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□ Jennie Treadway/ staff

As of 8 a.m. Monday, July 6, the Heart of Tennessee Chapter of the American Red Cross is in "an appeal for all blood types."

"One person can use over 100 pints of blood," said Madeline Methvin, director of blood services at the Heart of Tennessee Chapter in Murfreesboro. "A kidney transplant uses over 300 pints. And that's not something that is planned."

Monday, July 13, the Association of Clerical Employees is sponsoring its annual blood drive at the Keathley University Center. The Blood Mobile will be behind the building from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Tennessee Valley Blood Services Region delivers to 100 hospitals in 87 counties. The local chapter has a goal of 525 pints of blood donated per day to meet the needs of every hospital.

"A local hospital has nine open-heart surgeries scheduled this week," said Methvin. "That requires a lot of blood."

The universal donor is O-negative. That means that a person with A-positive blood, or any other type for that matter, can receive O-negative.

"Ever watch 'ER'?" asks Methvin. "They always ask for O-negative. They don't have time to match blood types, so they use that. But every blood type is needed."

Right now, the local chapter only has twenty percent of its "optimal inventory."

A pint of blood has a shelf-life of 42 days, but according to Methvin, the blood is always used before its expiration date.

The Red Cross has only ten percent of what is needed of O-positive, forty percent of A-positive, twenty-five percent of B-positive and ten percent of A-negative.

"I always tell people that if they can't donate blood they should at least drive safely," said Methvin.

Belle Aire Baptist Church, 820 Fairview Ave., is hosting a blood drive Wednesday, July 15, from 3 to 8 p.m. The following Friday, July 17, Sloan Honda is sponsoring a blood drive from 2 to 7 p.m. Sloan Honda is located at 2233 NW Broad Street.

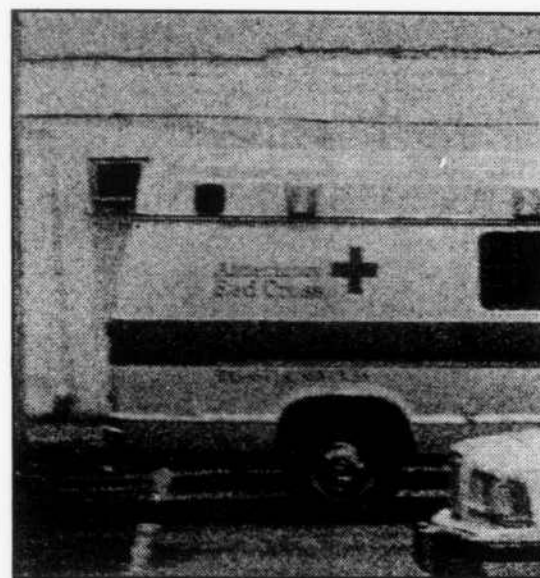
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"There's a joining together of so

many entities," Brackman said. "All these people have to work closely together to make it happen for everybody. It takes countless hours from countless volunteers."

The celebration began at 5:00 p.m. on the Intramural Field grounds on the northeast side of the Mass Communications building. Approximately 5,000 people gathered on the university site over the evening, enjoying family and children's games, picnic suppers and vended food provided by the Blue Raider Athletic Association.

"I haven't been to a Fourth of July party like this in years," out-of-state visitor Scooter McGraw said. "I came up from Dallas to visit friends, and I

didn't expect I'd be having this much fun."

Despite the revelry, there were no arrests or inappropriate conduct, according to Public Safety Director John Drugmand.

"The only incident was when a woman slipped and fell," he said. "She broke her hip. Emergency Medical Technicians were standing by and got her to MTMC."

As the skies darkened, Rep. John Hood mounted the bandstand and spoke briefly on the importance of the university's continued community involvement before he turned the stage over to Murfreesboro Mayor Richard Reeves and County Executive Nancy Allen for brief addresses.

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Clinton wants to make clear to insurance companies that they must certify they are complying with Kennedy-Kassebaum if they intend to do business with the federal government. Clinton's order affects 350 health plans offered to federal employees and their families.

The president acted out of concern over reports that some insurance companies were denying health benefits to people with pre-existing conditions when they changed jobs.

Under the law, co-sponsored by Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., and former Sen. Nancy Kassebaum Baker, R-Kan., people moving from one job to another are supposed to be promptly eligible for coverage through the new employer if it provides health benefits to employees.

As part of the president's initiative, the National Association of Insurance Commissioners agreed to inform the federal government of any violations found by state officials.

Glenn Pomeroy, the association president and North Dakota insurance commissioner, told The New York Times: "We are pleased to work with the administration in a partnership to make sure that everyone entitled to the protections of the Kassebaum-Kennedy law gets them."

Federal and state officials said they could not immediately identify companies that had violated the 1996 law, the Times reported in today's editions. But state officials said they would probably discover violations when they investigated complaints or conducted routine examinations of insurers' practices.

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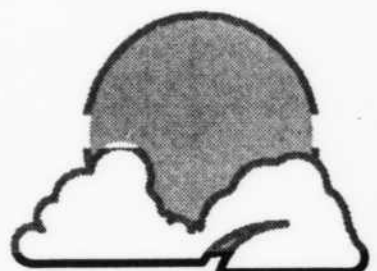
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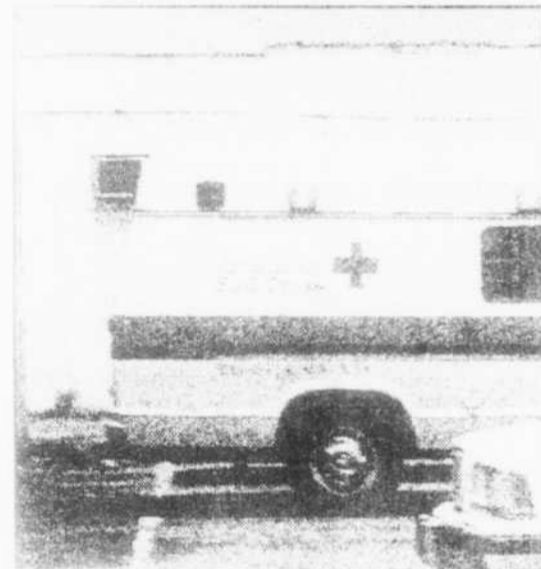
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Tennessee in conflict over legalized gambling approval

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) - Pro-gambling forces were giddy in Capitol Hill that April day in 1987.

For two decades, a bill to allow horse racing had stumbled in the Legislature. But on this day, sponsors found the critical swing vote in the Senate after barely squeaking the bill through the House a month earlier.

Senate sponsor Steve Cohen gripped a lucky horse shoe while basking in the glow of television camera lights. Lobbyists whooped and hollered outside the chamber. Racing enthusiasts said it would take only a few years to get a race track in place. It never happened.

Last week, the Tennessee Racing Commission, set up to oversee tracks, shut its doors without ever seeing a horse out of the gate. The closure came after the Legislature decided last spring to not extend the commission's life past June 30.

That means Tennessee, along with Utah and Hawaii, are the only states without any form of legal gambling. Not even church bingo is allowed.

But the debate about gambling in Tennessee continues.

Horse racing may be dead, but the possibility of a lottery is very much alive - the best hope for gambling supporters and the worst fear for those intent on keeping the gaming industry out of the state.

And Cohen, D-Memphis, is spearheading the effort.

"Tennessee is absolutely aberrant for not having gambling," he said. "To most people around the world, it's..." Anti-gambling activists disagree.

"Tennessee should be proud. By choosing to stay clean, you are avoiding a

multitude of problems that other states are just beginning to identify," said Tom Grey, executive director of the National Coalition Against Gambling Expansion. He said gambling brings increases in gambling addiction, bankruptcy, divorce and crime.

Cohen first introduced a lottery bill in 1984. Like the horse racing measure, it has languished, even though surveys show Tennesseans are ready to embrace a lottery.

The most recent poll, conducted in March by the University of Tennessee, found two-thirds of Tennesseans favor the idea.

With popular support like that, why doesn't Tennessee have a lottery or any other form of gambling? Many point to the state's religious conservatives, who see gambling as inherently immoral, encouraging greed, theft, family disruption and social disorder.

The Nashville-based Southern Baptist Convention has led anti-gambling forces, with help from other Christian denominations and organizations.

"Even though they are a minority of the total electorate, the opposition has been fierce, vocal and adamant," said M. Lee Smith, publisher of The Tennessee Journal, a political newsletter.

Another factor has been Tennessee's state constitution, which is difficult to amend and specifically forbids lotteries and other games of chance. A proposed change can go to the voters only after the Legislature approves it during two consecutive General Assemblies. If approved, a constitutional convention where delegates must affirm the measure and then place it before voters.

While Tennessee debates

the issue, its neighbors have jumped on the gambling bandwagon.

The region's gambling landscape - once limited to dog racing in Arkansas and horse racing in Kentucky - has changed dramatically. There now are casinos in Mississippi and North Carolina, riverboat gambling in Missouri, dog racing in Arkansas and Alabama, and lotteries in Kentucky, Virginia and Georgia.

"We could have had one of the first lotteries in the South if it hadn't been for politics," Cohen moans. "We're the ones who would have benefited."

Gambling opponents take a different tack.

"You're surrounded by a mine field. Don't let it creep in and don't step in it," Grey said.

Gambling hasn't always been outlawed in Tennessee. In fact, the state had a thriving thoroughbred racing industry during the first half of the 19th century. President Andrew Jackson was a devoted racing fan and horse breeder who owned a track near his Hermitage estate in the early 1800s.

In 1843, the world's richest race was the Peyton Stakes in Nashville, where the winner received \$35,000. Thoroughbreds raised in Tennessee - particularly on Middle Tennessee farms - earned a reputation as among the best in the nation.

The state Supreme Court placed the first restrictions on horse racing in 1852, making it against the law to bet on a horse race run at an unlicensed track. At the urging of several church denominations, the Legislature in 1906 outlawed betting on horse races, effectively stunting the state's thoroughbred industry.

Little action occurred on

the gambling front between 1906 and 1971, when Memphis lawmakers began leading the most recent charge toward legalized gambling.

After watching a steady flow of Memphians cross the border to bet on greyhound races in West Memphis, Ark., the lawmakers argued race tracks in Tennessee would boost tourism and provide more revenue for state and local governments.

When the Legislature approved the race track bill in 1987, Shelby County voters quickly approved a racing referendum for the Memphis area. But before any track could be built, casinos began springing up in nearby Tunica, Miss., and the lure of horse racing faded.

"That changed everything," Cohen said. "Tunica was America's newest casino spotlight."

The history of lotteries in Tennessee dates to the 1780s. While the Legislature in 1809 voted to forbid private lotteries - usually held to dispose of property - it authorized at least 85 charity lotteries between 1794 and 1831 to pay for public improvements such as building colleges, roads, jails and Masonic Halls. An 1810 lottery helped fund the school that later became the University of Tennessee in Knoxville.

By 1830, Tennessee was so saturated with lotteries that they fell out of favor. Citizens charged they were mismanaged and began boycotting them. In 1832, the Legislature made Tennessee the first Southern state to abolish them. That position was included in the revised Tennessee Constitution drafted in 1834.

Doctors try marijuana chemical as stroke drug

Scientists say a new chemical can prevent brain cells from being damaged during a stroke

WASHINGTON (AP) - Federal scientists have begun testing in rats a chemical from marijuana that they say appears to protect brain cells during a stroke.

It's far too early to tell if the chemical, cannabidiol, will help people, and it's unlikely anyone could get a protective dose by smoking marijuana, the scientists said Thursday.

But they called the research very promising, particularly because cannabidiol is not psychoactive - it doesn't cause the "high" or mild euphoric effects people get from smoking marijuana.

"This is a better candidate" against stroke than other marijuana chemicals, said Aiden Hampson of the National Institute of Mental Health.

His study, published in this week's Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, found that in a test tube,

cannabidiol proved to be a potent antioxidant that protected animal brain cells exposed to the toxic neurochemical that is produced during a stroke.

Scientists are studying marijuana and its various chemicals to see if they have medicinal uses. THC, the active ingredient in marijuana, already has been studied for various illnesses, including strokes. An oral drug, Marinol, that contains THC is sold to fight cancer-related nausea and AIDS-related wasting.

Until now, cannabidiol had been considered an inactive ingredient, Hampson said. It was studied as a possible drug for Huntington's disease a decade ago but failed to work. However, scientists who gave high doses to people at that time uncovered no serious side effects, he said.

And in Hampson's laboratory studies, he discovered cannabidiol has no effect on the brain receptors responsible for marijuana's psychological effects - meaning scientists could investigate high doses without worrying about drugging-up patients.

Hampson now is giving intravenous cannabidiol (pronounced ca-na-bi-DIE-all) to rats and said he has promising but preliminary results.

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fireworks display, produced by Pyro Shows and sponsored by the Rutherford County Parks and Recreation Department, was synchronized to the musical accompaniment of the orchestra.

As the first strains of Tchaikovsky's 1812 Overture resounded ("There is no finer music to accompany a fireworks show," a symphony

representative said), the skies above MTSU burst into a dazzling shower of pyrotechnics that blended with the procession of Sousa marches.

As the program ended at 9:15 p.m. traffic flowed smoothly along the streets on campus and off. No incidents were reported. According to Brackman, this year's celebration has already been hailed as "the best ever."

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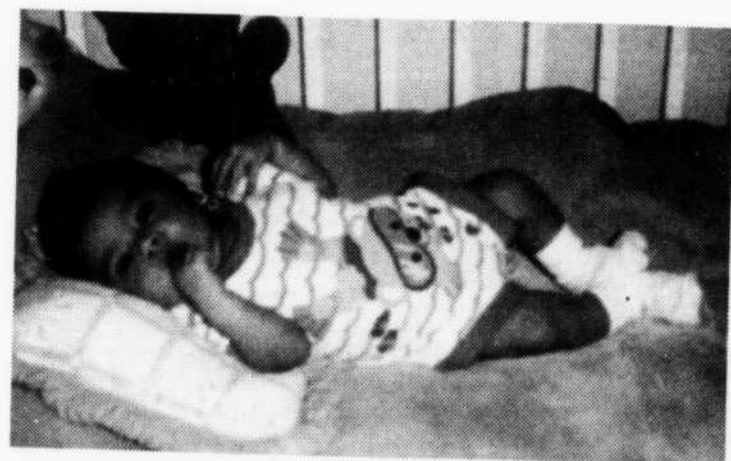
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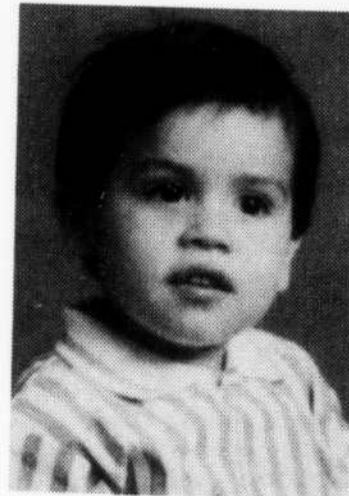
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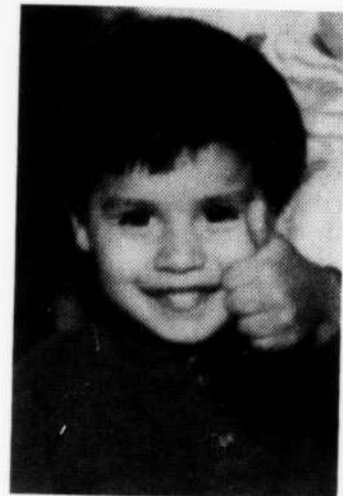
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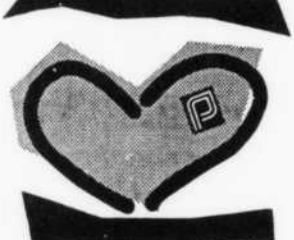
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Editorials

Clinton, China and Parker Brothers

Strangely enough, television media has failed to overexpose Clinton's visit to China. Maybe it's because Diana was not born in Beijing. Maybe it's because O.J. Simpson does not reside on Tiananmen Square. But I bet it's because the media knows exactly why he's really there but can not bring themselves to report the truth.

Our government does not care that China holds its criminals in cages barely large enough to fit a human body in. Our government does not really care if the U.S. and China are pointing nuclear weapons at each other. The real reason for these talks is the almighty world economy.

Many people in the U.S. criticized economists for wanting to participate in a global market. But as we have seen, trading on this scale is helping the American individual immensely. It seems to be helping most countries to a degree — some more than others. China wants a piece of Boardwalk, while the U.S. is cornering the market by placing hotels on all the colors, and even the utilities, in this Parker Brother's like world.

Trends of warfare are very similar to the board game Monopoly. The U.S. rarely bombs these days. It places "trade sanctions" that cripple a nation far more quickly than mere bombs. The American public would be in a state of uproar if the damage was being done with large-scale weapons.

Sanctions could actually be more harmful to individuals than a war such as Vietnam. The U.S. lost some 50,000 soldiers in that conflict, but that is a small number in comparison to the number affected by a lack of imported food or medical attention. And it is not only soldiers that are suffering from a handicapped economy, it is the families and children who may not even agree with the particular group in charge of their nation.

The sad fact of life is that people are humans. We compete as an animal and, generally, must harm other individuals' interests in order to gain profits. When an individual gains an advantage, another individual must lose that advantage. It could be compared to a pack of wolves: the strong eat first and the weak die from starvation.

The U.S. is definitely the strongest wolf in the pack. And as long as that is true, we will eat first.



Europe's East: ruined by ideology, rich in charm, short of hope

□ Alison Smale/AP

PODBISCE, Yugoslavia — A village graveyard, lined with trees. The soaring beauty of Montenegro's mountains. Wind and light. A drunk in his ill-fitting Sunday suit babbling his fear of talking to foreigners. Communist stars on the gravestones.

It could be a scene from the movies east Europeans make so well, tales laced with the poetry of their lands, their rich, lurching conversations, the humor of people accustomed to the distinctly unWestern rawness of life.

But today, I'm not here to savor these human treasures, unknown to so many friends and acquaintances in the West, who stare blankly as I struggle to explain that the Wild East is far more than chaos and blood, and why it's so hard to say goodbye.

Instead, after 16 years, I find myself leaving a Europe that came together for a few joyful weeks in late 1989, only to divide again.

In this new Europe, there are 15 Western countries locked in a borderless union of democracies, weaving their economies — if not their policies — into a single, strong unit.

And then there is the East, the junkyard of Europe's ideologies, unable to free itself from its all-consuming history, or the dead hand of the Soviets' brand of communism.

Post-communism has reared a few model pupils — the East Germans swallowed, if not digested, by western Germany; the Czechs, Poles and Hungarians who join NATO next spring.

But there is also the gaggle of post-communist failures, the worst of them in the bloodied Balkans and Caucasus, where life after Marxism is immeasurably worse than before.

Each of the isms that have marched through Eastern Europe this century — Czarism, monarchism, Nazism, Communism, nationalism, and now a Wild East form of capitalism — have left their psychological wreckage.

To the Westerner plumbing the East's emerging markets, or trying to make sense of the war in the former Yugoslavia, these ruins of the spirit may seem irrelevant.

To me, they go to the heart of the matter: the Easterners' surprise that when the chance came to throw off the communism under which all had chafed for so long, it wasn't simple. The communist system, it turned out, functioned as it did because each and every one of them collaborated, actively or passively, in making it work.

In the joy of November 1989, it didn't seem possible that it would take decades to weave together what the Cold War sundered.

On the night the Berlin Wall fell, I crossed Checkpoint Charlie with the first East German to pass

through. It was the only time in my life that I really did pinch myself to make sure it was really happening.

Just three days later, however, the mood was already depressingly different. The Easterners had come over in hordes and were greeted with free bananas, buns and beers. The politicians were making lofty speeches; on the streets, the Easterners' joy had already become more a grab for goods, the West's happiness a contest to see who could give away — or sell — the most.

In East Berlin, I walked past the kind of apartment blocks you can find all across the enormous stretch of East between Berlin and Vladivostok. These decrepit hulks with their unkempt yards, second-class fittings and broken elevators symbolized to me the dehumanizing system that evolved from the Marxist ideology of egalitarianism.

Millions toiled to build them, millions schemed and bribed to live in them, and now it seemed all for naught; with the West's tempting wares on offer, who would want to live in these shoddy surroundings?

But they still stand, a reminder that the past is hard to shake off. For Easterners, donning the West's clothes, translating its commercials or consuming its products are inescapable, but inadequate, acts of disguise.

Some "Easterners" — actually, these who prefer to be called Central Europeans — are succeeding quite well in this mental juggling of two worlds. Next spring, the Czechs, Hungarians and Poles will become members of NATO. They, plus Estonia and Slovenia, are negotiating entry into the European Union.

If that means scraping into exclusive clubs that will remain barred to their post-communist comrades for decades, it will make a mockery of that "common European home" envisaged by Mikhail Gorbachev, the Soviet leader whose reforms doomed communism. The new East European homes are either the garish villas of the new rich, or the roofless ruins of Bosnia.

Why come to the graveyard of an obscure Montenegrin village to ruminate on all this? Because it is here, beneath a simple slab of gray stone, that Milovan Djilas lies buried.

When he died in 1995 at age 83, Djilas was still the only man in Eastern Europe who had killed to build Communism, risen to the almost unlimited power of Politburo membership, only to renounce it and become the first anti-Stalinist dissident.

In this part of the world, he was one of the few to junk his own history.

The West lionized him, millions read his books about and against Stalinism. But in his own country, he remained a political outcast until death. Some Yugoslavs

might have admired his brain and courage — in prison, he translated Milton's "Paradise Lost" on toilet paper smuggled in by his wife — but could not forgive his bloody Communist past. Most others simply did not know, or care, who he was.

Until more people can cast off history, the East's 20th century dream of "joining Europe" will remain a mirage.

"At the beginning of the 20th century, we were keeping up with developments in Europe — behind of course, but keeping up," says Milan Protic, a Belgrade historian. Now, after "50 or 70 years of negative hibernation" under Communism, "it's going to take the east Europeans maybe 100 years to develop institutions of democracy. And who knows how much further the West will be in that time?"

Even in Prague, where the Czechs had the strongest tradition of pre-World War II democracy of any Soviet bloc land, Vaclav Havel, the dissident playwright-turned-president, sees his Czech Republic as a corrupt land lacking in moral fiber, a quasi-capitalist artifice that has so far missed its chance to found a new civic society.

Something like this "post-communist morass" was predictable, Havel said last December. "Hardly anybody, however, foresaw how deep, serious and protracted it would be."

The Czechs, a friend in Prague remarked to me, are "running like mad" to reach a place the West has already left.

"Becoming a democracy," like "joining Europe," are mantras invoked in almost every conversation with an Easterner. But the divisions wrought by an especially violent century make it hard to agree on what the mantras really mean.

Across the half of Europe once under Soviet sway, democracy's cornerstone, the rule of law, has scarcely, if ever, been known. Rules imposed brutally from above were feared, not respected. To most Easterners, therefore, democracy means not a free society governed with the people's consent, but the freedom to do anything, everything, unfettered by any rules. Chaos results.

In addition, each society is splintered, often violently, into pro- and anti-communists, criminals and innocents, different ethnicities and religions.

Alison Smale has covered Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union for The Associated Press for 16 years, witnessing some of the most momentous chapters in communism's collapse: the rise of Mikhail Gorbachev, the fall of the Berlin Wall, the Yugoslav wars. In this report, written shortly before leaving Europe, she reflects on her experiences.

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People need to take more vacations

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Wanted: tourists looking for theme rides and sunshine in a decidedly family atmosphere. Must be willing to spend 4.6 nights in town, drop at least \$143 a day and buy hats with mouse ears.

As Orlando keeps building new theme parks and hotel rooms, one of the world's top tourist cities needs to think about new ways to bring more visitors to central Florida. The 40 million-person tourism market here is going to have to grow by several million more people to support the current expansion.

Experts say that's not a problem if trends continue the way they have for the past 25 years. Where citrus groves and cattle pastures once stood, this booming metropolis of 1.4 million people now offers tourists six major theme parks, six water parks, 88,000 hotel rooms, 125 golf courses and 800 tennis courts.

And there are more on the horizon.

Already Walt Disney World, the area's largest employer with about 50,000 full-time, part-time and seasonal workers, has opened a fourth theme park, the \$800 million Animal Kingdom. Universal Studios is preparing next year to open a second Florida theme park, the \$1 billion Islands of Adventure, and there's speculation Universal may open two more parks in the next century. Sea World is also deciding whether to open a second park.

Many observers wonder if Disney is thinking about a fifth park although Disney chairman and CEO Michael Eisner and other officials won't say what their plans are. Disney has developed only a quarter of the 30,000 acres it owns in central Florida and has room for three more parks. Among the rumored ideas is a sports or history theme park to join the Magic Kingdom, Epcot, Disney-MGM Studios and Animal Kingdom.

None of Orlando's Big Three theme park companies — Disney, Seagram's Universal Studios and Anheuser-Busch's Sea World — seems to be worried about the increased competition. An estimated 53 million people passed through their combined gates last year.

Just how fast are theme parks and related tourism business growing in Orlando? Consider this:

- Disney and Universal have opened or plan to open new entertainment and shopping districts and new resort hotels.

- Plans are under way to build a second Orlando area convention center that would cost \$1 billion and have 2.6 million square feet of exhibition space. Orlando already has a convention center with 1.1 million square feet and plans to expand to 3 million square feet.

- Orlando International Airport is undergoing a \$1.2 billion expansion.

- Orlando is adding another 10,000 hotel rooms by the end of 2000.

- There will be \$10 billion in private construction spending during the next decade.

Orlando should be able to absorb such growth if past trends are followed and the economy stays healthy, experts say. And the major theme parks' deep corporate pockets should help the city get through any sudden slowdowns in the economy.

People always want a well-cared for vacation destination where they know their children will be safe, Eisner said.

"It's an idealized way to live," he said. "You reinvigorate your relationship with the people you are with — your family, spouse or parent."

Universal Studios Escapes president and CEO Tom Williams, however, acknowledged that some smaller theme parks may feel squeezed.

"I think there will be some, you know, reallocation of market share,"

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Uncle Dave Macon Days are here again

Staff Reports

Grab your banjos and shine your dancin' shoes—the 21st annual Uncle Dave Macon Days old-time music and dance festival is set to kick off in Cannonsburgh Village.

This festival was established to honor the memory of Uncle Dave Macon. He lived near Murfreesboro and is considered one of the first Grand Ole Opry superstars. A master banjo player and performer, he died in 1952, and was elected to the Country Music Hall of Fame in 1966.

Considered one of America's premier summer festivals, the family-oriented event annually gathers more than 40,000 people to Murfreesboro for a hearty helping of fun, southern style. It has been consecutively selected by the Atlanta-based Southeast Tourism Society as one of the Top 20 events in the Southeast in July.

Uncle Dave Macon Days is one of the very few old-time music competitions in the country. A purse of more than \$5,400 is at stake during Friday and Saturday's highly

charged music and dance competitions. In 1986 the United States House of Representatives proclaimed these competitions to be the National Championships in Old-Time Banjo, Old-Time Clogging and Old-Time Buckdancing.

On Saturday the 11th, the coveted Heritage Award will be

presented. This award is a yearly honor presented by the directors of the festival to an individual dedicated to the preservation and advancement of old-time music and dance. The Heritage Award winner, Mac Wiseman, will also serve as the Grand Marshal of the Motorless Parade. The parade will go down East

Main Street on Saturday morning.

The celebration takes place in Cannonsburgh, an authentic pioneer village. Cannonsburgh Village is located at 312 South Front Street. The fun starts at 5 p.m. on Friday, July 10th. There is no admission charge. Free and paid parking is available.

Schedule of Events

Friday, July 10
Arts & Crafts Show begins in the evening and runs through Saturday

5 p.m. Registration for dance/music competition (old-time singing, freestyle dance, harmonica, dobro, dulcimer and more)

6 p.m. Competition begins

Saturday, July 11
8:30 a.m. Registration for dance/music competition (guitar, mandolin, fiddle, old-time clogging, old-time buck dancing, bluegrass banjo and bluegrass band)

9 a.m. Competition begins

5 p.m. Mac Wiseman performs

Sunday, July 12
2-4 p.m. Gospel Showcase

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Mac Wiseman heads parade as Grand Marshal

Staff Reports

Mac Wiseman, born in the Shenandoah Valley in Crimora, Virginia, is this year's Heritage Award winner.

Wiseman, known for his bluegrass talent, has recorded over 50 albums, including "Lester 'N Mac" with duet partner Lester Flatt. It was the first bluegrass album to make Billboard Magazine's Top 100.

Born in May of 1925, Wiseman grew up on a farm north of Waynesboro and spent many nights at home surrounded by friends and family listening to the Grand Old Opry on the radio.

Wiseman had a childhood bout with polio that left him with a limp he still has today. He received a scholarship from the National Polio Foundation and attended the Conservatory of Music in Dayton, Virginia, where he studied musical theory, radio and piano.

In 1946, he was hired by Molly O'Day as a featured guitar and bass fiddle player in Knoxville. Wiseman played bass on O'Day's first recordings for Columbia

Records on Thanksgiving day in Chicago, Illinois.

The following year, Wiseman left Molly O'Day to form his own band and later join Lester Flatt and Earl Scruggs to form "Foggy Mountain Boys." Wiseman played guitar and sang tenor on their first recording in 1948.

Years later, after moving to California, Wiseman became Artist and Repertoire Director for Dot Records country music artists.

He was a founding member and served as the first Secretary of the Country Music Association (CMA) in 1958. Wiseman moved back to Nashville in 1959 and sang in the Grand Ole Opry. Under Capitol Records, he was a performer and program director for "Wheeling Jamboree" on WWVA, Wheeling, West Virginia, and directed a talent agency.

When the bluegrass festivals became popular, wiseman became a fixture there and started his own festival at Renfro Valley, Kentucky in 1970.

Wiseman has been a professional musician for over fifty-two years and has been honored for his many contributions to bluegrass music.

'Armageddon' opens with less impact than 'Deep Impact'

LOS ANGELES (AP) — In the battle of flying space debris, "Armageddon" and its Texas-sized asteroid opened to an estimated \$34.8 million over the holiday weekend, short of the \$41.2 million debut of "Deep Impact" and its Manhattan-sized comet, according to preliminary numbers Sunday.

The special-effects laden "Armageddon," Disney's most expensive movie ever, had the Fourth of July weekend to itself, but like other weekies lost audiences to fireworks and barbecues because the holiday fell this year on a Saturday, usually the biggest day for movie-going.

Blasted by critics as a mindless blur of noisy testosterone-fueled action, "Armageddon" collected a total of \$52.9 million since it opened on Wednesday, putting it on pace to earn \$150 million in domestic release. That's expected to be enough to pay back its production costs, with the profits coming overseas, said industry analyst David Davis, who characterized the movie's opening as a "triple" rather than "home run."

"It looks like the release of 'Deep Impact' earlier this summer had more of an effect on the results of 'Armageddon' than was originally anticipated," said Davis.

Bruce Willis leads the "Armageddon" cast, which also includes Liv Tyler and Ben Affleck.

The movie's early performance kept to this summer's trend: Several movies doing healthy, \$100 million-plus business, propelling the season toward its best total ever in dollars not adjusted for inflation, but no movie breaking the \$200 million mark.

So far, three films released this year have grossed more than \$100 million — "Deep Impact" (\$137.2 million), "Godzilla" (\$134 million), and "The Truman Show" (\$109.5 million) — and others are on their way, including "Armageddon," the weekend's No. 2, "Dr. Dolittle," which grossed \$19.8 million for a \$65 million total to date, and No. 3 "Mulan" with \$11.6 million for the weekend, \$77.1 million total.

The upcoming "Small Soldiers" and "Lethal Weapon 4" also are seen as leading candidates to break \$100 million.

"You would definitely rather have more pictures doing \$100 million in the summer than one picture doing \$300 million," said Tom Sherak, distribution head at 20th Century Fox, which has the hit "Dr. Dolittle," the near-hit "The X-Files" and the disappointing "Bulworth." "It's much better for the industry for them to be spread around."

As expected, "Armageddon" drew mostly younger males. The audience was 54 percent male and 46 percent female, with 65 percent of those males under the age of 35, according

to Disney, raising questions about the movie's staying power. The post-"Titanic" conventional wisdom is that a movie must now appeal to both males and females to hit blockbuster status.

Meanwhile, showing incredible staying power is "Gone With the Wind." A restored version of the 1939 classic grossed \$820,000 in its second week of re-release, just missing the Top 10.

Box Office Top Ten

1. "Armageddon," \$34.8 million.
2. "Dr. Dolittle," \$19.8 million.
3. "Mulan," \$11.6 million.
4. "Out of Sight," \$6.5 million.
5. "The X-Files," \$6.4 million.
6. "The Truman Show," \$5.7 million.
7. "Six Days, Seven Nights," \$5.4 million.
8. "A Perfect Murder," \$3.3 million.
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Friend's death changes view on life

Sound Bites
Marilyn Mathis



This week's column is in honor of Rich Toomey. Many knew him as the bass player of Harmonium, but Rich was so much more. Rich passed away last Friday morning.

I never realized how much he had affected my life, and so many others, until I saw the outpouring of love shown after he lost his battle with cancer.

Rich's death was hard for me. It was nothing he could control. He did not smoke cigarettes and get lung cancer. He did not drive while intoxicated and wrap his car around a telephone pole. He did not shoot up heroin and overdose. Of all the great musicians to die young, his affects me the worst.

Maybe it is because I knew him personally. Maybe it is because he didn't have his chance to shine. Maybe it's because I didn't have a chance to say "goodbye."

I talked to Rich last Wednesday. It was the last time I ever talked to him. I told him I would stop by that night. I didn't.

For the 4th of July, I spent time with about two hundred other people who were fortunate enough to have ever known Rich. It made me look at my life, and I was not really happy with what I saw.

If I were to die tomorrow, so many things would be left unsaid and so much would be left undone.

Life is too short. It can be taken away in an instant. Rich was lucky. He had a chance to say his goodbyes and make everything in his life right. We may not be so lucky. Any of us could die today in a senseless tragedy. If you died tomorrow,

would you be content with how you left things? I don't think I would, but I'm using Rich as a lesson. From now on, when I say I'll stop by, I will. When I have an argument with someone, I'll apologize. Most of what goes on in our lives means nothing in the big picture. How much is really worth fighting for?

If you aren't getting along with your parents, friends, family members or anyone you know, take some time to really think about what is going on. Imagine how you would feel if you never saw those people again. I'm beating myself up with guilt because I said I would stop by and didn't. I can't imagine ever having a disagreement with Rich, but if I did, I would not be able to handle how I would've felt then.

Rich loved so freely, and in return, everyone who knew him loved him. It was the best kind of love, it was sincere.

When you hear Harmonium, think about Rich. Let it be a reminder that we only have one life. I'm going to make mine count.

A memorial fund has been set up in Rich's name. The proceeds will be used to finish and release the Harmonium album to make Rich's dream come true. Donations can be sent to the Rich Toomey fund at Calvary Chapel. The address is 312 Bluebird Drive, Goodlettsville, TN 37072.

The Indinet Record Shop is also planning a memorial show in the near future. The remaining members of Harmonium will be there to honor Rich. The show will be a free show to everyone who wants to come out, but donations for the Rich Toomey fund will be accepted.

Marilyn Mathis is a Public Relations major and weekly music writer for Sidelines.

Roy Rogers dies at 86

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Roy Rogers, the singing "King of the Cowboys" whose straight-shooting exploits with wife and partner Dale Evans made him a hero to generations of fans and No. 1 at the box office, died today. He was 86.

Rogers, who suffered from congestive heart failure, died in sleep at his home in the desert community of Apple Valley, said his spokeswoman, Jane Hansen.

At the White House, President Clinton praised Rogers, saying his lengthy career reflected true American values.

"Today there will be a lot of sad and grateful Americans, especially of my generation, because of his career," said Clinton, who grew up admiring Rogers, his cowboy exploits and his rags-to-riches success story.

Rogers was a Depression-era truck driver and peach picker, then a successful country singer with the Sons of the Pioneers before he landed a \$75 a week job in 1937 as singing cowboy at Hollywood's Republic Studio.

Armed with a guitar, six-shooters, good looks and charm, Rogers rose in salary

and popularity to "King of the Cowboys." From 1943 to 1954, he was the top Western star at the box office in a magazine poll of theater operators.

Loaded with fights and chases that corralled the bad guys, his 87 films, with names like "Under Western Stars" and "Song of Arizona," were especially popular in small towns. His television series, which ran from 1951 to 1957, and thereafter in reruns, had similar appeal.

Rogers preferred to play down violence, shooting the gun out of the villain's hand, rather than hurting the villain himself. He criticized more violent Westerns.

"When I was a boy, our parents taught us that hitting below the belt was a cowardly thing," he once said. "I don't believe this kind of thing is 'entertainment' no matter how you look at it."

In many films and in the television series, he co-starred with Miss Evans, whom he married in 1947. She was the co-writer of their theme song, "Happy Trails to You."

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Athletes can have a bad temper too

If you like the Jerry Springer show, you'll love sports.

Summertime is here and it is hot. Unfortunately, so are the tempers.

My temper gets worse in the summer and so do those of many others who are trying to make some extra cash or are still tortured by the institution of higher learning.

That's why it's good to go on a long, long summer vacation every year. We all need it sometimes.

These tempers are being displayed in the sports world today.

Sure, we talk about sportsmanlike conduct in sports today, but when it comes down to pros, who cares? If you're good, you can get away with just about anything.

Most of the time, high school and collegiate athletes will get pulled off the team for misbehaving. It may be permanent.

But if you're a superstar on the professional level, people will still want you on the team. It doesn't matter if you kick a photographer in the groin or waylay a pitcher with a hard right in a bench-clearing brawl. Your skills and bad behavior are bringing in the money.

Just think about last week's Wimbledon. Guess who was making the news. The Americans, of course.

During her 7-5, 7-6 (7-2) loss to later champion Jana Novotna in the quarterfinals, Venus Williams, straight from Compton, was pointing her finger in a gun-like fashion to the line judge after a close call saying, "You know it [ball] was out, she knows it was out and everyone out here knows it was out."

Just like a Springer audience, the crowd enjoyed the outburst and began to boo and hiss.

I just count my blessings everyday that I'm not a French cop. If I were, I would expect a big, fat raise.

Mild-mannered Clark Kent, excuse me, Pete Sampras, threw his racket into the crowd and argued with the judge in the semifinals.

The pressure was all on him. Many people expected him to win Wimbledon. However, the crowd wasn't on his side this time. It was cheering for the hometown favorite Tim Henman.

Sampras won the match 6-3, 4-6, 7-5, 6-3 and later won the championship.

None of us can forget this year's World Cup soccer in Paris.

It's such a peaceful time when nations across the world unite in harmony to share together something they all richly have in common, the love for the game.

Yeah, right. I just count my blessings everyday that I'm not a French cop. If I were, I would expect a big, fat raise.

It's bad enough if you have to call the authorities from England and Argentina and say, "Come help us control your people."

Argentina defeated England in the quarterfinals, but there was no post-game celebrations for the South Americans. Instead, there was a post-game war between the two countries in Paris.

Iran went home after elimination, but all the Iranians greeted their team home with a great celebration. After all, they did beat the Americans. Such peace and love.

We also can't forget some of the bench-clearing brawls in baseball. Many of them fight like the guests on Springer; they throw punches, but they're too scared to land them on

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Sampras back to his old super self at Wimbledon

The world's No. 1 tennis player wins the Wimbledon trophy again

WIMBLEDON, England - The only predictable thing about men's tennis these days is that Pete Sampras is untouchable at Wimbledon.

For the past 12 months, the world's No. 1 player had been pretty average. He lost to journeyman players, suffered from burnout and failed to get past the quarters of the U.S., Australian or French Opens.

So what happens when Sampras returns to Centre Court to defend his title at the All England Club?

He becomes Superman again.

"Now I guess I'm out of my slump," Sampras said after his 6-7 (7-2), 7-6 (11-9), 6-4, 3-6, 6-2 victory over Goran Ivanisevic on Sunday, the American's fifth Wimbledon title in six years.

Two weeks on grass were enough to lift Sampras back to his dominant best and elevate him a notch higher on the list of greats.

He tied Bjorn Borg for the most Wimbledon titles in the modern era and moved within one victory of Roy Emerson's record of 12 Grand Slam championships, equalling Borg and Laver with 11.

If they played more Slams on grass, Sampras would surely be way ahead by now.

"I'm probably more comfortable on this court than any court in the world," he said. "With all the surroundings, and the ball kids and everything, it just

seems like it's comfortable. It's like my practice court. I've played a lot of big matches on that court and when you're comfortable playing somewhere, you're going to play well."

No kidding. Since 1992, Sampras has won 44 matches and lost two at Wimbledon.

"If there's one thing that elevates my tennis, it's this place, the court, the historical meaning that this tournament has to me as a kid growing up," he said. "It's not easy each week you play on the tour to get motivated, and I have no problem getting motivated for this one."

Sampras was 8 years old when Borg won his fifth straight title in 1980.

"As a kid when I saw Borg's five, I never thought that I would be a position to tie it," he said. "It's a little overwhelming to think about it."

Sampras plans to savor this victory before thinking about going after Emerson's mark.

"When the U.S. Open comes around, I'll be thinking about trying to achieve another goal," he said. "But I feel like I've got a lot of good years left

in me, that I can do it, and it's a number out there that I feel like I can achieve."

Sampras' victory further enhanced his status as the greatest player of his generation. Whether he is the greatest ever remains a matter of debate.

"I put him in the godlike stratosphere with Laver and Borg," three-time champ John McEnroe said. "You have to put those people in the upper echelon. It's hard to say who is the best."

Laver twice achieved the Grand Slam, sweeping all four majors in the same year. Borg won the French Open six times, but never won the U.S. or Australian Opens.

The knock on Sampras is that he has never won the French, the only Grand Slam event played on clay. He has

never been past the semifinals in Paris, and last month lost in the second round to little known Ramon Delgado.

In addition to his Wimbledon titles, Sampras has won the U.S. Open four times and the Australian twice.

"I guess it's a little bit of a notch higher," McEnroe said. "It would be



more easy to argue he's the best if he won the French."

For Ivanisevic, it might have been his best - and last - chance at winning a major. Losing in his third Wimbledon final, after previous defeats to Andre Agassi in 1992 and Sampras in 1994, was heart-breaking for the 26-year-old Croatian.

"It's the worst moment in my life," Ivanisevic said. "I know I've had some bad moments - when you are sick or when somebody dies - but for me this is the worst thing ever. Nobody died yet, but it's tough. Now I have to be motivated to play tennis again. I don't know how long it's going to take."

Sunday's match was a slugfest of brute force, with no rally longer than eight strokes, a display of power tennis at its best - or most tedious.

Ivanisevic served 32 aces, but also had 20 double faults. Sampras had only 12 aces, but scored repeatedly with his big second serve.

The match showed Sampras' way in the second-set tiebreaker, when Ivanisevic twice missed backhand passing shots that would have put him ahead two sets to love.

"I felt the match slipping away in the breaker," Sampras said. "I thought 'God, this could be Goran's year.'"

Even after Sampras took the second and third sets, Ivanisevic pushed him to the limit before wilting in the fifth.

"Compared to all the finals I've played, this is by far the toughest," Sampras said. "It was just a couple of points here and there. I was able to raise my level just a little bit in the fifth set. The next thing I knew I won the match. It was kind of a weird feeling."

And by now, a familiar one, too.

Dale Earnhardt Jr. wins Die Hard 250

WEST ALLIS, Wis. (AP) - Dale Earnhardt Jr.'s car was so good in the DieHard 250 that he never considered pushing it.

"I couldn't really tell whether we were that good or not," the third-generation NASCAR star Sunday. "I just wasn't taking any chances. It seemed like the harder I tried to run, the slower I ran."

Earnhardt led three times for 208 of the 250 laps on The Milwaukee Mile, stretching his advantage to more than 20 seconds during long periods of green-flag racing. He finished 5.483 seconds ahead of Elton Sawyer.

"We were just awesome," said

Earnhardt, a three-time winner this year on the Grand National circuit. "Tony Eury Sr. (crew chief) and Tony Eury Jr. told me this car was going to be awesome today. They were right."

Earnhardt, the 23-year-old son of seven-time Winston Cup champion Dale Earnhardt, averaged 97.890 mph in his Chevrolet Monte Carlo. The race was slowed by six cautions periods that covered 29 laps.

Sawyer was the fastest qualifier Saturday, but his Ford was dropped to the rear of the field after an inspection determined the team's fuel supply did not meet NASCAR's benchmark.

"What happened yesterday was just kind of a fluke deal," Sawyer said. "It was a bad situation. It was embarrassing for me, for my race team and for our sponsors. We came out here today and showed what we're really made out of. It was a great effort."

Jeff Purvis finished third, followed by David Green, points leader Matt Kenseth, Mike McLaughlin, 1996 winner Buckshot Jones, Tim Fedewa, Joe Bessey, and 1997 winner Randy LaJoie.

Kenseth leads McLaughlin by 20 points and Earnhardt is 22 points back.

Red Wings sign free agent Krupp

DETROIT (AP)—Uwe Krupp scored the biggest goal in Colorado Avalanche history. Now he will be playing for their heated rivals.

Krupp, who scored the overtime goal that gave the Colorado Avalanche the 1996 Stanley Cup, signed a four-year contract with the Stanley Cup champion Detroit Red Wings on Monday.

"Certainly we know playing against Uwe the last few years with our friendly rivalry down the road, Colorado, what an important player he's been to their success the last few years," Detroit general manager Ken Holland said.

Krupp, a 6-foot-6 defenseman from Germany, was equally pleased to have the chance to play for the Red Wings.

"I'm very excited to be here ... It's interesting to play against Detroit from the other side. Now, I'm thrilled to be here," he said after putting on his new No. 4 red jersey.

Negotiations with Krupp, an unrestricted free-agent defenseman who was chosen by Nashville in June's

expansion draft, were quick and quiet. Terms of the contract were not released. Holland said only that Krupp went for the going rate for players of his caliber.

"The important thing is we really feel we've solidified our defense position," Holland said.

Krupp, who made \$1.5 million last season, received an offer to stay with the Avalanche late in the season, but his agent, Roland Thompson, said it wasn't as much as he was likely to receive on the open market.

Krupp said playing for the Wings was a top choice after he became a free agent last month.

"It's very hard to pass up," he said. "It's the best team in the league ... It's tough to say 'no' I'd rather go to another team. A Stanley Cup contender and Stanley Cup champion, it's certainly a great honor as a player at least to show interest in you. It was a big factor," Krupp said.

Another draw was the possibility of playing for coach Scotty Bowman, who drafted him in Buffalo in 1983.

Entry Draft. "Scotty Bowman is basically responsible for me being in North America playing hockey," Krupp said. Holland said it is uncertain whether Bowman will be back at the head of the team.

"We certainly anticipate that he's going to be back," he said. "I'm pretty certain that Scotty's going to be back but we're certainly still awaiting his final decision."

The 12-year NHL veteran spent the last three seasons with the Avalanche, and the one before that in Quebec, before the franchise moved to Colorado.

Krupp, 33, led the Avalanche in plus/minus this past season with a plus-21, which tied him for 14th in the league. He had nine goals and 22 assists in 78 games.

He became an All-Star in 1991 with Buffalo, a season in which he had career highs of 12 goals and 32 assists. Krupp has played in 695 regular-season games, also with the New York Islanders after Buffalo.

All-Star games serves up attitude with altitude

DENVER (AP) - Kevin Costner had no trouble reaching the seats at Coors Field. John Elway parked one in the right-field stands during batting practice, country singer Tim McGraw went deep to left.

So, what's going to stop Mark McGwire, Ken Griffey Jr., Juan Gonzalez and the real sluggers from knocking a ball into Wyoming when they bring a longball attitude to the All-Star altitude?

"I think I have a vision of a high-scoring game," AL starter David Wells of the New York Yankees said Monday, "but hopefully not when I'm in there."

Just in case, he's got a strategy for pitching in Denver - "Duck!"

Clearly, home runs are in the forecast for Tuesday night's game.

In the year that Roger Maris' record of 61 is in danger, fans are no doubt hoping to see a repeat of the 1971 game when future Hall of Famers Reggie Jackson, Hank Aaron, Johnny Bench, Roberto Clemente, Frank Robinson and Harmon Killebrew all connected at Tiger Stadium.

Same might come true at Coors. "It's a great hitter's ballpark," said McGwire, leading the big leagues with 37 homers.

Even though more home runs were hit at Coors than any other park in 1996 and 1997, there are plenty of other ways to score.

"You have to realize that Coors

Field has a gigantic outfield where balls will fall in," McGwire said. "Normal singles in most ballparks will be doubles if you have speed."

No wonder Omar Vizquel, the only non-pitcher on the AL squad without a homer, volunteered to take Griffey's place in Monday's home-run derby.

"I hear anyone can hit one here," the Cleveland shortstop said.

Griffey, the top vote-getter in fan balloting for All-Star starters, was booted after saying he would back out of the contest. But he was in the AL lineup for the derby when it began.

Pitching at Coors, meanwhile, presents all sorts of problems.

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American League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	61	20	.753	
Boston	52	33	.612	11
Toronto	46	42	.523	18 1/2
Baltimore	38	50	.432	26 1/2
Tampa Bay	34	52	.395	29 1/2

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	50	35	.588	
Minnesota	40	46	.465	10 1/2
Kansas City	38	48	.442	12 1/2
Chicago	35	51	.407	15 1/2
Detroit	34	50	.405	15 1/2

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Anaheim	49	37	.570	
Texas	48	39	.552	1 1/2
Oakland	41	45	.477	8
Seattle	37	51	.420	13

National League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	59	29	.670	
New York	44	39	.530	12 1/2
Philadelphia	43	42	.506	14 1/2
Montreal	34	52	.395	24
Florida	32	55	.368	26 1/2

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	53	34	.609	
Chicago	48	39	.552	5
Milwaukee	43	42	.506	9
St. Louis	40	46	.465	12 1/2
Pittsburgh	40	48	.455	13 1/2
Cincinnati	39	50	.438	15

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Diego	57	31	.648	
San Francisco	52	37	.584	5 1/2
Los Angeles	43	44	.494	13 1/2
Colorado	37	52	.416	20 1/2
Arizona	30	58	.341	27

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Stay Fit Jennie Treadway



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However, weather plays a part in our bodies' temperature. The heat can get so high that our bodies cannot counteract it. This leads to heat exhaustion and often a heat stroke.

The humidity, too, can have a suffocating effect. This is why you may have a hard time breathing normally outside this summer — even in everyday activity, such as walking to class.

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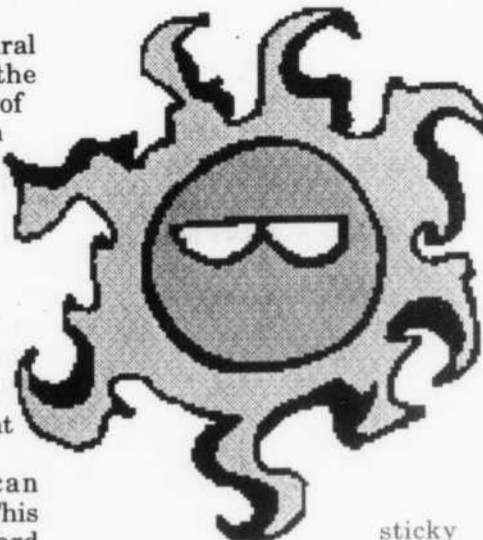
Before venturing out into the heat after your indoor workout, take a swim in the pool to cool off. Lowering your body temperature before going outside again can hold off that uncomfortable feeling that the heat is taking over your senses.

If you are anti-gym and prefer the outdoors above all else, no problem. You can keep exercising outside, but take caution.

Try to schedule your workout in the morning or evening. Exercise before 10 a.m. or after 5 p.m. to avoid being in direct sunlight. The temperature will be cooler, the humidity will have gone down and you lessen the risk of skin damage from the UV rays.

Drinking plenty of water will also help keep your body cooled down. Drink at least one glass (one cup) about 30 minutes before your workout and at least three glasses afterward.

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NEW YORK (AP) - The New York Mets announced catcher-turned-outfielder Todd Hundley, who had reconstructive surgery on his right elbow last September, will return to the major league team for Saturday's game against Montreal.

DETROIT (AP) - Two years after scoring the biggest goal in Colorado Avalanche history, Uwe Krupp will be playing for their heated rivals. Krupp, who scored the overtime goal that gave the Colorado Avalanche the 1996 Stanley Cup, signed a four-year contract with the Stanley Cup champion Detroit Red Wings.

BASTAD, Sweden (AP) - Top-seeded Magnus Gustafsson routed Fredrik Johansson 6-3, 6-1, in the opening round of the Swedish Open. Gustafsson, a qualifier from Austria, beat Andreas Vinciguerra 6-2, 1-6, 7-6 (7-5).

PRAGUE, Czech Republic (AP) - Seventh-seeded Ruxandra Dragomir beat Kvetoslava Hrdlickova in straight sets to advance to the second round of the Skoda Czech Open women's clay court tournament.

GSTAAD, Switzerland (AP) - Second-seeded Yevgeny Kafelnikov was upset 6-3, 4-6, 6-3 in the opening round of the Swiss Open by Fernando Meligeni. It was Kafelnikov's second consecutive opening-round loss, following his first-round ouster at Wimbledon by Mark Philippoussis.

NEWPORT, R.I. (AP) - Sargisian champion Sargis Sargsian dropped the first set, but rallied to beat Daniel Nestor in three sets in the first round of the Miller Lite Hall of Fame Tennis Championships. The fourth-seeded Sargsian became the first Armenian to win an ATP title when he won this tournament last year.

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"Slider don't slide as much, curve don't curve as much," NL starter Greg Maddux of Atlanta said.

Maddux, a four-time Cy Young winner, knows from first-hand experience. In three starts at Coors, he's allowed 14 earned runs in 18 1-3 innings.

"I think probably one of the biggest things is the outfielders have to play a little bit deeper and you always give up the extra base on a base hit," he said. "Instead of runners at first and second, it's always first and third."

Which is fine with NL batting champion Tony Gwynn.

"I think most people expect to see some home runs, some hitting, some high-powered offense," said Diego Olfender of the San Diego Padres. "But there might not be. This game is really based on pitching. If the pitches are throwing the ball good, it could be 2-1, 3-2."

"If they're getting the ball up, that's going to be the key. If they get the ball up in this ballpark, you don't have to hit it good to get it out. You don't have to hit it good to get a base hit," he said. "I think a lot of people will be watching this."

The NL leads the series 40-

27-1, and the highest-scoring game came in 1954 when the AL won 11-9. There have been at least two homers in each of the last seven games.

Remember, though, what happened the last time all the attention was on offense at the All-Star game. It was 1987, the year of the lively ball and home runs by the bunch.

That season, with Mike Schmidt and Andre Dawson and a rookie named McGwire playing, the game was scoreless until the 13th inning.

Then again, watching McGwire and his buddies swing Monday - in a light rain, no less - it looks like it might be a busy night for the scoreboard operator.

And a fun night for those who get to watch. Like Chicago Cubs outfielder Sammy Sosa, who has 33 home runs but is sidelined by a bad shoulder.

"The way that Griffey swings, that's something that's natural," Sosa said. "Almost the same with Mark."

"Myself, I'm crazy. I'm swinging the bat all the way," he said. "If I'm not swinging the bat hard, I think I've been cheating myself."

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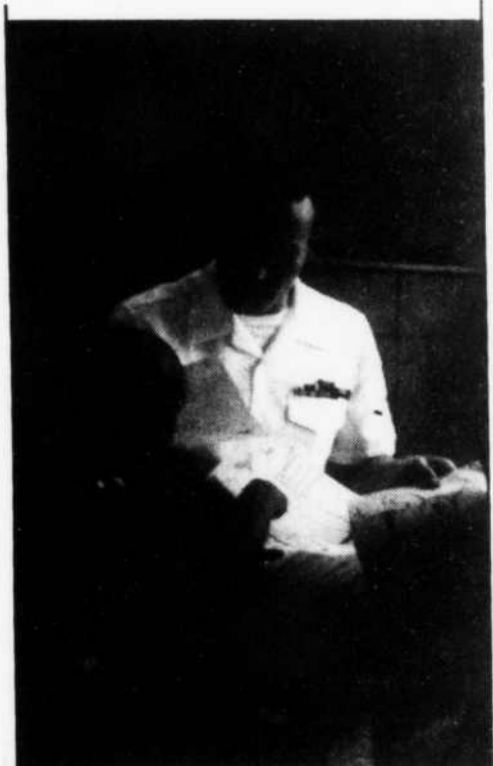
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