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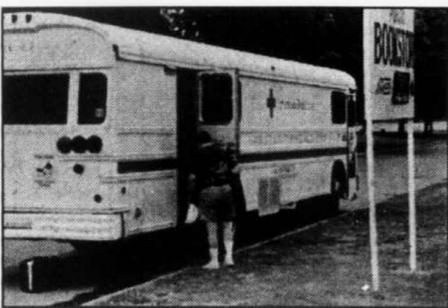


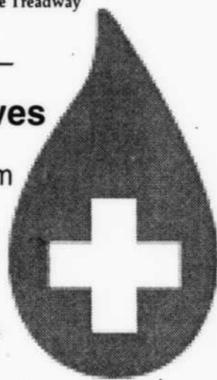
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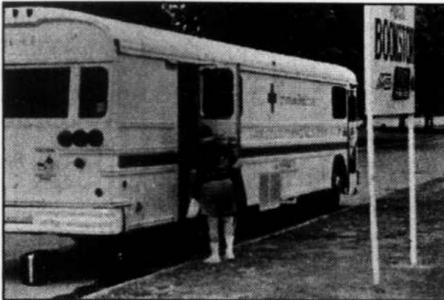


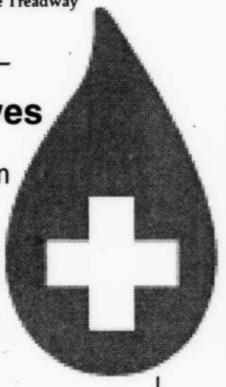
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The 30-bed Baptist Memorial Restorative Care Hospital, for example, has recently hired 16 nurses from Canada, where there is a glut.

A Tennessee Hospital Association survey released last month found there were 727

nursing vacancies in 60 hospitals across the state, including 482 in Memphis.

The shortage of nurses is part of a cycle, health care professionals say.

"People tend to go where the money is," said Lola Llewellyn, vice president of nursing at Methodist School of Nursing. "When the economy is good, you don't have as many people going to nursing school."

Elizabeth Clarke, an assistant vice president at Methodist, said 99 percent of its graduates are hired before they get out of school.

In Canada, meanwhile, nurses are relatively easy to find. Nearly half - 47 percent - are working part-time.

"I don't think I'll go back without a job," said Chris Pinkney, 23, who moved to Memphis from Kingston,

Ontario, and works at Baptist Restorative Care Hospital.

The hospital's administrator, Rose-Anne Cunningham, said the Canadian nurses have been embraced by the staff and patients.

"We wanted nurses with keen assessment skills and who were pro-active with patients," she said.

There are actually more

nurses working in Tennessee now than there were 10 years ago. But managed health care has tended to spread the jobs around, leaving hospitals to compete with clinics, insurance programs and others that may offer better working conditions.

"The experienced nurses are getting those jobs," said Pam Stewart of Methodist.

Educators say students are starting to notice the

opportunities.

"Many young people recognize there is a great need for nurses and they will be able to get jobs," said Veta Massey, dean of nursing at Baptist College of Health Sciences.

The average starting salary for nurses in Tennessee ranges from \$27,400 to about \$35,000, according to the American Nurses Association.

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The board of trustees of the ACT Corp is composed of eight members elected from state organizations and seven at-large members. The 15-member board meets quarterly.

"Cliff's knowledge and expertise in matters of college admissions is well known throughout the country," said

Barbara Haskew, provost and vice president for academic affairs. "I feel sure that his understanding of testing and admission issues will add important insights to the membership of this board."

"We are very proud of him and his contributions to this area and many other important areas of the university," Haskew said.

Gillespie is completing his 28th year at MTSU and has held positions in both admissions and records and served as dean for 21 years. He has served on numerous committees and boards and was the first chair of the Tennessee Board of Regents admissions and records officers advisory group and also served on the academic requirements committee of the National Collegiate Athletic Association.

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Startup problems nothing extraordinary, plant officials say

UNION CITY, Tenn. (AP) - Starting a poultry processing plant can cause unpredictable effects on the environment, officials of Tyson Foods Inc. say.

Tyson began slaughtering chickens in January at its new West Tennessee plant.

Fishermen say the Obion River has gotten milky in spots since the plant opened.

Tennessee and Tyson officials say the murky discharges resulted from startup problems that have since been corrected.

Pat Patrick, a manager with the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation's Jackson office, said the problem stemmed from the failure to control a type of bacteria.

As a result, Tyson chalked up monthly violations for ammonia, solids and the amount of oxygen-consuming material in the discharges.

Much of the wastewater at the plant comes from the washdown and disinfecting of equipment, she said. The wastewater

can contain grease, flour and blood.

Patrick said Tyson, based in Springdale, Ark., moved quickly to remedy the pollution.

"They were being very responsive," she said. "They were telling us what was happening."

The discharges caused very little actual damage to the river and since have been cleaned up, she said. There have been no violations since April.

Ed Nicholson, a spokesman for Tyson, said the situation reflected the kind of difficulties often found in launching a treatment plant that uses microbes to break down waste.

"Putting a new facility in is kind of like putting a new garden in," he said. "You have organic factors working on other organic factors, and sometimes things happen that you don't predict."

Besides the processing plant, Tyson's operations include a hatchery, feed mill and wastewater treatment plant. Already,

more than 150 poultry houses have sprung up to supply Tyson.

The company employs more than 900 people in Union City, and additional workers will be needed within the next several months as production steps up. The plant eventually could slaughter up to 2 million chickens a week and process them into patties and nuggets for restaurants.

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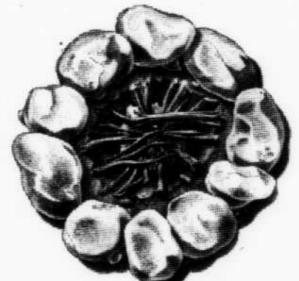
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Hillary Clinton seeks to salvage history

WEST ORANGE, N.J. (AP) - Hillary Rodham Clinton, exploring the New Jersey lab where Thomas Edison invented many modern conveniences, said today there are endangered historical sites in every community that are worth saving.

"Some places can kind of hobble along" without major expenditures while "others are literally falling apart and may have to be condemned," she said on NBC's "Today" show. "The good news is that Americans have a great interest in our history and a lot of work is being done."

Mrs. Clinton is visiting several historical sites to call attention to the need to protect the nation's artifacts and records.

The Edison National Historic Site, inside a collection of red brick buildings, is less a museum than a repository for artifacts and papers documenting 44 years of Edison's work.

For years, the papers have been

stored, uncatalogued, in boxes throughout the facility - quite a casual arrangement for a man credited as the founder of modern American science, the holder of more patents than anyone in U.S. history.

"I was stunned," Mrs. Clinton said Monday, noting that 400,000 artifacts, including prototypes of Edison's inventions, his lab notes and recordings - as well as 5 million pieces of paper - "were sitting, literally, in boxes that could be destroyed at the drop of a match or the strike of a lightning bolt."

The facility, where Edison developed alkaline batteries and the phonograph, became the responsibility of the National Park Service in 1956. But the service hardly has enough money to care for Edison's work, Mrs. Clinton said, because it has a \$1.2 billion maintenance backlog.

"The amount of responsibility we have put on the shoulders of the Park Service is something they cannot bear alone," the

first lady said. "The rest of us, in the public and private and nonprofit sectors, have to help out."

Some of that help was expected today from General Electric, the latest corporation to step up to the call for private investment for salvaging national treasures. GE was created through an 1892 merger between the Edison General Electric Company and another company.

The Edison lab was the first stop of a busy day for the first lady. Her bus tour was proceeding to Newburgh, N.Y., headquarters of George Washington's Continental Army, before traveling to Massachusetts.

There, Mrs. Clinton was to tour the Colonial Theater in Pittsfield, Mass., a 95-year-old, acoustically superior opera house that now is a paint store, and the Lenox, Mass. home of Edith Wharton, the first woman to win the Pulitzer Prize for fiction.

Newsman Paul Harvey dies at 85

SALEM, Ore. (AP) - Paul W. Harvey Jr. believed journalists should report the news, not shape it. But when asked to testify about the death penalty, the Associated Press reporter who witnessed the executions of 16 men argued passionately against it.

Lawmakers later abolished the death penalty.

Harvey, who covered 11 Oregon governors and 18 legislatures, died Monday at 85.

Harvey joined the Salem bureau in 1937 before the present Oregon State Capitol building was completed. He stayed for 37 years, one of the longest tenures of any AP state capital reporter.

"He was the best reporter I ever met and I met many," said Albert L. McCready, former managing editor of "The [Portland] Oregonian." "He could compose a story in his head and it was always accurate."

Harvey remembered three stories as the most significant of his career: a 1947 plane crash that killed Gov. Earl Snell and three others; the 1968 riot at the Oregon State Penitentiary; and accidental poisonings that killed 47 patients at the Oregon State Hospital, a mental hospital, in 1942. Insecticide had been mistaken for powdered milk and mixed into scrambled eggs.

His darkest days, however, were when he was asked to witness an execution. He watched 16 men die in the gas chamber and once said not one ever went defiantly as portrayed in the movies. His first execution in 1939 made him ill. He couldn't eat for a

day. The execution of a mildly retarded 17-year-old field hand forged Harvey's conviction that capital punishment was wrong. In 1963, a legislative committee considering the issue subpoenaed Harvey.

Harvey agreed to testify and spoke passionately. The Legislature put the question before the public, which voted to repeal capital punishment in 1964. Twenty years later, Oregon voters reinstated it.

Harvey retired from the AP in 1975, becoming a weekly columnist for the "Oregon Statesman-Journal" in Salem. He also served for a time on the Oregon Government Ethics Commission.

Although Harvey shared the name of the celebrated broadcaster Paul Harvey, they were not related. In 1985, U.S. News & World Report mistakenly illustrated a story about the radio personality with a 1938 picture of the Oregon journalist.

His father, Paul Sr., was news editor of "The [Tacoma, Wash.] News-Tribune" for 40 years. And two of the three sons born to him and his wife, Eleanor, also became journalists. John is a senior editor at "The Oregonian," Paul III retired after a career as a sportswriter and wire editor for "The [Eugene] Register-Guard."

Harvey is survived by a brother, Warren of Gig Harbor, Wash.; a sister, Mary Gail Skinner of Olympia; three sons, Paul III and Warren, both of Eugene, and John of Portland; 12 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Japan leader considers resigning as ruling party

TOKYO (AP) — Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto, whose policies failed to pull Japan from its worst recession since World War II, faced the most serious political crisis of his 30-year career Monday after voters handed his Liberal Democrats an embarrassing setback in parliamentary elections.

Hashimoto began meeting with party leaders around noon Monday to discuss his possible resignation in the face of voter anger over the ailing economy.

The Liberal Democratic Party won just 44 seats out of the 126 contested — half of Parliament's upper house — in Sunday's elections, according to national broadcaster NHK television.

The number is far short of the 69 seats his party needed to regain a majority in the chamber, which it lost in 1989, and fell far short of matching its current strength of 61. Party leaders have indicated that if they failed to match their current strength, they would seek Hashimoto's resignation.

"As a politician, in my heart, I have decided what I must do," Hashimoto said after the vote became clear.

Though he refused to say what his decision might be, his comments suggested that he might resign. He scheduled a news conference to follow immediately after the party meeting.

Party leaders had already begun discussing who would replace Hashimoto, according to NHK. Foreign Minister Keizo Obuchi and former Chief Cabinet Secretary Seiroku Kajiyama were seen as the most likely successors.

Despite the election results, the conservative, pro-business Liberal Democrats will continue to govern because they have firm control over the more powerful lower house, which can pass the national budget and choose the prime minister without the approval of the upper house. If he steps down, Hashimoto's replacement would be another Liberal Democratic legislator.

But without control of the upper house, his party would need the cooperation of other parties to pass key legislation.

"The results are entirely my responsibility," he said. "Everyone has handed down their judgment, and we must accept that with sincerity."

Hashimoto's resignation would likely confuse Japan's efforts to pull itself out of its recession, and concerns over a leadership change sent markets plunging.

In early trading, the Nikkei Stock Average fell 1.35 percent, while the U.S. dollar soared to 144.06 yen, up 2.73 yen.

"We must fix the economy as soon as possible" said Takashi Imai, head of the powerful Japan Federation of Economic Organizations. "We cannot afford to have a political vacuum."

With Japan struggling economically, many voters clearly were fed up. Unemployment is at a record high, consumer spending is plummeting, Japan's financial system is on the verge of a meltdown and major banks are overwhelmed with bad loans.

The Liberals' embarrassing performance has led emboldened opposition parties to begin calling for the dissolution of the lower house and for general elections to be held soon.

With politics in turmoil in the short term, efforts to implement economic reforms may stall and send an already

skeptical market falling further.

But John Neuffer, a senior research fellow who follows Japanese politics at Mitsui Marine Research Institute, a Tokyo think tank, said the opposition was too fragmented to pose a real threat to the Liberal Democrats.

"The LDP remains the only show in town when it comes to running the government," he said.

The electoral humiliation may prompt the Liberal Democrats and the government to work harder to get the economy back on track, Neuffer said.

Toward the end of the campaign, the Liberal Democrats flip-flopped on cutting income taxes. Many voters, as well as the United States, considered tax cuts a key factor for economic recovery.

The Democrats — a liberal, relatively new party that recently emerged as the main opposition threat to the LDP — promised such a tax cut early in the campaign.

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New football season will test team, fans and opponents

This football season represents many challenges to the entire campus.

No. 1: the Blue Raiders have a chance to redeem last season's subpar performance. Going to Division I-A and playing teams like the University of Florida Gators will not be pleasant if the team plays as it has the past few seasons. And don't think for a minute that Steve Spurrier will not run the score up to 200-3 just because we happen to be Middle Tennessee State University, because he will. But that's next year. First we must focus on the 1998 season. This season gives the Blue Raiders a chance to prove they are a team worthy of Division I-A opponents.

No. 2: the Sept. 5 season opener gives our entire university the chance to pick on TSU.

No. 3: the 1998 season gives students at Snuffy State a chance to go to four more football games. It is true that most students work at this university, but more than 300, which is the approximate homecoming attendance last year, could and should attend the games. Why not act like an actual college student and applaud to the efforts of fellow students? Because when our football team goes to Division I-A, they will be a money-making machine. Good intentions somehow have a snowball effect. It is time we get our snowball rolling.

No. 4: the 1998 season will also allow the Murfreesboro community and MTSU alumni to support their alma mater. Contributing while being a student comes first, but support after graduation can be even more important.

No. 5: very few football programs are successful without an entire slew of dedicated, insane fans.

No. 6: game hot dogs are unbeatable.

No. 7: we have a new stadium and if the sun is shining, the players will not be able to see due to the sun reflecting in their eyes. Now this may become an eventual advantage when we do play Division I-A teams, but for now hopefully we can compete without temporarily blinding our opponents.



Editors control media credibility

□ Don Kaul/CPS

What's the world coming to? Now they're firing columnists for making up things. They did it a week or two ago in Boston, when the "Boston Globe" discovered that one of its columnists — Patricia Smith, a Pulitzer Prize finalist this year — had, on occasion, invented a source or a quote to flesh out an idea. She was dismissed and the paper began combing the columns of her nationally known colleague, Mike Barnacle, for similar indiscretions, apparently without finding any.

This followed close on the heels of the similar but crucially different saga of Stephen Glass, a young writer of growing national reputation who was caught making up entire articles for the "New Republic" and other national publications, and passing them off as hard fact. He was forced to resign his various contributing-editorships in disgrace. When last heard of, his friends were holding a "suicide watch" over his distressed psyche.

Glass got what he deserved (invention on that scale suggests a screw loose somewhere), but I must admit to having some sympathy for Smith.

Writing a column is a hard job. Ed Lahey, a Washington correspondent and columnist for the "Chicago Daily News" in the '40s and '50s, once likened it to being married to a nymphomaniac.

Moreover, a columnist is required to be entertaining, whether anything entertaining is happening or not. (And

sometimes, of late, we Washington columnists have felt like soap bubble manufacturers in the Sahara desert.)

And so, from time to time, some columnists are led into improving on drab reality by manufacturing a quote or inventing a colorful personality to enliven the reader's day. (Not that I've ever done it myself, you understand, but I can certainly understand it happening.) No harm is meant.

Do you think that Finley Peter Dunne actually spent his time interviewing a barkeep named Mr. Dooley? Did Mike Royko really have a buddy known as Slat Grobnik? They are harmless inventions, designed to give the writer a voice other than his own to speak in.

I realize that's somewhat different from what Smith did. Dunne and Royko were creating fictional characters who were understood by the reader to be make-believe. She apparently hoped to fool people.

In any case, if editors are worried about the credibility of their publications (and there seems to be a lot of that going around these days), they would better look to improving their own performance, rather than making examples of poor, overworked columnists desperate for an idea to fill the space that yawns before them each day like an open grave.

It's been decades since the credibility of the press has been at so low an ebb and for good reason. There is no story so base or flimsy that it can't find its way into the mainstream press, so

long as it first appears on the Internet, where standards of taste, accuracy and verifiability are nonexistent. Matt Drudge, who is to journalism what homeless people are to the American Dream, has appeared as a panelist on "Meet the Press," for crying out loud!

The Monica Lewinsky food-fight has provided us with the spectacle of formerly great news-gathering organizations falling all over themselves to print and broadcast rumors, innuendo and unsubstantiated gossip. It was not always thus.

When I broke into this business nearly 40 years ago, editors came equipped with BS detectors that would filter out the more passionate overstatements of reporters who, fresh from the kill, had overstepped the bounds of propriety. I can imagine taking a loosely sourced story to my first boss, Frank Eyerly of the Des Moines Register.

"Veteran observers said that?" he'd say. "What war are they veterans of? Do they have names? I think what I'll do is assign a real reporter to this story. Maybe he can get some of these veteran observers to reveal their names and their occupations, just to make sure their observations mean something. Why don't you go and write some obits until you calm down? And make sure you identify the deceased."

Editors are not like that anymore. Now they wait until the embellishments hit the fan and fire the poor columnist.

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'Tech' leaves users without support.

□ Jacquelyn Mitchard/CPS

We knew that we would be told, many times, that our estimated wait would be "less than 10 minutes."

We understood, and accepted, that we would need to talk to four operatives, two supervisors and a product specialist. We didn't expect the mice.

For the past several weeks, my assistant Susan, a very game sort of woman, had engaged the battle to make the modems for our new computers work. We'd bought the very best sort of modem, speedy, agile and capable, and counted upon the promised and much-vaunted support of the Big Company and its 24-hour help line.

We would never, all the literature promised, walk alone.

The first thing we learned about the 24-hour help line was that, indeed, it rang around the clock. The fact that during 16 of those 24 hours, nobody answered, not even a machine, was not, to us, a real cause for alarm.

After all, the Big Company is a big company, and anything was possible.

We finally reached the "tech support" center one morning after only about eleven rings. The estimated wait of less than 10 minutes was 30 minutes.

We called back. Another 30-minute 10-minute wait.

We called back, Susan valiantly pressing zero on the telephone key pad the way phone-savvy people are supposed to do to defeat convoluted voice-mail systems. Thirty more minutes passed.

Susan and I conferred. After repeating several word combinations we would not have permitted our children to get away with, we tried again. And, after a wait of less than 10 minutes, we were

connected with an actual support person.

By then, Susan had lost most of her verbal skills. But she soldiered through a series of tasks and tests, requiring several phones, a fax machine and — I would assume — a vegetable steamer and a crystal ball (what do people do who don't have fax machines, three phone lines and a printer?). At the end of this interval, the tech support person told Susan, "Well, these tests prove it. The modem is fine."

"It does not work," Susan offered.

"It is not defective," the techie said.

"And yet, our computer consultant hooked up other modems that worked. He said it is not a software problem."

"Is he an authorized Big Company service provider?"

"No."

The tech-support person paused, long and meaningfully, and then sighed.

"Then, it must be your server."

"We have an identical computer across the room, using the same server ... no problem."

"Our diagnostics don't lie."

"Please," Susan said then, abandoning all pretense of competence. "Please help me."

But the tech person simply asked her to call back the next day, and try to reach a more exalted tech person. We felt as though we were dealing with the Wizard of Oz.

"Mice," said the final analyst, "may be chewing on the phone lines."

The next week, we phoned the wire people and got new lines. A test run showed no improvements.

Generously, our consultant agreed to take over the phone calls. And when he did, well, you'd have thought it was a reunion of the team that won the state championship. They were talking PPP stacks and comm slots and serial port arbitration. They were chatting up baud

rates and card seating and parity.

"You could have a X2 modem dialing a K-Flex line or a K-Flex modem dialing a X2 line," their techie said to our techie.

"Well, and then the serial port arbitrator may not be handshaking properly," our techie replied.

"Buddy," admitted the Big Company operative, "it happens."

Upshot was, in less than 24 hours a sort of masked superhero with "Big Company" stamped across his cape arrived and pointed out that we had ("obviously, ma'am") a defective modem.

I hate it when people whine.

But Susan and I are of middling intelligence and we enjoy a strong work ethic. Though we are not slackers in the computer area, neither are we hackers. We are the sort of people for whom the Big Company supposedly invented that 24-hour service line, so customers can feel there is a benign electro-mother out there who will comfort you when you scream, even in the middle of the night.

That is the intention behind the word "support."

But what kind of support is grudgingly given, needlessly complex, tardy and verging on downright insulting? What kind of support is support given in a reluctant way to people in true need of it and enthusiastically to people who know so much about the computer system that they could be support people themselves? Isn't that the equivalent of making a little old lady with two canes stand on the subway while offering a seat to Tara Lipinski?

Rightfully, in fact, that kind of "support" should be called "undermining."

But in our case, it sort of means that we have a pretty good product run by a pretty bad Big Company.

We'll think about that next time.

Goal to get invisible campaigns on the air

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) - Here's a joke that made the rounds during California's spring primary: Local TV news stations will cover politics when armed candidates start chasing each other on the freeway.

A growing number of Californians don't find that funny.

In recent weeks, two aggressive efforts to get more political programming on the air have gained momentum. One group is trying persuasion. The other is considering legal action in Los Angeles, New York and other major media markets.

Citizens are not being served in government or political news, says Patrick Caddell, Jimmy Carter's pollster who now lives in Los Angeles. "In L.A. we get no coverage of Sacramento, no coverage of city hall, almost zero coverage of county government."

Caddell is agitating for a "citizens' movement" to pressure the Federal Communications Commission to revoke the licenses of local stations that fail to broadcast in the public interest.

"If they're only responsible for car chases and crimes and pet stories," he says, "then their licenses should be questioned."

A recent FCC decision doesn't bode well for Caddell's movement.

A Colorado watchdog group asked the federal agency not to renew the licenses of four TV stations. "The group claimed that local broadcasters were too preoccupied with war, crime, and disasters."

The FCC dismissed the complaints and renewed the licenses in April.

Whether or not it merits FCC action, research supports critics' complaints that politics is under-covered.

According to a 1996-97 analysis by the Center for the Advancement of Modern Media of eight national media markets, Los Angeles stations provided the least coverage of politics and government.

Among all markets studied, politics and government accounted for an average of 15.3 percent of TV news content. In Los Angeles, the average was 4.5 percent.

Some viewers see the loss. Los Angeles accountant David Beider turns to newspapers to brush up on politics. "There's no way I would turn on the TV to do it," he says. "There's a definite dearth (of political news)."

In this year's California primary, gubernatorial candidates poured tens of millions of dollars into TV ads but groused that TV news ignored the race until the final weeks.

"They don't have any interest in covering you unless a candidate is in a car chase or a candidate is killed," says Garry South, campaign director for Democratic nominee Gray Davis.

South calls the coverage "horrible," lambasting Los Angeles stations as the worst. "A lot of these news directors are not just apolitical, but antipolitical. They hate politics. They're young, but they're jaded. They think politicians are all charlatans and that the whole thing is a big farce."

"Yes, it is under-covered," acknowledges Fernando Lopez, assistant news director at KCBS in Los Angeles. The station is often cited as providing stronger political coverage than many competitors.

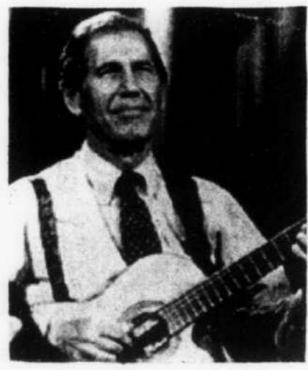
"It's ratings, trying to get more people to watch the newscast," Lopez says. "A newspaper has the manpower to more in-depth stories. But on TV, where the average story is a minute and a half, you want to go for the story that grabs the audience."

Others in the industry say public apathy makes politics a ratings loser.

Chet Atkins hopeful despite bad health

"Mr. Guitar" still plays after battling cancer three times

NASHVILLE (AP) - In a second-floor office in a converted brown, two-story house on Music Row sits a thin, nattily attired man, sleeping gently as he awaits a visitor.



Chet Atkins

Before brain surgery last year for a benign tumor, Chet Atkins still looked and played guitar like a man 20 years his junior. Now the 74-year-old country music star who helped usher in "The Nashville Sound" is a little slower and tires easily.

An assistant awakens Atkins from his nap so the country legend

can reflect on his life and career in an interview.

He sometimes struggles to focus on the conversation, and he refuses to linger long on questions about his health. But he looks about the same as ever, except for his brown hair, which has not grown all the way back since the brain surgery, and the limp left over from a broken leg.

"No, I'll never play like I once did," says Atkins, whose finger-picking style has been an inspiration to generations of guitar players. "I can play with feeling. But technically, I can't hook it like I used to."

Never again will Atkins dazzle an audience with his technical mastery of the guitar - but he also isn't ready to stop performing. Just last month he performed at a tribute show held for him in his native East Tennessee.

Wife Leona keeps to the background, but Merle Atkins, his only child, now accompanies her father to some public events to assist him.

Atkins alternately tries to laugh off his health problems or deny them.

"I've only had cancer three times, that's not bad," he jokes. Since the 1970s, he's had skin cancer removed from his face, and lost his prostate and part of a lung to the disease.

"I have trouble keeping my balance sometimes," Atkins says. "They have me on blood-thinners and something to help with balance."

He sees doctors often but says he no longer asks for a prognosis.

"They never say anything and I never ask," Atkins says. "I don't want to know. Currently, I feel good. I'm all right."

Country singer Steve Wariner, a

friend, calls Atkins "a young soul trapped in an old body."

Atkins' influence extends far beyond his legendary guitar abilities. He has also carved out a reputation as a talent scout, producer and record company executive. Among the artists he has helped launch are Dolly Parton, Waylon Jennings, Willie Nelson, The Everly Brothers, Charley Pride and Jerry Reed.

Scattered around his wood-paneled office are the memories of his luminous career. There are a couple of guitars, books and CDs. On his desk is a button with a photograph of Bettie Page, the pinup queen of the 1950s.

"I hear old records that I made and say, 'Is that me? That's good,'" Atkins says. "I didn't know I was that good. Now that I realize I can't do it anymore it gets even better."

Chester Burton Atkins was born to a poor farming family near Luttrell, Tenn., in the Clinch Mountain foothills. He suffered from asthma throughout his childhood, but found pleasure in the guitar, which he picked up from his music-teacher father and older half-brother Jimmy Atkins.

He rigged his first guitar at age 5 from a broken ukulele and wires taken from a screen door.

While working for radio stations across the country, he developed a distinctive guitar style influenced by Merle Travis and Django Reinhardt.

Steve Sholes of RCA Records in Nashville saw Atkins on a protegee in the early 1950s, and Atkins took over the Nashville office after Sholes, who signed up Elvis Presley, was promoted to the New York office.

Atkins has played on thousands of records, including those of Presley, Hank Williams Sr., and The Everly Brothers. He has sold over 35 million of his instrumental albums. His collaborators include Paul McCartney, Earl Klugh, George Benson and Mark Knopfler.

Atkins and competitor Owen Bradley at the Decca record company helped rescue the country music industry from the inroads of rock 'n' roll in the late 1950s. Their strategy was to appeal to older listeners who didn't care for rock.

What emerged was "The Nashville Sound," a combination of lush string sections and vocal backings that forsook the twangy fiddles and steel guitars of traditional country music. It was a success, despite criticism from country music purists.

Despite his health setbacks, Atkins is determined to go forward. Most recently, he has been promoting Chet Atkins' Musician Days, a weeklong festival for musicians that completed a second year of concerts and seminars last month.

At a tribute concert for Jennings and Johnny Cash - the highlight of this year's event - singer Marty Stuart called the festival "Nashville's way of stopping the music business for a minute and honoring its own."

Atkins didn't perform this year, but his reputation is enough to attract participants like Cash, Jennings and Knopfler.

"Maybe it will last," Atkins says. "I made a promise to take my name off it in a couple years, because why should my name be on it? I'm just hoping to get it started."

Puppies lose favor as man's best friend

KNOXVILLE (AP) - Researchers at the University of Tennessee aim to find out why puppies lose favor as man's best friend.

John C. New Jr. and Jayne Vaughn are studying the behavior of puppies when they enter new households.

New, a University of Tennessee professor in the College of Veterinary Medicine, and Vaughn, a veterinary

assistant, began the study last year and plan to interview puppy owners until early 1999.

New said the focus of the study is: "Why do some puppies enter a home and do great, while with others the human-animal bond doesn't connect?"

Vaughn said she has found that probably the biggest issue with puppies is house training.

One owner Vaughn talked to believed rubbing a puppy's nose in its own "mess" was the correct way to train the animal. That, however, isn't the case, she said.

According to Vaughn, what the puppy is being taught is it first has to urinate or defecate in the house before it is allowed to go outside.

"The puppy doesn't understand the reason it is being punished is because its feet were on the carpet instead of the grass

outside," she said. "It's all a matter of how these animals think."

These misconceptions by owners are what have driven the study, New said. Too often they lead the owner to take the animal to a shelter, where it could be euthanized.

"If they have never owned a puppy before, they may find that they are in over their head," he said. "If they know some of the problems they're having with the puppy can be solved, sometimes that's enough to get them over that initial discouragement."

Vaughn has called approximately 350 pet owners. Questions focus on pet-owning history, expectations of the pet, household and respondent demographics, and type and frequency of problems the new owner has had with the puppy.

"Most people I talk to indicate there's something they can use some help or guidance with," Vaughn said.

To get involved in the study, call 423-974-5649



Strange, but true...

Chicken Show winner proud

WAYNE, Neb. (AP) - If it clucks like a chicken and runs like a chicken, it must be ... this year's National Cluck-Off Champion.

Joel Vavra won the Wayne Chicken Show in Wayne, Neb., for the second year in a row Saturday with a performance that included jumping off the stage and running around like a chicken with its head cut off.

"I flew the coop. That's what chickens do," said the 48-year-old champion, who won \$140 for his antics.

Contest chairwoman Paula Schwarten said Vavra, who's won the national contest seven times before, usually just scratches around in a pile of corn kernels and struts his stuff.

But this year, with the title on the line, Vavra started his cluck from a roost high atop the grandstand and ended it by running around like a decapitated chicken.

There was also pride on the line for Vavra. Last year, an impostor appeared on Jay Leno's "The Tonight Show" claiming to be the National Cluck-Off Champion. When Leno learned of the hoax, he invited Vavra to appear on the show, where Vavra did a peacock impression instead of his trademark chicken dance.

"I grew up on farm. When I was a kid I used to crow at the roosters," Vavra said. "I don't practice. I'm a natural at this. Any barnyard animal, I can do it."

Fish favor Motown music

BIG PINE KEY, Fla. (AP) - There were a few crabs in the audience for a local concert. And some fish, lobsters and whatever other sea life decided to float by.

The sea creatures were joined by about 600 snorkelers and divers who submerged at the Looe Key National Marine Sanctuary on Saturday for WWUS' Lower Keys Underwater Music Festival.

It featured a six-hour, commercial-free broadcast programmed with tunes specially selected for the undersea experience.

The aquatic symphony, piped below via special underwater speakers suspended from five boats, featured a variety of selections including Handel's "Water Music," the theme from "The Little Mermaid" and the Beatles' "Octopus' Garden."

"The sound comes at you from everywhere," said WWUS news director Bill Becker, who coordinates the annual event. "You hear it through your entire body. But the fish don't seem to react to it, even when we played the theme from 'Jaws.'"

Some festival attendees came with old musical instruments to buoyantly perform for friends with cameras. A trio dubbed "The Seapremes," dressed in mermaid outfits, danced and swayed on the bottom.

"It was our tribute to Motown and the fish had a chance to groove, move and have a fantastic time," said Nancy Herlehy of Cudjoe Key, Fla., who conceived the act.

American angels give offering

WHEELING, W.Va. (AP) - Who were those masked angels?

Two men, disguised and dressed in red, white and blue hats and patriotic garb, entered a church, handed the minister a can filled with money and then fled.

"Everything happened pretty fast and there was a lot to take in," said the Rev. David Twedt, pastor of the Trinity Lutheran Church.

Twedt said the pair, who were either wearing masks or wearing some kind of makeup, walked into the church July 5 just after the congregation finished a hymn. Then, telling him they were "angels sent from God," they gave him a coffee can filled with \$120 worth of Susan B. Anthony silver dollar coins.

Also inside the can was a business card printed with "Smile, Jesus Loves You." The bottom of the card had the initials "SMAB." One of the men was carrying two American flags.

Several other churches or groups in the area have also received coin donations accompanied by the same card.



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DISNEY

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trend?" he said.
 Claudia Peters, Disney director of corporate communications, said Texas' state fund is the only one doing this "as far as we know."
 "Film subsidiaries of Disney that produce movies for mature audiences are set up under other names and adhere to the MPAA rating system. The Walt Disney Company produces more family entertainment than any other company in the world, and any products marked with the Disney brand name are always suitable for all ages," Peters said.
 "Miramax is a highly acclaimed film label that has received 110 Academy Award nominations and 30 Academy Awards over the last 10 years," she added.
 Two of the 15 board members abstained and one

was absent.
 The vote means \$43 million in Disney stock will be shed from the \$17.65 billion Permanent School Fund.
 Divestiture opponents cited a report that since buying Disney shares two years ago, the total return to the school fund has been 108 percent. Disney shares were at \$37.93 3/4, up 93 3/4 cents, in afternoon trading today on the New York Stock Exchange.
 "The record is quite clear that Disney is a very, very fine productive stock for the public school fund," said board member Will Davis of Austin, a Democrat who tried to stop the issue in a board committee Thursday.
 "They've done some rather foolish things with some of their subsidiary investments," Davis said. But he added, "It is a slippery slope. Somebody's going to have something they don't like about some of these big multifaceted corporations."
 The school trust fund has

other investments that also could raise objections, including companies involved in alcohol, gambling and adult-oriented entertainment, divestiture opponents say.
 Other investments have been accused of human rights violations, pollution, unfair employment or illegal political contributions, or have engaged in animal testing, opponents say. Investments in such companies total \$846.7 million, according to the Texas Education Agency.
 "It's a very dangerous precedent to pick and choose on morality," said Richard Levy, a board member of the Texas Freedom Network, which monitors activities of the religious right.
 Last year, a fund manager sold a \$3.5 million investment in MCA parent Seagram Co. after a state lawmaker denounced "filth" on MCA records. Earlier, tobacco stocks were sold.

In Brief

Nancy Sinatra skipped visit with father to see 'Seinfeld' finale

LOS ANGELES--Nancy Sinatra was home watching the "Seinfeld" finale the night her father died.
 Frank Sinatra's daughter told "Entertainment Tonight" that she had planned to visit him May 14, "except that 'Seinfeld' reruns started prior to the 'Seinfeld' finale — isn't this tacky — and I got so involved watching that damn show that I never got over to my dad's."
 "That was the night that he went to the hospital and didn't come out," Ms. Sinatra said in an interview airing this week.
 She said she wasn't notified of Sinatra's trip to the hospital until after he died.
 "At first I was unhappy about that," she said. "But then, as time went on, I realized it didn't really matter because we had so many wonderful moments together in the past year — that it didn't make any difference that I didn't actually get to say, 'Goodbye daddy, I love you.'"
 Ms. Sinatra said she last saw her father on May 10. He died at 82.

Quentin Tarantino charged with hitting a woman

NEW YORK—A charge that Quentin Tarantino slugged a woman in a restaurant is "pulp fiction," his lawyer said Monday in court.
 The "Pulp Fiction" actor and director pleaded innocent to misdemeanor assault, punishable by up to a year in jail. Judge Neil

Ross rejected a request by Tarantino's lawyer, Paul Callan, to drop the charge.
 "These allegations are nothing more than, if you pardon the expression, pulp fiction," Callan said.
 Fashion stylist Leila Mwangi claims Tarantino tried to punch her boyfriend May 1 at a restaurant and hit her instead, cutting her forehead.
 Callan said a \$15 million lawsuit filed by Ms. Mwangi against Tarantino is at the root of the criminal case. Outside court, Tarantino said: "This is the first time I have ever been blackmailed."
 Ms. Mwangi's lawyer, Robert Godosky, countered: "My client has a 2-inch scar through her eyebrow. That scar didn't miraculously appear."
 Tarantino was released on his own recognizance and is due back in court Sept. 9.

Statue honors John Ford in hometown

PORTLAND, Maine (AP) — John Ford's hometown has honored him with a bronze statue 25 years after his death.
 The 10-foot statue was unveiled Sunday in a ceremony attended by Navy Secretary John Dalton, who told how the director was wounded while filming at the Battle of Midway during World War II.
 The statue, by New York artist George Kelly, shows Ford sitting in his director's chair, holding a pipe and wearing a wide-brim hat. The statue sits near a vacant lot where a saloon run by Ford's father once stood.
 "To think that the son of Irish immigrants could rise to be one of the most celebrated American directors in one generation," said Linda Noe Laine, a Louisiana philanthropist who donated the statue.



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SAINT-DENIS, France - The deeper he carried his countrymen into the tournament, the more people talked. By the end, Zinedine Zidane became a testimonial to how much a simple game can change a nation.

France was not his father's birthplace, but by nightfall Sunday, the whole nation belonged to him. Two goals on a picture-perfect evening and all of a sudden, the same France that three decades earlier barely let in his Algerian father had the family's name on its lips.

"It was the first time France is world champion," Zidane said, "so it has to be extraordinary."

When this World Cup began, the French said they would never lavish their interest and affection on a game, especially one so strongly rooted in the working class. But as the clock pushed the 64th and final game of the tournament toward its stunning conclusion - France 3, Brazil 0 - all that Gallic reserve spilled into the streets of Paris like so much bad wine.

And the moment it ended, the man who uncorked all that jubilation took his shirt in both hands, pressed it to his lips, and kissed it. Then the 25-year-old Zidane, who learned to play the game on the narrow streets in the tough Castellane section of Marseille, kissed his teammates and, finally, the gold trophy itself.

Much of the talk heading into the final was about the glittering stars sprinkled through the roster of four-time champion Brazil: Ronaldo, Rivaldo, Roberto Carlos, Denilson.

"But we proved that we have great players, too," French coach Aime Jacquet.

"It was the first time France is world champion, so it has to be extraordinary."

Zinedine Zidane

If the outcome was unlikely, Zidane's pivotal role in it was not. It was the way he scored both goals that was unusual.

"Zidane with his head," Jacquet said, "who would have thought that?"

Certainly not the hero himself. His magic was always in his feet. Zidane's remarkable dribbling skills were honored as a kid playing on a concrete path about 150 yards long and 15 feet wide. It was the one spot in the neighborhood he and his friends could call their own.

"A field to play on? That was too much to ask for," Zidane recalled not long ago, after signing a multimillion-dollar deal with the Italian club, Juventus.

Those games prepared him well. By 13, he was good enough to apprentice with the youth program at Cannes. Three years later, he made his debut in France's First Division, playing against men. Soon he was bought by a bigger club in Bordeaux. By 1996, he had grown too expensive for France, leaving his country to join Juventus, the New York Yankees of club soccer.

In many ways, his career paralleled that of Michel Platini, the former French star who was president of France's World Cup organizing committee. Both were sons of immigrants, Platini, from an Italian family in the Lorraine region, who also learned the game playing in the streets. Platini, too, starred at Juventus, and like Zidane, came into a World Cup shouldering the hopes of an entire nation.

Sunday night, they parted company in this sense - as much as Platini was lionized, a fickle French sporting public has always reserved its biggest ovations for winners.

Ex-Raider track star picked for Goodwill, World Cup teams

□ Staff Reports

Fresh from his first national championship ever, former Middle Tennessee track star Roland McGhee was picked today to compete on U.S. teams in both the Goodwill Games in July and in World Cup competition at Johannesburg, South Africa, in

September.

McGhee, who was an All-American in each of the four years he competed at MTSU, Sunday on the long jump title at the USA Track and Field National Championships in New Orleans, La., by clearing 27 feet, 2 inches.

A native of Dayton, Ohio, McGhee was an NCAA All-American in the long jump from 1991 through 1994 and

in the 55-meters indoors in both 1993 and 1994.

He still holds the MTSU school record for the long jump at 27-6, is co-holder (with Kieth Watkins) of the school mark for the 55-meter dash at :06.20, has the 200-meter dash record at :20.44, is tied with Ron Lloyd for the school mark in the 100-meter dash at :10.24 and was a member of relay teams that established Blue Raider

records at 400 and 800 yards.

"This is a tremendous honor for Roland," says MTSU veteran head track coach Dean Hayes. "It's just another sign that he has become one of the world's top long jumpers and has to be reckoned with every time he enters a meet."

McGhee now lives in Columbia, S.C.

7,500 sold

Phase two of the Blitz Campaign was a success

□ Kin Easter/staff

The Blitz Campaign surpassed its goal of selling 5,000 season tickets during Phase II of its operation and reached 7,500.

"It is my privilege to announce our goals have been surpassed," said campaign coach Carol Fowler. "We have every reason to believe if things keep going the way they are, we may have 9,000 to 10,000 season tickets sold, which I think is pretty cool."

The campaign began in early June to bring an average home crowd of 17,000 to overcome the final hurdle to enter Division I-A football in 1999.

During Phase III, the campaign will attempt to have 13,000 season tickets sold through Coca-Cola and corporate sponsors before the fall semester begins.

Ringers, containing a season ticket order form, will be placed on every third two-liter Coca-Cola bottle.

Phase IV will begin in the fall with advertisements geared toward students.

"The big push in August is getting the students to fill [the stadium] up," said athletic director and Carol's husband Lee Fowler. "We're hoping the students will help us in the first [home] game."

Just in case attendance decreases throughout the season, Lee Fowler hopes a large crowd, possibly a sell-out crowd, will be there at the first game to stay above the 17,000 mark.

"We've always had that goal [sell-out] and we would have to sell 22,000 season tickets to do that," Fowler said. "It would be great to have a sell-out stadium."

The first home game is Sept. 5 against Tennessee State.

Blitz may pick up a sack

Moods are at a high after selling 7,500 season tickets

□ Kin Easter/staff

Five thousand season tickets to sell seemed to be no problem for the Blitz Campaign volunteers.

Quarterbacks and players of the program went 2500 tickets over the Phase II goal to sell 5,000 season tickets, announced campaign coach Carol Fowler on Wednesday.

The spirits of "ticket-raisers" and participants in the Blue Raider football program have been boosted now that its first goal has been surpassed.

Shane McFarlin, 1995-96 Student Government Association president and recent graduate was named to the campaign's All-Star team after selling approximately 100 tickets.

"Carol Fowler called me," McFarlin said. "That pretty much got the ball rolling from there."

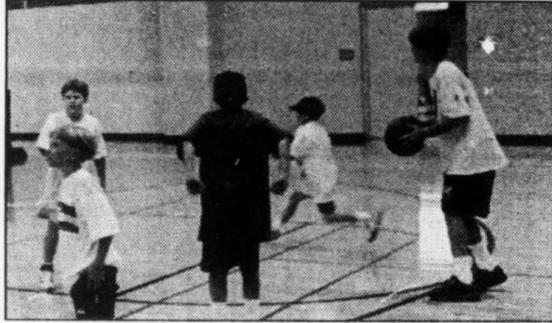
McFarlin said he will continue to persuade acquaintances to purchase season tickets.

Probably one of the happiest spectators at the press conference was football coach Boots Donnelly, who may see an unusually larger crowd this season.

"I was not surprised at all we sold this many tickets," said Donnelly, whose wife Carol sold 238 season tickets. "I knew there's a lot of doubt Middle Tennessee will compete (in Division I-A)."

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Fun at camp



Photos by Katie Wise

Above: Brett Arsenault, 10, keeps the ball away from Robby Hanley, 10, and Shirin Ahlhauser, 11, in a game of basketball at the Recreation Center Monday afternoon. They are involved with the basketball camp held here this summer.

Left: A group of boys work on passing the ball to team members in a round of basketball at the Rec Center.

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2-MIN. DRILL



NEW YORK—Albert Belle of the Chicago White Sox and Barry Larkin of the Cincinnati Reds were chosen American League and National League players of the week.

Belle batted .500 on 8-for-16 with a league-leading 11 runs batted in last week. He had four home runs, a 1.250 slugging percentage and 20 total bases.

MORRISVILLE, N.C.—The Carolina Hurricanes added scoring talent and leadership to a franchise that has missed the playoffs six straight years by signing free-agent center Ron Francis to a four-year, \$20.8 million contract.

The league's ninth all-time scorer with 1,434 points, Francis was fifth in the NHL in scoring last season with 87 points on 25 goals and 62 assists in 81 games.

NEW YORK—The NBA asked a federal court judge to declare that it does

not have to pay players during the league's lockout and does not have to submit the question to arbitration.

The NBA and the owners of all 29 teams filed the lawsuit in U.S. District Court in Manhattan late last Friday, seeking rulings that would strengthen their position in stalled collective bargaining talks.

ROME—Nike denied rumors that said the company pressured Ronaldo and his coach to have the Brazilian star play in the World Cup final.

FIFA said Ronaldo had gone to the hospital for X-rays on his left ankle, and doctors cleared him to play just before the game. Confusion surrounded Ronaldo's status Sunday night. The two-time FIFA player of the year was not among the 11 starters initially picked by Brazil coach Mario Zagallo. His name was reinstated hours before the game, but he was ineffective during the team's humiliating 3-0 defeat.

LONDON—A controversial proposal to abolish the let rule in tennis has been put on hold after failing to win the players' backing. The International Tennis

Federation said the proposal was withdrawn pending further research and consultation over the next 12 months.

LOS ANGELES—The Disney-owned Anaheim Angels and Mighty Ducks of Anaheim have entered into a 10-year agreement with Fox Sports West and Fox Sports West 2. The move signals a victory for Fox Sports over Disney, which scrapped plans to launch a regional sports network in Southern California.

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Donnelly, however, will be much happier if the students give their support.

"We will be successful once we can get everyone to speak with one voice," said Donnelly. "We all know the value and the worthwhile that we need to support it."

Donnelly wished to have a word with the students, too.

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