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LaRue: Musical a state of mind

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After it was over with, he thought he didn't stand a chance. He was sure he had "screwed it up."

Never before had he done that badly.

Perhaps it was the audience which was made up of a single individual whose decision in the matter was final.

Maybe it was the fact he only had a week to prepare when other people spent months doing so.

Or perhaps it was the idea of being part of something so prestigious and part of a group so exclusive.

Well, it all worked out ... somehow.

Chris LaRue, a 21-year-old Pampa resident, is going to spend his summer in Canyon as a cast member of the outdoor musical "TEXAS."

For more than a quarter of a century, people from around the world have traveled to the bottom of Palo Duro Canyon to watch the pageant.

Members of the cast come from all over the country and have talents ranging from dancing to singing to acting to pyrotechnics.

"I really didn't intend to try out for 'TEXAS' this year," LaRue said. "I was talking to my theater professor over there (at West Texas State University) and he told me, 'Since you've been involved in choir and you sound like you have a good voice, you should try out.'"

LaRue is planning to attend West Texas State in the fall with plans to major in theater and speech.

Unfortunately, he only had a week to get the necessary material together and memorize it. The pressure was on.

"I managed to grab a monolog and a song and went over there with the intention of trying out ... people have told me that some people prepare all year long just to audition for 'TEXAS,'" he said. "All the times I've ever auditioned for anything, I've never had a problem ... I've never been scared to get up in front of people, (but) for the first time in my life, I choked. I screwed up bad."

LaRue chose a monolog from an important scene in a play called "The Rain Maker." The song he picked was "Oh What a Beautiful Morning" from the play "Oklahoma."

His first mistake came while reciting the monolog. While he memorized the correct phrases, he recited them backward and changed its meaning completely.

He wondered if the director caught the error.

Undaunted, but with the mistake weighing heavy on his mind, he began to sing the well known song from "Oklahoma," but not like it had ever been sung before.

LaRue started with the second verse, skipping the first verse completely. The problem, however, arose when he realized he couldn't remember how it ended, so he did the next best thing and made up the rest of the verse just to finish the audition.

"Here is Mr. Neil Hess and I'm sure he has seen "Oklahoma" and knows the song and so forth and knows what is going on," he said. "So I just kind of stood there (after the audition) and Neil Hess goes, 'So, you in any other plays right now?'. I just shook head."

To make it even worse, an Amarillo television station was recording the audition for a story they were working on, LaRue said.

Despite what LaRue thought of his performance, he still made the cast, but not after a month of wondering.

While rejection notices were sent out immediately, acceptance notices were delayed because of an additional auditions had to be scheduled for all the hopeful actors.

Approximately one thousand people tried out for the play in auditions including New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas, he said.

"I called up there during the first week of May," LaRue recalled, "because I hadn't heard anything and I said, 'Should everyone who has gotten rejected received there letter by now?'. And she said, 'Yeah' ... (and) I thought, 'OK, mine probably got lost in the mail.'"

As luck would have it, though, LaRue wouldn't have to wait any longer than he did. Hess was in the office at the time of the call and told LaRue he was a cast member through the secretary.

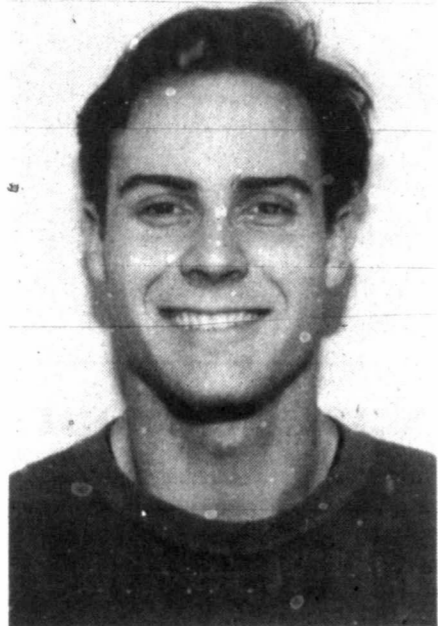
The first performance of "TEXAS" is June 9 with the season running through Aug. 21.

LaRue suggest the best performance to attend is on July 4, Independence Day, because of the fire works show after the performance.

Rehearsals for the cast of 85 people begin today.

Because the cast is completely new this year and because there is going to be a number of changes, LaRue doesn't know what role he might be playing.

But he can be sure of one thing, rehearsals are bound to be better than the audition.



Chris LaRue

Just plane fun



Surprise! Surprise! Amy Rains reacts to the method of transportation Josh Nix chose to transport the Pampa High School seniors to dinner in Amarillo prior to the annual PHS prom Saturday night. Behind the couple is pilot Joe Mechelay.

White House challenges GOP on deficit

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House today challenged Republicans to say how they would reduce the federal deficit if they continue opposing President Clinton's plan.

"The president has a balanced program. It starts with spending cuts," Communications Director George Stephanopoulos said on CBS. "If Republicans have another way, they have an obligation to come up with how they're going to get this deficit down."

In response, Republicans said they already have put forth a plan to cut the deficit by \$430 billion over five years with no tax increases. Instead, they would cut spending practically everywhere except Social Security.

"We're just mystified why the Democrats continue to imply there is no Republican alternative," said Bruce Cuthbertson, press secretary to Ohio Rep. John Kasich, the ranking Republican on the House Budget Committee.

Rep. Dan Rostenkowski, D-Ill., who guided the bulk of Clinton's plan, including a \$246 billion tax increase, through the House Ways and Means Committee last week, suggested little help will come from Republicans.

"Even before we started to fashion the package we'd ask individual Republicans on the committee: 'Do you think you could support the package?' Right from the word go, it was: 'No, we're not going to sup-

port the package,'" Rostenkowski said today on NBC.

All 14 Republicans on Ways and Means opposed the plan and it is unlikely to get even a handful of votes in the House next week. Nevertheless, Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen believes the bill can make its way through Congress without major concessions.

The administration thinks it can win congressional approval of its tax package without major concessions, says Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen.

Bentsen and other senior officials appearing on Sunday news programs also said they believed the economy was heading for moderate growth, and advised against a Federal Reserve Board boost in interest rates to ease inflationary pressures.

"Frankly, I don't want to see it stray too far from what we have already proposed," Bentsen said of the tax bill that emerged from the House Ways and Means Committee on Thursday.

The higher taxes on energy, middle-income Social Security recipients and people in the \$100,000-plus income category would raise about \$246 billion over five years.

"I look forward to it moving through the Senate and moving through it virtually intact, without any great, major changes in it," Bentsen said on NBC's "Meet the Press."

"When you're talking about cut-

ting the deficit the most it ever been cut in the history of this country, that's an uphill fight, but we're going to win it," he said.

The administration needs only a majority — 51 votes — to pass the bill in the Senate, but all 43 Republicans in the Senate are likely to oppose the plan and some conservative Democrats are wavering. Among them are Sens. David Boren, D-Okla., John Breaux, D-La., and Kent Conrad, D-N.D., all members of the Senate Finance Committee — where Democrats have only an 11-9 majority — that acts on the bill before it reaches the Senate floor.

"I don't think they're going to abandon the president," Bentsen said of the three, who say there should be more emphasis on spending cuts and less on new taxes to reduce the deficit. "I believe those fellows are going to hang in there with him."

Bentsen's optimism was shared by Office of Management and Budget Director Leon Panetta, who said on CBS' "Face the Nation" that he was "feeling much better about" the prospects of the bill after it passed the Ways and Means Committee.

"We think that we have a very good chance of not only passing the House floor but doing the same thing in the Senate as well," said Panetta, who recently jolted the

administration with public statements on the dismal outlook of Clinton's economic program.

Also appearing on "Face the Nation," Rostenkowski, chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, said: "I think the president's going to have to participate on a personal basis, because it's not going to be easy. I think we've got a young man in the White House that is providing leadership. If it's not popular, that's just the medicine ball that we have to swallow."

Bentsen, asked whether the Federal Reserve should hold the line on interest rates while the administration pushes through its economic package, responded, "there's no question stability of the interest rates is important to us."

Wholesale prices shot up 0.6 percent in April, the biggest increase in 2 1/2 years, while consumer prices rose 0.4 percent, raising speculation that the Fed might consider raising interest rates to ease inflationary pressures.

"I think it's a serious mistake to say you determine something by a month-to-month" inflation rate, Bentsen said, noting that labor costs remain stable, there's still an ample amount of unused manufacturing capacity and that bad weather was responsible for rising food costs in April.

Jackpot split between two

AUSTIN (AP) — The \$10 million Texas Lotto jackpot will be divided between two tickets that matched all six numbers drawn in Saturday night's drawing.

The two tickets bearing the winning numbers — 13, 20, 26, 40, 43, 48 — were sold in Northeast Texas and Southeast Texas, lottery officials announced Sunday.

Five of six numbers were matched on 218 tickets, netting \$1,169 each; 6,532 tickets sold contain four matching numbers, worth \$140 a piece, and 130,950 tickets bear three matching numbers worth three dollars each.

The Texas Lotto rang up \$10 million in sales since the last Wednesday's drawing. Lotto sales since the Nov. 7 kickoff total \$440.2 million.

Garrison, Miranda lead Shamrock grads

Editors note: This is one in a series honoring valedictorians and salutatorians of area high schools. Through May 29, students who have excelled in their high school careers will be featured in The Pampa News.

SHAMROCK — Sheryl Garrison is the valedictorian for Shamrock High School's 1993 graduating class. Robin Miranda has been named salutatorian.

Garrison, the daughter of Harry and Jan Garrison, has a 4.0 grade point average. Miranda, the daughter of Carolyn Miranda, has a 3.968 GPA.

Garrison was in band her freshman year and played basketball and tennis all four years of high school. She participated in varsity track her freshman and sophomore years and was in Future Homemakers of America all four years, serving as treasurer her junior year and vice president her senior year.

She was also the FHA sweetheart candidate her senior year. She was in Student Council all four years, serving as vice president her junior year and president her senior year. She was in the All

School play her freshman through junior years.

In University Interscholastic League competition, she participated in spelling her freshman, junior and senior years and qualified for regionals her junior and senior years. She also participated in UIL keyboarding her sophomore year, news writing her junior year and editorial writing her senior year. She was second state alternate in spelling her senior year.

She was a varsity cheerleader her sophomore through senior years, and in National Honor Society for three years, serving as vice president. She was named Miss Shamrock in 1992 and Miss Shamrock High School and homecoming queen candidate her senior year. She was named Chamber of Commerce Student of the Year her senior year and attended Girl State her junior year.

She has won academic awards in algebra I, world history, English III, Spanish II, government, home man./consumer economics, and chemistry. She was in the Gifted and Talented Program her sophomore through senior years.

Miranda, the daughter of Carolyn

Miranda, was in Student Council her junior and senior years, serving as secretary/treasurer her senior year. She was junior class president. She was in FHA for four years, serving as historian and president. She was in the FHA top 10 her sophomore through senior years. She participated in the All School play her sophomore through senior years, and was in One-Act Play her junior and senior years, being named to the All-Star Cast honorable mention her senior year.

Miranda was on the yearbook staff all four years, serving as section editor and co-editor her junior and senior years. She was named class favorite her junior year. In University Interscholastic League competition, she participated in literary criticism her junior year and was a regional qualifier. She participated in news writing her senior year, qualifying for regionals. She was in the Gifted and Talented Program her senior year, in National Honor Society her sophomore through senior years, serving as treasurer her junior year and secretary/treasurer her senior year. She was named Who's Who her sophomore through senior years and was



on the junior varsity basketball team her freshman year and in varsity athletics her sophomore through senior years.

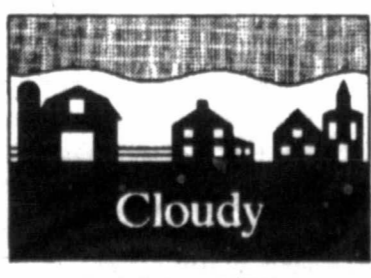
She won the Fighting Heart Award her junior year, and was named academic All-District her senior year. She was voted most likely to succeed and was a homecoming queen candidate and FHA sweetheart candidate her senior year. She was third runner-up in Miss Shamrock her senior year and was 1992-93 Lion's Club sweetheart.

Shamrock plans to have 25 graduates. The graduation is set for 7:30 p.m. Friday in the high school auditorium.

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Hutchison, Krueger face off in debate

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SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Democratic Sen. Bob Krueger and Republican challenger Kay Bailey Hutchison agreed on some issues and split on others in their first one-on-one debate.

They agreed U.S. troops should stay out of Bosnia. They disagreed over health care reform. They agreed anti-stalking legislation is needed. Both stumbled when asked to name minorities on their campaign staffs.

Krueger and Mrs. Hutchison, the state treasurer, will meet in two more debates before the June 5 runoff.

During an hour-long session Sunday night, Mrs. Hutchison said she had been a victim of the crime. Krueger's wife, also a stalking victim, is on the cover of People magazine calling attention to the crime.

"He says the Republicans are holding it (stalking legislation) up, they're not. He says I'm against it, I'm not. I have been a victim of stalking for over 20 years. I think it's a tragic situation," Mrs. Hutchison said.

"This is important legislation. It's important that we have it at the federal level," Krueger said, adding that federal penalties provide an extra deterrent.

Each candidate also claimed to be the best choice to represent Texans in Washington.

"I am an outsider to Washington, D.C. I am not part of the system, I am not part of the problem. I am a person who has been in small business and I know what small business people are facing," Mrs. Hutchison said.

Krueger said Texans need to keep

a Democrat in the Senate since the other senator is a Republican, Phil Gramm.

"We can have Phil Gramm knocking on the front door and Kay Bailey Hutchison knocking on the back, and if Bob Krueger isn't there that White House is not going to answer," Krueger said.

Debating at Trinity University, the two candidates who met in the June 5 runoff election both voiced strong reservations about sending U.S. troops to intervene in the bloody fighting in Bosnia.

"The situation in Bosnia is a tragic one," Mrs. Hutchison said. "But I think whenever we made the decision to send American troops ... we've got to determine that there is an American interest. I do not see a compelling American interest in Bosnia."

"I would not support and have not supported putting in ground troops," Krueger said. "I'd be extremely reluctant to see us engage in (aerial) bombardment."

One of their sharpest differences was on health care.

"What we face today is a health care crisis ... People are more afraid today of the costs of medical care than they are of the treatment itself," Krueger said.

He called for a cap on prescription drug prices, one-year cap on health insurance premiums, and voluntary caps on physicians, hospitals and lawyers.

Mrs. Hutchison said she opposes price controls. "That's the absolute worst thing we can do," she said.

She called for having individuals purchase medical insurance and allowing them tax credits similar to what businesses now take.

They also were asked if they would support any tax hike.



(AP Photo) U.S. Senatorial candidates Bob Krueger, left, and Kay Bailey Hutchison shake hands Sunday.

"Now I don't know how long I'm going to serve. We may be looking at 13 years, we may be looking at three months or nothing. But I'm not going to take a pledge except to say that my philosophy is always to cut spending. It is not for tax increases," Mrs. Hutchison said.

Krueger said he would oppose tax increases until he is convinced the government is operating efficiently.

"We have massive deficits today because the popular, easy political thing ... is to say you'll never vote for taxes. I couldn't say that and be

honest. I'd rather be honest even if it costs me some votes," he said.

Both stumbled when asked about Hispanics and blacks holding key positions on their campaign staffs.

Krueger named a black and two Hispanics, then conceded, "I don't know the name of the third, but we certainly have them."

Mrs. Hutchison named three Hispanics. "I do have a black also on my campaign staff, as well as at the campaign staff as well as at the Treasury," she said. Asked for a name, she said, "I'm sorry I don't know his last name."



(AP Photo) A procession of Amish buggies travels to the cemetery Sunday in rural Wayne County, Ohio.

2,000 mourn death of 5 Amish children

By CINDY BENEDICTO
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FREDERICKSBURG, Ohio (AP) — About 2,000 mourners attended the funerals Sunday for five Amish children who were killed when they were hit by a car as they were walking home from a birthday party.

More than a dozen black horse-drawn buggies passed by the accident site on the way to the victims' homes for the services. Two skid marks, a large red ribbon and small orange flags marked the dip in the narrow two-lane road where Thursday's tragedy happened.

Killed were Neva Kurtz, 14; Ruby Troyer, 10; and three siblings — 11-year-old Wilma Weaver; Freda Weaver, 8, and 2-year-old Ivan Weaver.

Five children were injured. Three were in satisfactory condition Sunday at Children's Hospital Medical Center in Akron, hospital spokeswoman Denise Monaghan said. The other two were treated for minor injuries and released.

Eric Bache, 18, of Millersburg has been charged with five felony counts of aggravated vehicular homicide.

The road leading to the site of the services was blocked by sheriff's deputies to keep the media away. Many of the mourners did not want to speak to reporters.

"The Amish are friendly people, but it's different today," said Deputy John Lowe. "The tragedy of it all hit home today and they just want to be left alone."

One woman fainted at the services, said Vernon Weaver, a Menomonee who attended the services. He is not related to the Weaver family.

Susie Troyer was in fair condition at Wooster Community Hospital, a hospital spokeswoman said. It was not known if she was related to Ruby Troyer.

Wayne County Sheriff Loran Alexander said 2,000 people attended the services, some from as far away as Colorado.

Fredericksburg, a community of about 500, is 60 miles south of Cleveland.

Base closing panel may eye state facilities

WASHINGTON (AP) — Several South Texas military installations could wind up on a list to be reviewed for closure when the Base Closure and Realignment Commission meets this week.

Naval Station Ingleside, near Corpus Christi, and Kingsville Naval Air Station are the two sites in Texas most frequently mentioned for review. Lawmakers also have said that Corpus Christi Naval Air Station and Kelly Air Force Base in San Antonio might be added to an earlier list drawn up by the Pentagon.

The independent commission is reviewing the Defense Department's recommendations to close 31 major installations and realign 134 others. The eight-member commission will meet Friday to decide which facilities to add to the list unveiled in March by Defense Secretary Les Aspin.

The base-closing panel has until June 30 to accept or modify Aspin's "hit list" before forwarding its recommendations to President Clinton. He has 45 days to accept or reject the list in its entirety and then send it to Congress, which has only a straight up-or-down vote.

Texas escaped largely unscathed under Aspin's list, with Dallas Naval Air Station the only large Texas facility recommended for closure. The brunt would be minimized by the fact that most of the Dallas

installation's 1,642 personnel and aircraft would move to Carswell Air Force Base in Fort Worth.

Lawmakers and others say they remain confident that any Texas installations added by the commission ultimately will be spared after being compared to other facilities.

"Sure we are concerned in a way, but maybe this could be the best thing that happens to us," said Rep. Solomon Ortiz, D-Corpus Christi. "They will be impressed with what they will see at Ingleside and Kingsville."

Ortiz and others in South Texas have lived through the drill before, since Ingleside and Kingsville were placed on the commission's list for review in the 1991 round of base closings.

"I feel very confident that we are going to be okay," said Ortiz, who uses his seat on the House Armed Services Committee to protect South Texas military installations.

Retired Rear Adm. James Scott, a member of a South Texas task force working to save the region's military bases, also wants a chance to defend the installations.

"Now is not the time to get shaky about it and be worried about it," Scott said. "Now is the time to knuckle down and start putting the paperwork together and all the things necessary to get our best foot forward."

Rep. Frank Tejeda, who also sits on the Armed Services Committee, said that if the commission relies strictly on the facts, Texas will emerge with flying colors.

"On the merits we are fine, but I think we certainly always have to be on the alert and vigilant for political decisions that creep into the picture," said Tejeda, D-San Antonio.

Political pressure certainly is being applied, particularly in South Carolina where Charleston is due to lose almost 17,500 jobs. The South Carolina congressional delegation has urged both the Pentagon and the base-closing panel to shut down Ingleside — and spare the mine warfare operations now in Charleston but due to be transferred to Ingleside.

The California delegation likewise is mobilizing to protect McClellan Air Force Base near Sacramento — which could work to Kelly Air Force Base's detriment. Since California would be hit so heavily, losing almost 32,000 jobs

under Aspin's plan, there is some concern the base-closing panel may seek to deflect some of the pain to other states.

It has been rumored that if McClellan is spared, the commission might turn to one of the other four Air Logistics Centers in the nation, of which Kelly AFB is one.

Mississippi lawmakers also are lobbying to keep their naval air station in Meridian — which is on the Pentagon's "hit list" — at the expense of Kingsville.

"I don't blame them one bit," said Tejeda. "If one of my bases was really threatened ... I would certainly pull no punches," he said.

"The question is: Is the Base Closure Commission subject or vulnerable to political pressure? The answer is: Well, we'll see what happens this week."

Serbs, Croats attack Muslim position

PALE, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — Even before Bosnian Serbs finished voting on a U.N. peace plan, their leader declared the plan dead and the besieged Muslim-led government was calling its situation hopeless.

Confident that their people voted to reject the peace plan in a two-day referendum that ended Sunday, Bosnian Serb leaders exuded defiance today.

The commander of Bosnian Serb forces, Gen. Ratko Mladic, said any Western soldiers who might intervene to enforce the peace plan — as President Clinton has threatened — would meet fierce resistance from his fighters.

"Whoever comes will leave his bones here," the Yugoslav news agency Tanjug quoted him as saying.

Fighting continued today in Mostar, where Bosnian Croats are trying to wrest control of the city's western half.

AP reporter John Daniszewski, reporting from Mostar on Sunday, said heavy fire erupted in the afternoon from Croat positions into Muslim-held parts of town and that fires were burning on the Muslim side.

U.N. peacekeeper spokesman Cmdr. Barry Frewer, speaking in Sarajevo, also reported fighting Sunday around the eastern Muslim enclave of Zepa.

Serbs have been making steady gains in eastern Bosnia against the outgunned Muslim forces.

With the peace plan apparently doomed, the powerful Serbs and Croats — who between them control most of Bosnia-Herzegovina — are poised to squeeze the weak Muslim-led government forces and carve up most of Bosnia.

"We don't have a chance," Kemal Muftic, an aide to Bosnia's Muslim President, Alija Izetbegovic, said in Sarajevo on Sunday. "They

have decided to go to the end. They feel how weak we are."

Bosnia's Serbs appeared certain to rebuff the plan, since it would require them to give up much of the territory they gained in 13 months of civil war.

There was some indication results might not be announced until Tuesday.

The "plan is dead and the international community will have to think of some other plan if it wants peace in Bosnia," Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic told a Belgrade television station on Sunday.

The plan would divide Bosnia into largely autonomous provinces among the three warring factions: Muslims, ethnic Serbs and ethnic Croats. Sarajevo, the capital, would be jointly governed.

Recognizing the threat of an even greater three-way conflict, European Community mediator Lord Owen appealed for thousands more peacekeepers to protect Muslims in U.N.-designated safe areas.

Over the weekend, the Bosnian government issued its strongest denunciation yet of neighboring Croatia, accusing it of sending troops into Bosnia.

The allegation could not be independently confirmed. But suspicion was mounting in Sarajevo of a Serb-Croat deal.

Bosnia's Muslims and Croats are battling mostly over traditionally Muslim-dominated towns awarded to Croats under the international peace plan.

Bosnia's Croats and Muslims have signed the plan. But nearly four months of fighting since it was completed have made a mockery of several of its proposed boundaries.

Bosnian Serbs have long rejected

the plan because it denies them contiguous lands and links to Serbia and Serb-held parts of Croatia.

On the border with Serbia in Zvornik, where Muslims once constituted 65 percent of the population but now number just a handful, Serbs seemed resigned to further bloodshed once the plan is rejected.

Milo Katic, a soldier, said Serbs had already braced for U.S. air strikes.

"We are ready and prepared," said Katic, as he sipped brandy in the Albatross cafe. "Women stockpiled food, while men stockpiled ammunition."

His bravado brought shouts of approval among fellow fighters leaning on a wooden bar covered with their machine guns and rifles.

In Pale, a Serb stronghold, Mojisije Sokolovic scoffed at Western military intervention.

"There is no way the West can intimidate us with threats," he said.

More than 134,000 people have been killed or are missing since Bosnia's Serbs rebelled against a Muslim-Croat vote in February 1992 to secede from Serb-dominated Yugoslavia.

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SWBT estimates these new services will increase its annual revenues during the first year by approximately \$2.4 million. VMS providers and Telephone Answering Services and their subscribers are the types of customers likely to be affected by approval of these services.

The proposed recurring monthly rate and nonrecurring installation charge is as follows:

Rate Element	Recurring	Nonrecurring
NSII	\$6,000.00	\$2,000.00

Persons who wish to comment on this application should notify the Commission by June 10, 1993. Requests for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, 7800 Shoal Creek Blvd., Suite 400N, Austin, Texas 78757, or you may call the Public Utility Commission Public Information Office at 512-458-0256, or 512-458-0221 teletypewriter for the deaf.

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Opinion

Tax rates should come down for all

If you believe the Clinton administration and its defenders in the media, you would think that Americans, and especially those considered among "the rich," are woefully undertaxed. The steady drumbeat from Washington these days is that we all must sacrifice, in particular the rich who will be finally made to pay "their fair share."

In reality, the overall tax burden on Americans is near its historic peacetime high. The typical American family today surrenders 33.6 percent of its income in form of taxes paid to federal, state and local governments. That's according to the Tax Foundation, a private, non-profit organization in Washington, D.C., which estimates that today's overall tax burden is only slightly below the record high reached in 1981.

Cuts in federal income tax rates in the early 1980s did manage to roll back the tax burden somewhat, but then federal taxes began to creep back up by the end of the decade, culminating in the tax-raising budget deal of 1990. Meanwhile, state and local taxes rose across the nation during the last decade, largely offsetting reductions in the federal tax burden.

Contrary to the envy-mongering coming out of Washington, wealthy Americans pay their fair share of this tax burden — and then some. According to data from the Internal Revenue Service, American households earning more than \$500,000 a year pay an average of 24.5 percent of what they make to the IRS in the form of federal income taxes. This compares with an average of 11 percent paid by Americans who earn between \$30,000 and \$50,000 a year, and 6 percent paid by those who earn \$10,000 to \$20,000.

It's true that tax rates on the richest Americans fell dramatically during the 1980s, from a high of 70 percent when the decade began to 31 percent today. But these lower rates have actually resulted in the rich paying a higher proportion of federal taxes.

According to the IRS, the top 1 percent of income earners in America paid 25.4 percent of federal income tax revenues in 1990, compared to the 18.2 percent they paid in 1980. The top 20 percent paid 71.8 percent of all revenues in 1990, compared to 66 percent in 1980. In contrast, the bottom 60 percent of earners paid only 11 percent of federal income tax revenues in 1990, compared to 13.8 percent in 1980.

The rich are bearing a bigger share of the tax burden because of, not despite, the lower tax rates. These lower rates have encouraged wealthy Americans to declare more of their income as taxable rather than diverting it to tax shelters.

This phenomenon also explains why raising taxes on the rich will not yield the revenue the Clinton administration predicts. As they always do, higher tax rates will push wealthy earners to shelter more of their income in tax-free investments. It could also discourage them from earning additional income, which would also cut federal revenues by reducing the tax base.

Talk about making the rich pay their fair share is just a smoke screen being used by the big spenders in Washington to transfer more wealth from the private sector to the government. By attacking the wealthy, they hope to make their plans to tax the middle class more palatable to the general public.

Instead of raising the overall tax burden, elected officials, from Washington down to the local level, should be lowering tax rates for all Americans — the poor, the middle class as well as the rich.

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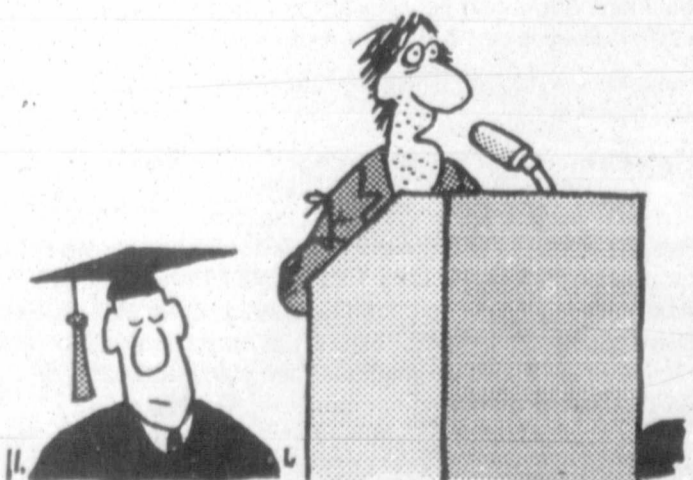
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Re-enter Bush?

Leslie Gelb, who is leaving *The New York Times* to serve as president of the Council on Foreign Relations, wrote a fine paragraph in his (endless) exploration of the Bosnian question, which assails us all (endlessly). Here it is:

"The U.S. and other powers obviously cannot and should not use force in all places where people are killing each other. But to argue that the big powers or the U.N. should not intervene anywhere unless they intervene everywhere is pure sophistry. To intervene nowhere pleases only the foolish god of consistency. Leaders will have to practice highly imperfect international triage and save as many as they reasonably can. They cannot maintain civilization and look away."

The analysis here nicely handles the problem of the Wilsonian imperative, which was that it is the responsibility of the United States to make the world safe for democracy. When we entered Somalia, I ventured that a superpower should not bar itself from an aristocratic exercise of power to effect clearly philanthropic purposes.

This view of the Somali question is I think justified retroactively. Somalia is not a reconstituted country, but starvation and pestilence were checked at an exiguous price, and the record will show for generations that we intervened to save and entire people from starvation.

The Euclidean jump in at such a moment with a list of people who are hungry in 28 other countries, or whatever, and ask: Why aren't we doing the same thing for them? The most obvious answer is: Because we cannot; we do not have the resources to do so. And Gelb eloquently frames the point that



William F. Buckley Jr.

because we can't do it everywhere does not mean we can't do it here and there.

The greatest slaughter since Hitler, indeed per capita greatly in excess of Hitler, was Pol Pot's venture in Cambodia 1975-1978. This was immediately post-Vietnam, and the fetters against executive action were secure.

One recalls the wonderful blurt from that season, which came from Sen. George McGovern, a leader in the movement to withdraw from South Vietnam. Why, he asked at a Senate hearing, don't we send a military unit to Cambodia and stop the bloodletting? The answer to that question is that Congress had acted, in part at McGovern's prompting, to pull the U.S. military out of that part of the world. But our failure to act in Cambodia must not haunt us to the point of immobility forever anywhere else in the world.

The concrete problem faced by Bill Clinton is to tell us what it is that can be done, and then to formulate a policy that puts the European powers on the spot. He will need to describe what are the contingent dangers of continuing to do nothing. Perhaps we can persuade ourselves that our grief over

the suffering in Bosnia will have to remain platonic.

But we may not be able to persuade ourselves that we could continue to be insensible to what very well might happen if we do nothing. The Serbs are animated by the morale of an army on the march, and if they proceed south, what has been a civil war will become a war in which Greece and almost certainly Turkey will become involved.

A war between two NATO members, animating a spirit of revenge against the infidel, could bring: a) an end to any prospect of peace in the Near East; b) a mobilization of Islamic determination to conquer Serbia; and c) the threat of civil disturbances in the southern tier of the old Soviet Union with implications for Russia and the Ukraine that could mean a renewal of life under the threat of nuclear destruction.

All of these developments would strike sooner at Europe than at us. It was so during the Cold War. For 40 years we had to swallow the irony that some of our allies who stood most immediately to profit from out containment policies were not making appropriate sacrifices to implement those policies. But any retaliation on that account would have been petulant and self-destructive. It doesn't pay to punish a delinquent ally by forsaking a common objective.

A dramatic act by Clinton is called for in these anarchic days. He should call George Bush and ask him to serve as special mediator. Bush should travel to London and Paris, Bonn and Rome and Brussels, a dn test whether what he once did so brilliantly in 1991 will work one more time.

If Clinton is seriously thinking about using aircraft carriers and Marines, he should be prepared to use the services of a deposed president.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, May 17, the 137th day of 1993. There are 228 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

Twenty years ago, on May 17, 1973, the Senate Select Committee on Presidential Campaign Activities opened its hearings into the Watergate scandal.

On this date:

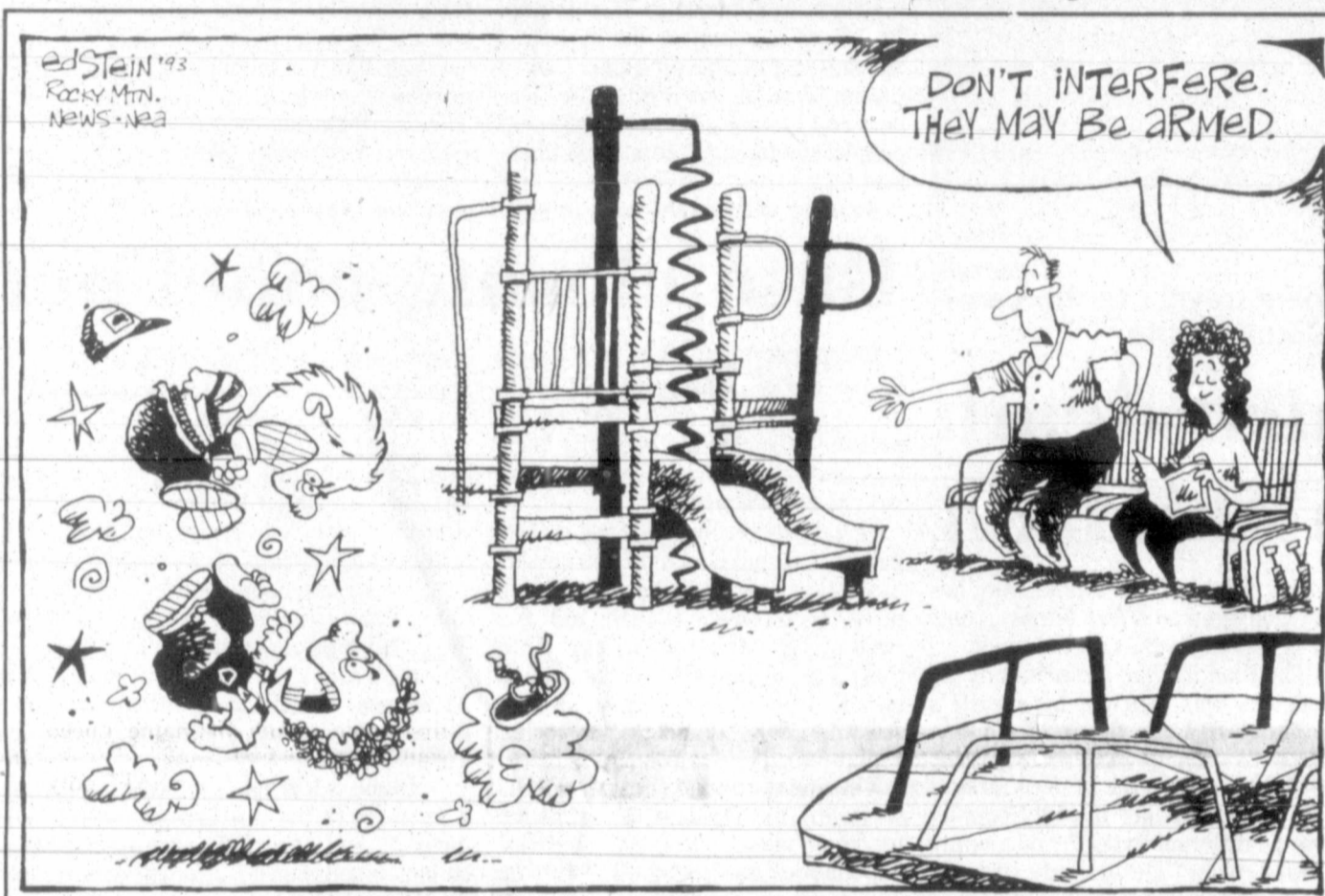
In 1792, the New York Stock Exchange was founded by brokers meeting under a tree located on what is now Wall Street.

In 1814, Norway's constitution was signed, providing for a limited monarchy.

In 1875, the first Kentucky Derby was run at Churchill Downs in Louisville. The winner was Aristides.

In 1938, the radio quiz show "Information, Please!" made its debut on the NBC Blue Network.

In 1938, Congress passed the Vinson Naval Act, providing funds for a two-ocean navy.



An apple for a teacher

As no other publication, *Reader's Digest* has interpreted the United States to the world.

At the same time, the publication discourages the worst in us by encouraging the best.

When *Reader's Digest* honored 15 of our nation's outstanding schoolteachers, I was speaking in St. Louis and noted that one of the teachers — Mary Ann Mayes — is an educator in East St. Louis.

Now East St. Louis is known mostly for being broke, dingy and dangerous.

Nobody stops for traffic lights in East St. Louis; nobody dares.

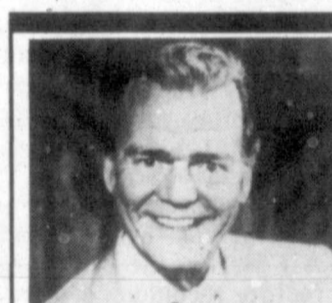
Yet here — in the midst of gangs and drugs and squalor — is a teacher who has reduced the senior dropout rate from 10 percent to 2 percent in three years.

And where absenteeism nationally is 17 percent, in her class it is less than 3 percent.

With an assist from *St. Louis Post Dispatch* reporter Margaret Gillerman I heard more.

The East St. Louis school system is dirt-poor. Often there is no writing paper available and tattered textbooks are 15 years old.

Yet inside Room 120 in East St. Louis High School there are cheery blue-white walls which



Paul Harvey

Mayes' husband helped paint and hanging flowers from home and no graffiti.

"This is my house," says Mayes. "I would not come into your kitchen and write on your table; don't you come in and write on mine."

This uncommon teacher with her immense love for literature demands the best of her students. She teaches honors English, senior English and two classes especially for students at risk of dropping out.

Mayes has a way of interpreting literature that made her a school hero long before the national magazine took note.

In a corner of Room 120 stands a knight's armor — used when teaching Chaucer.

When teaching John Milton's 17th Century epic

poem "Paradise Lost" she calls the devil "the head dude Beelzebub." His assistant becomes the "vice president of hell."

Thus her students will jump into a free-wheeling discussion with the same freedom with which they wheel and deal on the streets.

And thus Milton's verses about good and evil are indelibly imparted.

The Mayeses have no children of their own. A white teacher in a totally black class, she says, "These are my children."

"From the beginning each class knows that kind of behavior is acceptable and what kind isn't. They know, and I have a shirt on which the words are spelled out — 'If Mama ain't happy, ain't nobody happy!'"

One student, Kevin Randolph, says, "She's preparing us for college. The kids know she's strict and sometimes they get kinda upset — but they appreciate it, too. You learn to act straight or you flunk."

Mayes says she does not teach English only. "I really try to stress a sense of responsibility. I don't make exceptions, and I don't take excuses. You are responsible for what you do, and you will reward yourself or punish yourself accordingly — that's life."

Is Clinton serious on education reform?

Does the Clinton administration favor quotas? More generally, are fundamentalist liberal Democrats in Congress using Clinton to advance their special interest agendas?

Or is the story different? Is Clinton using those liberals to break gridlock and move forward on his campaign themes of a more disciplined America, including "the more you learn, the more you earn," and "no more something for nothing"?

The questions arise after reading the Clinton education proposal, "Goals 2000: Educate America Act," and following its tangled course. It is a model of many mammoth political struggles to come. Only after a time will we see just who is rolling whom.

On its face the proposal is fine. Its genesis comes from the so-called "standards movement," a decade-long effort to get students up to world-class levels. The idea is to cut out the squishy stuff in American education by setting out what students should learn ("standards"), by determining whether they're learning ("testing," "assessment"), and by creating rewards or penalties ("stakes," "consequences").

Many states have moved down this path, piecemeal. These include Arkansas, where Bill and Hillary Clinton led the fight, and South Carolina, where reforms were pushed by then-Gov. Richard Riley, now secretary of Education.

Riley says the proposal would codify what's already happened and move the standards/tests/stakes process forward nationally.

Critics see it differently. They say the bill started out well at the White House and the Department of Education. It was then changed after being held



Ben Wattenberg

hostage by Democratic congressional barons who foolishly try to protect minority students from the high standards those very students need most.

The critics note that the standards movement originally dealt with "outputs," that is, what a student actually learns. But the proposal now also deals with "inputs," called "opportunity to learn" standards. Those, critics say, are a design for a federal cash cow to support the education establishment and would subvert the standards/output idea.

Critics note that the bill prohibits using standards for five years "to make decisions regarding graduation, grade promotion or retention of students." That, they say, erodes the idea of "stakes." They ask: Why should students work hard if it doesn't matter?

Riley disagrees. A teacher has to know algebra ("input") before it's fair to test whether the student has learned algebra ("output"). Five years are needed to create the standards and the tests, and to get students prepared to pass; the "consequences" part can be anticipated after that. He says the standards bill will do the right thing, that only a Democrat like Clin-

ton can sell it, that the concept will expand to other education measures, and mean more to Americans than all the hot political items now in the headlines.

The quota issue is ambiguous in the education section of the proposal, which calls for "student performance standards that all students ... will be expected to achieve." (That includes students from diverse racial, ethnic and cultural backgrounds, the disadvantaged, the disabled, and those with limited English proficiency.) Critics say it means lawsuits if diverse students don't proportionally meet the standards. They maintain that the remedy, alas, will be to dumb down the standards.

Riley says federal law mandates fairness, but that tough standards will apply equally to all, and that it is tragic to pass along children who haven't learned enough to pass.

Most appalling is a section on "skill standards" drafted by the Department of Labor that appeared at the last moment. It mandates avoidance of "disparate impacts ... against individuals based on race, gender, age, ethnicity, disability or national origin. ..."

Although labor spokespersons deny it, that is legalese for quotas, or race-norming, just the opposite of Clinton's "no more something for nothing" mantra.

We will find out soon how Clinton will govern. Will he dump the quota language? Will he use the concept of tough standards in the big-money education bills? Longer term, will he see to it that students face real consequences?

Clinton set the standards. He will be tested. At stake is whether he and his party will get rolled, again, by liberal special interests.

Lifestyles

Mobile Americans need relocation facts

Americans are movers! A recent study shows that the average American will move 14 times in his or her lifetime. Each year about 20 million of us more — across the city, state, or nation — taking everything we own with us. Some use professional movers; others do it themselves. Some leave possessions in storage for months.

No matter what kind of moving and storage you do, be sure to take necessary steps to protect your valuable investment in major home appliances. Here are some general tips covering almost all appliances.

The time to re-read your use and care guides as before moving any appliance. If you don't have a guide for each appliance, write to the manufacturer for copies. Preparation includes three basic steps: disconnecting, emptying, and cleaning.

Disconnecting: Disconnect electrical power before cleaning or moving. Before disconnecting a gas-fueled appliance, be sure there is shut-off valve at the end of the gas line. Contact your gas utility for specific information.

For water-using appliances, disconnect water supply lines at the appliance. Drain all hoses completely.

Emptying: Empty the appliance completely. Remove and wrap all removable parts. Pack them in a sturdy box. This includes: oven



Homemakers' News
Donna Brauchi

broiler pans and racks, dishwasher racks, washer additive dispensers, and refrigerator shelves and drawers.

Cleaning: Clean the interior and dry thoroughly. Let the appliance stand open for about 24 hours to help prevent mildew and odors.

Clean the exterior and areas you normally can't reach such as refrigerator coils and backs of appliances. Remove, empty, and clean any drain pans or trays. Some manufacturers recommend waxing to prevent rusting of appliances that are stored or used in high humidity areas. Check use and care guides.

Use a good automobile type paste wax on exteriors only. Never wax any plastic or internal parts.

Packing: Some parts may require

bracing. Use original packing materials if possible. Tape the power cord to the cabinet to prevent damage, or tripping over it. Use a good quality strapping tape that will not damage the appliance finish to secure doors, lids, etc. Protect your investment by wrapping the appliance with the type or good quality padded blankets available from rental companies. Place a dust cover over padded blankets. Leave air space around the appliance when covering or storing to prevent moisture from forming under the dust cover.

Storing: Protect appliances from dampness with a dust cover. All appliances have parts that can rust and some components such as insulation and electronic circuitry, can be damaged by dampness. Refrigerators, freezers, dishwashers, and other appliances with doors require special storage care to prevent accidental child entrapment.

Reinstalling: When reinstalling an appliance, follow manufacturer's recommendations or have a service technician do the job. Check the appliance's use and care guide for any routine maintenance that can be done during removal.

For more specific instructions for a specific appliance, contact your Gray County Extension Service.

City Council



Members of the Beta Sigma Phi City Council for 1993-1994 are Sandy Clark, seated, left, president, and Kerri Weatherly, recording secretary. Standing left, are Carol Martin, corresponding secretary; Sherry Ritthaler, second vice president; and Starla Tracy, treasurer. Not pictured are Kim Winegeart, parliamentarian, and Phyllis Jeffers, first vice president.

(Staff photo by Cheryl Berzanski)

Twentieth Century Club



Elected to offices in Twentieth Century Club for 1993-1994 are Adelaide Colwell, at left, treasurer; Louise Richardson, parliamentarian; Mary Nelson, president; Linda Moore, reporter; and Betty Johnston, secretary. Not pictured is Chleo Worley, vice president.

(Special photo)

Woman delighted when last are 'Fuerst'

DEAR ABBY: Can you stand one more letter about funny last names? There's a running joke about mine. Thirteen years ago, I married a man whose last name was Fuerst — pronounced "first."

Ironically, I was not the first Mrs. Fuerst — I was the second Mrs. Fuerst.

In the early years of our marriage, my husband and I discussed possible names for our children — "Hugo Fuerst" for a boy and "April Fuerst" for a girl.

In making an application, or opening an account, I am asked, "What is your name? Please give me your last name first." My reply: "Fuerst."

I am then corrected, "Not your first name — your last name; I need your last name first."

Again I repeat, "FUERST," only to be corrected again, until I say, exasperatedly, "Fuerst IS my last name."

"First is your last name? How is that spelled?"

Now I begin, "F-U" ... then it appears that I am making some kind of obscene remark until I say "E" followed by "R-S-T," which satisfies the inquirer.

However, Abby, my name does have one advantage. When many people are all cued up, waiting to be called, and we hear, "Who's my first?" I then reply cheerfully, and honestly, "I am!"

DIANE FUERST,
RONKONKOMA, N.Y.



Dear Abby
Abigail Van Buren

the beginning of school, he overheard a conversation between two students that went something like this:

First student: "I have this great physics teacher."

Second student: "Yeah? What's his name?"

First student: "Mr. Yowly."
J.E., PALO ALTO, CALIF.

DEAR ABBY: I am very much disturbed about the eating habits of two very dear friends of mine. We have known each other for many years, but recently their eating habits have gotten worse.

It is absolutely disgusting to sit across the table from someone who is eating and talking at the same time.

My husband and I had brunch with this couple in a very nice deli-type restaurant, and I had to turn away from two completely open mouths filled with bagel, lox and cream cheese. It was revolting! I love these people dearly, but find that I am now making excuses so I won't have to eat with them.

Abby, how can I tell them (without hurting their feelings) that this

disgusting habit is actually distancing me from them? Please do not print my real name, as they read your column every day.

REPULSED

DEAR REPULSED: The solution is simple. The next time you eat with them, say, "We enjoy being with you, but please don't talk with food in your mouth."

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Here's an excellent guide to becoming a better conversationalist and a more attractive person. To order "How to Be Popular," send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby Popularity Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054. (Postage is included.)

Myasthenia gravis: equal opportunity illness

By BETTY JOHNSTON
Guest Writer

Myasthenia gravis is a chronic neuromuscular disease deriving its name from Greek and Latin words meaning "grave muscle weakness." It occurs worldwide in an incidence of one in 10,000 population and affects all age groups. It's highest attack rate is among young women in their 20s and 30s and men 50-80 years of age.

Commonly referred to as MG, it has been known to occur since the 19th century. Until Aristotle Onassis died of its complications, it was virtually unknown outside medical circles.

Myasthenia gravis may involve either a single muscle or a group of muscles. The muscles which control chewing, swallowing and eye movement are most often affected. Persons with this disease may have on severely drooped eyelid, what looks to be paralysis on one side of the face and possibly slurred speech.

The next muscles to be affected are those in the arms and legs. This causes the person to drop things, fall or walk as though they are intoxicated.

The muscles used for breathing when affected may result in shortness of breath, inability to take a deep breath or difficulty in cough-

ing. The heart muscle is not affected and there is no pain from MG.

This is not an uncommon disorder. It is similar to the incidence of muscular dystrophy, multiple sclerosis, some forms of diabetes and rheumatoid arthritis which are all related to neuromuscular disease.

Although there is no cure at this time, the MG patient can hope to lead a normal life if he maintains a proper diet, exercise, proper medication and above all, rest. The MG patient fights a constant battle of being very tired with a total lack of energy. The only way to rejuvenate the muscles are regular intervals of rest.

If a person has any of the above symptoms, two doctors can help diagnose MG, a general practitioner or a neurologist.

A neurologist will administer several tests including tests of muscle strength and a Tensilon test, which is a special medication injected into the vein. The Tensilon test gives immediate results.

There are three treatments for MG: medication, plasmapheresis (washing the blood similar to kidney dialysis), and thymectomy (surgical removal of the thymus gland).

Once the patient is diagnosed, he or she learns to keep a diary including symptoms, results of medication, results of medication,

activities and negative factors such as emotional or physical stress.

It is important to develop a working relationship with a doctor and to educate oneself about the disease and its complications.

Sources of information are: The Myasthenia Gravis Foundation, Northwest Texas Chapter, P.O. Box 766, Muleshoe, 79347 or national headquarters at 53 W. Jackson, Suite 1352, Chicago, Ill. 60604.

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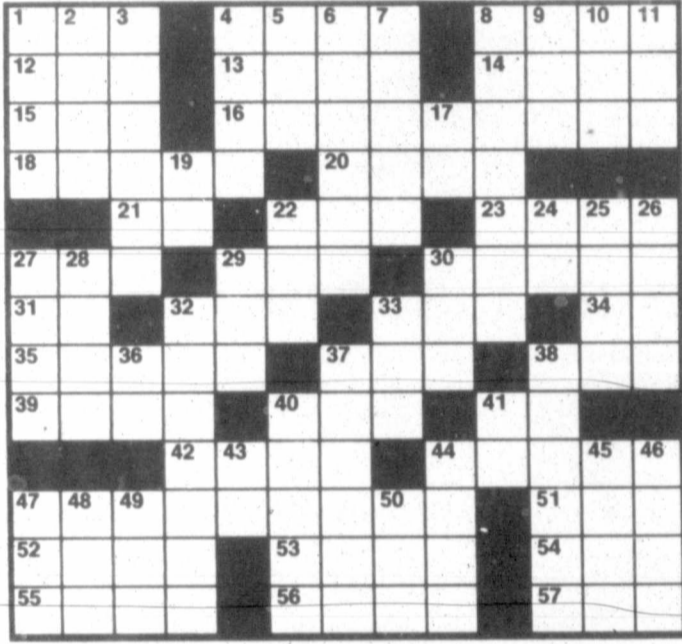
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- 56 Urge on
- 57 White House nickname

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- 19 Prescription symbol
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- 26 Weakens
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WALNUT COVE



By Mark Cullum

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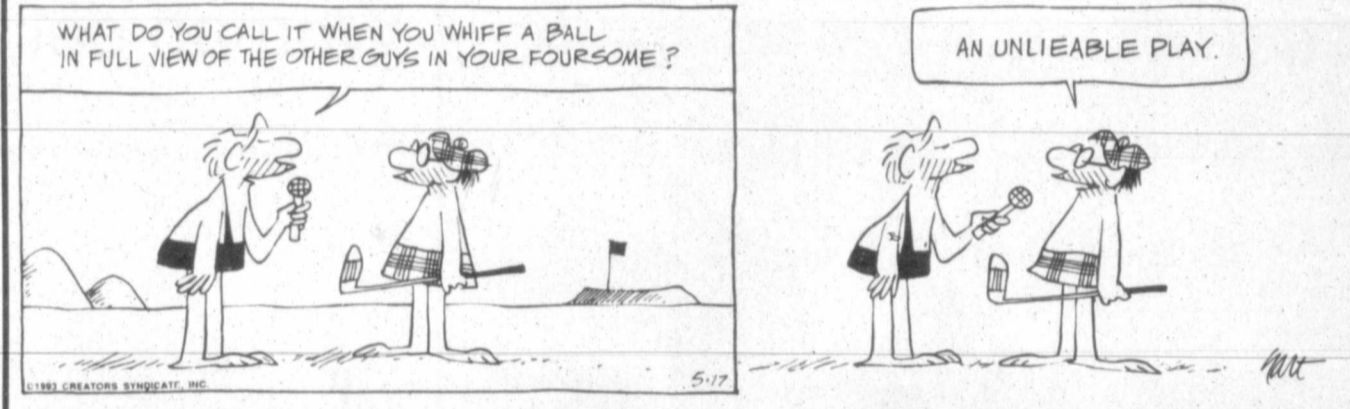
By Jimmy Johnson

EEK & MEEK



By Howie Schneider

B.C.



By Johnny Hart

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) The only thing that can impede your progress today is your own self-doubts concerning whether your ideas and methods are feasible. You'll never know whether they are or aren't unless you try. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail \$2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 4465, New York, NY 10163.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Take care of projects today that require immediate attention, but, by the same token, start now to plan ahead a bit. What you conceive can be achieved.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Today you might have a second opportunity to try for something that you were unable to achieve through radical techniques. This time, use traditional methods.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) If you associate with people today who have integrity and are reliable, your chances for success are substantially enhanced. Avoid those who do not, no matter how clever they appear.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) A pal of yours has some get-rich-quick schemes that are alluring, but they might work out more on paper than in the real world. Spend your time and energy on something more productive.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Being squeamish or bashful about calling and getting together with someone who is waiting to hear from you could be a mistake. You might be passing up something good.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) The quickest way to accomplish a tedious task today is to focus on what you're doing, and not on the lines of least resistance. Your shortcuts could put you on a dead-end street.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) You know you're a nice guy or gal and so do your friends, and they like you as you are. However, you might try to please someone today who just can't be pleased.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You won't be unpopular at home today if you buy only the necessities and forego the luxuries. Your family knows the household budget limitations as well as you do.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) If you think before you speak today, your comments will have a profound effect upon your listeners. If your tongue is engaged before your mind is, it will be another story.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) There's no reason to feel guilty if you can't be equally generous to everyone today. Give and do what you can for those who have truly legitimate needs.

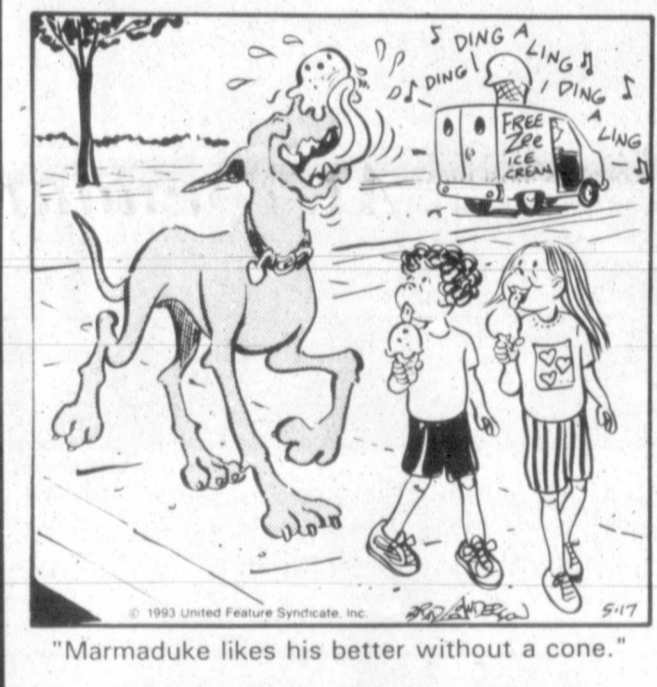
ARIES (March 21-April 19) Try to give your undivided attention today to an endeavor that you believe can fulfill your practical expectations. You're on the right track for bringing it into being.

MARVIN



By Tom Armstrong

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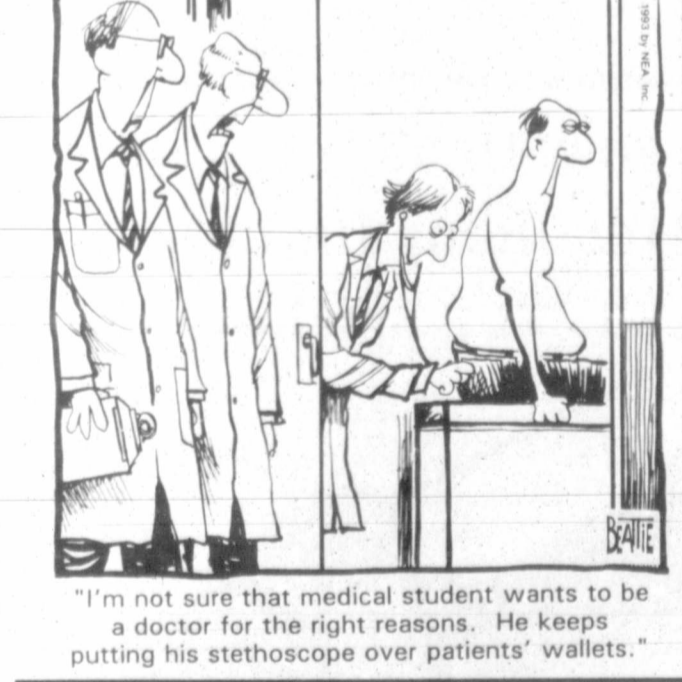
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Sports

Astros spring cleaning starts with Dodgers sweep

HOUSTON (AP) — The Los Angeles Dodgers are struggling, but that didn't dim the excitement of a series sweep as far as Houston Astros manager Art Howe was concerned.

"It feels great to sweep anybody," Howe said Sunday after the Astros defeated the Dodgers 3-2 to complete a three-game sweep. "We're in the hunt."

Doug Drabek (4-4) provided the pitching and drove in two runs with a solo homer and a run-scoring single in the victory over the Dodgers.

Howe and the Astros move to San Francisco today for the start of an important three-game series with the Giants, who have a one-game lead over Houston in the National League West.

"It will be a great series with San Francisco. It would be nice to win two out of three," Howe said.

Drabek, signed as a free agent from the Pirates in the offseason, pitched through the seventh inning for the ninth time this season.

"I know our pitching can contain anybody," said Howe. "It's just a matter of getting enough runs."

Craig Biggio drove in the other run for the Astros with his fourth homer of the season on Pedro Astacio's first pitch.

The Astros took a 2-0 lead in the fifth on Drabek's one-out single which scored Andujar Cedeno, who led off the inning with a double.

Drabek, who struck out nine and allowed eight hits and two walks in 7 innings, gave up both his runs in the sixth when the Dodgers' Eric Davis scored on a RBI single by Mike Piazza, who was 4-for-4. Piazza scored on Cory Snyder's double.

"They're a solid ballclub without any glaring weaknesses," Dodgers manager Tom Lasorda said of the Astros. "I wouldn't be surprised to see them in the race all year."

"They're playing as well as anyone in the league right now," said Lasorda, whose Dodgers scored only four runs in its three games with the Astros. "Obviously we're not."

NL roundup

The Dodgers have lost 10 consecutive games in the Astrodome and 16 straight in a domed stadium.

Drabek says the series with San Francisco will neither make nor break the season for the Astros because it is still early.

"It gives the Giants a chance to go ahead of us and it's big for us because there's a possibility of us changing the standings," Drabek said. "You want to win the series but if you don't, you still have enough time."

"It's not the end of the world if we don't win," said Biggio.

Pedro Martinez (1-2) was the losing pitcher.

Cincinnati routed Colorado 14-2 Sunday, the latest in a skid that has seen the Rockies lose six straight and 11 of 12.

Colorado pitchers have a 6.01 ERA, by far the worst in the National League. The Rockies have given up 124 runs in the last 13 games, and allowed at least 13 runs in three of the last four games and six of 13.

"I've got to make some changes," Colorado manager Don Baylor said.

"I think I've been riding it out long enough. If I ride it out anymore, I'll be in Japan. That's a long trip, riding it out."

Few of the Rockies were willing to talk after the game. Starter David Nied (3-5), who walked five batters in two innings, walked away from reporters after the game without comment.

"When you're behind all the time, depression sets in on anybody,"

Baylor said. "What do you do differently? That's what I'm trying to find out."

While the Rockies are stumbling, the Reds have won seven straight and are 19-18 after winning 10 of 12. The streak started with the Reds' first ninth-inning come-from-behind win of the season, at the Astros.

"When we came back to beat Houston, our confidence level was way up," Bip Roberts said. "From there, it was just a matter of keep winning until we got over .500. Finally, we're one game over .500. Now it's up to us to take it from there."

Reds starter John Roper allowed one run and five hits in six innings of his major league debut.

Expos 4, Mets 3

Anthony Young lost his 18th consecutive decision when Mike Lansing singled home the winning run in the bottom of the 12th. Young (0-4) moved within one of tying Craig Anderson's club record for consecutive losses from 1962-64.

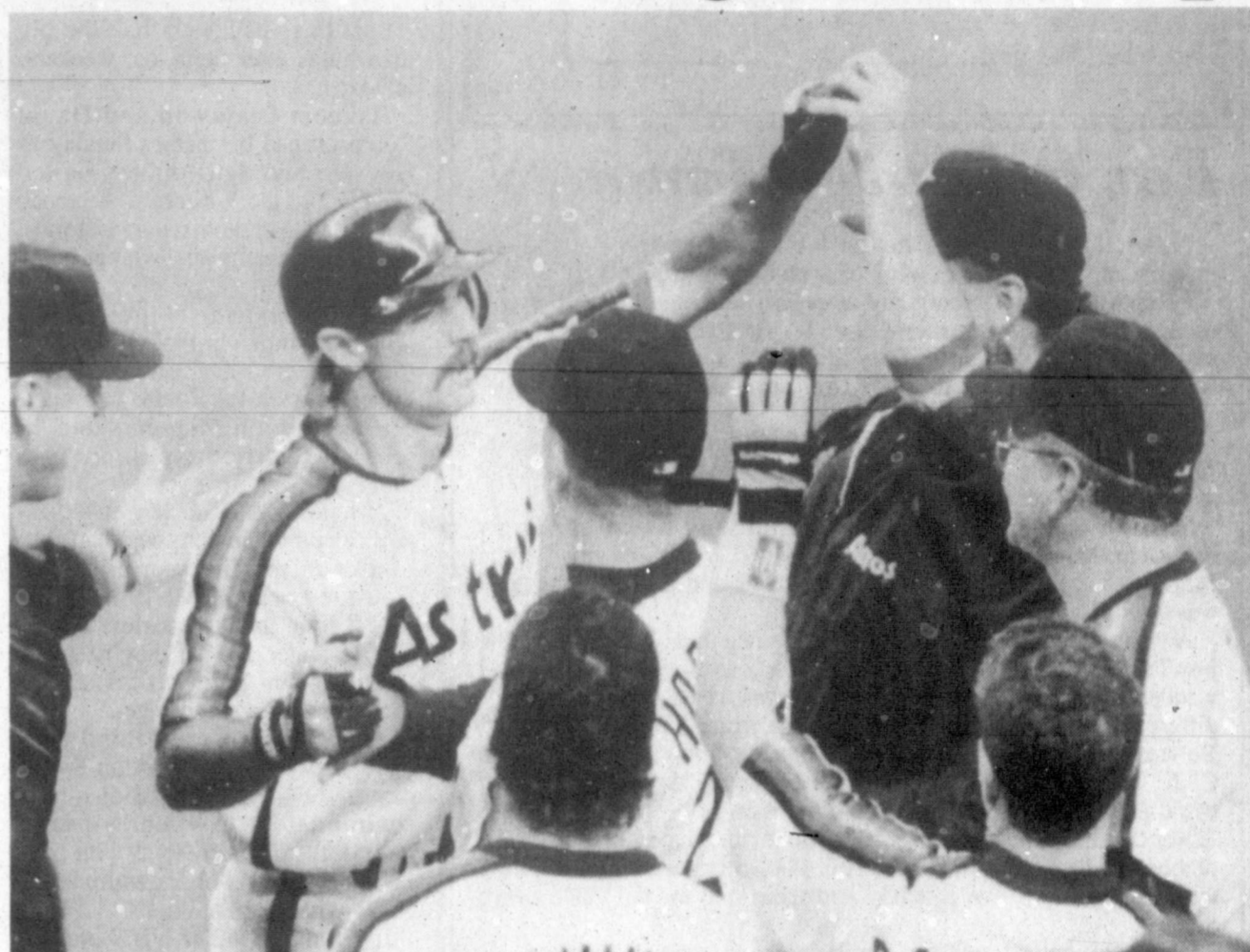
Young is in the midst of the longest losing streak in the majors since Mike Parrott lost 18 straight in 1980-81 with the Seattle Mariners. The last-place Mets have lost six of seven and 16 of 20, and finished their road trip with a 1-5 record.

Jeff Fassero (2-1) pitched two scoreless innings in relief of Ken Hill.

Phillies 5, Braves 4

Mickey Morandini singled home the go-ahead run in the eighth as the visiting Phillies stopped Atlanta's four-game winning streak. Mariano Duncan singled off Greg McMichael (1-2) for his third hit of the game, pinch-hitter Juan Bell sacrificed, Lenny Dykstra popped out and Morandini singled.

Danny Jackson (4-1) allowed four runs and six hits in seven innings, walked four and struck out two. Mitch Williams pitched the ninth for his 14th save.



Astros pitcher Doug Drabek is congratulated by teammates after hitting a solo home run in the seventh inning Sunday in Houston. It was his second career homer.

Cardinals 1, Marlins 0

Pinch-hitter Todd Zeile singled with the bases loaded in the ninth, ending a 17-inning scoreless streak for St. Louis, which was blanked Saturday night on Ryan Bowen's six-hitter.

St. Louis, which got only three hits in eight innings against Marlins starter Luis Aquino, finally got a run in the ninth off rookie reliever Trevor Hoffman (1-1) after Gregg Jefferies singled with one out, stole second and went to third on catcher Steve Decker's wild throw.

Lee Smith (1-1) won at Busch Memorial Stadium in only his second appearance this month.

Pirates 5, Cubs 3

Bob Walk increased his record against Chicago to 14-3 as visiting Pittsburgh rallied from a 3-1, seventh-inning deficit.

Walk (4-3) has won five straight against Chicago since April 13, 1990. He allowed three runs and seven hits in six innings. Stan Belinda pitched 1 2-3 innings for his seventh save in eight chances.

Greg Hibbard (3-3) gave up four runs and five hits in six-plus innings.

Giants 9, Padres 4

At San Diego, Darren Lewis had two triples among three hits and drove in three runs in support of Bill Swift (5-1). The first-place Giants roughed up Wally Whitehurst (0-2), who was throwing a two-hitter until the Giants struck for four runs in the sixth. Lewis scored the first run of the inning, tripled in the seventh to drive in Swift, who had singled, then capped the Giants' offensive evening with a two-run triple in the eighth. Swift allowed four runs on nine hits in 6 1-3 innings, with two walks and one strikeout.

Kenny Rogers sings the blues, surrenders 10 earned runs

ARLINGTON (AP) — Ellis Burks drove in a career-high seven runs, hitting a grand slam and a solo home run, as the Chicago White Sox routed the Texas Rangers 15-8 Sunday.

Bo Jackson added a three-run homer and Frank Thomas went 4 for 5 as Chicago won for the 14th time in 18 games and scored its most runs this season. Dean Palmer hit a fourth-inning grand slam for Texas

off Alex Fernandez (5-2), his 11th homer this season.

AL roundup

Kenny Rogers (3-3) allowed 10 earned runs, the most by a Rangers starter since the franchise moved to Texas in 1972. Rogers, who gave up nine hits in 1 2-3 innings, saw his ERA rise from 2.90 to 4.93.

Burks chased Rogers in the second inning with his seventh career grand slam, and added a solo home run in the eighth, just after a two-run homer by Robin Ventura, his sixth.

Jackson's home run, a 440-foot drive, was his fourth of the season and 12th in Arlington Stadium. It was the longest home run at Texas this year.

Fernandez gave up six runs and eight hits in 5 2-3 innings, struck out four and walked one. Bobby Thigpen pitched 3 1-3 innings for his first save since last Sept. 20.

Chicago took a 5-0 lead in the first on Thomas' RBI single, George Bell's sacrifice fly and Jackson's home run. The White Sox added five runs and six hits in the second. Ron Karkovice homered in the seventh for a 12-6 lead.

Rafael Palmeiro and Gary Redus chased Fernandez in the sixth with RBI singles.

Randy Johnson got almost everything he wanted in his start in front of friends and family at the Oakland Coliseum. Almost everything.

Johnson came within two outs of Seattle's second no-hitter of the season and finished with a one-hitter as the Mariners beat the Athletics 7-0 Sunday.

With one out in the ninth and a runner on first, Lance Blankenship, a .221 hitter entering the game, hit a bloop single into right field. Outfielder Jay Buhner didn't have a chance to make a play.

Johnson, who grew up in nearby Livermore and pitched a perfect game in his final high school outing, said his performance also was special because it came in front of several friends and relatives.

After the game he pointed skyward, a gesture in memory of his late father.

"It meant a lot to me, because the last game I pitched here, I lost on my birthday," Johnson said, referring to a 6-4 loss at Oakland on Sept. 10. "That was the last game my dad was able to see me pitch. My dad (Bud Johnson) passed away on Christmas Day. It was a very special game because I felt his presence the whole game."

Johnson (6-2) struck out 14 and walked three and now leads the majors with 77 whiffs. He led the big leagues with 241 strikeouts last season.

Mike Blowers hit a grand slam off Bobby Witt (3-2) in the sixth inning as the Mariners stopped a 16-game losing streak at the Oakland Coliseum.

Orioles 3, Tigers 2

Mike Mussina (5-1) tied a club record with 14 strikeouts in eight innings as Baltimore beat hard-hitting Detroit at Tiger Stadium. The Tigers, who have won five of their last seven games, entered the day batting .292, averaging 6.9 runs and 10 hits. David Haas (1-2) was the loser in relief of the injured Bill Gullickson.

Blue Jays 12, Yankees 6

Paul Molitor hit two of Toronto's five home runs and also scored from second base on a wild pitch, leading the Blue Jays and Todd Stottlemyre (4-4) past New York at Yankee Stadium. Joe Carter, Devon White and John Olerud connected for Toronto, which led 9-1 in the fourth inning.

Matt Nokes homered twice and drove in five runs for the Yankees, while Mike Witt (2-1) lasted only 2 1-3 innings.

Red Sox 11, Twins 5

Mo Vaughn singled home two sixth-inning runs and keyed a six-run seventh with another RBI single as Boston rallied from a 4-0 deficit to beat Minnesota at the Metrodome. Joe Hesketh (3-3) got the win with 1 2-3 innings of relief.

Mike Hartley fell to 0-2.

Brewers 5, Indians 3

John Jaha's two-run single capped a four-run first as Milwaukee defeat-



Rafael Palmeiro leaps for an errant throw that allows Lance Johnson to advance Sunday in Arlington.

ed visiting Cleveland, giving right-

hander Jaime Navarro his first victory of the season. Navarro (1-3), a 17-game winner last season, survived a three-run first inning. The Brewers scored the first runs in the first off Mike Bielecki (3-3).

Royals 4, Angels 2

George Brett hit his 301st career home run and Kevin Appier pitched four-hit ball for seven innings to lead Kansas City over California at Anaheim. Appier gave up one run and fanned eight.

Gretzky has another shot

TORONTO (AP) — Call it the Last Chance series.

It is the Campbell Conference championship, the step before the Stanley Cup finals. And for many on the Toronto Maple Leafs and Los Angeles Kings, this may be their best — and last — shot for a title.

The best-of-7 series begins Monday night at Maple Leaf Gardens, where age — not youth — will be served.

Two of the Leafs' top forwards are Doug Gilmour, 29, and Dave Andreychuk, 29. Then there's the line of Glenn Anderson, 32, Mike Krushelnyski, 33, and Mike Foligno, 34. On defense, Jamie Macoun is 32 and Dave Ellett is 29.

The Kings have their share of NHL senior citizens.

Wayne Gretzky is 32. Defenseman Charlie Huddy will be 34 in early June, Marty McSorley is 30 and Jari Kurri is 33 on Tuesday.

But not since 1986, when Edmonton and Philadelphia went out early,

has the Cup been so attainable by teams who didn't finish among the NHL's top six during the season.

The road to the Cup became as open as a prairie wheat field when David Volek's overtime goal for the New York Islanders on Friday night eliminated the two-time defending champion Pittsburgh Penguins, a consensus pick for another title.

"I'm getting older and older, and the time is getting shorter and shorter," Gretzky said over the weekend. "We've been on this block a long time, but we haven't exactly set the world on fire. It's important that while we have a chance that we take advantage of it."

Said Macoun: "We know that we have as good a chance as the other three remaining. The Penguins are out and the rest of us would like a shot at it."

Added Ellett: "I'm sitting there watching (Friday's Pittsburgh-Islanders' game) and I'm thinking that this thing is wide open."

Major League Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE					NATIONAL LEAGUE				
East Division					East Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB		W	L	Pct.	GB	
Detroit	22	14	.611	—	Philadelphia	25	10	.714	—
Boston	20	17	.541	2 1/2	Montreal	21	15	.583	4 1/2
New York	20	17	.541	2 1/2	St. Louis	19	17	.528	6 1/2
Toronto	19	18	.514	3 1/2	Chicago	18	17	.514	7
Milwaukee	16	18	.471	5	Pittsburgh	17	19	.486	8
Baltimore	14	21	.400	7 1/2	Florida	16	21	.432	10
Cleveland	14	23	.378	8 1/2	New York	12	23	.343	13
West Division					West Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB		W	L	Pct.	GB	
Chicago	22	13	.629	—	San Francisco	24	14	.632	—
California	19	15	.559	2 1/2	Houston	22	14	.611	—
Texas	19	16	.543	3	Atlanta	22	17	.564	2 1/2
Seattle	18	19	.486	5	Cincinnati	19	18	.514	4 1/2
Kansas City	16	19	.457	6	Los Angeles	14	22	.389	9
Minnesota	16	19	.457	6	San Diego	14	22	.389	9
Oakland	14	20	.412	7 1/2	Colorado	11	26	.297	12 1/2
Saturday's Games					Saturday's Games				
Minnesota 7, Boston 4					Montreal 2, New York 1				
Detroit 5, Baltimore 3					Houston 7, Los Angeles 1				
New York 4, Toronto 3					Cincinnati 5, Colorado 3				
Cleveland 9, Milwaukee 5					Atlanta 5, Philadelphia 3				
Oakland 2, Seattle 1					Chicago 14, Pittsburgh 5				
Texas 6, Chicago 4, 11 innings					Florida 1, St. Louis 0				
California 5, Kansas City 3					San Francisco 3, San Diego 0				
Sunday's Games					Sunday's Games				
Toronto 12, New York 6					Philadelphia 5, Atlanta 4				
Baltimore 3, Detroit 2					Montreal 4, New York 3, 12 innings				
Boston 11, Minnesota 5					St. Louis 1, Florida 0				
Milwaukee 5, Cleveland 3					Cincinnati 14, Colorado 2				
Chicago 15, Texas 8					Pittsburgh 5, Chicago 3				
Seattle 7, Oakland 0					Houston 3, Los Angeles 2				
Kansas City 4, California 2					San Francisco 9, San Diego 4				
Monday's Games					Monday's Games				
Cleveland (Mesa 3-2) at Baltimore (McDonald 2-4), 7:35 p.m.					Houston (Swindell 4-4) at San Francisco (Burkert 6-0), 4:05 p.m.				
Toronto (Hentgen 4-2) at Boston (Clemens 5-2), 7:35 p.m.					Philadelphia (Rivers 1-2) at Florida (Hough 2-3), 7:35 p.m.				
New York (Key 3-1) at Minnesota (Tajami 2-3), 8:05 p.m.					Pittsburgh (Tomlin 1-4) at New York (Gooden 4-3), 7:40 p.m.				
California (Sanderson 5-1) at Chicago (Stieb 1-1), 8:05 p.m.					Montreal (D.Martinez 2-4) at Atlanta (Avery 2-2), 7:40 p.m.				
Detroit (Moore 2-1) at Milwaukee (Wegman 3-5), 8:05 p.m.					Colorado (B.Henry 2-3) at San Diego (Benes 5-3), 10:05 p.m.				
Seattle (D.Henry 0-1) at Texas (Lefferts 1-4), 8:35 p.m.					Cincinnati (Rijo 5-1) at Los Angeles (R.Martinez 2-3), 10:35 p.m.				
Only games scheduled					Only games scheduled				
Tuesday's Games					Tuesday's Games				
Cleveland (M.Young 0-1) at Baltimore (Valenzuela 0-3), 7:35 p.m.					Houston (Kile 2-0) at San Francisco (Burkert 6-0), 4:05 p.m.				
Toronto (Stewart 0-0) at Boston (Darwin 3-4), 7:35 p.m.					Philadelphia (Greene 4-0) at Florida (Armstrong 3-3), 7:35 p.m.				
New York (Abbott 2-5) at Minnesota (Trombly 2-1), 8:05 p.m.					Pittsburgh (Oto 1-2) at New York (Schourek 2-3), 7:40 p.m.				
Detroit (M.Leiter 1-1) at Milwaukee (Eldred 4-4), 8:05 p.m.					Montreal (Heredia 0-0) at Atlanta (Smith 2-2), 7:40 p.m.				
California (Finley 3-3) at Chicago (Alvarez 4-0), 8:05 p.m.					Chicago (Castillo 0-1) at St. Louis (Olivares 1-0), 8:35 p.m.				
Seattle (Cummings 0-6) at Texas (Burns 0-0), 8:35 p.m.					Cincinnati (Smiley 1-5) at Los Angeles (Ke.Gross 2-3), 10:35 p.m.				
Oakland (Welch 4-2) at Kansas City (Gardner 2-2), 8:35 p.m.					Colorado (Blair 1-0) at San Diego (Eiland 0-2), 10:35 p.m.				
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Lightning kills Dimmitt coaching legend

AMARILLO (AP) — A lightning strike has killed Dimmitt basketball coaching legend Kenneth Cleveland at a New Mexico resort, authorities say.

Cleveland, who coached the Bobcats for 32 years, was struck at the Pendaris Golf Resort near Las Vegas, N.M., said officials.

The 58-year-old Cleveland reportedly was riding bicycle on a mountain trail with his granddaughter, Caitlin Buckley, 8, when he was fatally injured around 6 p.m. MDT Sunday.

Attempts to administer cardiopulmonary resuscitation to Cleveland at the scene were reportedly unsuccessful, officials said.

"There is very little official information available right now," Dimmitt Principal R.L. Stockstill told the Amarillo Globe-News. "The details are sketchy but we know he was struck by lightning and killed."

A dispatcher for the New Mexico state police Sunday night said only that officers were investigating the death.

Cleveland reportedly had been playing golf earlier in the day. Cleveland and his wife, Libby, own a cabin at the resort.

The coach "told me the other day that he thought more and more of retiring up there" at Pendaris Golf Resort, said Dimmitt Superintendent Bob Barrett. "He loved that place so well."

Currently, Cleveland ranks ninth in the nation among boys' high school basketball coaches with a record of 887-277. He led the Bobcats to 27 district titles, including 18 in a row.

During Cleveland's tenure, Dimmitt won 20 or more games in a season 29 times. The school advanced to the state tournament 10 times and won state championships in 1975, 1982 and 1983.

Cleveland was inducted into the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches Hall of Fame April 17.

Last season, the Bobcats finished 13-15 and reached the bi-district playoffs before falling to Canyon 53-38.

Cleveland's son, Kevin, was named head coach last Saturday at Wayland Baptist University.

Fromm the Outfield

By DAN FROMM



For the love of money

I often find myself searching for life's little parallels. I found one on a blazing afternoon last week over on Duncan Street.

I stopped into a baseball card store just to take a look around. It brought back a lot of memories for me. Tucked away in the attic of my dad's house in Kansas City are boxes and boxes of baseball cards... about 30,000 of the little cardboard beauties in all.

And they are beauties. Up in those boxes are Mantle, Aaron, Mays, Koufax, Rose, Clemente, Yaz, Brett and many, many more. Those fast-fading photos contain the memories of many a night spent pouring over statistics and agonizing over possible trades.

Some of the worst trades in baseball history took place in my basement. My best friend once got my '67 Mays and my Reggie Jackson rookie ('69) for a '62 Ernie Banks and a '69 Clemente. I was a sucker for Clemente.

Anyway, baseball cards have changed since then. There used to be just Topps and they might run you as much as 30 cents a pack. As I wandered around the store last week, I was dazed by the dozens of different kinds of cards I had to choose from: Upper Deck, Leaf, Bowman, Fleer, Fleer Ultra, Score, Pinnacle, Topps, Topps Stadium Club, Donruss and on and on. Some of the packs cost upwards of two dollars. Baseball cards are big business.

Not that there hasn't always been money involved, there has. The problem is, there used to be more to it. Collectors were in it for more than the money. It was a hobby and their love for the game drove them.

Baseball is suffering from a similar problem — it's all business. Acting "commissioner" Bud Selig and the rest of the owners met last week to discuss terms of a new television contract. As I understand it, the contract would allow every television market to air one of the League Championship Series', depending on the location of the market in relation to the nearest team involved.

For example, let's say the Astros are playing the Phillies in the NLCS and the White Sox are facing the Yankees. Pampans would be able to watch the NLCS. I'm sure you could also watch the Sox and Yanks... for a price.

As usual, the owners are saying this new plan is "in the best interests of baseball." It's not. The game's popularity is waning with each passing day and this new contract is solely in the "best interests" of the owners' checkbooks.

Greed is taking the fun out of baseball. Every discussion I hear about the game includes something about salaries or ticket prices. I've heard more about Barry Bonds' 42 million than I've ever heard about Michael Jordan's salary. In fact, I don't know the first thing about Jordan's contract.

The problem is nobody seems to care. They just want to see his Air-ness play. That's not the case with baseball.

The cards and the game itself have changed over the years. Now, they're in trouble. The love of the game is gone and only the love of money remains.

St. James ready for Indy

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Lyn St. James shut off her emotions and just drove — right into the Indianapolis 500 field.

The Indianapolis 500 rookie of the year in 1992, admittedly jittery, let her teammate test her car Sunday. Once she saw it was safe to go fast, she easily qualified for the May 30 race.

"I can't tell you how I felt because I think I shut down and quit feeling," she said. "Part of the problem is that you start thinking and start analyzing, and that's what sometimes gets you screwed up and slows you down."

St. James struggled for a week in practice, never getting above 217 mph. Then she turned her car over to teammate Raul Boesel and within minutes was up to 222.

"I was like going through a wall in a way," she said. "I just drove out

and kind of shut down my feelings, because I knew I didn't have to come in and tell them what the car was doing. I just had to go out and drive."

"I couldn't tell you what (turbobocharger) boost we had. I didn't look at the dash — I just drove the race car."

She delivered a four-lap average of 218.042 mph to earn her second start, tentatively on the inside of the eighth row.

Driving a new Ford Cosworth-powered Lola, St. James lost some of her newfound speed as temperatures climbed in the afternoon.

"It's a big difference," she said. "The team really pulled together, and with the help of Raul and some real strong effort from the team we got the speed and actually had fun for the first time."

Optimists swing into new season; Glo-Valve beats Dunlap

Opening events kick off another summer of fun

Glo-Valve Service hammered out 14 hits to defeat Dunlap Industrial 10-7 and take over undisputed possession of first place in the Optimist Bambino Major League Saturday at Optimist Park.

Dunlap jumped out to a two-run lead in the bottom of the first inning when Jason Roark was safe on an error and scored on a triple by Caleb Snelgrooves. Snelgrooves scored on a passed ball.

Glo-Valve answered with two runs in the second on a double by Cody Shepard and a triple by Brent Phelps. Phelps tied the score by racing home on a passed ball.

Glo-Valve took the lead in the third inning. Heath Cowan doubled, stole third and came home on an error. Shepard singled and scored on Phelps' second triple of the day. Phelps scored on a throwing error.

Dunlap came back to tie the game in the bottom of the third. Greg Lindsey doubled and scored on a single by Kory Nickell. Nickell scampered home on a single by Jason Barnes. Barnes tallied the tying run on a single by Caleb Rogers.

Glo-Valve edged back into the lead in the fourth inning when Amos Valmores singled, went to second on a single by Leo

Ramirez and scored on a double by Cowan. The winners put the game out of reach in the fifth inning, scoring four times. Shane Flynn lead off the inning with a triple and scored on a single by Nathan Porterfield. Brian Doss and Valmores singled to load the bases. Ramirez was safe on a fielder's choice. Cowan then cracked a bases-loaded triple for Glo-Valve's final runs of the game.

Cowan had two doubles, a triple, a run scored and four runs batted in to lead Glo-Valve's offensive attack. Phelps had two triples, two runs scored and two RBI. Valmores had two runs on two hits and Flynn, Ramirez and Doss each added a hit and a run. Roy Don Devoll had one hit.

Lindsey lead Dunlap with two hits and a run scored. Snelgrooves, Josh Rodriguez, Nickell, Barnes and Rogers had hits for Dunlap.

Shepard pitched the first three innings for Glo-Valve. He gave up five runs, five hits, struck out three and walked five. Valmores picked up the win in relief, allowing two unearned runs on two hits. He struck out six and walked two.

Lindsey took the loss for Dunlap, surrendering 10 runs on 14 hits. He struck out seven, walked one and hit a batter in five innings of work.

Nickell came on in relief in the sixth and allowed no runs or hits in the inning.

In other Major Bambino games Saturday:

Big men come up big in crunch time

Robinson, Olajuwon help their teams tie series' at 2

By The Associated Press

Seattle and Phoenix had the big man blues after their lost weekend in Texas.

Hakeem Olajuwon and David Robinson had big games Sunday as Houston and San Antonio pulled even 2-2 in the Western Conference semifinals with homecourt victories. Both Texas teams also won at home on Saturday.

Olajuwon had 24 points, 12 rebounds and eight blocked shots in the Rockets' 103-92 win over the SuperSonics after Robinson's play-off career-high 36 points and 16 rebounds carried the Spurs past Phoenix 117-103.

"I hate to give up any easy baskets," said Olajuwon, who had four blocks in the first period, when Houston opened a 29-19 lead, the fourth time in five quarters it held Seattle under 20. "If they're going to shoot, I'm going to make sure they work for what they get."

The Rockets were behind only once all weekend — 6-4 on Saturday night — but they didn't take control until a 13-4 fourth-quarter run put them ahead 90-75 with 6:54 left. The SuperSonics trailed just 77-71 with 10:38 to go.

Sunday's other NBA playoff game, New York took a 3-1 lead in the Eastern Conference by defeating Charlotte 94-92.

Chicago, leading Cleveland 3-0, goes for a sweep tonight at Richfield Coliseum. On Tuesday night, Charlotte is at New York, San Antonio at Phoenix and Houston at Seattle.

"I think we go back now with so much more confidence, we know what it takes to win," Olajuwon said of Game 5. "The next game is going to be so important, because both teams play so well on their home court."

Shawn Kemp had 23 points and 18 rebounds and Ricky Pierce scored 15 of his 19 points in the second half for Seattle. Otis Thorpe, who was 20 of 25 from the field in the two weekend games, had 16 points on 8-for-11 shooting for the Rockets.

After trailing 19-6, the Sonics closed to 35-33 with 6:01 to play in the first half, but the Rockets outscored Seattle 19-10 over the rest of the second quarter for a 54-43 halftime advantage.

The Sonics trailed 74-68 after a rugged third quarter. Pierce hit Seattle's first eight points of the period and had 11 for the quarter.

Spurs 117, Suns 103

Robinson, held to 13 points on 4-for-16 shooting in the Spurs' win in Game 3 on Saturday, led the way when San Antonio outscored the Suns 65-47 in the second half. His 16 rebounds led a 52-36 advantage on the boards by the Spurs.

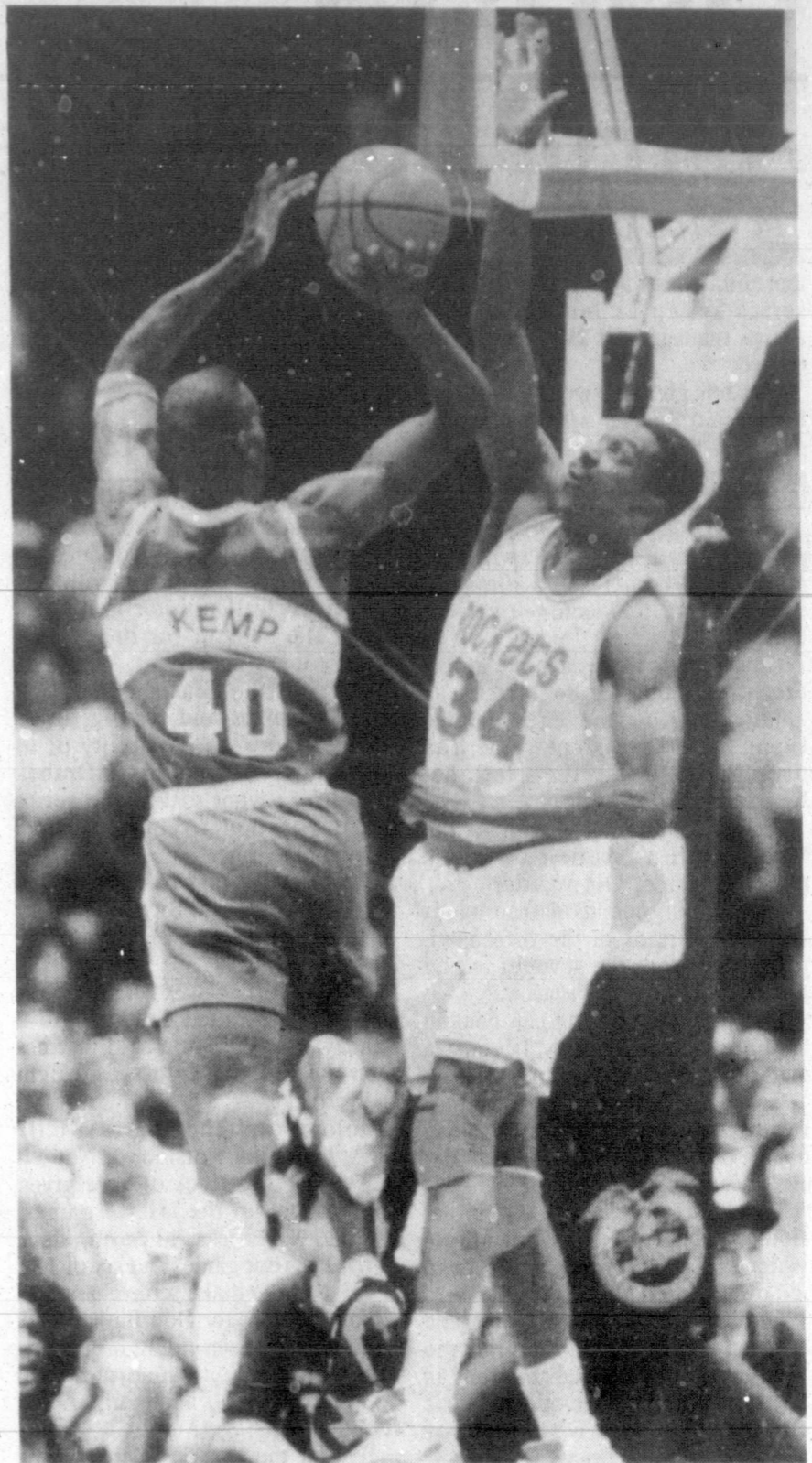
"I think that adrenaline just took over," Spurs coach John Lucas said. "We had great play from everyone. David Robinson was awesome."

The Spurs pulled away early in the fourth quarter with a 15-6 run keyed by 3-pointers from Lloyd Daniels and Willie Anderson, giving them a 100-86 lead four minutes into the period.

San Antonio held the Suns' Charles Barkley to five points in the second half. He finished with 18 points on 7-of-20 shooting and 12 rebounds.

"We played hard, but it wasn't meant to be," Barkley said. "We have struggled all year rebounding. We've got to get everybody on the boards when we're playing such an active team."

Kevin Johnson led Phoenix with 26 points. Sean Elliott scored 19 points for San Antonio, which lost Antoine Carr with a sprained ankle in the first quarter.



Hakeem Olajuwon goes up to block a shot by Shawn Kemp Sunday in Houston.

Simpson swings first win since '89

By BOB GREEN
AP Golf Writer

IRVING (AP) — How appropriate that Scott Simpson knocked in a 12-foot par putt on the final hole to end a four-year victory drought. His putter had been magical all day, and he needed every trick it performed.

Simpson said Sunday that his grind-it-out victory in the Byron Nelson Classic "was a real struggle, a struggle all the way."

The putt, which sent Simpson to his knees in relief and celebration, finished a wildly scrambling round of 1-over-par 71 and made him a winner for the first time since 1989.

His 270 winning total was 10 under par on the Tournament Players Club at Las Colinas, provided the former U.S. Open champion with the sixth victory in a 15-year PGA Tour career. It was worth \$216,000 from the total purse of \$1.2 million.

But the largest check of his career was a secondary consideration, Simpson said.

"When you're trying to win a tournament, particularly when you

haven't won in so long, the money doesn't even enter into it," he said.

Pressure and nerves and tension entered into the last-round chase that saw Simpson build a 4-shot lead with an eagle-3, blow it, regain a 2-shot advantage and then face that critical 12-footer on the final hole to avoid a four-man sudden death playoff.

He ran it dead into the heart of the hole, the last of his 12 one-putts for the day.

Three of his one-putt pars came from the testing 4-6 foot range. An 8-footer to save bogey after hitting in the water on the third was very important. The 2-footer to save bogey and a 1-stroke lead on the 17th was vital. The 15-footer for eagle on the seventh was critical. And the final 12-footer was the winner.

"My putter saved me," he admitted, and added in understatement, "I didn't play very well."

The statistics reflect the accuracy of his assessment. He hit only four of 14 fairways and six of 18 greens.

"I wasn't really hitting bad shots," he said. "When I'm under tension they kind of leak away to the right."

Simpson, who made the best of what he had in the windy weather, certainly was not alone in his difficulties. Most of his challengers were considerably less than sensational, too. That fact was not lost on Simpson.

"I'm very, very fortunate no one made a big run at me," he said.

Dan Forsman and Trevor Dodds, two of his three closest challengers when play started, shot 74 and 78, respectively, and were out of the title chase before the turn.

Billy Mayfair once caught Simpson, but immediately backed off.

Mayfair's 30-foot putt on the 15th for a second consecutive birdie gave him a share of the lead. But he pushed his tee shot out of bounds on the par-5 16th and took a double-bogey 7.

Mayfair matched par 70 and tied for second at 271 with Corey Pavin and D.A. Weibring. Pavin made up four shots on Simpson with a 67 and Weibring shot 69.

Fred Couples, Payne Stewart and David Frost were another shot back at 272, but really were never in the chase. Couples and Stewart had 68s and Frost a 69.

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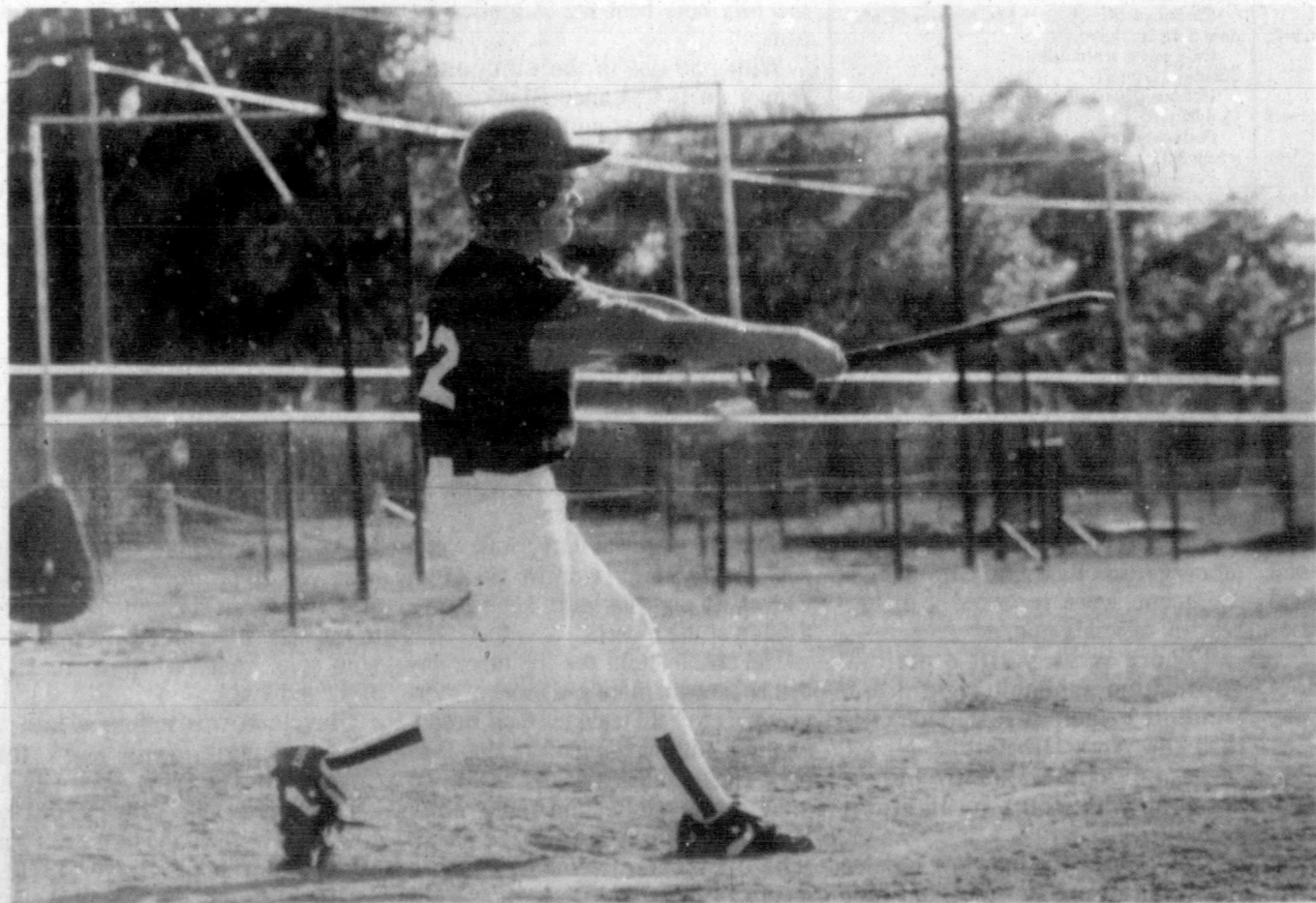
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Scholars look at fast-growing fundamentalism

By SHARON COHEN
Associated Press Writer

CHICAGO (AP) — In the quiet of middle America, the faithful of Operation Rescue protest and picket abortion clinics.

In the tumult of India, half a world away, hundreds of Muslims and Hindus die during a week of riots when a sacred mosque is destroyed.

Two news events, one common bond: both are tied to fundamentalism, one of the world's fastest growing religious movements. For all their differences, they share two goals: They want to change society. And they believe they — and they alone — have the answer.

"Everything in the fundamentalist's world is vs. them, God vs. Satan, black vs. white," said Martin Marty, noted religion scholar and professor at the University of Chicago Divinity School. "They don't want to be popular. ... To be persecuted or spoken against is a sign they have THE truth."

Marty is director of the Fundamentalism Project, a five-year study examining these movements in seven major religions spanning five continents. About 150 scholars have helped produce three of six projected volumes; the program leaders have written two spinoff books, consulted on a TV and radio series and their work is believed influential in State Department circles.

The scholars, in the final year of their work, come from as many corners of the world as the tens of millions of subjects under their academic microscope. They include a Shiite legal scholar; a Sikh political scientist; an Egyptian historian-commentator; an American feminist.

Together they've analyzed fundamentalist groups often at odds with one another, but unified in their pursuit of political power. Usually, it's peacefully, but occasionally, their "fight-back" philosophy leads to riots, terrorism — and death.

"All these religions emphasize ... non-violence," said R. Scott Appleby, associate project director and a university research associate. "But one can always find an escape hatch,

a statement in the holy book, a teaching of a guru (that says) when the faith itself is under moral attack, one must pick up the sword."

When they do, they frequently make headlines. Among some higher-profile fundamentalists:

Radical religious Zionists who have pushed for expansion of settlements in the West Bank; the Islamic Group in Egypt, whose disciples were convicted of trying to topple the government and whose leader, Sheik Omar Abdel-Rahman, a blind cleric, preached to some of the suspects in the World Trade Center bombing; the VHP, or Vishwa Hindu Parishad, the cultural arm of the Hindu nationalist party, tied to the destruction of a Muslim mosque and riots last December; the Rev. Donald Wildmon and his American Family Association, and Operation Rescue in the United States.

Fundamentalism is one of the world's two fastest growing religious movements — the other is Pentecostalism — and thrives in turbulent times, Marty said. The fall of the Iron Curtain, disintegration of the Soviet Union and famine in the Third World make this a ripe era for conversion.

"In the midst of upheaval ... when the regular regime can't fulfill their promises, fundamentalisms have great opportunities," Marty said. "They make promises and they fill the void in your life. Even if the promises don't come through in a financial sense, you get your compensation."

Fundamentalist groups have become powerful enough to threaten the stability of governments in Egypt, India, Jordan, Pakistan and Algeria, Appleby said.

"Fundamentalists tend to be more aggressive," he noted. "They're very, very savvy politically. ... They are shrewd observers and imitators of secular politicians."

And while their message may appear old-fashioned, "they think modern communications and technology are perfectly fine to be manipulated for the glory of God," Appleby added.

Though fundamentalists some-

times rally around a leader — the late Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini in Iran, for instance — they are very different from those in religious cults, such as the Branch Davidians and leader David Koresh, who held up in Waco, Texas, for 51 days before their fiery death in April.

"A cult usually arises around one charismatic figure or a family," Appleby said. "Cultists also tend to be apocalyptic. Much of their appeal and the hold on their followers ... is based on an analysis that 'We are in crisis, we are the chosen and the end is coming.'"

"Fundamentalists are not focused on tomorrow as the end of the world," he added. "They want to rebuild society in the image of a sacred nation or a homeland."

These groups do not necessarily like being lumped together — Christian fundamentalists, for example, would likely be offended by suggestions that they should be classified with Iran's ayatollah-led Muslims.

But researchers say the world they want to create fits one profile: It is patriarchal or anti-feminist, so God is always male and the man in the family is the ultimate authority; it is anti-pluralistic, so subscribers don't believe everyone should be given their fair say; and it is anti-liberal, so freedom only makes sense in the context of what is sacred.

All fundamentalists also have an enemy. "They need scapegoats," Marty said. "You always need opposition. You always need a foil, a personification of the force coming at you."

Often that enemy is the West, sometimes branded "the great Satan."

"They're fighting against a world operated by rational principles alone, whether that's a market economy, human rights ... or a government that accepts the separation of religion and politics," Appleby said.

In the United States, the enemy of choice was communism.

But with the demise of the Soviet Union, American fundamentalists have discovered others: liberals, feminists, abortion rights and anti-censorship proponents, Hollywood



Martin Marty, left, and Scott Appleby are shown in Marty's office at the University of Chicago recently. (AP Photo)

and President Clinton and Hillary Rodham Clinton.

Marty says while U.S. fundamentalism will remain a cause, it isn't growing as fast as in other nations.

"It's hard to stay fundamentalist in America," he said. "There are too many lures, too many attractions, too many compromises, too many corruptions."

Fundamentalism here is also changing direction, from Washington-based lobbying to grass-roots campaigns.

"Having this Christian rhetoric played well in Peoria," Appleby said. "What they didn't do well was

go to Peoria and take over the school board. That's what the Christian coalition is now doing. They're running candidates for school boards and state legislature."

This, however, doesn't suggest any philosophical shift.

"Liberals believe you compromise, you negotiate, you win some, you lose some," Marty said. "A fundamentalist thinks 'If I give up anything, I'll lose everything.'"

"Fundamentalists are people who say, 'We mean it.' The State Department will say something is negotiable for everybody. For fundamen-

talists, there are no negotiations. Iranian mothers who send their 12-year-old sons to become human land mines don't love them any less. But they're convinced they'll be in paradise."

Marty predicts fundamentalists' hard-line attitudes will shake up in the world in upcoming decades.

"They're going to keep ripping up governments," he said. "They will win some governments. They will change some constitutions. There will be a lot of turmoil. There will be a lot of blood. There are generations of rough stuff ahead, no doubt about it."

Grade inflation distorting graduates' achievements

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP) — Students are graduating from American colleges and universities this month with some of the best grades ever. But the best aren't necessarily the brightest.

Officials at some of the nation's most elite schools concede that the flood of A's and B's pouring from their campuses is partly the result of grade inflation, and they're worried about the trend.

"Not everybody is equally good," said Harvey C. Mansfield, a Harvard government professor for 32 years. "If everybody gets an A, then taking a course becomes like taking an exam for a driver's license, where everyone expects to pass."

Forty-three percent of the grades awarded now at Harvard are A's or A-minuses, compared with 22 percent about two decades ago.

At Stanford University, the proportion of A's increased from 29 percent in 1968 to 35 percent in 1987, the last year for which figures were available. The proportion of C's fell from 16 percent to 6 percent.

Forty percent of all grades at Princeton last year were A's, up from 33 percent just four years earlier.

"It's unfair to the best students to have them mixed up with the not-as-good students or even with the mediocre students," Mansfield said.

But grade inflation has become more than an issue of fairness. At least one study shows that artificially high grades in the humanities are drawing students away from subjects such as math and science.

"Colleges and universities are trying to encourage students to go into the sciences at the same time that there's a pervasive incentive, namely grades, pushing them away," said Richard Sabot, a Williams College economics professor.

Sabot was coauthor of the study that found a widening gap between grades in the sciences and the humanities on nine different campuses.

Fifty-six percent of Stanford seniors in humanities got A's in 1987, for example, compared with 36 percent of seniors majoring in engineering.

Stanford and Harvard both have created committees to study grade inflation and grading discrepancies between departments. Stanford, which dropped the F grade in 1969, also is scheduled to vote next year on restoring it.

Meanwhile, grade inflation seems to be affecting the nation's high schools as well.

The grade-point average reported by high school students taking the Scholastic Aptitude Test between 1988 and 1992 increased from 3.07 to 3.12, even as math scores

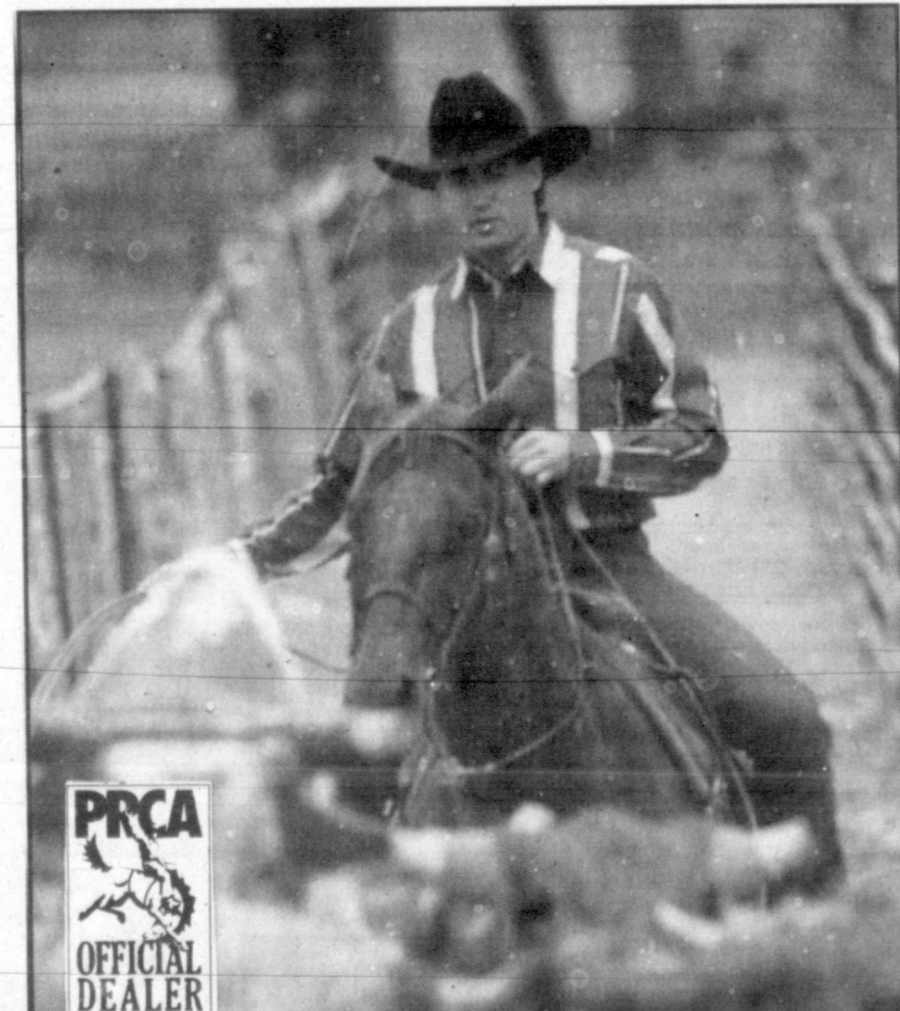
remained level and verbal scores fell five points.

"We appear to be seeing a return to grade inflation," said Bob Cameron, senior researcher for the College Board.

But as competition for admission to the best colleges intensifies, and

opportunities for jobs diminish, high school teachers and university professors are increasingly beseeched to give good grades.

"The pressures are almost all to pull them up, and very few to push them down," said Dean Whitla, director of instructional research at Harvard.



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