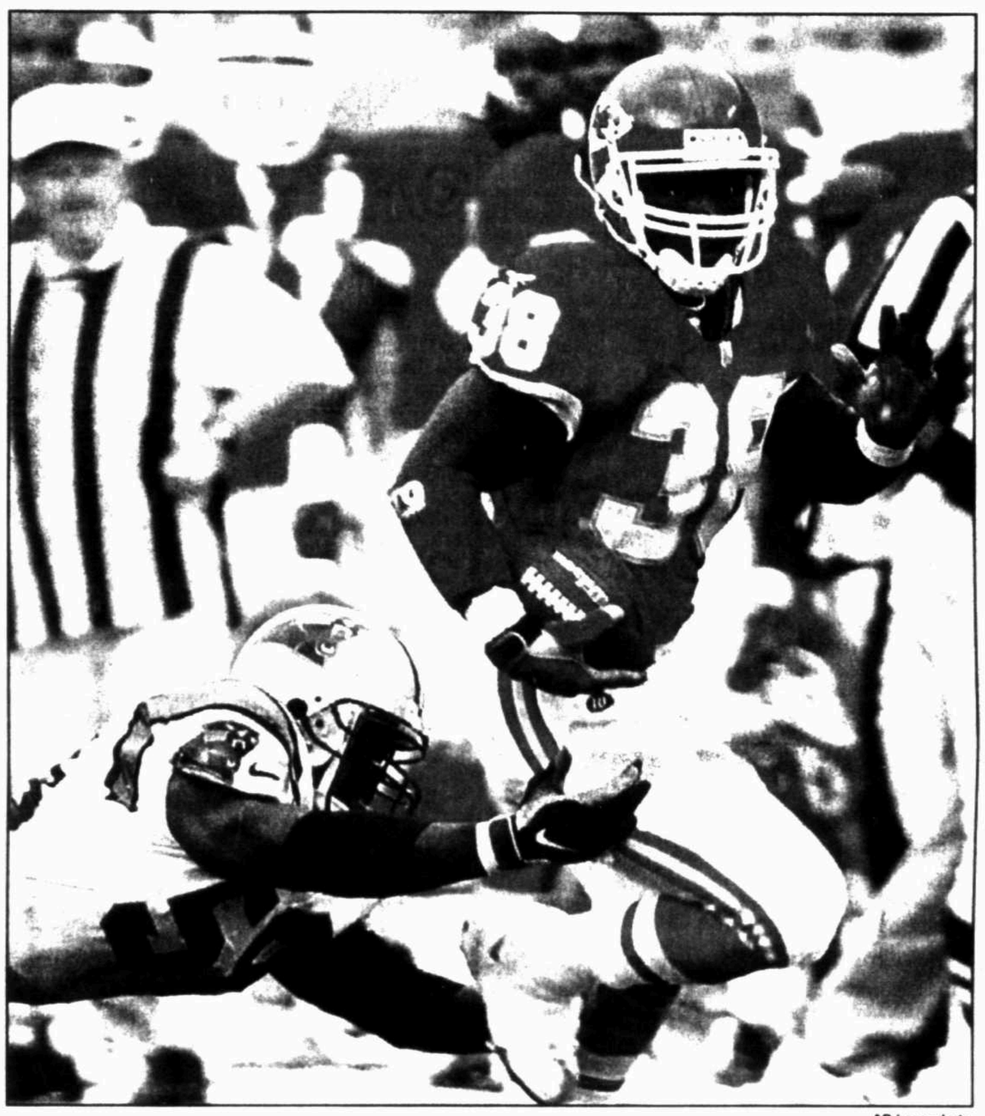
"He knew coming into the weekend that he was a bit of a marked man," Sampras said. "He is someone that wins a Slam, and you want a piece of that."

Sampras did not face a break point the entire match, did not give up a single point on his serve in the second set and served seven games to love. He hit 14 aces and had just one double fault in the 2-hour, 19-minute match. He also faced just one break point in his victory Friday over Philippoussis.

"That was as pumped up inside as I have seen Pete," Rafter said. "I couldn't read his serve and just didn't pick the ball up."

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NFL ROUNDUP



AP Laserphoto
Kansas City Chiefs' Kimble Anders (38) runs through the grasp of Carolina Panthers' Andre Royal (58) enroute to a touchdown in the first quarter of their NFL game on Sunday.

Favre throws for five TDs in Packers' victory

Associated Press

The Buffalo Bills added another miracle comeback to their never-to-be-forgotten playoff rally of 1992, coming back from a 26-point deficit to win ... barely.

It was the wildest of several wild finishes Sunday as the Green Bay Packers continued their home winning streak and the New York Jets ended their home losing streak. Meanwhile, the New Orleans Saints began what they hope will be a long streak of wins for Mike Ditka.

They rallied from a 26-0 deficit to beat Indianapolis 37-35 on Sunday, but only after holding off a last-gasp Colts rally. Buffalo had to stop a 2-point conversion attempt and two desperation passes in the final seconds after the Colts, who went into the game with no offensive touchdowns, recovered an onside kick.

The game was reminiscient of Buffalo's victory over the Houston Oilers in the 1992 AFC playoffs. The Bills trailed 35-3 before winning 41-38 in overtime on their way to their third Super Bowl.

That was the greatest comeback in NFL history, and Sunday's game now ranks No. 3 behind a rally from a 28-point deficit by San Francisco over New Orleans in 1980.

Rookie Antowain Smith rushed for 129 yards and three touchdowns, including a 54-yarder that made it 37-29 and appeared to seal the victory with 1:14 left.

The Packers' 38-32 win Sunday was their 21st straight at Lambeau Field and was notable for two things — Brett Favre's five touchdown passes and the Vikings' rally after trailing 31-7 at halftime.

"I'd be lying to you if I said I wasn't worried," Favre said. "When we were up 31-7, everyone was kind of coasting. We were talking about what we were going to do this week, where we're playing golf."

Favre threw two scoring passes to Antonio Freeman and one each to Robert Brooks, Terry Mickens and Mark Chmura

Please see **NFL**/2C

Martin conquers 'Monster Mile' in win

By Dick Brinster
AP Sports Writer

DOVER, Del. — Although Mark Martin wasn't looking for trouble, he realized that at the Monster Mile, it frequently finds him.

■ MBNA 400

"We've had a lot of problems here in the past," Martin said after outgassing Kyle Petty to end 15 years of frustration at Dover Downs International Speedway with a lucrative victory Sunday in the MBNA 400. "Any other year we would have run well, and blow a tire and hit the wall."

It was obvious that what Martin needed was a little luck. He found that, thanks to his car owner.

"Jack Roush won this race on fuel mileage," Martin said. "I'd been grousing about that a lot, and Jack said he'd win me a race on fuel.

"We used to come up short, but today we came up big."

Martin's first Winston Cup win on the high-banked concrete surface came in his 22nd start. He had finished second four times, most recently three months ago in Dover's Miller 500.

The victory Sunday was worth $195,305 to Martin, who got $114,000 of it by winning from the pole. The bonus — which increases by $7,600 each time it goes unclaimed — had not been collected since series leader Jeff Gordon won at Charlotte in May.

Martin led 194 laps in his Ford, three more than 1995 Dover winner Petty, who had the best car. But a Dover rarity — just one caution for 11 laps — allowed Martin to make just three pit stops to four by Petty.

"We had everybody out there covered today but Kyle Petty, and Jack Roush had him covered," Martin said. "I hated that he didn't win the race, but we needed one, too.

"He had us beat bad."

Please see **MARTIN**/2C



AP Laserphoto
Mark Martin raises the trophy in victory lane after he won the MBNA 400 NASCAR race at Dover Downs International Raceway in Dover, Del., on Sunday.

OSCAR LEROY

North Texas seems to own Texas Tech's number

Give one to the little guy.

In only its third year playing Division 1 football, North Texas shocked Texas Tech, 30-27, Saturday night in Lubbock's Jones Stadium.



LeRoy

This is the same stadium in which Nebraska found itself in a fight before finally winning 24-10 last year. This is also the same place where Zach Thomas intercepted a Texas A&M pass to beat the Top 10 Aggies 14-7.

So what happened?

The Red Raiders got out-played and out-coached — plain and simple.

Sure, excuses could be made, but the fact remains that Tech lost the game to a more determined North Texas team. You can ask yourself about all the "what ifs", but there's still the case of what didn't happen — and that's beat a young UNT team. Even I, a Tech alumnus, stood there with my jaw hanging and thinking, "This shouldn't be happening." So forgive me if I seem a little moody this week.

Take the academic ineligibilities that the team has suffered. Let's face it, there were no major casualties other than fullback Sammy Morris, a speedy a talented player at that position. Other that Morris, the rest of the grade casualties were players with potential or unrealized expectations. Don't believe it when you hear that Tech lost too many valuable players to grades. That just makes for good talk.

There are some that may say that the team overlooked the Mean Green. If that's the case, then maybe there should be some soul searching for some motivation. People should also remember that UNT owns a 3-1 record against the Red Raiders.

Here are the reasons that the Red Raiders got beat: 1) Tech coach Spike Dykes said it best, "We didn't do the little things right and they did." Hallelujah!; 2) A missed tackle here and there by the usually hard-hitting Tech defense; 3) A couple of dropped passes here and there for either a first down or a score; 4) The inability that the Tech defense had adjusting to the slant passes across the middle that UNT was executing. Either way you look at it, any number of the above combinations equals a loss in pro, college or seventh grade football.

Say what you will about Tech quarterback Zebbie Lethridge (I know I have), but he along with receivers Donnie Hart and Malcolm McKenzie were the majority of the offense. Lethridge later left the game with a hurt ankle and Tech's offense wasn't the same. I even saw Lethridge leave the field in disgust with a few seconds left in the game.

This game will mean different things for each team. For UNT, the victory in front of a raucous 43,000 fans Saturday, proved that the Mean Green could indeed play and defeat an established Division I school. It also give the team some much-needed confidence for the rest of the season. Up until the Josh Mills-to-Bo Harrison touchdown pass late in the fourth quarter, UNT had been out-scored 50-3 in the fourth quarter.

For Tech, if the loss at Tennessee didn't wake the team up, this one surely will. There is still Big 12 schedule ahead and any sort of letdown, means a sure loss.

What a get-together!: When Tech's John Norman and Antwan Alexander host a team reunion with UNT's Fred and Corry Pertile, they really know how to throw a party. All four were part of Midland Lee's heralded defense last year and this was their first meeting on the football outside of high school.

After the game, the only ones leaving with the door prize were the Pertiles, who met Norman and Alexander, along with family members at midfield for congratulatory handshakes and hugs.

Next year on Sept. 12, the Pertiles along with their Mean Green teammates provide the chips and dips as Tech visits Denton.

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Tim Herron wins Texas Open

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — Tim Herron's nickname on the PGA Tour is "Lumpy" because he stands 5-feet-10 and doesn't look like he's missed a meal at 210 pounds.

But after Sunday's victory in the LaCantera Texas Open, the 27-year-old from Minneapolis may soon be known as "Rain Man."

Last year, Herron who is gleefully disheveled, puffs on cigarettes between shots and is a ringer for actor Chris Farley, claimed his first tour victory as a rookie by winning the Honda Classic with a final-round 69 in a steady rain.

On Sunday, Herron again braved scattered showers and gusting conditions to pull away from a hard-charging field and win by two strokes with a final-round 69 for a 17-under 271 total.

"What can I say? I play well in the rain," Herron said, his hair a messy mop of wet blond curls while holding the Texas Open trophy.

Rick Fehr and Brent Geiberger finished at 273, while Duffy Waldorf was another stroke back.

With the television cameras rolling in the interview tent, fellow pro and friend Scott McCarron encouraged Herron to straighten his visor and brush off several grass blades that had collected on his white shirt.

Herron smiled and said, "No, that's part of my image. When you're Lumpy, that's part of the deal."

Herron, who won $252,000, pushed his earnings for the year to $630,191 and is now in the thick of the race to finish in the top 30 on the money list and qualify for the rich Tour Championship in Houston next month, a tournament where last place is worth $49,500.

Geiberger a rookie on the PGA Tour, shooting a 65 — the best round of the day.

"I've already locked myself into the tour for next year, so it's nice knowing that I don't have to come out here and worry about that," said Geiberger, who took home a check for $123,200 and whose best previous finish was 11th place at the Buick Open in August.

Fehr's previous best finish this year was fourth at the Phoenix Open.

■ Golf Roundup

"I didn't get off to a very good start, bogeying the first hole," said Fehr, who opened the day at 13-under but negated five birdies with three bogeys. "You can't make mistakes like that when you're playing to win on Sunday."

With Tom Lehman missing the cut, the only remaining Ryder Cup players were Lee Janzen and Jeff Maggert. Janzen shot a 69 Sunday to finish with a 6-under total of 282. Maggert shot a 71 to finish 4-under.

"I just want to do my best to win next week," Janzen said. "I feel pretty good."

Herron opened the day as the leader at 14-under and didn't make a move until the par-5 5th, when he made a 15-foot putt for eagle.

Neumann wins Welch's Championship

CANTON, Mass. — Liselotte Neumann birdied two of the first three holes Sunday and was never seriously challenged as she posted a three-shot victory over Nancy Harvey in the LPGA Welch's Championship.

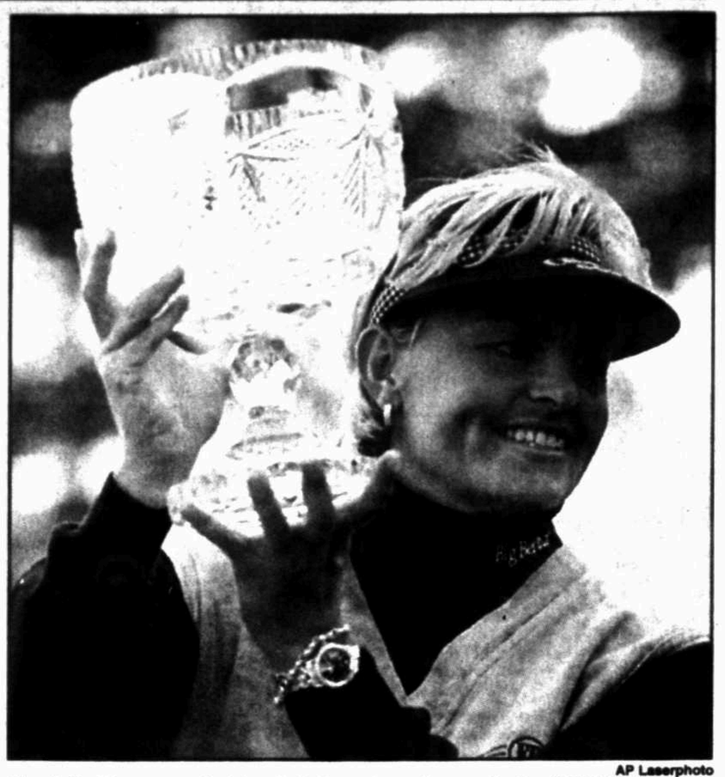
The title was the first of the year for Neumann and her ninth on the LPGA tour. She and Harvey, who has won in eight-plus year on tour, began the final round tied for the lead at 10-under-par — four shots better than the rest of the field at the 6,137-yard Bluehill Country Club course.

Neumann started her final-round 2-under-par 70 with a 25-foot birdie putt on No. 1. She made a 14-footer for birdie on No. 3 as Harvey, who shot a 73, bogeyed the hole to open a three-shot lead.

Greg Turner wins British Masters; Montgomerie finishes with 63

COVENTRY, England — Colin Montgomerie showed he's ready for this week's Ryder Cup, shooting a closing-round, 9-under-par 63 Sunday in the British Masters to finish one shot behind winner Greg Turner of New Zealand.

Turner closed with a 70 for a composite of 275, 13-under par and had to get down in two from a greenside bunker on the final hole to avoid a playoff with Montgomerie.



AP Laserphoto

Liselotte Nuemann holds aloft the winner's cup in the LPGA's Welch's Championship at the Blue Hills Country Club in Canton, Mass., Sunday. Nuemann won the tournament with a total score of 12-under-par 276.

NFL: Tampa Bay Bucs improve to 4-0

(From 1C)

to break Bart Starr's Green Bay career record of 153 in a span of 16 seasons. Favre now has 156 in just five-plus seasons with the Packers.

The Jets, meanwhile, took advantage of Oakland's abysmal kicking game to beat the Raiders 23-22 on Ray Mickens' 72-yard return of a blocked field goal in the fourth quarter. That ended a 13-game losing streak at the Meadowlands.

And the Saints, a week after a tongue lashing by Ditka, beat Detroit 35-17, going without a turnover after committing 19 in their first three games.

In other games, New England and Denver remained unbeaten as their Monday night meeting in two weeks approaches.

The Broncos got 215 rushing yards from Terrell Davis to beat Cincinnati 38-20, while New England beat winless Chicago 31-3.

Elsewhere, Kansas City beat Carolina 35-14; and it was Baltimore 36, Tennessee 10; San Francisco 34, Atlanta 7; Buffalo 37, Indianapolis 35; Seattle 26, San Diego 22; and St. Louis 13, the New York Giants 3

The Packers finally showed the offensive punch they had last season.

But despite a spurt of 31 straight points in the first half, it wasn't until 1:38 was left in the game that the Packers (3-1) were safe, finally stopping Brad Johnson, the Vikings quarterback who completed his first 13 passes of the second half.

The Packers' offensive explosion came after the defending champions scored just two touchdowns in two games — losing 10-9 at Philadelphia and beating Miami 23-18.

They scored 24 points in the second quarter and 31 straight after the Vikings (2-2) took a 7-0 lead.

Saints 35, Lions 17

At the Superdome, Mario Bates ran for 162 yards and two touchdowns and passed for another on a halfback option as the Saints won their first game under Ditka.

The Saints (1-3) had lost 12 straight September games, but last week's tirade by Ditka seemed to work. Heath Shuler, who had thrown eight interceptions without a touchdown, was 15-of-21 for 202 yards and a touchdown against Detroit (2-2).

"I think what he did helped us," said Wayne Martin, who had four of the Saints' five sacks against the Lions. "Whatever it was, it was such a relief."

Patriots 31, Bears 3

In Foxboro, Drew Bledsoe threw two touchdown passes for the Patriots (4-0), and Curtis Martin had a 70-yard TD run.

Bledsoe, the league's leading quarterback, threw for TDs of 7 yards to Vincent Brisby and 52 yards to Troy Brown, giving him 12 in four games. Rick Mirer started his first game for Chicago (0-4), but could do no more than Erik Kramer.

Broncos 38, Bengals 20

Davis' club-record 215 yards included a 50-yard touchdown run early in the fourth quarter that gave the Broncos (4-0) a 28-20 lead.

The Bengals (1-2) stayed close for most of the game, tying the score on Ki-Jana Carter's 79-yard touchdown run on the first play from scrimmage after intermission. Carter finished with 104 yards, the first 100-yard rushing game for a Bengals' back in 168 games.

Jets 23, Raiders 22

Corwin Brown blocked a field goal and Ray Mickens took it 72 yards for the winning score to stop New York's home losing streak one short of the NFL record.

The Raiders (1-3) appeared headed for another victory as Jeff George threw for 374 yards and three touchdowns, beating cornerback Otis Smith on each. Tim Brown had 10 catches for 153 yards and James Jett caught five passes for 148 yards.

But Cole Ford missed field goals of 44, 27 and 47 yards, botched an extra point and had the crucial block by Brown.

"It was a low snap and a low kick," Raiders coach Joe Bugel said of the decisive block.

Ravens 36, Oilers 10

The Ravens, who didn't win a road game in their first season in Baltimore, won their second straight away from home before just 17,737 in the Liberty Bowl.

Vinny Testaverde threw for 318 yards and three touchdowns for Baltimore (3-1). Matt Stover added four field goals, and the defense shut down the Oilers (1-3), pressuring Steve McNair and containing Eddie George.

Chiefs 35, Panthers 14

Elvis Grbac threw for 214 yards and three touchdowns for the Chiefs, who scored the most points against the Panthers in their three-year history.

Kansas City (3-1) had four interceptions against Kerry Collins, in his second game after returning from a broken jaw. It was the second loss in a row at Ericsson Stadium for Carolina, which was 9-0 there last season.

49ers 34, Falcons 7

Steve Young had two touchdown passes and Terry Kirby ran for two scores for the 49ers (3-1), who have outscored the Falcons (0-4) 257-95 in the last six games they've played in San Francisco.

The point output was the 49ers biggest since losing Jerry Rice, their chief playmaker, to a knee injury in a season-opening loss at Tampa Bay, although it came against a Falcons team that started backup Billy Joe Tolliver in place of injured Chris Chandler.

Seahawks 26, Chargers 22

Steve Broussard leaped into the end zone from 1 yard out with 1:22 to go to give the Seahawks (2-2) the victory. It capped an 80-yard, 10-play drive that took a second under four minutes.

John Carney kicked five field goals for San Diego (1-3) before an enthusiastic crowd of 51,110 at the Kingdome.

Rams 13, Giants 3

Two field goals by Jeff Wilkins and a late 4-yard touchdown run by Craig Heyward were just enough for the Rams (2-2).

The field goals would have been enough for the St. Louis defense, which sacked Giants quarterback Dave Brown four times and harassed him all afternoon.

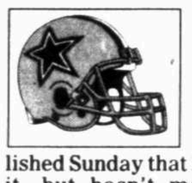
Bucs 31, Dolphins 21

TAMPA, Fla. — Trent Dilfer had his finest moment as a pro against his biggest critic, Jimmy Johnson.

Tampa Bay's much-maligned quarterback threw for 248 yards and a career-high four touchdowns Sunday night as the Buccaneers remained the NFC's only unbeaten team with a 31-21 victory over Johnson's Miami Dolphins.

Would Jerry Jones coach Cowboys?

DALLAS (AP) — Tom Landry, Jimmy Johnson and Barry Switzer have all coached the Dallas Cowboys to Super Bowl titles. Could Jerry Jones?



Jones told the New York Times in an interview published Sunday that he's considered it, but hasn't made the move because "there are just too many coaches who have the experience to get it done better than I could."

Jones, who played football at Arkansas and has been Dallas' general manager since buying the team in 1989, once said 500 people could take the Cowboys to the Super Bowl. He has hinted before that he considers himself among the other 499.

"I consider it sometimes, yes," Jones told the newspaper. "But first and foremost I want to be successful and not selfish, and the best chance for this organization to win is by having a full-time head coach who is qualified, so that's why I probably won't do it."

Neither Jones nor other team officials could immediately be reached for comment Sunday. A message left at the team's headquarters Sunday was not returned to The Associated Press. The Cowboys were idle this week.

The last NFL owner to coach his team was George Halas of the Chicago Bears more than 50 years ago. The question of whether Jones would be next is especially intriguing in light of increasing speculation that he is becoming disenchanted with Switzer.

The Cowboys didn't reach the NFC championship game last year for the first time since 1991. Then Switzer set back Jones' campaign to clean up the team's image by being arrested for carrying a loaded gun at the Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport. Finally, the team hasn't played very well while starting the year 2-1.

Other owners and high-ranking league executives told the newspaper they know of Jones' interest in moving from the front office to the sidelines.

"It could definitely happen," said a league executive who has spoken to Jones on the subject and who insisted on anonymity. "I'm not sure if it will, but don't laugh it off because he has talked about it increasingly the last few months and even the past few weeks.

"He probably won't do it, not because he would not be good at it, but because he already has so many different things going on."

Jones, who turns 55 next month, relishes the challenge of breaking the mold and showing a new, better way of doing things. He's already done it with contracts that get around the salary cap and through deals with Nike and Pepsi that counter other league deals.

"In general, in life, you have to go for it," said Jones, who made his money in the crapshoot world of oil. "You live life to the fullest. But I have to admit it would be extremely self-centered if I did coach the team. Still, the desire is sometimes there."

Jones feeds that desire by prowling the sidelines nearly every Sunday. He often attends practices at Valley Ranch and even has several television and radio shows where he lets Xs and Os creep into the conversation.

"No, I don't rule it out," one owner said of the chance Jones would name himself head coach. "It would not surprise me at all if he did it, and in my opinion, if anyone had a shot at doing it successfully it would be him.

"People underestimate how smart he is. But why would you want to do it? For him, it's the challenge. He could be the only man in modern sports to win a Super Bowl as a coach, general manager and owner. That intrigues him."

One owner said that if Jones did coach the Cowboys, it would truly be to feed his ego. That owner said Jones should then rename the team "the Dallas Joneses and move the team to Jones Beach."

Others, however, say they are never skeptical of Jones' intentions because of his strong belief in himself.

"He believes he can do anything," said the Giants' co-owner, Bob Tisch, "and I have learned not to doubt him."

MARTIN: Driver gets first Winston Cup win

(From 1C)

Martin said another reason he was able to win was the approach the entire field seemed to take.

"The drivers did an incredible job today," he said, conceding that the lack of cautions was a major factor in the victory. "Cautions cause cautions."

They bunch the field, and tight racing on restarts can be calamitous.

"There is a hundred times greater chance of an accident than when everybody gets stretched out," Martin said. "It was a very clean race."

Petty, who said he was praying for a caution while leading Martin by as much as 25 seconds, dominated the race from the 162nd lap until pitting with 20 remaining.

"We didn't get beat on the track, we got beat on fuel mileage," said Petty, whose most recent career victory came at Dover in June of 1995. "But fuel mileage is part of the game."

Petty's Pontiac finished about 2 feet behind the Chevrolet of seven-time series champion Dale Earnhardt, who also completed the first 400-mile race at Dover with just three pit stops.

"Kyle was just too strong, but gas mileage enabled us to get second," said Earnhardt, whose career-worst losing streak reached 53 races. "It's just a matter of time until we win a race."

Despite his fourth win of the year and the 22nd of his career, Martin made little progress in his bid for the series title. Gordon's seventh-place finish allowed Martin to slice just 34 points from the lead, which stands at 105 with six races remaining.

It was 38-year-old Martin's 11th top-five finish at Dover, where his only previous victory was in a Busch series race 10 years ago. It also was the 16th win this year for a Ford driver.

Gordon's Chevrolet has the other 10 victories in 1997.

Martin's payoff from a purse of $1,551,173 million coupled with the bonus brought his earnings for 1997 to $1,611,609.

The only caution came out when Michael Waltrip crashed on the 88th lap. The 389 laps of green-flag racing resulted in a Dover record speed of 132.719 mph.

There were 10 lead changes among four drivers, and the margin of victory was 10.334 seconds.

Bobby Labonte's Pontiac wound up fourth, the only other car on the lead lap. Dale Jarrett's Ford, which started third behind Martin and Gordon, finished a lap down in fifth place. Jarrett is 184 points behind Gordon.

Ricky Rudd, a four-time Dover winner whose one-car-length victory over Martin in June ended Gordon's bid for a record fourth straight triumph on the track, wound up sixth in his Ford.

Gordon, who won this event each of the last two years, was saddled with an ill-handling car. He wound up two laps down.

"The long runs killed us today," Gordon said. "Without many cautions, we just didn't have time to fix it."

SAMPRAS: Americans to meet Swedes

(From 1C)

Asked if he had picked up anything that might help him against Sampras next time, Rafter said: "Not really. Sort of more confused now."

Rafter made a valiant effort to stay in the match through the first set, saving four break points in the fourth game and winning the tiebreaker. But his serve-and-volley game soon deserted him. He netted many easy forehand volleys and even had trouble with his toss, at one point kneeling with his head down to regain his composure after two consecutive wayward tosses.

Rafter's surprise U.S. Open triumph raised his ranking to No. 3, but he was taught tennis lessons this weekend with one-sided losses to both Chang and Sampras.

"Brings you back down a little bit," Rafter said. "It is good, though, good to be knocked around a little bit. It makes me want to work harder, that is all it does."

Sampras skipped the first round and quarterfinals of the Davis Cup this year. He said he will play in next month's final in Sweden, the site of his last Davis Cup singles defeat — a retirement because of a leg injury against Stefan Edberg in 1994.

"To commit to every tie is basically too much tennis," Sampras said. "I have told the (International Tennis Federation) if they had a better schedule for Davis Cup, I would commit myself."

The United States will be playing in the finals for the 59th time and will be seeking its record 32nd title. The U.S. team last won the Davis Cup in 1995, when Sampras led a 3-2 victory over Russia in Moscow.

The Americans led 2-0 after Friday's singles when Chang defeated Rafter and Sampras beat Philippoussis. Mark Woodforde and Todd Woodbridge kept the Australians alive with a doubles victory over Sampras and Todd Martin on Saturday.

In the other semifinal, in Norrkoping, Sweden, the Swedes eliminated Italy when Jonas Bjorkman defeated Renzo Furlan 4-6, 6-4, 6-0, 6-4 to give the home team a 3-1 lead. Thomas Enqvist beat Omar Camporese 6-3, 6-7 (5-7), 6-3 in the second reverse singles.

The Swedes lost what many consider was the most dramatic final in Davis Cup history last year at Malmo, Sweden. Both reverse singles went five sets for the first time in a final and France won 3-2.

"I think we would have a pretty good chance against the Americans," Enqvist said. "We have a very good team and we want revenge for last year."

In World Group qualifying this weekend: Zimbabwe beat Austria, Brazil beat New Zealand, India beat Chile, Belgium beat France, Germany beat Mexico, Russia beat Romania, Slovakia beat Canada and Switzerland beat South Korea.

The losers of the series will be relegated from the group of top Davis Cup teams.

LOCAL SPORTS

No. 1 Cooper Shuts out Lee

ABILENE — The Abilene Cooper tennis team, ranked No. 1 in the state, defeated Midland Lee 18-0 in District 4-5A team tennis action Saturday.

Cooper didn't give up a set in the contest and improved to 11-0 for the season. Midland Lee, 1-2 in district, falls to 11-2 for the season.

The Lee JV lost to Cooper 17-1. The only winner for Lee was Bruno Figurcedo.

Results from the Midland Lee-Abilene Cooper team tennis match played Saturday in Abilene. Cooper players listed first

Boys Singles: Chuck Haddox def. Wes Hunt 6-1, 6-3; Chris Caceres def. Trent Branch 6-4, 7-5; Kyle Lay def. Marshall Viney 6-4, 6-2; Mark Plowman def. Brian Briethaupt 7-5, 6-3; Jeremy Dansby def. Rafael Fuentes 6-3, 7-6; North Keeragool def. Davis Harris 6-4, 6-1.

Boys Doubles: Haddox-Keeragool def. Hunt Briethupt 6-4, 6-3; Dansby-Caceres def. Viney-Branch 6-1, 6-3; Plowman-Lay def. Fuentes-Lewis 6-0, 6-0.

Girls Singles: Lacy Johnson def. Lili Vo 6-1, 6-2; Rebecca Watkins def. Catherine Hofer 6-1, 6-1; Andi Widner def. Marissa Laman 6-1, 6-0; Kadi Kirkland def. Melissa Wade 6-0, 6-1; Lindsay Smith def. Emily Okerman 6-1, 6-1; Liz Berry def. Melinda Wade 7-6, 6-1.

Girls Doubles: Johnson-Wildner def. Vo-Hofer 6-0, 6-3; Watkins-Smith def. Wade-Wade 6-1, 6-0; Kirkland-Berry def. Okerman-Carroll 6-1, 6-1.

DUO wins RHCC Fiesta

Gary McCullough and Tonya Parrish shot a net score of 55 to take first place and win the Fiesta Couples event this weekend at Ranchland Hills Country Club.

McCullough and Parrish won the first flight two strokes ahead of Arlen and Jo Dickson, who finished with a 57. Gerald and Janell Burnett shot a 58.

Other flight winners included Jim and Sandy Hall (second flight), Don and Linda Wilkins (third flight) and Doug and Jane Thomas (fourth flight).

Results from the Ranchland Hills Country Club Fiesta held this weekend.

First Flight: Gary McCullough-Tonya Parrish 55; Arlen-Jo Dickson 57; Gerald-Janell Burnett 58; Day Money: Sam-Carol Buchanan 63 (tie).

Second Flight: Jim-Sandy Hall 55; Rocky Chambers-Liz Hughes 56; Fred-Stephanie Holmes 57 (tie); Day Money: Larry-Audrey Foster 63.

Third Flight: Don-Linda Wilkins 55; Dennis-Janet Snyder 58; Gary-Rene Laughlin 58; Day Money: Gladys-Dalvim Awalt 62.

Fourth Flight: Doug-Jane Thomas 54; Wayne-Carolyn Aetter 56; Glen-Hazel Pierce 57; Day Money: Gerald-Sheila Breckman 67.

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GAndsn lf	5	1	4	0	Greer lf	3	0	1 1
Salmon rf	5	0	1	1	JuGnlz rf	4	0	0 0
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E—KLBrown (1), Pavlik (1). DP—Anaheim 2. LOB—Anaheim 14, Texas 7. 2B—GAnderson (32), DiSarcina (28), TGoodwin (24), LStevens (24). SB—Alicea (20). S—Kreuter. SF—Greer.

Anaheim	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Hasegawa	5	7	1	1	1	4
PHarris W,5-4	2	0	0	0	0	1
Holtz	1	0	0	0	0	1
Percival S,27	1	2	0	0	0	2
Texas						
Pavlik L,3-5	6	9	2	2	0	3
Bailes	1-3	1	0	0	0	0
Patterson	1 2-3	4	1	1	1	2
Wetteland	1	1	1	1	1	1

Hasegawa pitched to 2 batters in the 6th, Pavlik pitched to 1 batter in the 7th.

MARINERS 9, ATHLETICS 2

SEATTLE	ab	r	h	bi	OAKLAND	ab	r	hbi
Cora 2b	4	2	2	0	JMcDld cf	5	0	1 0
Gevara 2b	0	0	0	0	Mgdan dh	2	0	1 1
RKelly lf	5	0	3	2	Grieve rf	5	0	1 0
Grfy Jr cf	4	0	1	2	Stairs lf	5	0	0 0
EMrtnz dh	4	1	1	0	Giambi 1b	4	1	3 0
ARdrgz ss	4	0	0	0	Spiezio 2b	4	0	1 0
Buhner rf	5	2	2	3	Mayne c	2	1	1 1
Srrento 1b	5	0	0	0	Blhrn ph	1	0	0 0
DaWlsn c	5	3	4	1	Molina c	0	0	0 0
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E—Stairs (4). DP—Seattle 1. LOB—Seattle 8, Oakland 12. 2B—Giambi (39). HR—Buhner 2 (39), DaWilson (15). SB—RKelly (9), Griffey Jr (15). CS—JMcDonald (6). SF—Griffey Jr.

Seattle	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Cloude W,4-2	6	5	2	2	5	5
Spoljaric	1 1-3	1	0	0	0	1
Timlin	2-3	1	0	0	0	0
BWells	1	2	0	0	0	0
Oakland						
Rigby L,1-6	3 1-3	7	6	6	2	3
Mohler	2 2-3	2	0	0	0	3
Wengert	1 2-3	3	1	1	0	2
Lorraine	1-3	0	0	0	0	1
Witasik	1	2	2	2	0	1

HBP—by Rigby (Cora), by Cloude (Tejada), by Cloude (Brosius).

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Stewart cf	4	1	2	1	Raines lf	4	2	3 0
CGrcia 2b	4	0	0	1	Fox 3b	1	0	0 0
Cruz Jr lf	5	0	1	1	Hayes 3b	1	0	0 0
Carter 1b	5	0	2	0	O'Neill rf	4	0	2 1
CDlgdo dh	3	0	1	0	BeWrns cf	5	0	1 1
Crespo 3b	1	0	0	0	TMrtnz 1b	5	1	1 1
Samuel 3b	4	0	0	0	Fielder dh	4	1	1 1
SnGren rf	4	1	2	0	Jeter ss	4	1	1 1
O'Brien c	3	1	1	0	Posada c	2	0	0 0
RiBtlr ph	1	0	0	0	Snchez 2b	4	0	2 0
BSntgo c	0	0	0	0				
AGnzlz ss	4	1	1	0				
Totals	38	4	10	3	Totals	34	5	11 5

Toronto	000	040	000 — 4
New York	101	100	010 — 5

One out when winning run scored.

DP—Toronto 2, New York 2. LOB—Toronto 10, New York 8. 2B—Stewart (11), Carter 2 (29), CDelgado (38), O'Brien (15), Raines (17), O'Neill (42). HR—TMartinez (43), Fielder (11), Jeter (9). SB—Stewart (9). CS—Posada (2), Sanchez (4). S—Fox. SF—CGarcia.

Toronto	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
WWilliams	6	9	3	3	4	5
Plesac	1	0	0	0	1	2
Robinson	2	1	1	1	1	3
Almanzar L,0-1	1-3	1	1	0	0	
New York						
Pettitte	7	7	4	4	3	7
Stanton	1	1	0	0	0	1
MRivera	1	1	0	0	0	3
Bhrngr W,3-2	1	1	0	0	2	0

WP—Pettitte, Boehringer. PB—Posada 2.

ROYALS 1, INDIANS 0

CLEVELAND	ab	r	h	bi	KANSAS CITY	ab	r	hbi
Roberts 2b	4	0	2	0	Damon cf	5	0	0 0
Vizquel ss	3	0	0	0	RDMyr rf	5	0	2 1
Rmirez rf	4	0	1	0	JBell ss	3	0	1 0
Thome 1b	3	0	0	0	CDavis dh	3	0	0 0
Justice dh	4	0	1	0	FMrtnz dh	0	0	0 0
Giles lf	3	0	0	0	JKing 1b	2	0	1 0
Brnson 3b	3	0	1	0	Palmer 3b	3	0	0 0
MaWm 3b	1	0	0	0	YBentz lf	2	1	0 0
Brders c	3	0	0	0	Mcfrlne c	3	0	0 0
Grssom cf	3	0	0	0	JHansn 2b	2	0	1 0
					Offrmn ph	0	0	0 0
Totals	31	0	5	0	Totals	28	1	5 1

Cleveland	000	000	000 — 0
Kansas City	000	000	001 — 1

Two outs when winning run scored.

DP—Cleveland 1, Kansas City 1. LOB—Cleveland 7, Kansas City 11. 2B—Roberts (19), Branson (3). SB—JBell (7). S—JBell, Macfarlane.

Cleveland	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Ogea	7	3	0	0	5	4
MJackson L,2-5	1 1-3	1	1	1	3	1
Assenmacher	1-3	1	0	0	0	0
Kansas City						
Appier	7	4	0	0	1	10
Pichardo	1	1	0	0	1	0
Whisenant	2-3	0	0	0	1	1
Bevil W,1-2	1-3	0	0	0	0	1

WP—Ogea, Bevil.

TWINS 2, BREWERS 1, 10 innings

MILWAUKEE	ab	r	h	bi	MINNESOTA	ab	r	hbi
Vina 2b	4	0	1	0	Knblch 2b	5	1	1 0
Cirillo 3b	4	1	2	1	Brede 1b	5	1	1 0
Nilsson dh	4	0	0	0	Molitor dh	5	0	3 1
JuFrco 1b	4	0	1	0	Comer 3b	4	0	2 1
Burnitz rf	4	0	1	0	Lawton rf	2	0	0 0
JsValtn ss	4	0	0	0	MCdva lf	3	0	0 0
DrJksn lf	4	0	0	0	Stnbch c	4	0	0 0
GeWrns cf	4	0	1	0	Becker cf	4	0	1 0
Levis c	4	0	0	0	Meares ss	2	0	0 0
					Hcking ss	1	0	0 0
Totals	36	1	6	1	Totals	35	2	8 2

Milwaukee	100	000	000 — 1
Minnesota	000	001	000 — 2

One out when winning run scored.

E—Vina (7), Cirillo (16), JsValentin (18). DP—Milwaukee 2. LOB—Milwaukee 5, Minnesota 9. 2B—GeWilliams (32), Knoblauch (26), Coomer (26). 3B—Molitor (4). HR—Cirillo (10). SB—JuFranco (13). CS—Lawton (4).

Milwaukee	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Harnisch	5 1-3	4	1	0	2	4
Wickman	3 2-3	2	0	0	1	5
Fetters L,1-5	1-3	2	1	1	0	0
Minnesota						
Radke W,20-9	10	6	1	1	1	9

HBP—by Wickman (Meares). WP—Harnisch. T—2:53.

TIGERS 11, ORIOLES 3

DETROIT	ab	r	h	bi	BALTIMORE	ab	r	hbi
BLHntr cf	4	2	2	0	Hmnds cf	3	0	0 0
Bartee cf	0	0	0	0	Dllucci rf	1	0	0 0
Hggnsn rf	6	2	2	1	Ldsma 2b	4	1	2 0
Frymn 3b	4	2	1	1	EDavis rf	3	0	1 0
ToClrk 1b	4	2	2	2	Trasco cf	0	0	0 0
Hurst rf	0	0	0	0	Berroa dh	3	1	0 0
Easley 2b	5	2	2	6	RPmro 1b	3	1	1 3
Tramll dh	5	0	3	0	Rosario c	1	0	0 0
Nevin lf	4	0	0	0	CRipkn 3b	2	0	1 0
Csnova c	3	1	0	0	Rboulet 3b	0	0	1 0
DCruz ss	5	0	0	0	Walton lf	4	0	0 0
					Hoiles c	2	0	0 0
					Clybrn lf	2	0	0 0
					Bordick ss	3	0	0 0
					CGrene ph	1	0	0 0
Totals	40	11	12	10	Totals	32	3	5 3

Detroit	302	006	000 —11
Baltimore	000	102	000 — 3

E—Ledesma (3). LOB—Detroit 9, Baltimore 7. 2B—Fryman (27), Trammell 2 (5). HR—Easley 2 (22), RPalmeiro (36).

Detroit	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
JuThsn W,15-11	6	5	3	3	2	7
Miceli	2	0	0	0	3	3
Brocail	1	0	0	0	0	2
Baltimore						
Key L,16-10	4 2-3	7	5	5	3	5
Yan	2-3	3	6	5	1	0
BrWilliams	3 2-3	2	0	0	2	2

HBP—by Yan (Fryman). WP—JuThompson, Key.

RED SOX 5, WHITE SOX 2

CHICAGO	ab	r	h	bi	BOSTON	ab	r	hbi
Drham 2b	5	1	2	0	Grcprr ss	5	0	1 1
Fnville cf	3	0	0	0	Frye 2b	4	1	1 0
FThms dh	3	0	3	1	MVghn dh	1	0	1 1
Belle lf	4	0	1	0	Mack dh	0	1	0 0
Vntura 3b	4	0	0	0	Crdero lf	4	1	3 0
LMoutn rf	3	0	0	0	Jffrson 1b	3	0	0 0
Fbrgas c	4	1	3	0	Hslman c	3	1	1 0
MVldz 1b	4	0	1	0	O'Lry rf	4	0	0 0
OGuiln ss	3	0	0	1	Bnymin 3b	3	1	0 1
					Tvarez cf	2	0	1 0
					Bragg cf	2	0	2 2
Totals	33	2	10	2	Totals	31	5	10 5

Chicago	100	100	000 — 2
Boston	100	100	03x — 5

E—Durham (18), Ventura (6), Benjamin (5). DP—Chicago 2, Boston 2. LOB—Chicago 8, Boston 8. 2B—FThomas (35), Frye (35). 3B—Durham (5), Fabregas (1). SB—Frye (19). CS—Bragg (6). S—Fonville, Jefferson. SF—OGuillen.

Chicago	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Eyre	7	8	2	2	2	1
Fordham L,0-1	2-3	2	3	3	3	0
NCruz	1-3	0	0	0	0	0
Boston						
Sele	6	9	2	2	1	4
Corsi W,5-2	2	1	0	0	1	1
Gordon S,10	1	0	0	0	0	0

NL Boxes

ASTROS 8, REDS 3

HOUSTON	ab	r	h	bi	CINCINNATI	ab	r	hbi
Biggio 2b	4	0	1	1	Reese ss	5	1	1 0
DeBell rf	4	2	3	0	Nnnally cf	2	1	1 1
Bgwell 1b	5	1	1	1	Stynes lf	5	0	1 1
LGnzlz lf	4	1	1	1	WGrne 3b	4	1	1 1
Berry 3b	3	2	2	0	RSndrs rf	5	0	1 0
Spiers 3b	1	1	1	1	LHrris 1b	3	0	2 0
THwrd cf	4	0	0	0	Tbnsee c	2	0	0 0
Carr cf	1	0	0	0	DmJkn 2b	4	0	0 0
Gterrez ss	4	0	2	3	Morgan p	1	0	0 0
Asmus c	3	1	1	1	RoseJr ph	1	0	0 0
RGrcia p	2	0	1	0	FeRdgz p	0	0	0 0
Esebio ph	1	0	0	0	Boone ph	1	0	0 0
JCbra p	0	0	0	0	Graves p	0	0	0 0
RuJhsn ph	1	0	1	0	Wchstr p	0	0	0 0
Hudek p	0	0	0	0	Wtkins ph	1	0	0 0
BWgnr p	0	0	0	0				
Totals	37	8	14	8	Totals	34	3	7 3

Houston	001	140	110 — 8
Cincinnati	010	010	001 — 3

E—Stynes (2). LOB—Houston 11, Cincinnati 11. 2B—Spiers (25), Gutierrez 2 (14), RGarcia (2). HR—Nunnally (11), WGreene (25). SB—Biggio (44). Spiers (10), RSanders (12). S—RGarcia.

Houston	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
RGarcia W,8-8	6	4	2	2	4	6
JCabrera	2	1	0	0	2	3
Hudek	1-3	2	1	1	1	1
BWagner	2-3	0	0	0	0	1
Cincinnati						
Morgan L,8-12	5	9	6	6	3	2
FeRodriguez	2	2	1	1	2	4
Graves	1	2	1	1	2	0
Winchester	1	1	0	0	0	0

HBP—by FeRodriguez (DeBell).

EXPOS 7, BRAVES 1

MONTREAL	ab	r	h	bi	ATLANTA	ab	r	hbi
Grdzln ss	5	0	1	0	Lofton cf	4	1	1 0
Urbina p	0	0	0	0	Clontz p	0	0	0 0
Lnsing 2b	4	0	0	0	Brock p	0	0	0 0
Stnkwc 2b	1	0	0	0	GMyrs ph	1	0	0 0
Vidro 3b	4	0	0	0	Lckhrt 2b	3	0	2 0
Strange 3b	1	0	0	0	ChJnes 3b	4	0	2 1
Segui 1b	4	2	3	1	Gvnola 3b	0	0	0 0
RWhite cf	4	3	3	0	Klesko lf	4	0	2 0
Mulens lf	2	2	1	1	Tucker rf	2	0	0 0
Telford p	0	0	0	0	AJones rf	2	0	1 0
Flmer ph	1	0	0	0	JLopez c	2	0	0 0
Kline p	0	0	0	0	Spehr c	1	0	0 0
Cbrera ss	0	0	0	0	Clbrnn 1b	4	0	0 0
Widger c	4	0	2	1	Blliard ss	2	0	0 0
McGire rf	3	0	1	1	Gregg rf	2	0	1 0
MiJhsn p	2	0	0	0	Neagle p	2	0	0 0
DeHart p	0	0	0	0	Lgtnbr p	0	0	0 0
Orsulak lf	2	0	0	0	Simon ph	1	0	1 0
					Mrdcai ss	1	0	0 0
Totals	37	7	11	7	Totals	35	1	10 1

Montreal	000	033	010 — 7
Atlanta	000	010	000 — 1

DP—Montreal 2. LOB—Montreal 5, Atlanta 9. 2B—Widger (18), McGuire (15), Gregg (1). HR—Segui (20), RWhite 2 (26), Meulens (1). SB—Lofton (26). SF—McGuire.

Montreal	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
MiJohnson	4 1-3	6	1	1	2	4
DeHart W,2-1	2-3	0	0	0	0	0
Telford	2	1	0	0	0	1
Kline	1	2	0	0	0	2
Urbina	1	1	0	0	0	1
Atlanta						
Neagle L,20-4	5	2-3	7	6	6	1 4
Ligtenberg	1	1-3	1	0	0	0 1
Clontz			1	3	1	1 0 0
Brock			1	0	0	0 0 0

PIRATES 14, CARDINALS 2

ST. LOUIS	ab	r	h	bi	PITTSBURGH	ab	r	hbi
DeShld 2b	3	1	1	0	Wmack 2b	4	3	3 0
Brbnngr 2b	1	0	0	0	Collier ss	1	0	0 0
McGee lf	4	0	0	0	Ward cf	3	3	1 2
Shaffer lf	0	0	0	0	EBrwn lf	1	0	0 0
McGwr 1b	3	0	0	1	MSmith lf	2	2	1 1
Lnkfrd cf	3	0	0	0	ABrwn rf	1	0	0 0
DaBell ss	1	0	0	0	KYng 1b	5	2	2 3
Gaetti 3b	4	0	0	0	Randa 3b	4	1	2 3
DYng rf	2	1	2	1	Kendall c	4	1	2 0
Mrrero c	2	0	0	0	Osik c	0	0	0 0
Lmpkin c	1	0	1	0	JGillen rf	2	1	1 2
Ordaz ss	3	0	0	0	Alnswrt cf	2	1	0 0
SLowe p	0	0	0	0	Nunez ss	4	0	1 1
Busby p	1	0	0	0	Lieber p	3	0	1 1
Ptkvsk p	1	0	0	0	Ruebel p	0	0	0 0
ScGren cf	1	0	0	0				
Totals	30	2	4	2	Totals	36	14	14 13

St. Louis	100	010	000 — 2
Pittsburgh	105	401	30x —14

E—DYoung (13), Marrero (3), SLowe (2). DP—St. Louis 2, Pittsburgh 1. LOB—St. Louis 3, Pittsburgh 3. 2B—KYoung (18), Kendall (36), Nunez (2). 3B—DeShields (13). HR—DYoung (4), Ward (7), JGuillen (13). SB—Womack 2 (56), MSmith (2). SF—McGwire, Randa.

St. Louis	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Busby L,0-1	3 1-3	7	7	7	3	1
Petkovsek	2 2-3	3	4	4	1	3
SLowe	2	4	3	2	0	0
Pittsburgh						
Lieber W,11-14	8	4	2	2	1	10
Ruebel	1	0	0	0	0	2

Busby pitched to 2 batters in the 4th. WP—Lieber. T—2:30.

GIANTS 8, PADRES 5

SAN FRAN	ab	r	h	bi	SAN DIEGO	ab	r	hbi
Javier cf	5	1	1	2	QVeras 2b	4	1	1 0
Aurilia ss	3	1	2	0	SFinley cf	4	0	1 0
Vzcaino ss	1	0	0	0	Gwynn rf	4	1	1 1
Bonds lf	3	1	1	1	Cmniti 3b	3	2	1 1
Kent 2b	5	2	3	2	GVghn lf	2	1	0 0
MLewis 3b	3	1	1	1	Hffman p	0	0	0 0
Mueller 3b	1	0	0	0	Joyner 1b	1	0	0 0
GHill rf	4	0	1	2	Lee 1b	1	0	0 0
Mhilind p	0	0	0	0	Flherty c	3	0	0 0
Tvarez p	0	0	0	0	MkSwy ph	1	0	1 2
RRdrgz p	0	0	0	0	CHrndz c	0	0	0 0
Beck p	0	0	0	0	Gomez ss	3	0	1 0
Snow 1b	4	0	0	0	Bamon ph	1	0	0 0
BJhnsn c	4	0	1	0	Htchck p	2	0	1 0
Powell pr	0	1	0	0	Bruske p	0	0	0 0
Mrbelli c	0	0	0	0	Shipley ph	1	0	0 0
Alvarez p	3	0	2	0	HMrry p	0	0	0 0
DHmtn cf	1	1	1	0	DVeras p	0	0	0 0
					CrJnes lf	1	0	0 0
Totals	37	8	13	8	Totals	31	5	7 4

San Francisco	000	203	003 — 8
San Diego	020	000	030 — 5

E—MLewis (13). DP—San Francisco 2, San Diego 2. LOB—San Francisco 6, San Diego 5. 2B—Aurilia (8), Kent (35), GHill (27), DHamilton (22), Gwynn (49). 3B—Javier (4). HR—Bonds (37), Caminiti (25). SB—Kent (11). CS—Aurilia (1).

San Francisco	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Alvarez	7	3	2	1	5	4
Mulholland	0	3	3	3	0	0
Tavarez	1-3	0	0	0	1	1
RRodriguez	1-3	0	0	0	0	0
Beck W,7-4	1 1-3	1	0	0	0	2
San Diego						
Hitchcock	5 1-3	9	5	5	2	4
Bruske	1 2-3	0	0	0	0	1
HMurray		0	0	0	0	1
DVeras L,2-1	1 1-3	2	2	2	0	0
Hoffman	2-3	2	1	1	1	0

Mulholland pitched to 3 batters in the 8th, HMurray pitched to 1 batter in the 8th.

METS 2, MARLINS 1

NEW YORK	ab	r	h	bi	FLORIDA	ab	r	hbi
McRae cf	5	0	0	0	DWhite cf	3	0	0 0
Alfonzo 3b	4	0	0	0	Rnteria ss	3	0	0 0
Gilkey lf	3	1	1	0	Shffield rf	4	0	0 0
Huskey 1b	4	0	3	0	Bonilla 3b	4	1	1 0
Ochoa rf	3	0	1	0	Daulton 1b	4	0	1 1
Everett rf	1	0	1	1	Wehner pr	0	0	0 0
Hrdtke 2b	4	1	1	1	Alou lf	4	0	1 0
ACstillo c	3	0	0	0	Zaun c	3	0	1 0
Olerud ph	1	0	0	0	Cunsell 2b	3	0	1 0
Pratt c	0	0	0	0	Ojala p	2	0	0 0
ROrdnz ss	4	0	1	0	Powell p	0	0	0 0
RReed p	4	0	0	0	Cnglosi ph	1	0	0 0
Rojas p	0	0	0	0	Stnfr p	0	0	0 0
Totals	36	2	8	2	Totals	31	1	5 1

New York	000	000	110 — 2
Florida	000	000	001 — 1

E—Alou (3). Powell (3). Stanifer (1). LOB—New York 10, Florida 5. 2B—Daulton (21). HR—Hrdtke (2). S—Rentena.

New York	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
RReed W,13-9	8 2-3	5	1	1	1	3
Rojas S,14	1-3	0	0	0	0	0
Florida						
Ojala L,1-2	7	5	1	1	3	3
Powell	1	3	1	1	0	1
Stanifer	1	0	0	0	0	2

CUBS 11, PHILLIES 3

PHILA	ab	r	h	bi	CHICAGO	ab	r	hbi
MCmgs cf	5	0	1	1	LJhnsn cf	4	3	3 2
Mrndnz 2b	4	0	0	0	Sndbrg 2b	3	0	2 1
Rolen 3b	4	1	1	0	Cairo 2b	2	2	1 0
Brogna 1b	4	0	1	1	MaGrc 1b	4	2	3 3
Lbrthal c	4	1	1	0	Sosa rf	5	0	0 0
McMlln lf	4	0	1	0	DHnsn 3b	3	1	3 1
Barron rf	4	0	2	1	Ginville lf	2	1	1 0
Stocker ss	4	1	1	0	BBrwn lf	3	0	0 0
Schlrng p	2	0	0	0	JHrndz 3b	1	1	1 3
Blazier p	0	0	0	0	Huston c	4	0	0 0
Rbrtsn ph	1	0	0	0	Alxndr ss	4	0	1 0
Karp p	0	0	0	0	Tapani p	1	1	0 0
RHrris p	0	0	0	0	RTatis p	0	0	0 0
Amaro ph	0	0	0	0	Jnnings ph	1	0	0 0
					RMyrs p	0	0	0 0
Totals	36	3	8	3	Totals	37	11	15 10

Philadelphia	010	001	001 — 3
Chicago	100	050	32x —11

E—JHernandez (8). LOB—Philadelphia 8, Chicago 6. 2B—Brogna (36), Sandberg (26). 3B—LJohnson (8). HR—LJohnson (5), MaGrace (13), DHansen (3), JHernandez (7). S—Tapani.

Philadelphia	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Schilling L,16-11	5 1-3	10	6	6	1	8
Blazier	1	1	0	0	0	1
Karp	1	2	3	3	1	1
RHarris	1	2	2	2	1

Gutierrez leads Astros in 8-3 romp of Reds

Associated Press

Astros 8, Reds 3

CINCINNATI — Ricky Gutierrez doubled twice and drove in three runs, helping the Houston Astros close in on the NL Central title with a victory over the Cincinnati Reds.

The Astros, aiming for their first division championship since 1986, reduced their magic number to four heading into the final week. Houston maintained a 3 1/2-game lead over Pittsburgh.

The Astros scored four runs in the fifth inning off Mike Morgan (8-12) to take a 6-1 lead. Houston put five hits together in the burst, which Gutierrez completed with a two-run double.

Ramon Garcia (8-8) scattered four hits in six innings, including solo homers by Willie Greene and Jon Nunnally, as he won his third straight decision. The right-hander also had one of Houston's four doubles.

The Reds fell to 28-28 under manager Jack McKeon and were eliminated from the NL Central race.

Cubs 11, Phillies 3

CHICAGO — Curt Schilling increased his strikeout total to 313, tying the NL record for right-handers and setting the Phillies' overall mark Sunday as Philadelphia lost to the Chicago Cubs 11-3.

Ryne Sandberg, playing his final home game at Wrigley Field, went 2-for-3. The second baseman, retiring at the end of the season, began his major league career in 1981 with Philadelphia and joined the Cubs in 1982.

Sandberg hit an RBI double in the first inning and a single in the fifth, receiving a standing ovation in each at-bat from the crowd of 29,922. He left for a pinch-runner in the fifth, then stepped back onto the field and tipped his cap to the cheering crowd.

Schilling (16-11) fanned eight in five innings, breaking the Phillies' record of 310 strikeouts set by Steve Carlton in 1972.

Schilling matched J.R. Richard's league record for strikeouts by a righty, set in 1979 for Houston. Nolan Ryan set the major league record — for right-handers and overall — with 383 in 1973 for the California Angels.

The Phillies' ace is expected to get one more start this season, next weekend against Florida.

The Cubs tagged Schilling for three home runs in the fifth inning. Lance Johnson and Mark Grace each hit two-run drives and Dave Hansen added a solo shot.

Kevin Tapani (8-3) earned his 100th career win.

Pirates 14, Cardinals 2

PITTSBURGH — Mark McGwire's offense has stalled just when Pittsburgh's got its going, with Jose Guillen and Turner Ward homering in a victory over St. Louis — the Pirates' second romp in as many days.

Pittsburgh remained 3 1/2 games behind Houston in the NL Central.

The Pirates won 10-1 on Saturday, giving them three one-sided victories in their last four games. They beat Houston 12-3 on Thursday during a week in which one of the NL's worst power-hitting teams hit 14 homers in seven games.

McGwire, the major league home run leader with 54, went hitless for the second game in a row — he was 0-for-3 with a sacrifice fly.

■ NL Roundup

He needs seven homers in the Cardinals' final seven games, one against Pittsburgh and three each at home against Cincinnati and Chicago, to tie Roger Maris' record of 61 homers in 1961.

Jon Lieber (11-14) won for the fifth time in his last seven decisions. Mike Busby (0-1) lost in his third major-league start.

Expos 7, Braves 1

ATLANTA — Rondell White hit two of Montreal's four homers in a win over Atlanta that snapped the Braves' six-game winning streak and put their quest for a sixth consecutive division title on hold.

Hensley Meulens and David Segui each added homers for the Expos, who snapped a three-game losing streak and won for the first time in nine games in Atlanta.

Denny Neagle (20-4) retired the first 12 Expos in order before Segui opened the fifth with a single to left. White then hit an 0-2 pitch into the left-field seats, his 25th homer. Meulens followed with his first homer, driving an 0-1 pitch to center.

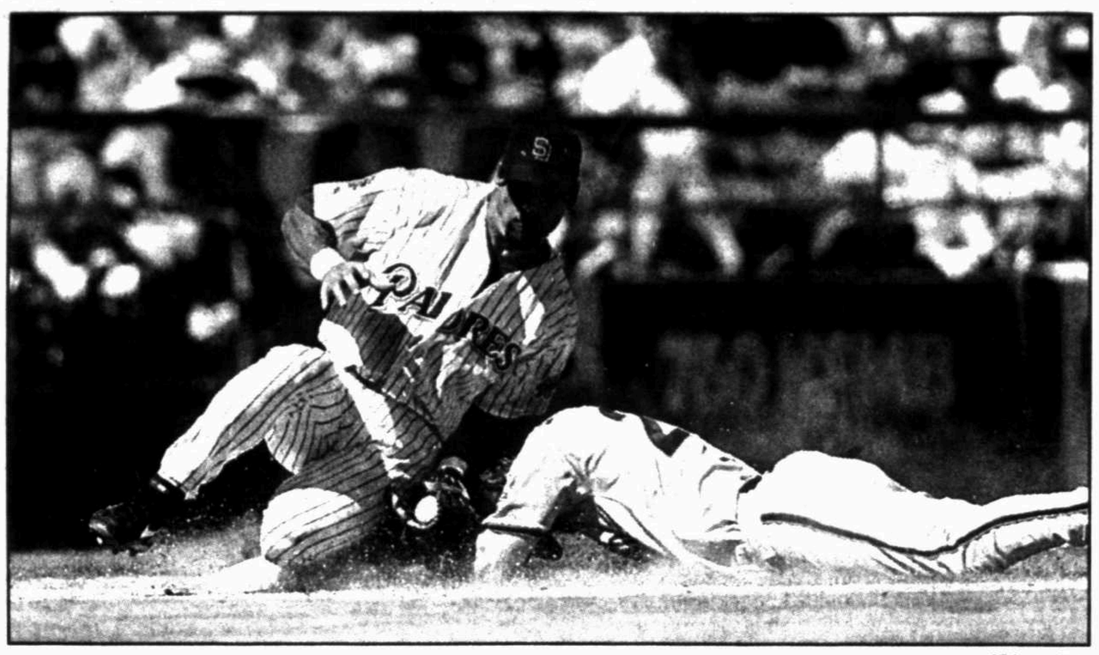
Neagle had his four-game winning streak snapped. He gave up six runs and seven hits in 5 2-3 innings. Neagle gave up four homers in a game for the first time in his career.

Rick Dehart (2-1) got the Expos out of the fifth when Klesko lined into a double play.

Giants 8, Padres 5

SAN DIEGO — Barry Bonds hit an inside-the-park home run and Stan Javier snapped a ninth-inning tie with a two-run triple, lifting the San Francisco Giants over the San Diego Padres.

San Francisco opened a 1 1/2-game lead over Los Angeles in the NL West. The Dodgers later at night at home against Colorado.



AP Laserphoto

San Francisco Giants' Jeff Kent goes head first into third base with a steal as San Diego Padres' Ken Caminiti takes in the throw during the fifth inning of their game Sunday in San Diego. Kent scored moments later.

With the score 5-all, Dario Veras (2-1) allowed a one-out single to Brian Johnson and a double to Darryl Hamilton. Closer Trevor Hoffman came on and allowed Javier's one-out triple into the Giants bullpen in right field.

Bonds was intentionally walked and Jeff Kent, who was 3-for-5, hit an RBI single.

Rod Beck (7-4) blew his eighth save chance, but got the final four outs for the win.

Mets 2, Marlins 1

MIAMI — The New York Mets prevented Florida from clinching at least a tie for its first playoff spot, beating the Marlins behind Rick Reed's strong 8 2-3 innings.

Reed (13-9) took a three-hit shutout into the ninth before Bobby Bonilla singled with two outs and Darren Daulton hit an RBI double.

Kirt Ojala (1-2), a 28-year-old rookie making his fourth career start, allowed five hits and one run in seven innings.

Rockies 10, Dodgers 5

LOS ANGELES — Vinny Castilla's two-run double that center fielder Otis Nixon lost in the twilight highlighted a five-run, sixth-inning Colorado outburst that carried the Rockies over the fading Dodgers.

The loss was the fifth straight and 10th in 13 games for the Dodgers, dropping them two games behind NL West-leading San Francisco.

The Dodgers blew a 5-2 lead after five innings, and also lost despite Mike Piazza becoming only the second player to hit a fair ball out of Dodger Stadium.

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Anaheim keeps its slim playoff hopes alive with 4-1 win over Texas

Associated Press

Angels 4, Rangers 1

ARLINGTON — Anaheim kept its slim playoff hopes alive by completing a three-game sweep.

Tim Salmon's RBI groundout in the seventh inning broke a tie as the Angels improved to 7-1 against the Rangers this year.

Anaheim trails first-place Seattle by five games in the AL Central with six games remaining.

Tony Phillips singled to start the seventh against Roger Pavlik (3-5) and moved to third on a single by Garrett Anderson off Scott Bailes. Danny Patterson came on to face Salmon, who entered the game hitting .418 against the Rangers.

Salmon hit a slow grounder to short and the Rangers were only able to get a forceout at second.

Pep Harris (5-4) pitched two hitless innings and Troy Percival got three outs for his 27th save.

Twins 2, Brewers 1

MINNEAPOLIS — Brad Radke got his 20th win with a complete game Sunday as Paul Molitor's RBI triple in the bottom of the 10th inning gave the Minnesota Twins a 2-1 win over the Milwaukee Brewers.

Radke (20-9) became the first Twins pitcher to win 20 games since Scott Erickson in 1991.

In the 10th, Brent Brede singled with one out off Mike Fetters (1-5) and Molitor followed with a triple down the right-field line.

Red Sox 5, White Sox 2

BOSTON — In what could be his final time up in Fenway Park with the Red Sox, Mo Vaughn drew a leadoff walk to start a three-run eighth inning.

The former AL MVP, who has been critical of and criticized by Boston management during contract negotiations, has said he does not think he will be back with the team next year.

Jim Corsi (5-2) pitched two innings for the win.

Tom Fordham (0-1) earned the loss, pitched one inning and allowed three runs on two hits and two walks.

Yankees 5, Blue Jays 4, 10 innings

NEW YORK — Cecil Fielder hit his 300th career homer and Tino Martinez hit a game-winning homer in the 10th for New York.

The Yankees, who clinched their third straight trip to the playoffs by winning Saturday, trailed 4-3 in the eighth before Fielder became the 76th player to reach 300 homers. Fielder connected off Ken Robinson for his first homer since July 5.

■ AL Roundup

Brian Boehringer (3-2) pitched one inning, getting out of a bases-loaded, one-out jam when Rich Butler lined back to the mound, starting a double play.

Tigers 11, Orioles 3

BALTIMORE — Damion Easley homered twice and drove in a career-high six runs.

Easley's two-run homer made it 5-0 in the third. He hit a three-run homer, his 22nd, that highlighted a six-run sixth for an 11-1 lead.

Justin Thompson (15-11) allowed three runs in six innings, striking out seven.

Jimmy Key (16-10) lasted just 4 2-3 innings, giving up five earned runs and seven hits. He is just 1-8 in his last 11 starts at Camden Yards.

Royals 1, Indians 0

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Rod Myers hit a two-out RBI single in the ninth for Kansas City.

Yamil Benitez drew a leadoff walk in the ninth off Mike Jackson (2-5) and Mike Macfarlane sacrificed. Jose Offerman was intentionally walked and the Indians brought in left-hander Paul Assenmacher to face the left-handed hitting Myers, who hit a 2-0 pitch through the middle.

Brian Bevil (1-2) got the last out in the top of the ninth for his second major league win.

Mariners 9, Athletics 2

OAKLAND, Calif. — Ken Griffey Jr. had two RBIs, but went homerless in five plate appearances as Seattle reduced its magic number for clinching the AL West to two.

Griffey had a sacrifice fly in the third and a run-scoring single in the fourth to increase his major league-leading total to 143 RBIs.

Jay Buhner hit his 38th and 39th homers and Dan Wilson went 4-for-5 with his 15th homer. Ken Cloude (4-2) allowed two runs and five hits with five walks in six innings for Seattle.

Brad Rigby (1-6) gave up six runs on seven hits in 3 1-3 innings.

A crack, a scream, a season over for Indians pitcher Smiley

By Doug Tucker
AP Sports Writer

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — John Smiley was finishing his warmups in the bullpen, tossing a curveball.

Bystanders then heard a crack. Then a horrifying scream.

The Cleveland pitcher broke his arm near the shoulder, plunging him into instant, agonizing pain.

"I'd never seen anything like it," Indians pitching coach Mark Wiley said.

"My stomach turned," said relief pitcher Jason Jacome.

The 32-year-old left-hander, who figured in the Indians' postseason plans, was preparing to face Kansas City on Saturday night in his first start since tendinitis in his left shoulder and elbow sidelined him Aug. 30.

Now his season, at the very least, is finished.

"Just imagine the shock of it," pitcher Orel Hershiser said Sunday. "He was near the end of his warmups, just about to go into the game. That means he was throwing well, his arm felt good. If you're getting some pain, you'd be starting to back off. But he was feeling fine and going after it. And then all of a sudden. ..."

All the players and coaches in the bullpen turned when they heard the bone snap.

"You could see it was deformed through the skin," Jacome said. "He was in extreme pain. He was yelling. I'm sure it was agony. I hope I never have to see something like that again."

Flanked by two trainers, Smiley slowly walked in from the bullpen and was hurried to the hospital

"He screamed and grabbed his arm," Wiley said. "We just kind of held him until the trainers could get out there for him. He was in tremendous pain."

An Indians spokesman said Smiley checked out of St. Luke's Hospital Sunday afternoon but would spend a couple of days in a local hotel before flying home to Pittsburgh because he did not feel like traveling.

"They say he's OK," said Hargrove, who must try to fill the sudden hole in his rotation. "I guess he can still hardly believe what happened, just like the rest of us."

Smiley was acquired from the Cincinnati Reds in a trade July 31. Dr. Timothy Kremchek, the Reds' orthopaedic specialist, said Smiley had no problems in Cincinnati that could be linked to the broken arm.

"He had some problems (with stiffness) in the back part of the shoulder, but he's never had a problem with his arm," Kremchek said.

Smiley is 11-14 for the season, including 2-4 with Cleveland.

"He had been working so hard to get back and be ready for the playoffs," said teammate Bip Roberts. "He was really looking forward to the playoffs. It looked like he was getting back into form. I'm glad it didn't happen while he was out there on the mound for everybody to see."

Two other major leaguers broke their arms while pitching — Tom Browning and cancer-stricken Dave Dravecky.

"You would think there would be some other part of the structure that would break down, the muscles or the ligaments or something else," Hershiser said. "It would be interesting to research how many pitchers in baseball have broken their arm. Not just in the big leagues, but high school and college kids, minor leaguers. There are probably more than we know."

One such episode was enough for Roberts.

"When you see something like that," he said, "you just thank God for your blessings."

Influent races to dramatic victory at Belmont Stakes

By Jospeph Durso
N.Y. Times News Service

NEW YORK — For an encore to a memorable day of upsets in racing, Belmont Park staged Act II of its Super Stakes Weekend on Sunday, and the big winners were the 2-year-old filly Beautiful Pleasure, the 2-year-old colt Grand Slam and the 6-year-old warrior Influent. But the dramatic impact of the day was provided by Influent, who ran one of his best races four days after his owner, Richard Kumble, died in surgery.

The star of the day was Jerry Bailey, who rode the winners in two of the three stakes and came in second in the third.

He rode five winners, in fact, and that was after riding Behrens when he won the $1million Pegasus Handicap at the Meadowlands the night before, a race in which the formidable Touch Gold, the winner of the Belmont Stakes, came in fourth and last.

The most touching of Bailey's rides, though, came when he scored with Influent in the $400,000 Man o'War Stakes while wearing a black armband in memory of Kumble, who died at 63 while undergoing heart surgery last Wednesday in Florida. Influent's trainer, Howie Tesher, was still in Florida with Kumble's family when Influent won for the fifth time in seven starts this year.

Influent raced to his dramatic victory wire to wire. Bailey nudged him into the lead at the start, kept him there through slow fractions and won by 2 lengths over Val's Prince, who had three-quarters of a length on Awad.

He ran the mile and three-eighths on the turf in 2: 1135, paid $5.80 on a $2 bet to win as the favorite and earned $240,000 of the $400,000 purse. He far outran some pretty good performers, notably Fortitude and Sentimental Moi, who finished next to last and last, respectively, in the field of 10.

Influent was the fifth winner of the day for Bailey, and his fourth stakes winner of the weekend, although he just missed winning aboard K.O. Punch in the next race, the Futurity for 2-year-old colts.



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Your health and well being are important to the staff of Apple A Day Health Food Shoppe, located at #3 Oakridge Square Shopping Center on the corner of Wadley and Garfield.

Owner Stellyce Tune said the store's main focus is preventative health care and helping their customers achieve their long term health goals. "We strive to educate our customers so they can make informed choices," she said. "We carry various reference books and magazines as well as extensive research material."

Apple A Day specializes in natural supplements that help support your body's basic needs and carries a full line of products that address areas such as blood sugar problems, low energy, heart disease, high blood pressure, arthritis, high cholesterol, prostate problems, colon disorders, menopause discomfort, weight gain and depression. Mrs. Tune added that there are also several supplements formulated for children with A.D.D. and hyperactivity.

Additional services offered by the store include Iridology and hair analysis. It is known that approximately 300,000 nerves make their way to the optic nerve. Since the iris of the eye is the most sensitive tissue in the body, it is believed by European practitioners that the iris may reveal systemic body activity. Evaluating this is known as Iridology. It is an inexpensive and practical way of learning about the conditions of various organs, glands and systems of the body. Rebecca Thomas, N.D., Ph.D., certified by the National Iridology Research Association, is available by appointment each Thursday for iris analysis or nutritional consultations. Rebecca Thomas and Apple A Day Health Food Shoppe understand that her practice is not intended to replace conventional medical attention, but it does include a vast array of self-help educational tools that may help you achieve your long term health goals.

In addition, Apple A Day is able to offer their customers hair analysis services. Hair analysis can determine if the body is lacking in certain minerals or has a toxic buildup of any mineral. At the customer's request, the comprehensive results can include a protocol that suggests ways to address any potential problem.

Let Apple A Day Health Food Shoppe show you how to maximize cellular energy with respect to proper nutritional supplementation. Apple A Day understands your needs and promises to uphold their commitment by continuing their efforts in the promotion of a quality life.

Apple A Day Health Food Shoppe, 570-4053, invites you to call or come in and browse the store at #3 Oak Ridge Square Shopping Center, at the corner of Wadley and Garfield. The store is open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday.



Owner Stellyce Tune displays some of the educational and research materials she carries at Apple A Day Health Food Shoppe. The store has a wide variety of health foods and supplements.

Nurses Unlimited meets needs of homecare patients

As managed care organizations attempt to reduce costs by sending patients home from the hospital sooner than ever before, it has created a need for specialized health care services in the home. This can put a burden on patients or their families to arrange for care, equipment, therapy and other requirements. It would be nice is it could all be arranged in one phone call.

Nurses Unlimited offers such a wide expanse of services and equipment, one call may be all you need to make. As a comprehensive home health care agency, Nurses Unlimited can provide services ranging from private duty sitters to professional nursing care supported by a full service health care company. The agency focuses on acquiring highly skilled licensed staff specializing in a wide range of care issues. A brief sample of services includes infusion, physical and respiratory therapy, pediatric and obstetric services, private duty nurses, wound care and dietitians, as well as hospice, chaplain and sitter-companion services. Just about any care need that arises can be met by Nurses Unlimited.

If your needs include health care equipment and supplies, one call will usually have you set up the same day. The health care equipment division can provide such items as oxygen equipment, rehab equipment and supplies, infusion pumps, bathroom safety equipment, hospital beds, wheel chairs and much more. Once your equipment is delivered, it's serviced by a 24 hour hotline and an on-call response team that understands how much you depend on that equipment.

Nurses Unlimited also provides wellness programs for area employers. These programs can include physical testing of employees, flu shots or hepatitis B vaccinations and other benefits. The programs are scheduled at the employer's worksite to minimize lost work time.

Licensed by the State of Texas, Nurses Unlimited is one of the few agencies accredited by JCAHO, a home health care accrediting agency. They were recently voted Best Home Health Care Provider in an Odessa poll. It's easy to see how you could make just one phone call to handle everything you need for home health care.

Nurses Unlimited employs over 130 Registered Nurses in a variety of specialties. The service is headquartered in Odessa, serving 28 counties, with additional offices in Midland, Monahans, Big Spring and Alpine. The phone number is 1-800-460-8118.



Nurse Unlimited supplies RNs, LVNs, home health aides and registered therapists in many disciplines, as well as equipment and other services to homecare patients in 28 counties in West Texas.

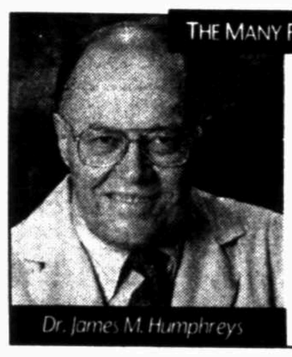
Nurse Unlimited will offer FREE screening at health fair

The annual Permian Basin Health Fair, September 27 at Barn G of the Ector County Coliseum, will feature free screenings from Nurses Unlimited and other area health care providers. Nurse Unlimited will perform pulseox testing, a painless procedure that checks pulse rate and blood oxygen. They will also test pulmonary fitness, which involves blowing on a mouthpiece to determine lung capacity.

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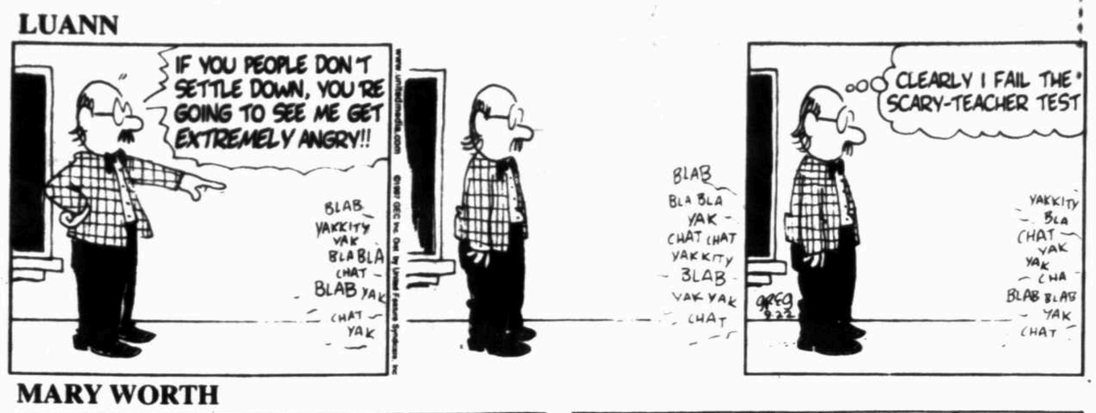
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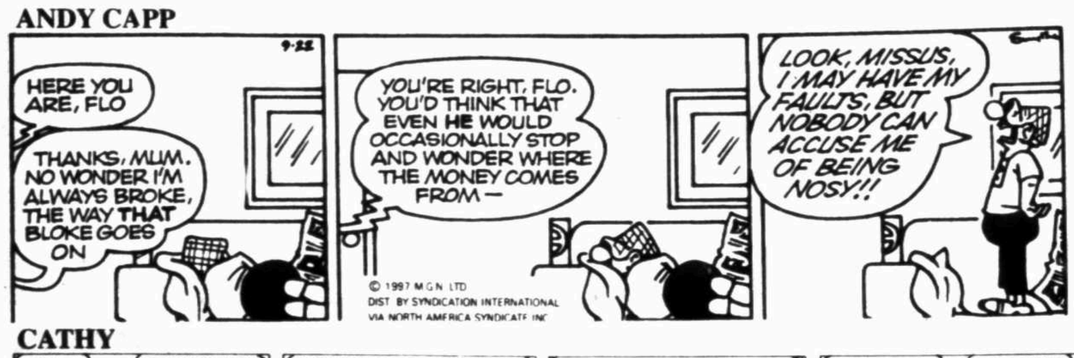


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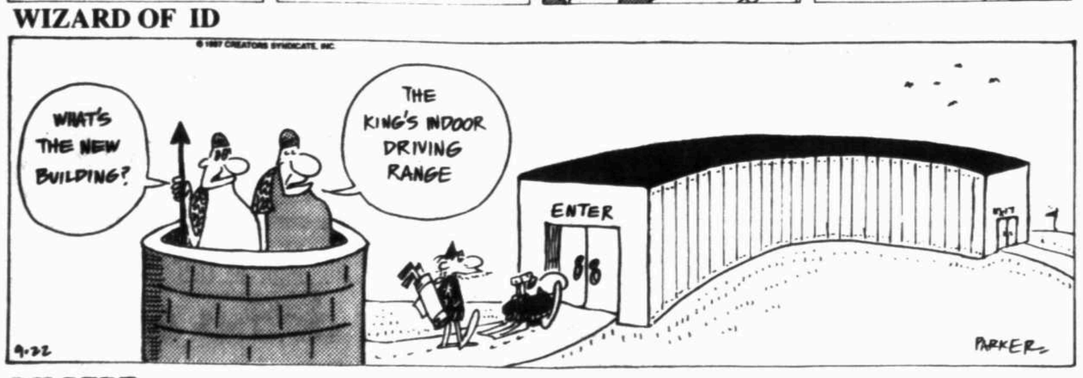
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ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★★ Sometimes, you hesitate to say what is on your mind; now, tell it as it is. Be open to displays of passion and tenderness. Another needs to emote. A friend makes a big difference. Be sensitive to others this month. Tonight: Catch up on correspondence.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Money matters are finally flowing, strengthening your sense of security. Still, be aware of limits. Watch spending, and be your typical, disciplined self. Plan on getting a key project done. Efficiency is tested during this period. Tonight: Run errands on the way home.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ You are personality-plus. Good news has you kicking up your heels. Nothing can stop you as you make a long-term desire a reality. Interactions with children and loved ones intensify. Let loving feelings flow. Tonight: Wish upon a star.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ Take time off if you can. Take a long walk or go to the gym during lunch. Centering is key, though you are in a period of high optimism. Someone has bigger plans for your money than you do! Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ Aim for the stars. Opportunity strikes. Do not settle; go for that home run. A partner is there, cheering you on. Consider making a major purchase for your home. An important communication announces that a door is opening. Tonight: Don't stop at the starting gate!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Acknowledgment comes for the many hours you have dutifully put in, lifting a weight off your shoulders. Let good news, a better relationship and deeper understanding become part of your life. Your charm breaks down another's resistance. Tonight: Stay in the limelight.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ Reaching out for others brings nothing but positive news. Trust what you hear, and don't shy away from taking risks. Creativity surges; you find a solution to personal and financial matters. Still, that grumpy associate could bug you. Tonight: Let the good times roll.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ It is amazing what a smile can do. Give up cynicism, at least for the day. Be open to the wonders around you. Be childlike, noticing those who surround you and life's offerings. Your positive feelings add to a relationship. Tonight: Make time for a one-on-one party.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ People keep popping into your life with good news. On some level, your door is a revolving one, and you are pleased by what comes through it. Disclose tender and vulnerable feelings. Others respond in a good-natured way. Tonight: Join a friend for dinner.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You have a strong handle on work, efficiently clearing up a lot. Be expansive, willing to spend some to make some. Others respond well to your energy. You consider a positive change at work but are a little fearful. Tonight: Make it mellow.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Your naturally ebullient ways break down others' resistance. Express your appreciation to a boss for his efforts; you discover that the feeling is mutual. Work on seeing the bigger picture. Your perspective is unusual. A discussion might get heavy. Tonight: Pretend it's already the weekend!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Family is thrilled by your efforts. You might wish you had the money to do more. Don't be hard on yourself; open up to another's accolades. News from a distance is good. Trust your judgment. Instincts are right on about a trip. Tonight: Make a favorite dinner.

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ANSWERS TO WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

Q. 1 - Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠A K 7 5 4 2 ♡10 ◇Q 6 ♣K Q 7 3

The bidding has proceeded:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1♣	1◇	?	

What do you bid now?

A - Are you facing a curve-ball in what appears to be an everyday auction? We are not that devious. Respond one spade. That is forcing, just as if East had not intervened.

Q. 2 - Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠A ♡Q 9 6 5 4 ◇A Q 9 8 5 2 ♣4

What is your opening bid?

A - Your problem is not on the first round of bidding, but on the second. Should you elect to open one diamond, you must be prepared to rebid two diamonds on the next round — your hand is clearly not strong enough for a reverse. For that reason we opt for an opening bid of one heart, a little white lie, which provides a comfortable rebid in diamonds while getting both suits into the auction.

Q. 3 - Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠9 ♡A K J 10 9 7 5 3 ◇Void ♣A K 8 3

The bidding has proceeded:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
2♡	2♠	Pass	3♠
4♡	5◇	Pass	5♠
?			

What action do you take?

A - Answer these questions. Do you want to defend five spades? No way, since as little as five clubs in partner's hand will give you play for six hearts. Should you suggest six clubs as a possible contract? Too risky because you might lose trump control on what is obviously a very wild hand. Therefore, commit the hand to six hearts, but cue-bid six diamonds en route as a lead director should the opponents persist in spades.

Q. 4 - East-West vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠A Q 10 6 5 4 ♡8 ◇J 7 6 5 2 ♣5

The bidding has proceeded:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1◇	Pass	1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	?	

What do you bid now?

A - Point count is of no importance to your decision - it is the double fit that provides the trick-taking power of this hand. Since North rates to have at least a doubleton spade on this auction, four spades must have play, so bid it!

Q. 5 - Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠7 ♡Q 9 8 3 2 ◇Q 6 ♣Q 10 9 4 3

The bidding has proceeded:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1NT	2♠	Pass	Pass
Dbl	Pass	?	

What action do you take?

A - Even in the early days of contract, a double by the no-trump bidder in front of the overcaller was primarily for takeout, showing no more than a doubleton spade and a maximum no-trump opening. You have excellent distribution, all working cards and a five-card major. Jump to four hearts.

Q 6 - As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♠K 9 7 ♡K Q 7 6 3 ◇J 7 4 ♣7 6

The bidding has proceeded:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1◇	Pass	1♡	Pass
1♠	Pass	?	

What do you bid now

A - You have enough for a second bid, but no good option available. The only one that makes sense is a preference to two diamonds — it is partner's problem if the diamond opening was in a short suit. Two hearts is out of the question. When partner has shown two suits, that would guarantee a six-card suit because the hands are probably not fitting well.

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TODAY'S TV SCHEDULE

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(3) KMID	2	3	News 629	Wheel of Fortune	Timecop: A Rip in Time 3957		NFL Football: Pittsburgh Steelers at Jacksonville Jaguars 400358						News 3372648	Cheers (11:35)
(5) KPEJ	24	5	The Simpsons	Home Improvement	Melrose Place: No Time for Sperm Bank 71377		Ally McBeal: The Kiss 80025		Honey, I Shrunk the Kids 60261		Home Improvement	Mad About You	Vibe 39551	
(7) KOSA	7	7	News 2445	Grace Under Fire	Cosby 4884	Raymond	Cybill 6532	George & Leo 5667	Brooklyn South: Pilot 77919		News 2617071	Late Show With David Letterman (10:35)		Married ... Children
(9) KWES	9	9	News 2667	Seinfeld 3919	Suddenly Susan	Fired Up 2803	Caroline in the City	The Naked Truth	Dateline NBC 13735		News 1973700	The Tonight Show With Jay Leno (10:35)		Late Night Conan
(12) KMLM	42	12	The Light of the Southwest 929613		J. Sekulow		Charisma	Duplantis	Praise the Lord 65700				Sch'bach	E.V. Hill
(13) KOCV	36	13	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer 758549		Full Circle With Michael Palin 232025		The American Experience: TR, the Story of Theodore Roosevelt (Part 1 of 2) 212261				Telecourse 592919			
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(8) CNBC		8	Money Club	Steals and Deals	Equal Time W/Ray	Chris Matthews	Rivera Live 6410223		The News With Brian Williams 7066367		Charles Grodin 4816844		Rivera Live 6910735	
(10) WGN		10	Family Matters	Coach 243087	7th Heaven: See You in September 695071		Buffy the Vampire Slayer 784919		News 797483		Wiseguy: Sleepwalk 694342		In the Heat of the Night: Crackdown 587613	
(11) WTBS		11	Who's the Boss?		Baseball: Montreal Expos at Atlanta Braves 464700						Dangerous Heart ('94) (Tim Daly, Lauren Holly) 472377			Jacob's Ladder
(18) BRAV		18	Bravo Profiles 138716		The Last Wave (PG, '77) ★★★ 867803				Through a Glass Darkly 417226				After the Rehearsal (R, '84) 811342	
(20) BET		20	Planet Groove 336396				Hit List 337025		Comicview 317261		BET Tonight 327648		227	Mid. Love
(21) DISN		21	Sometimes Suddy ('94) ★★ (Jason Weaver, Ricky Dillard) 111819			Ray J in Concert With Brandy 153622		Lil' Bill: Bully Dog ('94) ★★ (Ed Begley Jr., Scott Bakula) 1821328			Pet Shop (10:05) (PG, '95) (Leigh Ann Orsi, Spencer Vrooman) 3000004			Tron (11:35)
(23) FAM		23	The Waltons (Part 1 of 2) 581938		Rescue 911 124667		Hawaii Five-0 100087		The 700 Club 113551		The Three Stooges	The Three Stooges	Carson's Comedy	Carson's Comedy
(35) CNN		35	Moneyline	Crossfire	Pri. News	Burden	Larry King Live 409735		The World Today		Sports	Moneyline	Newsnight	Showbiz
(36) ESPN		36	SportsCenter (5:30)	NFL Prime Monday 906358			Skating Tribute to Carlo Fassi 227193				Baseball Tonight	SportsCenter 443990		Baseball Tonight
(37) USA		37	Highlander: The Immortal Cimoli 941396		Walker, Texas Ranger: Blue Movies 418483		WWF RAW 405919				Silk Stalkings: In Too Deep 417754		Renegade: Charlie 450629	
(38) FX		38	Miami Vice 8910358		The X-Files 7646754		NYPD Blue 7622174		In Color	In Color	The X-Files 7646025		NYPD Blue 1324532	
(39) A&E		39	Law & Order: The Blue Wall 398280		Biography 872667		Poirot: The Million Dollar Bond Mystery 858067		Miss Marple (Part 1 of 2) 861551		Law & Order 871938		Biography 814803	
(40) TLC		40	Hometime 529413	Hometime 612193	Extreme Machines: Diving Deep 116795		The History of Rock 'n' Roll 811303		The History of Rock 'n' Roll 716739		Extreme Machines: Diving Deep 566236		The History of Rock 'n' Roll 518759	
(41) NICK		41	Doug 346867	Rugrats 337919	Hey Arnold!	Happy Days	Happy Days	Bewitched 999261	I Love Lucy	Odd Couple	Taxi 667822	Newhart 570342	Mary Tyler Moore	Dick Van Dyke
(43) LIFE		43	Intimate Portrait		Unsolved Mysteries		Deadly Vows ('94) ★★ (Donald McKinney) 117377				Homicide: Life/Street		Unsolved Mysteries	
(46) OUTDR		47	Safari 4118193	Global Family	Float Trip 7735994	Western Kayaker	Fitness Adventures	Water Skiing	Surfer Magazine	Surfer's Journal	Float Trip 6290919	Western Kayaker	Fitness Adventures	Water Skiing
(49) UNI		49	Mi Querida Isabel 88280		El Alma No Tiene Color 62667		Alguna Vez Tendremos Alas 48087		Cristina ... Edicion Especial 51551		Impacto Extra	Noticiero Univision	Al Ritmo de la Noche 610613	
(50) HSE		50	TransWorld Sport	Fox Sports News	Boxing: Isidro Garcia vs. Miguel Granados, Flyweights 10803				Ryder Cup Special 39377		Fox Sports News 32464		Fox Sports News 16087	
(51) COM		51	The Daily Show	Ben Stein's Money	Johnny Dangerously (PG-13, '84) ★ (Michael Keaton, Joe Piscopo) 4672078				One-Night Stand	Make Me Laugh	The Daily Show	Ben Stein's Money	Saturday Night Live: Howard Cosell 4446445	
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(15) AMC		15	Tarzan and the Jungle Boy (G, '68) ★★ 4796077				Thunder Boy (7:45) ('65) 8542936			Daddy Long Legs ('55) ★★ (Fred Astaire) 8859042				
(16) TNN		16	Dukes of Hazzard		Today's Country		Countryfest '97 983613				Dallas 861808		Dukes of Hazzard	
(17) TNT		17	Lois & Clark		WCW Monday Nitro 718777				WCW Monday Nitro 461862				Incredible Mr. Limpet	
(22) MAX		22	Three Wishes (I) (PG, '95) ★★ 4281174		Taxi Driver (R, '76) ★★★ (Robert De Niro, Jodie Foster) 391939				Nowhere to Run (R, '93) ★ (Jean-Claude Van Damme) 8246794		Screamers (10:40) (R, '95) ★★ (Peter Weller, Roy Dupuis) 2489822			
(29) VC1		29	Jerry Maguire (6:30)		Turbulence (R, '97) ★ (Ray Liotta) 5294939				Music for Montserrat 7864290				Sling Blade 3536919	
(30) CHTS2		30	Sling Blade (6:30)		Sling Blade (R, '96) ★★★ (Billy Bob Thornton) 8536799					Sling Blade (R, '96) ★★★ (Billy Bob Thornton) 8505368				
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(32) TMC		32	Romeo Bleeds (5:30) (R, '94) ★★ (Paul Dooley, Steve Buscemi) 8278956				Octavia Claiborne (R, '95) ★★★ (Kathy Baker, Jennifer Jason Leigh) 8907736				Prey of the Chameleon (10:15) (R, '92) ★ (Daphne Zuniga, James Wilder) 8200034			
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Television just like high school, but with better pay, says Drew Carey

NEW YORK — For **Drew Carey**, being on TV is just like high school. The main difference: his allowance is bigger.

Carey explains in his upcoming book "Dirty Jokes and Beer: Stories of the Unrefined," excerpted in the Sept. 27 TV Guide:

"Ever been gossiped about? You know what it's like to be in the tabloids.

"Ever been in a popular clique? An unpopular one? You know what it's like to work on a hit show — or one that's failing.

"Bad report card? Welcome to bad ratings."

Similarities end when it comes to ready cash.

"The money is ridiculous, and you'll never hear me complaining about an overpaid sports star again," he writes in the book that hits stores later this month. "My manager calls it 'stupid money.'"



Bad report cards like bad ratings, Carey says in new book.

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — It's a job even **Johnny Paycheck** couldn't turn down.

Asked on stage Saturday if he wanted to join the cast of the Grand Ole Opry, the singer best known for the song "Take This Job and Shove It" was suddenly an eager beaver.

"Yes, in a New York minute!" Paycheck gushed.

The surprise onstage appeal during a performance was believed to be a first for the Opry, the nation's longest-running radio show, first aired in 1925.

The country music honor also was captured on the Opry segment televised weekly by The Nashville Network.

"Some of Johnny's biggest fans are current Opry stars, so he is a favorite of theirs and an odds-on choice for membership among many of our cast members," Opry general manager Bob Whittaker said.

Paycheck's other hits include "(Don't Take Her) She's All I Got," "Someone to Give My Love To" and "Slide Off of Your Satin Sheets."

CHESTERTON, Ind. — In 1939, as coroner of Munchkin Land, **Meinhardt Raabe** pronounced the Wicked Witch of the East dead in "The Wizard of Oz." Nearly 60 years later, he's still a fan favorite.

Raabe was one of 12 original Munchkins who turned out Friday for Chesterton's 16th annual Wizard of Oz Festival, where adoring fans snapped flash photos and shot home video.

"It's an ego trip," said Raabe, 82, who still gets fan mail. "This is our reward, the nostalgia."

Raabe and the others spent much of Friday autographing Oz memorabilia — pictures, books, calendars, hats, collector's plates.

Fans of the fantasy classic starring the late Judy Garland flocked to Chesterton by the thousands for the festival. Auto license plates in the parking lot included tags from Minnesota, Arizona, Iowa and Ohio.



After winding up in Monterrey, Mexico in 1995, Arturo Sandoval finally makes it to Monterey Jazz Festival.

MONTEREY, Calif. — It took Cuban trumpeter **Arturo Sandoval** two years to get to the Monterey Jazz Festival.

A 1995 travel mix-up found Sandoval boarding a plane supposedly bound for the coastal California city.

"I heard the flight attendant say, 'Good evening ladies and gentlemen. Welcome to our flight to Monterrey, Mexico,'" Sandoval said. "I said, 'Aaaaah!'"

Similar city name, wrong country.

It was the only gig he has ever missed, so when asked to play at the 40th Monterey festival this year, he wasn't about to repeat the mistake.

His appearance meant even more, he said, because Monterey was the only festival to invite him to play while he was still a fledgling musician in Cuba. He defected to the United States in 1990.

Other performers at the weekend festival included Dave Grusin, Koko Taylor, Otis Rush, Buddy Guy, Diana Krall, David Sanborn and Sonny Rollins.

From Reporter-Telegram wire reports.

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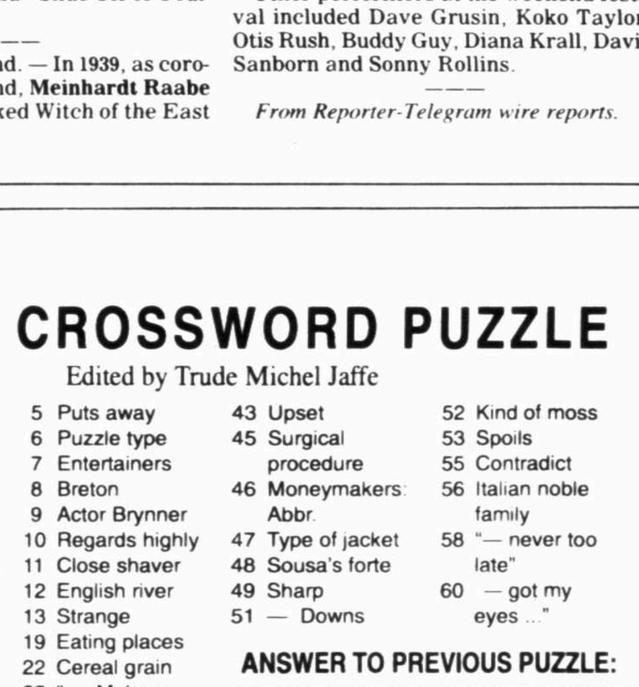
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A&M moves into poll; Tech slips from map

By Jaime Aron
AP Sports Writer

DALLAS — Just when Texas A&M avenged its worst defeat in decades, Texas Tech suffered a tremendous upset. The Big 12 South just can't catch many breaks this season.

The Aggies made Southwestern Louisiana pay for last year's shocking 29-22 victory by pounding the Ragin' Cajuns 66-0 on Saturday.

"We wanted to come out and smash them around from the first play, and we did," admitted A&M offensive lineman Steve McKinney.

The Red Raiders couldn't muster the same motivation for North Texas, even though Tech was a 32-point favorite and could've been 2-1 for the first time since 1989. North Texas won 30-27 to claim its biggest victory since moving up from Division I-AA in 1995.

"We beat a Big 12 team at their place," said UNT running back Hut Allred. "We went out there and kicked their tails. That's the biggest thrill. I'll take that from this game for the rest of my life."

Also Saturday, Baylor was pasted 38-3 by Michigan and Oklahoma failed to capitalize on the momentum of its first victory, bowing 40-36 to California.

Texas, still trying to recover from a 66-3 annihilation by UCLA, and Oklahoma State were idle.

The 1-3 weekend drops the Big 12 South to 8-7 in non-conference play.

None of the eight victories have come against teams with winning records. Three of them have been against USL and two against Fresno State. The other three losers are a combined 3-10.

A&M officially became the Big 12 South's shining star on Sunday by returning to The Associated Press poll at No. 22.

The Aggies persuaded voters they're for real by jumping to a 45-0 halftime lead, the biggest in school history since they started keeping detailed records in 1950. A&M hadn't enjoyed a win this lopsided since beating Missouri 73-0 in 1993.

"I was pleased we came out in the first half and executed well," Aggies coach R.C. Slocum said. "I thought we lost a litle bit of our focus in the second half, but overall I was pleased.

"We still have a lot of work to do, but I don't believe we lost anyone to injuries and we were able to play a lot of people."

A&M's next opponent is also on quite a roll. The Aggies play North Texas.

UNT has won two in a row, which is more than four of the six Big 12 South teams can say.

The Mean Green, as they have earned the right to be called once again, enjoyed their most significant victory since beating Tech 29-24 in 1989 by making the big plays when they were needed the most.

Credit Jason Mills and Bo Harrison with making the biggest one: a 15-yard touchdown pass with 1:04 to go. Tech had a chance to tie it, but Jaret Greaser's 45-yard kick in the final seconds went wide left.

"Any time you play, you want to win. Unfortunately, we didn't want it as much as North Texas," said Tech's Donnie Hart, who had 11 catches for 186 yards, including a 13-yard touchdown that put the Red Raiders up 24-19.

Unless the Red Raiders have dropped significantly, their biggest problem was overlooking the Eagles.

Baylor was hoping Michigan would do the same thing between last week's big win over Colorado and next week's game against Notre Dame. The Bears didn't get their wish.

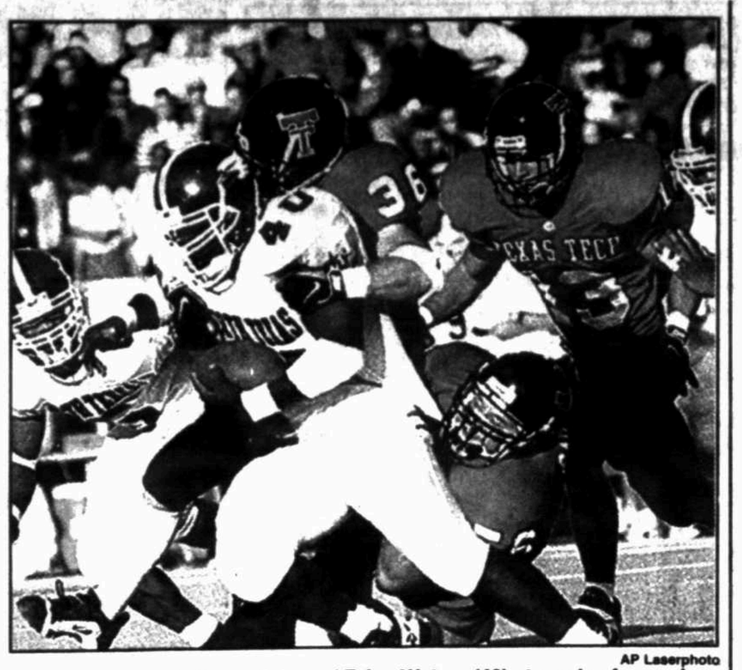
Michigan ran for 344 yards and threw for another 188, while limiting Baylor to 154 yards overall — 66 on the first three possessions. The Bears converted only one first down in the second half.

"They were able to completely shut us down," Baylor coach Dave Roberts said. "I mean, we couldn't do anything against them."

Oklahoma was stuck in neutral for just over two quarters as Cal went up 34-13. Then the Sooners scored three straight touchdowns, forcing a tie at 34 with 13:38 remaining.

The Bears scored with 2:37 left to go up by six, but the extra-point try was blocked and returned by the Sooners for two points. OU was driving again when quarterback Justin Fuente was sacked on a fourth-down play, then Cal ran out the remaining 67 seconds.

"We ended up waiting too late to make things happen," said Oklahoma quarterback Eric Moore, who went out in the third quarter with a groin injury. "If we could play the whole game like we played in the second half, there's no telling what would have happened."



AP Laserphoto

University of North Texas tight end Brian Waters (40) struggles for yardage against Texas Tech defenders Robby Cartwright (36), Stoney Garland (56) and Dane Johnson (13) Saturday night at Jones Stadium in Lubbock.

Huskers drop Huskies, move to No. 3 in poll

By Stephen Sobek
Associated Press Writer

LINCOLN, Neb. — Washington led the nation in rushing defense going into its matchup with Nebraska, holding opponents to minus 2.5 yards a game.

The Cornhuskers took care of that stat.

They piled up 384 rushing yards in their 27-14 win Saturday over the Huskies in Seattle, including quarterback Scott Frost's 34-yard touchdown run in the first quarter — the longest scoring run against Washington since Sedrick Shaw's 58-yard TD for Iowa in the 1995 Sun Bowl.

The loss sent Washington tumbling from No. 2 to No. 10 in The Associated Press poll and pushed Nebraska up four places to No. 3, reviving talk of national championships in Lincoln.

"This was one of the games on the schedule that we knew was going to have a great deal of magnitude to the national picture," Nebraska receivers coach Ron Brown said Sunday.

"But it's still a long season ahead," he said. "I think we probably gained a little momentum right now. How we practice this week will have everything to do with how long that momentum is with us."

Nebraska has a bye Saturday before facing Kansas State at home Oct. 4.

Frost ran for two scores and accounting for 185 all-purpose yards Saturday. Despite winning 13 of 15 games since Tommie Frazier graduated, Frost has been criticized for not extending Nebraska's two-year championship run.

Frost was booed the week before in the second quarter of Nebraska's 38-24 win over Central Florida after he re-entered the game following a successful drive by reserve quarterback Frankie London. London didn't play against Washington.

"Hopefully, it was an important game for all of the naysayers and those who have a knuckleheadish attitude about Scott Frost and the decisions around Scott Frost," Brown said. "I like the exclamation point that he put on the whole game yesterday."

Both of Frost's touchdown runs came from new pages in the Cornhusker playbook. The 34-yarder was a fake-trap play similar to one used by Notre Dame in its 54-20 win over the Huskies last season. Frost's 30-yard touchdown on a quarterback draw from the shotgun was borrowed from a play the Huskers saw Central Florida run the week before.

"There were some things that we held back that we were tempted to throw out at Central Florida, being that the game was as close as it was," Brown said. "But we knew that there were some things very unique to Washington that we wanted to hold (until Saturday)."

Nebraska's defense, which gave up an average of 304 yards in its first two games, had four sacks, put quarterback Brock Huard out of the game with a sprained ankle in the first quarter and held the Huskies to 48 yards rushing.

But Nebraska's inexperience showed in the secondary, which gave up 299 yards total passing to Huard and freshman reserve quarterback Marques Tuiasosopo.

"Defensively, we did well except with the deep ball," coach Tom Osborne said Saturday. "We had problems with that (against Central Florida). I think we've got the athletes to do better, we had people there, we just didn't react to the ball. That's fixable."

BYU strikes blow for WAC pride in upset over Arizona St.; SMU just strikes out in loss

By Whit Canning
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

The Western Athletic Conference finally won a big one over the weekend — but for SMU, success was merely a prelude to disaster.

Brigham Young struck a blow for WAC pride, using a late field goal to upset 14th-ranked Arizona State, 13-10, in Tempe, Ariz.

With the impressive victory on the road, the Cougars evened their record at 1-1 and partially atoned for a 42-20 opening-game loss to Washington two weeks ago.

Meanwhile, SMU's reign as the surprise team of the WAC lasted one week — as the Mustangs followed an impressive victory against Arkansas with a disastrous performance in their home opener Saturday, losing, 46-16, to Navy.

For coach Mike Cavan, perhaps the most painful aspect was that for much of the game, the Mustangs controlled Navy's Spread Option attack and its heralded quarterback, Chris McCoy.

Unfortunately, they couldn't control their own offense — which handed the Middies 26 easy points.

"We were pretty bad, but you have to give Navy a lot of credit for what they did," Cavan said. "About all I can say is, I'm not going to give up on these guys.

"This is the same team that beat Arkansas, and we just have to go back to work this week and get back where we need to be."

SMU will be back in the Cotton Bowl on Saturday against BYU in the conference opener for both teams.

Elsewhere, the Spread Option was much in evidence. Rice had 539 total yards — 461 on the ground — in a wild, 40-34 victory against Northwestern; and Air Force, led by quarterback Blane Morgan, flattened preseason favorite Colorado State, 24-0, to take a commanding lead in the Pacific Division race. The Falcons are 4-0 overall and 3-0 in league play.

In other games involving Pacific Division teams, Fresno State lost a 43-40 overtime battle with Oregon; San Diego State was beaten by Wisconsin, 36-10; Wyoming topped San Jose State, 30-10; and Nevada-Las Vegas beat Hawaii, 25-15.

In games involving Mountain Division teams, Utah crushed UT-El Paso, 56-3; New Mexico edged Utah State, 25-22; TCU lost to Vanderbilt, 40-16; and Tulsa was beaten by Missouri, 42-21.

SMU tailback Donte Womack, who ran 25 times for 119 yards, admitted that at the end of the Navy game, "There was a feeling of desperation out there."

And linebacker Chris Bordano, noting the collapse one week after a big victory, said, "I guess we still haven't learned how to handle success. In games like this, we need to stop getting down and feeling sorry for ourselves."

Although SMU held McCoy to 152 total yards and trailed only 26-16 going into the fourth quarter, the Middies didn't need much offense. They intercepted three passes — running two in for scores and getting a field goal out of the other — got an easy touchdown after recovering a fumble at the SMU 1-yard line, and ran a blocked extra-point attempt back for two points.

"They just kind of pecked away at us all night," SMU quarterback Chris Sanders said. "Then at the end, they just took a big bite out of us."

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Gators bump Penn State from No. 1 in poll

By Richard Rosenblatt
AP Football Writer

Look who's back at No. 1.

The Florida Gators, by virtue of their 33-20 victory over Tennessee, bumped Penn State out of the top spot in The Associated Press' Top 25 college football poll.

Even though the Nittany Lions (3-0) clobbered Louisville 57-21 on the road Saturday, the defending national champion Gators (3-0) defeated a top 5 team and received more support from the poll voters.

"I don't know that we're better than Penn State, or maybe even better than Nebraska. Who knows until we play each other?" Florida coach Steve Spurrier said Sunday. "But when you do beat a team that's ranked in the top 5, it does seem to help."

Nebraska's 27-14 victory over then-No. 2 Washington (2-1) in Seattle, didn't hurt the Gators, either. Florida (3-0) collected 32 first-place votes and 1,699 points from the 70 sports writers and broadcasters who vote in the poll.

Penn State, which held the No. 1 spot since the preseason poll, was No. 2 with 28 first-place votes and 1,675 points. The Cornhuskers (3-0) jumped from No. 7 to No. 3 and received seven first-place votes and 1,601 points.

The Volunteers (2-1) fell five places to No. 9, while the Huskies (2-1), fell to No. 10.

In the USA Today/ESPN poll, the top 5 were: Florida, Penn State, Nebraska, Florida State and North Carolina.

Last week, Penn State had 25 first-place votes, Washington had 19, Florida 14 and Tennessee six.

Penn State's drop from No. 1 is not unprecedented.

In 1995, Florida State was No. 1 after nine weeks and did not play in the 10th week. Nebraska, No. 2 at the time, beat No. 7 Colorado and moved ahead of the Seminoles.

And the last time a team won and still fell from the No. 1 spot? It was Oct. 28, 1994, and it happened to guess who? Penn State. The Lions beat No. 21 Ohio State 63-14, while No. 3 Nebraska beat No. 2 Colorado and moved to No. 1.

Florida State (3-0), a 35-28 winner over Clemson, moved up a spot to No. 4, receiving one first-place vote and 1,530 points, with North Carolina (3-0) up a notch to No. 5 with two first-place votes and 1,475 points.

Michigan (2-0), off a 38-3 win over Baylor, improved two places to No. 6, followed by No. 7 Ohio State (3-0), No. 8 Auburn (3-0), Tennessee and Washington.

The Buckeyes moved up two spots after a 28-20 win over Arizona, while Auburn jumped four places with a 31-28 win at LSU. LSU fell three places to No. 13.

Iowa was No. 11, followed by Michigan State, LSU, Virginia Tech, Washington State, Colorado, Clemson, Kansas State, Georgia, Stanford, Alabama, Texas A&M, Brigham Young, UCLA and Arizona State.

For the second straight year, the Gators moved into the No. 1 spot with a win over the Volunteers. Last season's 35-29 win over Tennessee moved them ahead of Florida State.

"I don't know how important it is that early, but we certainly like to be No. 1," Spurrier said. "We get a lot of free attention around the country, but as far as what happens down the road, we realize it certainly can fluctuate. We'll enjoy being No. 1 as long as we can."

A Penn State spokesman said Sunday that coach Joe Paterno would have no immediate comment on change in the poll.

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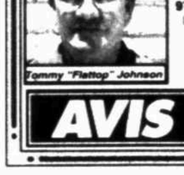
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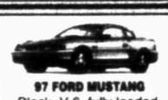
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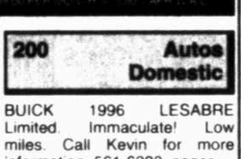
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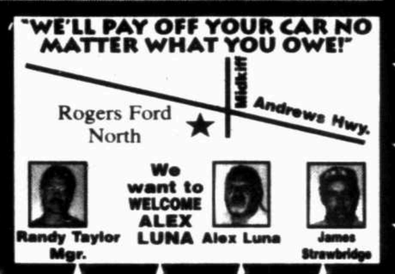
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GMC 1997 Yukon, SLE trim, with cargo doors. 12K Miles. Call Kevin, 561-6222, pager.

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CHEVROLET 1995 Heavy Duty 3/4 ton, 6.5 turbo diesel, extended. Automatic, tilt, cruise, chrome, ranch hand bumpers, 41K, $19,000. 620-0131.

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RESTAURANT. Seeking motivated, energetic, responsible persons, who enjoy working with people for full and part time restaurant positions. No experience necessary, full training will be provided. Apply in person at: Ramada Inn, Midland Airport, 100 Airport Plaza Drive.

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SEEKING DINING ROOM, line attendants, and dish room. Contact Mr. Chambers at Furr's Cafeteria.

SERVICE MAN needed. Part-time service man needed to repair blood pressure monitors in Midland and surrounding area. Call 1-800-828-2289 for more details.

TELEMARKETERS. for insurance company. Evening, contract work, experience preferred. Base pay plus production bonus. Apply in person, 2607 N. Midland Dr.

THE WILD SCALLION will be accepting applications Monday thru Friday between 2pm & 4 pm. 4400 N. Midland Dr., Ste. 504. Experience in fine dining required.

TOP PAY Truck Drivers needed for oil field jobs. Must be able to travel. No need to relocate. Must have Class A CDL, clear driving record and 2 years driving experience. Call 1-800-588-2669 Monday - Friday 8-5.

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WANTED OIL transport driver with good driving record, CDL and endorsements. Home every night and off most weekends. Trips within 150 mile radius of Midland.Call for interview, 686-7122 or 684-6555 ask for Clark or Bradley.

311 Medical Help Wanted

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***ADMINISTRATOR**
Seeking licensed nursing home administrator for Alpine Valley Care Center, a 56 bed intermediate care facility located in lovely Alpine, Texas. Competitive salary with benefits. If interested send resume to: MSC Associates, P.O. Box 2786, Lubbock, TX 79401 or fax to 806-747-1632.

***Dietary Manager**
Experienced, CERTIFIED professional needed for this key management position in Kermit!! Experience in LTC a plus! Attractive wage & benefits available! Call 915-586-6665 or apply at:
Kermit Healthcare Center
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Ask for Belinda or Kathleen

311 Medical Help Wanted

***PHARMACIST**
Comprehensive Home Health Agency located in West Texas in immediate need of experienced pharmacist for Pharmacy department. Must have both retail and IV compounding experience. Knowledge of chemotherapy, oncology, drugs, and other IV therapy a plus. Moving expenses paid in addition to signing bonus. top salary along with disability insurance, health insurance, prescription card, paid vacation and 401K. Please submit resume in confidence to:
Attn: R. McCarley, HR Dept.
Pharmacist Position
501 Andrew Hwy.
Midland, TX 79701
or call 915-570-7587
fax resume to 915-620-6675

DENTAL HYGIENIST
needed for busy 2 doctor family practice. Must be ethical, caring, personable. Send resume to:
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FULL TIME Physical Therapist needed for home care. At least one year home health care experience or one year critical care experience is required. Excellent communication and interpersonal skills a must. Current licensure and registration necessary. Competitive salary/ benefits. Please send resume to: In Home Care, Inc., Attn: Lori Hicky, RN, BSN, 808 W. Indiana, Midland, TX 79701.

LVN NEEDED for 2 to 10 pm shift. Good benefits offered. Apply in person: 3203 Sage St., Courtyard Care Center Geriatric facility. No phone calls please.

MEDICAL- Thurston Dean Orthopedic Clinic is looking for a person with billing and collecting experience. Also a Front Desk Receptionist to greet patients, type, file, answer phones and set appointments. Call Kathy at 550-9695, extension 109.

MEDICATION AIDE NEEDED for 6 to 2 pm shift. Good benefits offered. Apply in person: 3203 Sage St., Courtyard Care Center Geriatric facility. No phone calls please.

PHYSICAL THERAPIST. Full time opening, primarily orthopedic patient load, for private practice. Sign on bonus negotiable. Competitive benefit package. Send resume to Box PE 04040, c/o Midland Reporter- Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

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PSYCH RN- current experience in Home Health needed. Willing and able to do Hospital evaluate and assist medicare home health as needed. Knowledge of local psych community a plus. Could develop into full- time Corporate position. If qualified, please apply in person at Interim HealthCare, 3205 W. Cuthbert B-5, Midland, TX. 522-2233, Fax 522-2256.

RADIOLOGY TECHS. Imaging Dynamics is looking for Radiology Techs in the Midland/ Odessa area for portable X-ray. ARRT and MRT required. Fax or mail resume: 817-348-0061 or 1701 River Run Road, Suite 711, Ft. Worth, TX 76107.

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WE ARE LOOKING for a person to join our team as a receptionist/ secretary in a dental oriented office. Must be personable, energetic, and a team player. Experience as a dental receptionist with computer knowledge helpful. Send resume to: Box E-04041, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

312 Professional Help Wanted

B.S. CHEMIST- Entry level or with experience. Toxicology laboratory. Experience with computers, analytical methods, and instrumentation a plus. Send resume to P.O. Box 61750, Midland, TX 79711.

COMMUNITY Supervision Officers /Full -time. Effective on or about 11-01-97. Bachelor's degree in qualifying area required per Texas Government Code 76,005. Salary $2,000 per month. Positions close 10-9-97, 5:00 pm. Application packets can be obtained between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm, Monday -Friday at 200 N. Main Street, Midland, Texas.

LAND TECH. Permanent position available for independent and energetic individual with working knowledge of various oil and gas forms and instruments. Experience in preparation of basic forms such as leases, assignments, and releases are required. Enertec experience a plus. Submit resumes by mail or fax to Costilla Energy, Inc., Attn: Nancy Christmas, P.O. Box 10369, Midland, TX 79702, 915-686-6085. Non smoking environment.

LEGAL SECRETARY for law firm. Successful applicant will be proficient in Windows and WordPerfect, type 80+ wpm, prior corporate legal experience helpful. Excellent benefits. Mail resume in confidence to Box T-05041, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

312 Professional Help Wanted

REGION 18 EDUCATION SERVICE CENTER
MIDLAND, TEXAS
EMPLOYEE NOTICE
"Equal Opportunity Employer"
Field Service Agent

QUALIFICATIONS: Master's Degree, Administrator/ Superintendent Certification, Minimum ten years experience in public schools employment, with experience as superintendent, central office staff member, of campus administrator, Extensive experience in the area of school finance preferred.

JOB GOAL: To serve as liaison between school district, the Education Service Center and the Texas Education Agency and to insure timely communication between these three entities, specifically as it pertains to school fiance issues. Development of school board training material and delivery of this training will also be a focus of the position.

REPORTS TO: Director of Administrative Services

TERMS AND CONDITIONS:
*12 Month Position
*Travel required
*Salary based upon education and experience

APPLICATION DEADLINE: October 3,1997

A detailed job description is available upon request.

Inquiries and resumes may be addressed to:
Byron R. Baulch Director of Administrative Services
Region 18 Education Service Center
P.O. Box 60580
Midland, Texas 79711-0580

REGION 18 EDUCATION SERVICE CENTER
MIDLAND, TEXAS
EMPLOYEE NOTICE
"Equal Opportunity Employer"
Instructional Consultant for Administrative Services

QUALIFICATIONS: Master's Degree, Five years teaching experience minimum

JOB GOAL: To facilitate several projects within the Administrative Services component to include: The Luminary- a quarterly newsletter produced by Region 18 and sent out to educators in the school districts, Accountability requirements, Data Analysis, District and Campus Planning

REPORTS TO: Director of Administrative Services

TERMS AND CONDITIONS:
*12 Month Position
*Travel required
*Salary based upon education and experience

APPLICATION DEADLINE: September 30,1997

A detailed job description is available upon request.

Inquiries and resumes may be addressed to:
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314 Clerical Help Wanted

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316 Sales Help Wanted

APPLE EDUCATION Sales Agent is looking for self-starting, aggressive sales person to serve Education Regions 17 & 18 of Texas. Background in K-12 education is very helpful. Salary/ commission pay structure at $44K range. Employee health plan paid. Inquiries and resumes to Walt Pfeifer, SchoolVision, Box 90 Abilene, TX 79604.

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318 Sales Help Wanted

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SALES SPECIALIST needed to do demonstrations in major grocery chain. Dependable, sales minded. Part-time, Friday, Saturday, Sunday. $7.00 per hour. 800-580-3367.

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318 Management Help Wanted

RESTAURANT SHIFT MANAGERS
Seeking highly motivated, energetic, goal oriented shift managers for local restaurant. Must be able to work flexible hours and have excellent people and training skills. Compensation based on experience. Send resume to Wendy's P.O. Box 9511 Midland, TX 79708. E.O.E.

RESTAURANT- Lajitas on the Rio Grand Resort, looking for food and beverage manager. Experience and personality a must. Randy 915- 424-3471 or fax resume 915-424-3277.

320 Skilled Trades

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HVAC TECHNICIAN- with low temp experience. Minimum 2 years experience. Call M & M Mechanical, 520-4568 for interview.

JOURNEYMAN ELECTRICIAN with city license need only apply. at 2320 W. Loop 250 north. See Forrest.

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PLUMBERS- Mr. Rooter now hiring plumbers. Benefits, good pay. 570-7473.

SATELLITE- INSTALLERS needed. Salary, benefits. Send resume to Concho Cable, 3608 Candelaria, Plano TX, 75023. or fax 972-612-5231.

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341 Child Care Providers

BABYSITTING in my home. 20 Years experience. Reasonable rates. Call 684-5461.

341 Child Care Providers

CHILD CARE Referral Service. I will research area child care centers and give you a list of quality care givers based on your individual needs. 520-8810.

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PUBLIC AUCTION: Saturday, September 27, 1997, 10 am sharp. 201 W. Washington St., Midland, TX. Absolutely no minimums. No reserves. Restaurant equipment and office furniture continuation. All sales to be settled on date of sale. 10% Buyer premium. Preview Friday, September 26, 1997, 10 am to 4 pm. Auction conducted by: Auction Action Midland II, 915-570-8592. Fred F. Munoz, Auctioneer TX lic. # 6250.

410 Misc. Sales

WHEEL CHAIR- Deluxe, excellent condition. $200. Walker- $35. 684-7672.

2 STERLING SILVER candelabra, silver plate and 5 piece coffee/ tea service. Royal Doulton figurine "Linda" 1952, Nippon Chamber stick. 367-7455.

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MUST REDUCE Inventory - Display model hot tubs/ spas - back from fair - Delivery and financing available. 563-3108.

WATER SOFTENER, $350. Please call 697-9602.

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