

Refugees face continued misery

DHAKA, Bangladesh (AP) — The teeming relief camps for cyclone survivors can become breeding grounds for diseases, causing still more misery and death in the wake of the storm, officials say.

Officials of the Red Crescent society, an Islamic organization coordinating relief operations, said Thursday that food, drinking water, fuel and clothes were in short supply at the camps.

"This is going to be a very big tragedy," said Emdad Hossain, the director of the society.

As Hossain spoke in his Dhaka office, a radio receiver next to his desk crackled.

"Water, we need potable water, sir," said a voice over the radio. "People are dying of exposure and hunger, sir."

Hossain said it was a message from one of the Red Crescent's field officers, based in "Taman" Island off the southeastern coast.

"I am receiving similar S.O.S. calls from many places," he said. "It's a very grim situation."

About 30,000 people are housed in cyclone shelters along the southeastern coast and on nearby islands, which bore the brunt of Tuesday's storm, Hossain said. Many of them were drinking muddy and saline water and eating half-cooked fish.

The number in the camps is only a fraction of the millions whose homes were destroyed or badly damaged. The government says 10 million people lived in the area hit by the storm and at least 90 percent of them lost their homes.

Other relief officials said the only way to prevent an outbreak of cholera or gastroenteritis was to begin drinking in drinking water.

Those diseases, contracted from contaminated water, reached epidemic proportions after previous natural disasters in Bangladesh.

Massive floods in 1988 led to an outbreak of waterborne diseases that killed hundreds.

This time, the problem is more severe because of the difficulty in reaching the affected areas.



CLOSE CALL — Window washer Charles Cano dangles from a safety rope after high winds up scaffolding he was working on at the Pittsburgh National Bank building in downtown Pittsburgh Thursday afternoon. Two window washers were rescued after dangling from safety ropes and after being taken to Mercy Hospital it was determined neither was seriously injured.

America chunkier than ever

WASHINGTON (AP) — Nearly one-third of overweight Americans don't think they are too heavy, and men — far more so than women — refuse to acknowledge that flabby form filling the mirror, a national survey shows.

The annual survey of various health-promoting practices found that 64 percent of American adults are overweight. Of those, 31 percent feel they are "at about the right weight."

At the same time, 14 percent of Americans are underweight, of whom 77 percent think they are at about the right weight, according to the survey released Thursday by Louis Harris and Associates for Prevention magazine.

Overall, Americans scored 66.2 out of 100 in the November survey of their health practices, the same as a year earlier. But that score is up from 61.5 percent in 1983, the year of the first survey.

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Congress junket probe extended

WASHINGTON (AP) — A flap over use of government aircraft is growing as the White House expands its review of chief of staff John Sununu's travel and a congressman calls for an ethics investigation.

The White House on Thursday also repudiated the defense of Vice President Dan Quayle, who flew on a military jet for an overnight golf trip to Georgia last week just hours after President Bush asked his legal staff to review the policy covering Sununu's travel.

Quayle, like Bush, uses military aircraft for personal, political and official travel, due to security and communications requirements, White House spokesman Martin Fitzwater said.

"The American people do not ask their elected officials to give up their lives to take these positions," Fitzwater said when asked if Quayle's travel was appropriate. "The American people don't ask them to live like hermits."

CBS News said Quayle's golf outing, with Transportation Secretary Sam Skinner along as a guest, cost taxpayers \$27,000, including housing and feeding the plane's flight crew and Secret Service detail.

Fitzwater said the inquiry would cover all aspects of the travel and the reimbursement and make sure it was all done in the appropriate manner.

See Paris for \$1 million

U.S. taxpayers could end up paying more than \$1 million to send a 100-person congressional delegation on a 10-day trip to Paris in June to watch an international air show, according to a published report.

The Washington Times reports in today's editions that the group, composed of members of Congress,

their spouses, aides and others, will travel in Air Force jets and may stay at a Paris hotel where room rates start at nearly \$300 per night.

The military flights alone are expected to cost between \$49,959 to \$71,351 to fly one-way on a C-137, a military version of a Boeing 707, the newspaper reported.

"Garcon — Ch. Margaux, please!"

People in Augusta, Ga., say it would take some extravagant living to rack up a \$5,000 bill overnight, as Vice President Dan Quayle's entourage reportedly did during a golfing junket.

"They must have had French wine... or something," said Helen Fincher, director of the Augusta-Richmond County Convention & Visitors Bureau.

Located on the Georgia-South Carolina border, Augusta is known as "The Garden City of the South."

"It sounds like they may have stayed at Augusta National," Ms. Fincher said. "If they'd played golf, that would have been some money. None of us know where they were or what they did. It was very hush-hush. They really got in and out very quietly."

They might splurge on dinner at Calvert's, where jackets are preferred and the most expensive entrée is fillet mignon, which costs \$22.95. A bottle of Sutter Home chardonnay or zinfandel is \$11.95; but other vineyards go for \$125.

"They must have been eating caviar," said Augusta resident Jean Carr. "They should at least be required to turn in itemized receipts."

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Alaskans reject Exxon settlement

JUNEAU, Alaska (AP) — The Alaska House rejected a deal that would let Exxon Corp. pay \$300 million over 11 years to settle the nation's worst oil spill, proposing instead that the company pay \$1.2 billion up front.

Gov. Walter J. Hickel isn't bound by the vote, but he has said he would terminate the settlement if the Legislature didn't approve it.

The action late Thursday came one week after a federal judge tossed out the settlement's criminal punishment for the Exxon Valdez spill.

15 killed in clashes

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) — Croatia's president today accused ethnic Serbians of waging "open war" in his republic, after battles between police and militants fighting to join neighboring Serbia left about 15 people dead.

Federal troops in tanks and armored personnel carriers today headed to the site of Thursday's worst clash, in Berovo Selo, 80 miles northwest of Belgrade, and at least three other Croatian towns.

The bridge across the Danube near Backa Palanka that links the two republics remained closed after Croatian police placed a truck across it. Tensions remained high, and protest rallies were planned around Croatia.

But there were no reports of new fighting, one day after the worst day of ethnic violence between the ethnic Serbians and Croats.

The bridge across the Danube is the latest manifestation of feuding among Yugoslavia's republics, some of whom favor Western reforms and independence from the nation's federation.

Plastic pancreas new diabetes aid

WASHINGTON (AP) — An artificial pancreas that has been tested successfully on animals may one day reduce millions of diabetics from the daily routine of insulin injections, researchers say in a study published today.

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HOME

Eclecticism makes for a good mix

Q. I'm getting married for the second time in a few months to a man who has lived around the world and collected the most amazing variety of furnishings. Some are good antiques, others just oddities — at least to my eye.

A. I have always lived with traditional furniture and am baffled about how to create a new home with such a mixture. Any help would be appreciated.

—R.M.

A "merger" comes at the right time: eclecticism is in. We've long since stopped worrying about what goes with what, as long as the overall attitude of the mixture is consistent, that is, either it's basically more formal or less formal.

For example, you could use less formal pieces from a lot of different countries in the same room, and they'd get along visually because they share the same attitude.

On the other hand, you could mix more formal things of different provenance, say Chiampore date mahogany or Louis XVI chairs with sleek contemporary modular sofas and a crystal chandelier. It would work because their "personalities" are visually compatible.

Look at it this way. You really wouldn't wear rhinestone earrings with a calico jumper, even in these anything-goes days, would you? The same simple guideline applies to your rooms.

However, I must add that I've seen a crystal chandelier look smashing in a log cabin. The trick is to know the rules before you try to break them.

Professional interior designers Diane Gote, ASD, and Sandra Elliott certainly know enough to pull off such a disparate mix in the bedroom of a New Jersey show house, which they centered around a show-stopping rustic twig bed.

They used push fabrics — silks and sheers — in deliberate contrast with the rugged bedstead, and they filled the rest of the room with a colorful collection — ethnic rugs, personality pieces and a variable jungle of plants — perfect against the fieldstone walls.

Until you gain enough confidence to try your own hand at such unorthodox combinations, here are a couple of guidelines for successful eclecticism:

Remember the basic "formal/informal" rule. Establish an overall attitude, and keep your main ingredients consistent with it.

Use a common color theme to unify the elements in the room. Repeat the dominant hue of the



PRIVATE RETREAT — Designers Diane Gote and Sandra Elliott show how an eclectic collection of disparate styles can live together in the same room.

National Pet Week kicks off Sunday

By ALLAN A. LEVENTHAL
Bolton Veterinary Hospital

If you think happiness is a healthy pet, then next week is your week. And your pet's.

The American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA), the auxiliary of the AHA, and the American Animal Hospital Association (AAHA) are co-sponsoring the 11th annual National Pet Week (NPW), May 5 to 11, 1991. Once again, the theme of NPW is "Happiness is a feeding, protein, and other nutrient amounts, plus the need of supplements. Veterinarians are available for advice on all these matters.

Right now the biggest pet health concern in Connecticut is rabies vaccinations. Although rabies vaccinations for dogs have been compulsory for years, the same policy for cats has only recently been established. Unfortunately only about 17 percent of cats have been immunized against the disease.

The ones that roam are the main source of rabies exposure to humans. Roaming cats may survive a tangle with a rabid raccoon or even a skunk — but then they become the purveyor of the disease to their owners. So the days of cat care, rabies-free roaming cats are over.

Other preventable diseases for which there are available vaccines are distemper, hepatitis, leptospirosis, kennel cough and feline leukemia.

Pet forum

"Healthy Pet."

Your own state association, the Connecticut Veterinary Medical Association (CVMA), is promoting NPW by sending kits to all 200-plus state libraries, in addition to other planned activities. These kits contain a NPW poster plus hand-outs.

For interested readers containing information on topics ranging from pet health to spaying and neutering. These brochures are also available from your local CVMA veterinarian.

In other NPW activities this week, some hospitals and clinics will hold an open house.

More and more pet owners realize the value of pet ownership, companionship, security, playmates, protection and even therapy. CVMA members are encouraging dog owners to get heartworm test and start on the safe heartworm preventative now that mosquito season is here. Both cat and dog owners are advised to spay or neuter their pets, preferably before maturity, to prevent senseless euthanasia of millions of unwanted pets. Also young pups and kittens need to be examined, have parasite checks (internal and external), and be treated accordingly. Their diets should be adjusted for growth, frequency of

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When it comes to pool chemicals, most consumers consider performance first, studies show. A product's ability to keep a pool or spa clean and sanitary is the crucial factor in the buying decision. That's why most pool owners, experts report, prefer chlorinated pool chemicals. They're used by 90 percent of residential pool owners and 99 percent of public swimming pool operators.

For over 30 years, pool owners have chosen products that provide stabilized chlorine to pool water, reports the Water Treatment Group for Monsanto Chemical Company's Specialties Division. They prefer chlorinated products because they provide constant water disinfection over a long time, killing bacteria and algae and preventing skin irritation. Chlorine pool chemicals are also economical, safe, easy to handle and store, require low maintenance, are nontoxic and won't clog pool filters, cause rusting or other pool problems.

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such as a fire protection system, and the installation of electrical and water services. The first floor of the addition will provide offices for the assessor and the director of general services and their assistants. The second floor will house the budget office, the director of finance, the accounting director and their assistants. The addition will be next to the north wall of the Municipal Building.

The site was chosen because it offers the least expensive means for construction and best access to the existing building, according to the proposal by Sartor. The selected site would also disrupt the parking pattern least.

The rest of the proposal is for increasing parking. Of the \$85,000 for parking, \$60,000 would be used to construct a 54-space lot east of Trotter Street. The remaining \$25,000 would be used to resurface and repave the lines of the existing lot.

The new plan calls for reconfiguring spaces to make the most of the area and maintain the existing system for circulating vehicles as much as possible, states the proposal.

The reconfiguration plus the modular addition would result in a loss of 20 spaces, so the overall gain, including the Trotter Street lot — is 34 spaces.

SBA

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announcement, categorized tight credit restrictions as the major economic problem facing the region. "It's hitting not just the companies that are at marginal risk but the companies that have not had trouble making a payment for the last 25 years," Weld said. "That is not an economically sound state of affairs."

The credit program should fill the void left by nervous banks, Lukens said.

The revolving credit lines will work like credit-card borrowing limits, allowing businesses to continuously borrow and repay money up to the limit of their loans.

The government will guarantee 75 percent of the loan amounts, up to \$750,000. Repayment schedule and interest rates will be negotiable between lenders and businesses. Rates won't exceed 2 1/2 percentage points above the prime rate.

The pilot also allows a borrower to take up to 80 percent of the value of accounts receivable and percent of the value of their inventory. Repayment schedules will match collections.

Lukens said the demand for revolving credit in New England was expected to be between \$1 billion and \$20 million. "If the demand is greater, the SBA has the capacity to meet it," she said.

Weld said that as he trooped across the Bay State last year while campaigning, the three most frequent complaints he heard from small business owners focused on health care, workers compensation and unemployment insurance costs.

"This year, no question the credit crunch and the unavailability of credit were the number one complaint," he said.

Small companies should be able to begin applying for the credit within four weeks, Lukens said. Applications will be accepted through the 40 lenders throughout the region that are authorized as BA preferred or certified.

Banks pressed the SBA regional office to devise the credit program. "We make a profit when we make these loans," said Bob Mahoney, executive director of New England corporate banking for Bank of Boston.

He said lately banks have been gun shy, which has cut into their profits. "This gives us a chance to keep our customers and people get to keep their jobs," Mahoney said.

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Cholera

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the count at four. The crabmeat in question, served at a private residence March 31 and April 1, was "grossly mishandled and illegally transported into the United States," the Atlanta-based CDC said. "No reported cases of cholera have been linked to commercially imported food products."

The CDC stressed that further transmission in the United States is unlikely, given the safety of U.S. drinking water and the quality of sewage treatment systems. Cholera is transmitted most often through contaminated water and food.

More than 170,000 cases have been reported since January in Peru, Ecuador, Colombia and Brazil, with more than 1,300 deaths.

The CDC also reported a cholera case in Florida, in a Dade County woman who became ill upon returning from Peru. All 10 U.S. patients recovered.

Without a committee bill, another bill can be amended with tax plan or a separate bill can be drafted and sent to the floor under the emergency process.

Gov. Lowell P. Weicker Jr., who had become the first governor in modern state history to propose an income tax back in February, said he wasn't discouraged.

"Nothing is very neat and clean in these processes," said the governor. "The only thing I care about is the bottom line. Are we going to have a plan that works for Connecticut?"

Weicker said, "I suspect there are going to be many turnings in the road before we hit the finish line. As long as we hit the finish line together... how we get there really doesn't bother me at all."

The governor said he was encouraged that the committee came within one vote, since an income tax has never gotten anywhere in the legislature. Weicker met with the

Library

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Library Board's position would cost the workers too much money and could not be justified. Webber said that the board's proposal would cost the workers 1.5 percent of their salary during 1991-92 and about 2 percent in the 1992-93.

"This I believe would be an excessive burden for an individual to pay and, therefore, I believe that the town will have to find other means of reducing insurance costs rather than having the employees co-pay," he said.

Webster said he was "disappointed to see that the [health benefit] co-payment was not approved, since the evidence we gave [in favor of a co-payment] was overwhelming."

Despite this, Webster said the contract was "a good wage award" for the Library Board.

Webber granted the workers 5 percent pay increases for each of the three years of the contract, which is retroactive to July 1, 1990. The union had sought 7 percent increases while the town was looking to hold the raises to 4 percent.

Webber cited the town's weak financial status, relative to surrounding communities, and the large wage increases the workers have received in the past four years as his reasons for limiting the raises.

The Library Board will also be allowed to require hospital admission reviews and second opinions on the committee process, House Minority Leader Edward J. Krawicki Jr., Bristol, said the GOP alternate plan becomes more attractive. (The Democrats) haven't had enough votes for months."

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employees are to work 35 hours a week over five days, including alternating Saturdays, throughout the year.

The union had wanted to continue the present policy in which the employees only had to work Saturdays between Labor Day and June 30. The library has traditionally closed on Saturdays during July and August.

In granting the Library Board's proposal, Webber also stipulated that no employees have to work more than three Saturdays during the summer and they be given some say in scheduling.

There are three town labor groups that have agreed to pay part of their health insurance costs, Webber said.

In January, the Board of Directors approved contracts with chapters 103 and 106 of the Connecticut Civil Service Affiliates, marking the first settlement in which town employees agreed to contribute to the cost of their medical benefits, Webber said. The unions represent middle managers, and high-level technical workers and social workers, he said.

School administrators also have to pay a percentage of their health insurance costs under an agreement that was hammered out in binding arbitration.

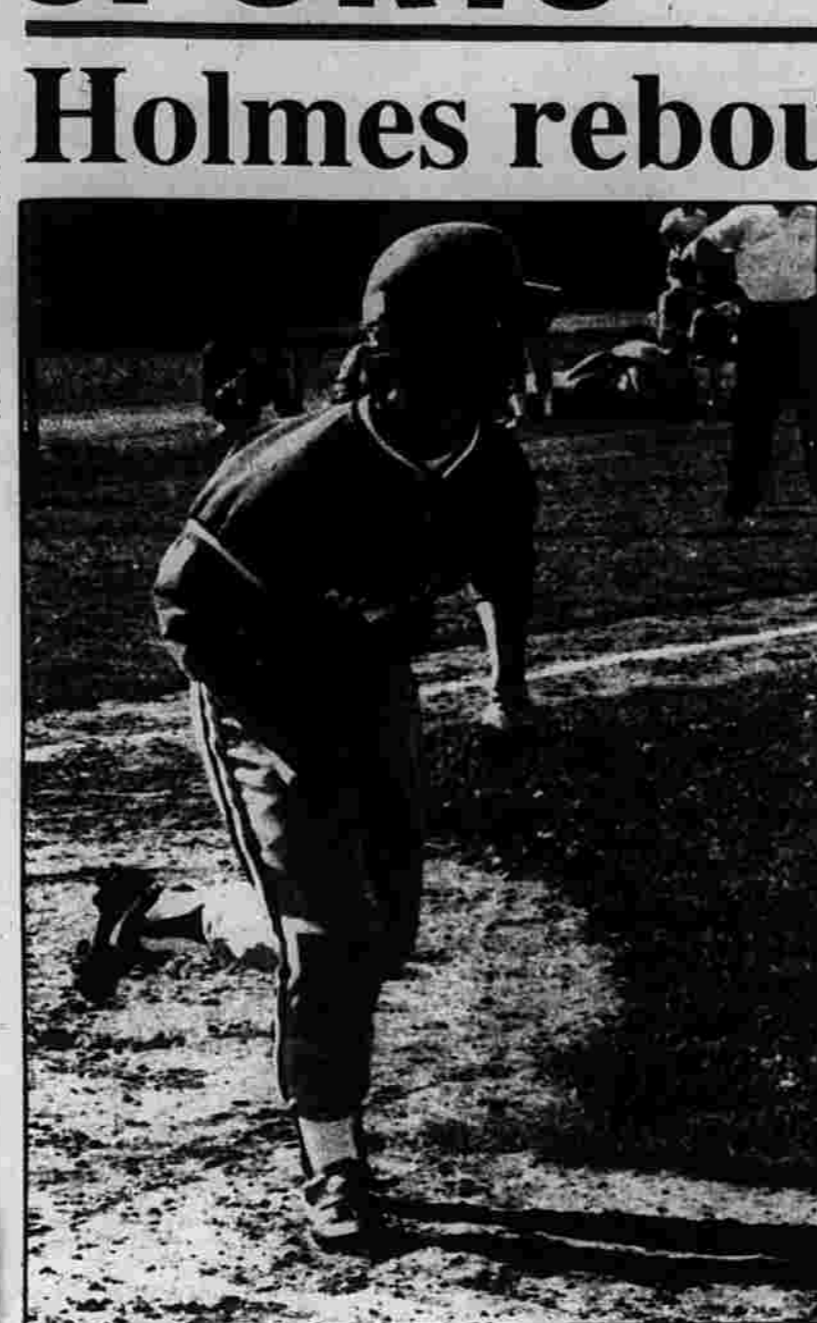
In November, the Board of Education and the Manchester Association of School Administrators agreed to a contract that called for the union members to make 5 percent co-payment for health benefits. But the groups were forced into binding arbitration after the Board of Directors rejected the contract because of its 7-percent pay hike.

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SPORTS

Holmes rebounds from dual misfortunes



By JIM TIERNEY
Manchester Herald

PERSISTENT — Manchester High's Julie Holmes has had a major surgery on both knees, but the Indian senior hasn't allowed that from preventing her from coming back to play softball this spring.

MANCHESTER — When Manchester High senior Julie Holmes looks back on her high school athletic career, misfortune will be the prevailing trend of thought.

Lost opportunities, among other things, which were stolen away in a single moment frozen in time.

A three-sport athlete in soccer, basketball and softball, Holmes saw her endeavors on her various playing fields curtailed by one of today's most feared and unavoidable injuries in sports — a torn anterior cruciate ligament.

The most distressing part for Holmes, though, is this dreaded occurrence didn't happen just once, but twice.

Within a year, And not to the same knee, either. First, the left knee, then the right one.

The first injury happened in a state tournament soccer game against NFA in November '89, the beginning of Holmes' junior year.

"I think I was playing right wing," Holmes recalls. "All I know is there were a couple of minutes left before halftime and I saw the ball starting to roll away from the goal. There was no one around it. I started running toward it to take a one-timer and out of nowhere a defender came up and we kicked the ball at the same time. I hyperextended my leg and that was it."

"After I kicked the ball I felt a sharp pain in the back of my (left) leg," Holmes continued. "I could feel it rip. The referee told me to get up, but I couldn't. During halftime I iced it and walked around on it."

"I knew that I didn't want my sports career to be over and so I decided to have the surgery as soon as possible."

Surgery No. 1 (3-4 day process) took place the day before Thanksgiving, 1989.

The road back wasn't going to be easy and Holmes knew it. She still held visions of playing basketball that winter, but her rehabilitation process precluded that possibility.

Holmes was on crutches for a month and began one hour physical therapy sessions, three times a week for the next six months.

And she was fitted with a Velcro knee brace which went from play basketball last winter.

"It's hard to keep concentrating on (therapy) because it was a long road back," she explained. "I kept the incentive that I wasn't going to let this thing beat me and I was going to get back on the playing field."

As spring softball passed, Holmes tried to walk it off.

Holmes had no idea at the time the severity of the injury.

She went back in in the second half.

"It felt OK," she said. "He (Coach Joe Emard) put me back in. I was there maybe a minute and I turned it and something wobbled and it felt really loose. Then I knew something was wrong. The next morning it swelled up pretty big. I went to the doctor and he said, 'If it's what I think it is, you're not going to like it.'"

Holmes had the option of not having surgery on the knee and never playing sports again, but that didn't sit well with her resilient character.

"I knew that I didn't want my sports career to be over and so I decided to have the surgery as soon as possible."

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Derby favorite hopes to break jinx

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Fly So Free is the early Kentucky Derby favorite and last year's 2-year-old champion, but his bad luck doesn't end there.

On Thursday, Fly So Free, the 5-2 early choice, drew the No. 1 post position in a field of 16 for Saturday's Derby.

Not since 1979 has a favorite or 2-year-old champion won the Derby. That was Spectacular Bid's year, and he was both the favorite and a 2-year-old champion.

"Maybe they shouldn't have been the favorites," trainer Scotty Schulhofer offered, and then he was stopped yet another jinx.

His horse drew the rail, and only one horse, Ferdinand in 1986, has won from the far inside in the past 28 years.

"At least we won't have to worry about getting to the auxiliary gate along with Quintana because the main gate holds only 14 horses."

"I said this morning I didn't want to be on the outside or the inside," Jory said. "Then, I told Scotty I'd rather be in 15 than 1, and Scotty said he'd rather be in 1 than 15."

Swale won from the No. 15 post position in 1984. Fly So Free will be ridden by Jose Santos, who was aboard when the colt lost his last start to Strike the Gold in the Blue Grass at Keeneland on April 13. Schulhofer took partial blame for instructing Santos to ride him off the lead instead of letting him run.

"I've done all the damage I can do," Schulhofer said at the draw. "I'm not saying anything this time. I'm going to let Santos handle it."

The fourth choice was Strike the Gold at 4-1, and Churchill Downs announcer and oddsman Mike Battaglia said it was the closest banching of Derby favorites since he began setting the early line in 1975.

Despite the jinxes, Fly So Free appeared ready to take charge in the Derby. On Wednesday, he worked a blazing half mile in 46 3/5 seconds.

"There are a lot of good horses here, but not spectacular," Happy Jazz Band's trainer, Phil Gleaves, said. "You've got the Big Four, and then you can put the rest of them in a barrel. We're one of those... The Big Four all has thinks in their armor, so we thought it was worth a chance."

Hansel, to be ridden by Jerry Bailey, set a track record of 1:46 3/5 for 1 1/4 miles in winning the Jim Beam on March 30 at Turfway Park, then won the Lexington two weeks ago at Keeneland by nine lengths.

His No. 6 post position was not quite good enough for trainer Frank Brothers.

"I would have preferred the 7 or 8," he said. Best Pal, ridden by Gary Stevens, is the only gelding in the field and, if he wins, would be the first since Clyde Van Dusen in 1929. Best Pal won six of eight as a 2-year-old but has raced only twice this year, finishing third in the Santa Anita Derby. Dinard will miss the Derby because of a strained tendon.

Best Pal is fresh and has trained well here. He worked a half mile in 47 seconds on Monday.

"I feel better than I have since I hurt my ankle," he said. "I don't feel 100 percent, but you don't do that at my age with all the banging around the body receives playing so long in the NBA."

McHale became the No. 5 scorer in Celtics history by passing Sam Jones in early February and finished his 11th NBA season with 15,793 points.

He isn't worried about what Indiana might try to limit his effectiveness.

"I don't look at the matchup of who is guarding me. When you get in an offensive flow, for myself, it really doesn't matter who is guarding you. All you see is the basket," McHale said. "If you get in that flow, you feel like you can make everything."

Jim Tierney

Kentucky Derby will discover a pot of 'Gold'

The mere accomplishment of getting to the starting gate for Saturday's 117th edition of the Kentucky Derby seems more of a herculean effort this year than in the past.

With the key defections of Dinard, Cahill Road, Olympio, Excavate and the Filly Meadow Star, due to either injury, poor performance or arbitrary reasons by the owner and/or trainer, this year's Derby is absent of the true, compelling drama it could have been had these horses been present at Churchill Downs.

Nevertheless, last year's 2-year-old champ Fly So Free, and the only horse to beat him this year, Strike the Gold, are in the field, along with other notables Best Pal and Hansel.

History is not on the side of Fly So Free, who will start from the rail, since no 2-year-old champ has won the Derby since Spectacular Bid in 1979. Except for Ferdinand in 1986, no horse who drew the rail has won the Derby since 1963.

History, even more so, is not on the side of Best Pal (a gelding) since no gelding has won on the first Saturday in May since Clyde Van Dusen in 1929.

Of course, these points become moot every year, especially since Best Pal has trained the best coming into the Derby. And, Fly So Free has been off the board just once in 10 career starts.

Fly So Free rattled off three straight wins as a 3-year-old before being blown away in the stretch by Strike the Gold in the Bluegrass Stakes on April 1, the final Derby prep for both horses.

Best Pal, who has yet to win as a 3-year-old, gave a fine account of himself finishing a close second to Dinard in the Santa Anita Derby.

Hansel is coming into the Derby off, probably, the two most impressive performances of all. After setting a track record in winning the Jim Beam Stakes on March 30, he followed that up with an easy nine-length romp in the Lexington Stakes on April 21.

Strike the Gold is the pick here.

With only a maiden victory under his belt heading into his 3-year-old campaign, Strike the Gold, who has raced once a month so far this year, began his personal road to the Derby by finishing third in a seven-furlong event at Gulfstream Park in Florida. In February, the fast-closing son of Alydar was second to Cahill Road in a 1 1/16-mile race.

Next up was the Grade I Florida Derby on March 16 when Strike the Gold's vicious rally fell a length short of winner Fly So Free. Nick Zito, trainer of Strike the Gold, vowed after the Florida Derby his colt would run down Fly So Free in the Bluegrass Stakes.

True to his word, Zito watched Strike the Gold swing into contention on the far turn and sweep past Fly So Free in the stretch and draw off to an easy three-length victory in the Bluegrass.

Strike the Gold's father, Alydar, duelled Affirmed in the classic 1978 Triple Crown series, taking second behind Affirmed.

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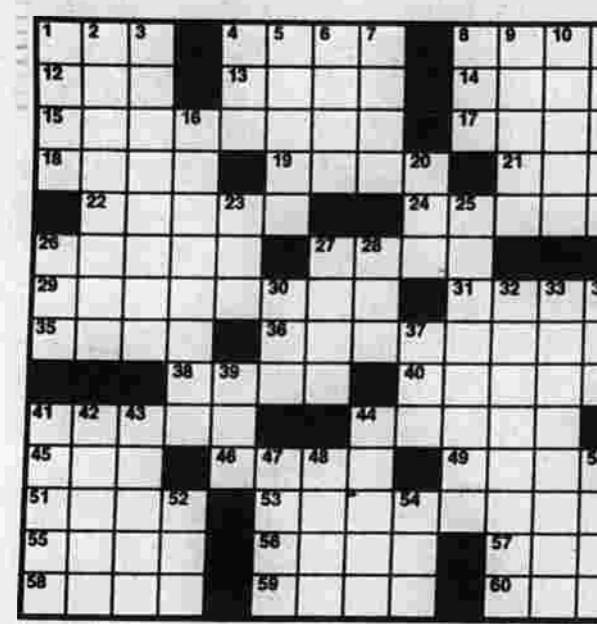
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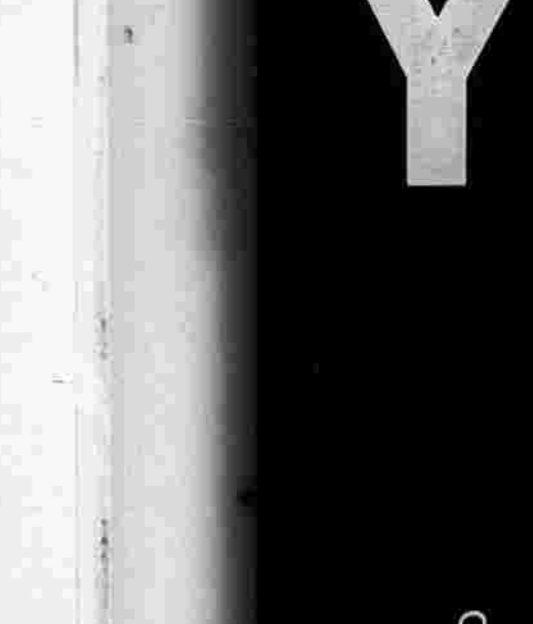
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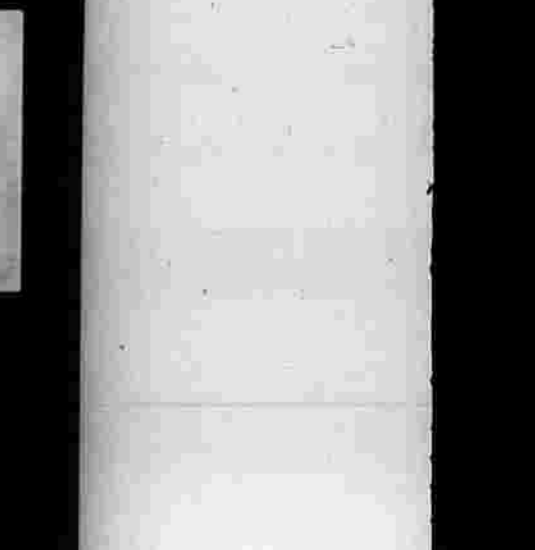
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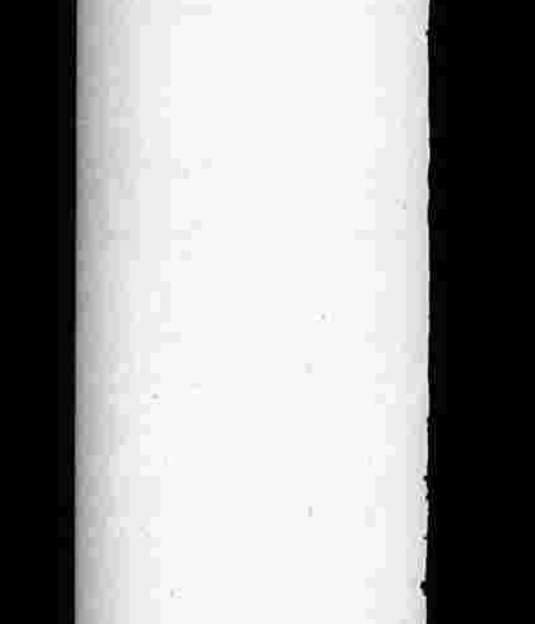
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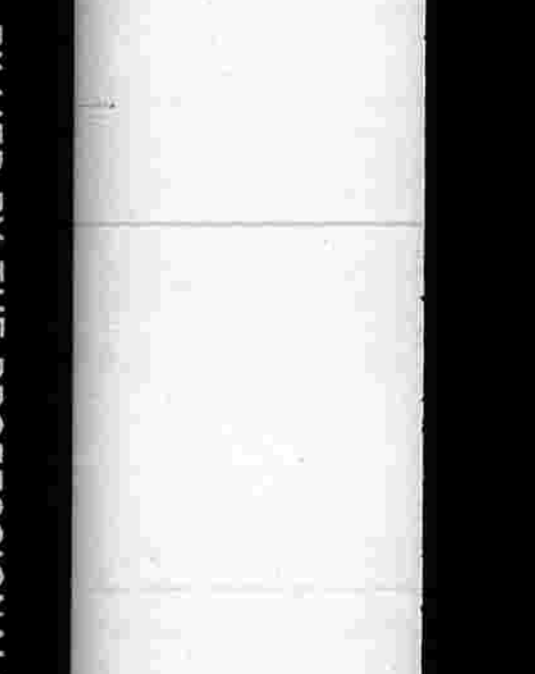
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Valenzuela waiting for a call

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Fernando Valenzuela is confident some major league team will need a left-hander so he practices every five days. But the field where he pitches isn't Dodger Stadium. A sprinkler plays center field, an abandoned tractor is in left and a pitching manager for a local ink company is the catcher. Valenzuela, who saw his decade-long career with the Los Angeles Dodgers end in April, is keeping his arm in shape. "I am still a player. I cannot sit in the stands," he told the Los Angeles Times in an interview published in today's edition. Less than a year after no-hitting the St. Louis Cardinals, he makes trips to a small public baseball field and waits for the phone to ring.

Watson leads Nelson Classic

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Tom Watson shot a 5-under-par 65 to take a one-stroke lead over Larry Wadkins, Mark Wiebe and Emlin Aubrey in the rain-suspended first round of the Byron Nelson Classic. Watson, making his first start since a near-miss in the Masters, had an eagle, six birdies and three bogeys — and some far-from-routine pars. He one-putted 10 times. A 2-hour, 20-minute rain delay prevented 27 players from completing their rounds because of darkness. They marked their positions and were scheduled to return this morning to complete their rounds. Ray Floyd, Doug Tewell, Bruce Lietzka, Dave Rummel, Stan Uley, Greg Leshoff, Dudley Hart and Bobby Wadkins were two strokes back after rounds of 67 and 68, the 6,800-yard Tournament Players Course at Las Colinas.

Agassi, Sampras are winners

ROSWELL, Ga. (AP) — Top-seeded Andre Agassi defeated Michael Chang 6-3, 4-6, 6-2 and second-seeded Pete Sampras beat Aaron Krickstein 6-4, 6-1 in the round-robin ATP Challenge. In another match, Brad Gilbert defeated David Wheaton 6-7 (4-7), 6-2, 6-3.

Canada, Soviets in 3-3 tie

TURKU, Finland (AP) — Joe Sakic scored with 8:56 remaining to give Canada a 3-3 tie with the Soviet Union in the medal round of the World Championship. Earlier, Nicklas Lidstrom scored two goals as Sweden defeated the United States 4-1. The Swedes, unbeaten after nine games in the tournament, moved atop the medal-round standings with a better goal differential than the defending champion Soviets. Both teams are 1-0-1. Canada is 0-4-2 and the U.S. is 0-2-0-1. The Soviet Union plays Sweden on Saturday in what could be the gold-medal game. The Soviets also are unbeaten in the championships. Canada plays the U.S. in the other finale.

Stiles most improved player

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Orlando's Scott Stiles, who raised his scoring average by nearly 10 points and helped the Magic improve by 13 victories over last season, was named the NBA's Most Improved Player Award. Stiles averaged 17.2 points and 4.8 assists in leading the second-year Magic to a 31-51 record. He received 25 of the 96 votes cast to edge Boston's Kevin Gamble (21) and Houston's Kenny Smith (20).

Oilers can't solve North Stars

By MIKE NADEL The Associated Press

EDMONTON, Alberta — The No. 1 team couldn't do it. The No. 2 team couldn't do it. And now the defending NHL champions are having a hard time doing it. Can anybody stop the Minnesota North Stars? The NHL's 16th-best team continued to make a game of the regular season Thursday night, defeating the Oilers 3-1 at Edmonton for the first time since Jimmy Carter was president. Minnesota spent the first few minutes of its victory giving the Oilers a power play, a 1-0 lead and too much credit. "We didn't look like we had our legs or our confidence," Dave Gagner said. "We had the jitters before the game started and we stood around and watched. I don't know if we were a little in awe or what, but we got settled down and played a good game." But then it was the Oilers' turn to watch, as the North Stars used goals by Neal Broten, Gagner and Gaetan Duchesne, and 27 saves by Jon Casey to open their third straight series with a 3-0 victory. "I wish I knew what happened," said Charlie Haddy, one of five active Oilers with five Stanley Cup rings. "We came out of the gate flying, which we knew we had to do because they like to get the lead. But all of a sudden, there was a let-down for some reason." Outshot 5-0 and trailing on Steve Smith's power-play goal 2:15 into the game, the North Stars used their grinding style to wear down the Oilers the rest of the way. "When Basil McRae and Shane Churla went out there and threw their bodies around a little, it changed the momentum," Minnesota's Brian Propp said. "We played good hockey through the Chicago and St. Louis series. We're con-

fident. We're going into the third period with leads and we're playing great with leads." Minnesota has made only one other appearance in the finals, in 1981, and used opening-game road victories in the first three rounds to get there. The North Stars snapped the Nordlands Coliseum jinx. They had been 0-14-3 here since their previous victory on Oct. 24, 1980. Additionally, the North Stars' only playoff experience against Edmonton was a four-game loss in the 1984 Campbell Conference final, when the Oilers' dynasty just began to roll. Game 2 of this series is here Saturday night. The series shifts to Met Center for Games 3 and 4 Monday and Wednesday. The Oilers, who have won five Stanley Cups in the last seven years and who are 6-0 in Campbell Conference championship series, were coming off emotional series triumphs against Calgary and Los Angeles. "If we would have played the way we played tonight against LA or Calgary, we wouldn't be sitting here," Edmonton coach John Muckler said. "It's difficult coming off the two series that we came off. We weren't emotionally involved." "Wales Conference Boston won the opener 6-3 behind Cam Neely's two goals and the brilliant play of goaltender Andy Moog, who helped us to one goal in the last 51 minutes. Moog was sharp despite fatigue brought on by flu-like symptoms. He received fluids intravenously earlier Wednesday, then showed up for work. He's expected to be all right for tonight's game at Boston. Neely's two goals gave him the NHL playoff lead with 14.



HOCKEY OR FOOTBALL? — Edmonton's Mark Messier grabs the face of Minnesota's Curt Gyles during Game 1 of their best-of-seven Campbell Conference final Thursday night at Nordlands Coliseum. The North Stars upset the Oilers, 3-1.

Blue Jays rebound without Ryan on mound

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — With nine more hits and 16 fewer strikeouts than the night before in Texas, the Toronto Blue Jays seemed to be telling Kevin Appier he's no Nolan Ryan. In beating the staggering Kansas City Royals 3-1 immediately after Ryan hit them, the Blue Jays were telling themselves something, too. "Last night it was Nolan Ryan's night," said Roberto Alomar, who struck out three times, including the final out of the game, in Ryan's 3-0 no-hitter Wednesday night. "Tonight was our night." Alomar did not have a single strikeout against Appier (1-4) or reliever Jeff Montgomery. But he did have a sacrifice that set up a run in the first inning. It was a double in the third and a home run in the sixth. "I feel good about what I did," Alomar said. The same team that struck out 16 times against Ryan

did not fan once against the Royals and quickly put to rest any thoughts of a second straight no-hitter when Devon White doubled leading off the game. Alomar sacrificed him to third and the Blue Jays seized a 1-0 lead on Joe Carter's sacrifice fly. "Just some guys blowing off a little steam," emboldened manager John Wathan said. Brewers 5, Twins 1: Kevin Brown held Minnesota hitters for 5 1/3 innings, and Dante Bichette and Willie Randolph had two RBIs apiece as surging Milwaukee beat the Twins. Milwaukee, which has won six of its last seven games, broke a 1-1 tie with two runs in the sixth off Kevin Tanaka (2-1).

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