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Yount proves force behind the podium

First impressions, second thoughts and the third degree:

Talk about your forehead-to-the-forehead revelations. Who knew Robin Yount had the same instincts for creative writing as hitting the cut-off man or going to the opposite field?

Assuming that Hall of Fame induction speech Sunday was a single-byline effort, Yount revealed more about himself in that heartfelt 11-minute presentation than he did during 20 years of Q-and-As with the Milwaukee Brewers.

Representatives for Lance Armstrong are negotiating with publishing houses for the rights to his biography. Given the almost-inconceivable circumstances of his Tour de France triumph, some bookstore owners may be moved to place it in the fiction section.

After all, Armstrong is a guy modern medicine oddsmakers insist should be dead after a bout with testicular cancer so severe it spread to his brain and lungs. Instead, he has a wife expecting their first child and the distinction of having finished ahead of the world in a race spanning three weeks and nearly 2,300 miles.

Adding to the fictional theme is the fact Armstrong went to bed after every stage knowing French journalists swarmed around his hotel, all seeking to confirm the unconfirmable: that Armstrong used performance-enhancing drugs. Turns out the only drug Armstrong came in contact with during the Tour was his cat, Chemo.

Missing out on Lawrence Phillips is cause for more regret than good riddance, but it won't hit home until Green Bay and San Francisco meet on Nov. 29.

As recent miscalculations go, the one by Richie Phillips, union chief for major league umpires, is situated on a list just behind JFK Jr. and Ken Starr and ahead of those (like me) who thought Albert Belle would have the best chance of making a run at 70 home runs.

Curious line of questioning from ESPN's Gary Miller, who quizzed Milwaukee coach George Karl last week about the drunken outburst that landed Bucks forward Glenn Robinson in a Florida jail. Miller, you recall, made a similar fool of himself two years ago by urinating on police officers in Cleveland.

For all his accomplishments, Jim Abbott deserves a more rousing send-off.

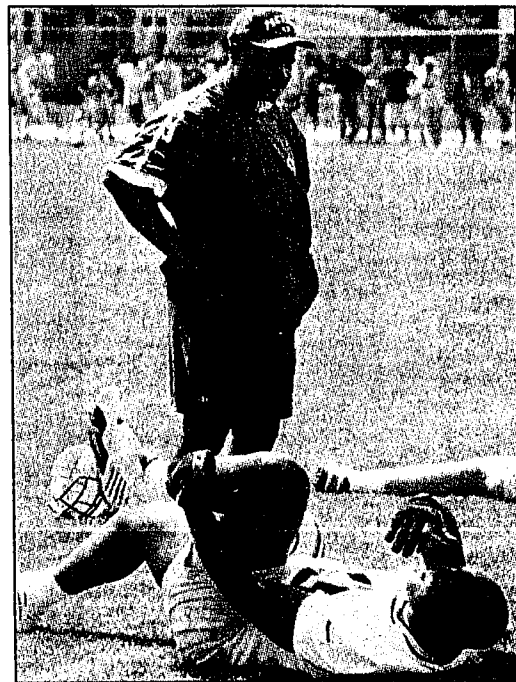
Most coaches aspire to motivate. Then there are those like Julio Lamas, who last week rallied the Argentine basketball troops for a game against Team USA thusly: "It's impossible to win."

If the Brewers are going to ship Marquis Grissom back to Atlanta before the trading deadline Saturday, now would be a good time.

Nothing against David Duval, but a more intriguing made-for-TV opponent for Tiger Woods next week would be Sergio Garcia, the teen-age Wunderkind from Spain.

The week leading up to the Hall of Fame induction brought out a host of new tales about Yount. The best: During his senior year in high school in 1973, Yount wanted to go on a spring-break ski trip. Mindful of the risks and the fact major league scouts were so high on Yount, his baseball coach, Ray O'Connor, asked Yount's mother, Marion, to hide her son's skis. She didn't. Her son went skiing, and they all lived happily ever after.

Finally, when it comes to getting his due from the world, the hope here is that Armstrong won't have to peel off his shirt, strike a provocative magazine pose or flirt with David Letterman.



Coach Ray Rhodes talks to rookie Alphonso Collins at training camp Monday.

Edwards, Vinson ease into practices after foot injuries

By Jason Wilde
Sports reporter

GREEN BAY — What Antuan Edwards and Fred Vinson did Monday wasn't all that much.

But the fact that two rookie cornerbacks — both of whom are coming off foot injuries — were able to participate in the first day of the Green Bay Packers training camp at all was a huge step forward for them. Both literally and figuratively.

"I mean, I don't have a medical degree on my wall, but I think they're doing great," defensive backs coach Joe Vitt said. "Anytime you get on the field and you can be with the defensive unit and get your calls down and get your timing down, that's a huge benefit. Nothing takes the place of repetitions and experience."

And given what the Packers are expecting

from the two, that experience will be vital. Edwards was the 25th overall pick and Vinson the 47th in April's draft, in spite of the injuries, which occurred during their senior years in college.

They are expected to be the third and fourth cornerbacks behind starters Tyrone Williams and Craig Newsome, giving the Packers four cover men for their multiple defensive back alignments — something the team didn't have last year.

Vinson, who had surgery on a torn ligament in his left arch Dec. 29 and missed both post-draft minicamps, practiced in the morning session while Edwards sat out.

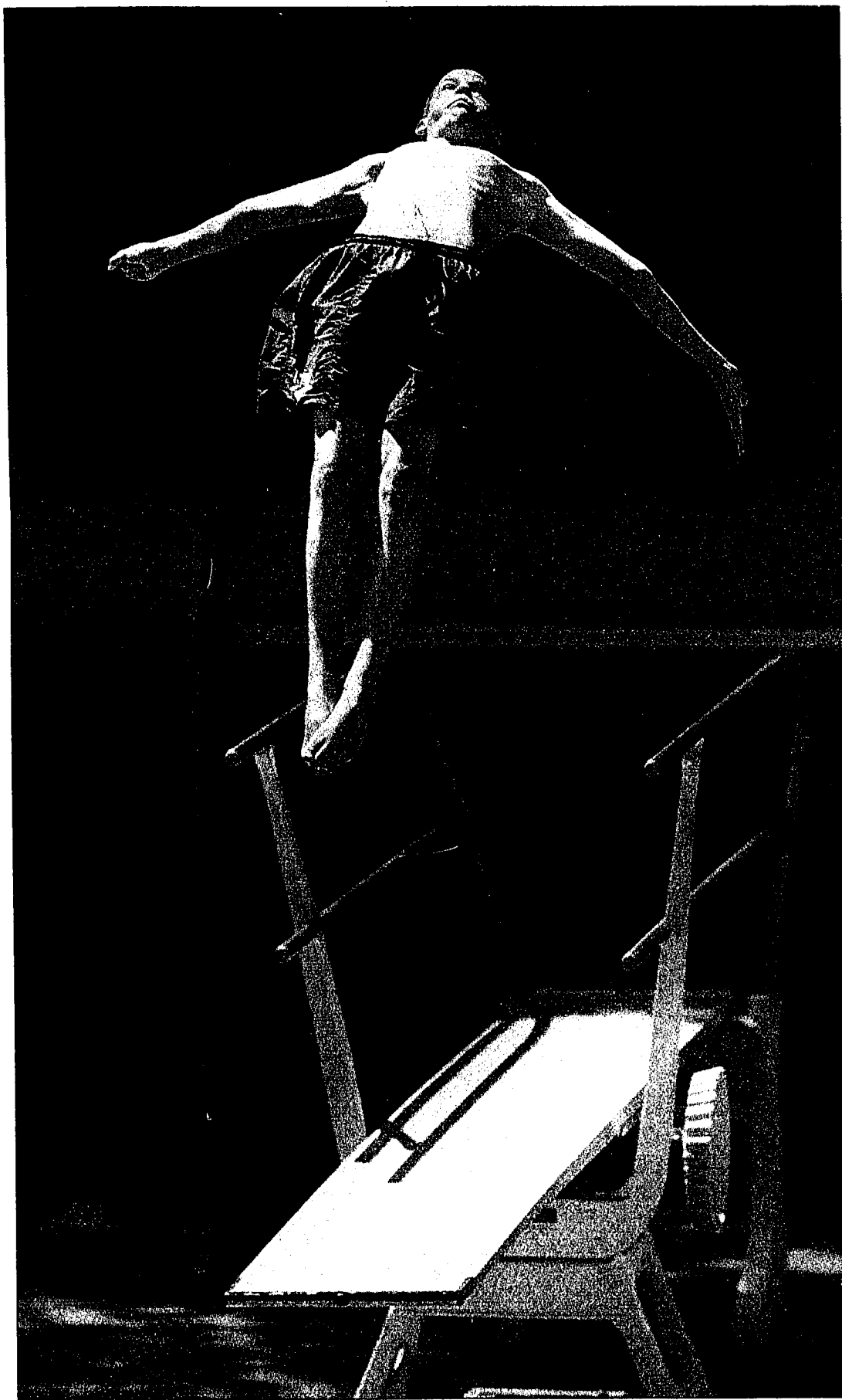
"For my first day, I haven't done anything in the last 10 months, so it feels a little awkward being out there again," Vinson said. "But it feels good to be out there."

Then, in the afternoon, Vinson sat out while Edwards, who had surgery for turf toe after participating in the April post-draft minicamp, practiced.

"It felt pretty good — a little pain here and there — but I fought through it and had a pretty good day today," Edwards said. "I'm a long ways away from being ready. But I'm going to come out here and work hard every

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Almost a golden arch



Ridgewood's Sam Webb, 13, competes at the All-City Diving Meet at Shorewood Hills Pool. Webb was second in his age division. The meet ends today. Results in Scoreboard/5D.



Braves starter Greg Maddux allowed hits on his first two pitches Monday. "I wasn't looking to panic," said Maddux, who allowed four hits the rest of the way. "What's going to happen? We're going to lose. I'm going to lose a game. That's happened before. Why panic?"

Maddux, Braves master Brewers

Pitcher doesn't panic, fires 6-hitter

By Tom Saladino
Associated Press

ATLANTA — A couple of first-inning singles sure wouldn't be enough for the Milwaukee Brewers to rattle Greg Maddux.

Maddux gave up hits on his first two pitches before recovering to pitch a six-hitter Monday night for his second

straight complete game as the Atlanta Braves beat Milwaukee, 6-1.

"It was no big deal. I just thought maybe I could get a ground ball, a double play. Instead I got a line drive out to right," said Maddux, who retired Jeff Cirillo on the liner and Marquis Grissom on a bouncer before striking out Geoff Jenkins.

"I wasn't looking to panic," Maddux said. "What's going to happen? We're going to lose. I'm going to lose a game. That's happened before. Why panic?"

After that, Maddux (11-6) put it into cruise control.

"It was the same Maddux I remembered from when I was with the Braves," Grissom said.

The right-hander, coming off an eight-inning complete-game 2-0 loss to Florida in his last start, pitched his first nine-inning complete game since Aug. 6, 1998, when he beat Cincinnati, 5-0.

"We helped him out early by going down in order after the two leadoff hits," Milwaukee manager Phil Garner said. "We gave him a

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little confidence. We get a couple of hits, and he then calmly gets out of the inning."

The Braves have lost 4½ games of their five-game lead in the National League East to the New York Mets since the all-star break.

Maddux had a four-hit shutout entering the ninth but gave up a leadoff single to Grissom and a run-scoring double to Jenkins. He then struck out Sean Berry and Brian Banks and got Jose Valentin to fly out to finish his 91st complete game.

Maddux, 6-1 in his past eight starts, walked two and struck out seven.

The Braves made it easy for Maddux, scoring five runs — two unearned — in the fifth inning off Scott Karl (7-9) to take a 6-0 lead.

The big hit in the inning was a two-run double by Brian Hunter after right-fielder Rich Becker dropped Hunter's foul fly, prolonging the at-bat.

Chipper Jones had a sacrifice fly in the first inning. Andruw Jones had a run-scoring single, and Bret Boone and Ryan Klesko hit RBI grounders in the fifth.

Karl allowed six runs — four earned — and eight hits in six innings.

Jauron quietly in charge of Bears

By Tom Mulhern
Sports reporter

PLATTEVILLE — He is almost indistinguishable in his khaki pants, white golf shirt and dark blue Chicago Bears cap.

If you didn't know Dick Jauron had been chosen as only the 12th head coach in the storied history of the Bears, you certainly wouldn't have been able to pick him out from the phalanx of coaches and team personnel scurrying about the practice field at the opening of training camp last week.

Some head coaches dominate practices with their voice and presence.

Jauron blends into the background. During team drills, he prefers to take his familiar position behind the secondary, observing silently, checking frequently the sheet of paper in his hands that lists the order of the plays, just like he did in nine seasons as defensive backs coach with the Green Bay Packers from 1986 to '94.

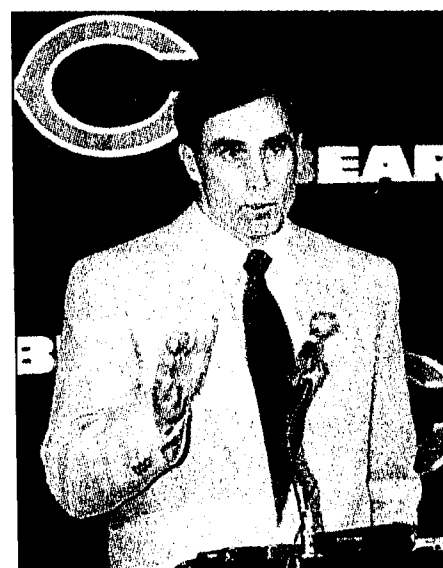
The next time Jauron raises his voice on the practice field will be the first. But don't mistake his quiet demeanor for passivity.

"When Dick Jauron says something with those steel-cold eyes, you know he's serious," said Bears defensive coordinator Greg Blache, who spent six years with Jauron in Green Bay.

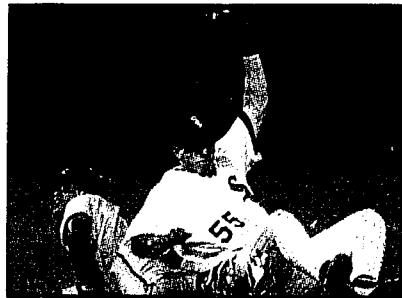
"He doesn't have to raise his voice. 'Dick can speak very loudly with his eyes. Dick can speak very loudly with a whisper, because there's firmness, there's a definition in his voice that you have to respect.'"

Jauron left no doubt who was in charge when he released former starting quarterback Erik Kramer just before the start of camp. It was a bold move, given that quarterback Cade McNown, the team's top draft pick, is unsigned and there are no other experienced quarterbacks on the roster. But it was a clear signal that change is in order for a franchise that

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Chicago Bears coach Dick Jauron, a former Green Bay Packers defensive backs coach, played in the NFL with the Lions and Bengals. "He can relate to what we go through as players, the pressure and coping with a lot of different things," running back Edgar Bennett said.



Fanfare

From staff news services

Armstrong pedals on after Tour victory

A day after winning the Tour de France, Lance Armstrong was on his bike again.

Armstrong launched a week of races, receptions and talk show appearances with a 62-mile race on Monday around Boxmeer, Netherlands, a town southeast of Amsterdam.

Armstrong gave 20,000 cheering fans what they came to see, breaking from the pack shortly before the finish to beat Australia's Robbie McEwan. Servais Knaben of the Netherlands was third.

Armstrong, who received a \$25,000 appearance fee, was scheduled to ride races in Belgium and the Netherlands today and Wednesday before flying to the United States for talk show appearances Thursday. He was due back in the Netherlands again Friday for another appearance-fee race.

Van Gundy rips new NBA guidelines

New York Knicks coach Jeff Van Gundy needed only 33 seconds to decide that he doesn't like the NBA's decision to cut down on physical play.

That's how long it took for the referees to call three fouls on the Knicks during a summer league game against the Philadelphia 76ers on Monday. New York first-round draft pick Frederic Weis picked up the first one just 10 seconds into the game, and he had three total in its first three minutes and 16 seconds.

"I don't think NBA players are going to be asked to play like that. You don't want the best athletes in the world to try to play with no contact," Van Gundy said. "It's OK in the summer leagues with Frederic Weis. But I don't think people want to pay to see Allan Houston sit on the bench with two touch fouls, or Tim Duncan."

The pace of the whistles eventually slowed as the players learned what the officials would allow. But there were still 76 fouls in the 40-minute exhibition, about twice the rate of a typical NBA regular-season game.

DuBose's death shocks ex-teammate

Although friends knew Demetrius DuBose had fallen on hard times, the last thing they expected to hear was that he'd been fatally shot by police who chased him down after he fled a burglary scene in San Diego.

DuBose, 28, a former linebacker for Notre Dame and the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, died Saturday night.

"I don't know how you go from being a (second-round) pick from Notre Dame to getting shot to death for burglary," said San Diego Chargers guard Aaron Taylor, who played with DuBose at Notre Dame.

DuBose fled when officers tried to question him outside a Mission Beach home that had been burglarized, Lt. Glenn Breitenstein said. Officers said they tried to stop him by spraying him with mace, but he ran. They caught him, scuffled and he got away again.

When they caught him a second time, they struggled with him and both officers pulled out nunchakus, a weapon that consists of two wooden sticks joined at the ends by a short chain or rope. Breitenstein said DuBose managed to disarm both officers of the martial arts weapons and charged them. The officers then shot DuBose.

Taylor heard that DuBose was practically destitute and had lost his San Diego-area condominium.

"There would be like a 'Demetrius sighting' — he'd just disappear, then show up one day, for a night, then boom, he'd disappear," Taylor said.

Quote, Unquote

Chicago Bulls coach Tim Floyd, returning from vacation after Lakers coach Phil Jackson had hired away assistants Tex Winter and Frank Hamblen:

"I was gone for 10 days. I decided I better get back or I'll be coaching by myself next year."

Today's Trivia

Who is the youngest women's tennis player to reach a Grand Slam semifinal? Answer in Sports Briefs, 2B.

'Vintage' Maddux mystifies Brewers

ATLANTA (AP) — After the first two Milwaukee batters reached base, Chipper Jones figured it wasn't going to be a very good night for Greg Maddux and the Atlanta Braves.

Jones was wrong.

It turned into another bad night for the slumping Brewers, who lost their fourth straight game and fell four games under .500 (47-51).

"Honestly, after the first two guys up (Mark Loretta and Rich Becker) got hits, I thought it was going to be a long night," said Jones, who went 1-for-2 with a pair of walks and a sacrifice fly.

"But after that, it was vintage Greg Maddux," Jones said.

Maddux recovered from the rocky start and wound up throwing a six-hitter Monday night for his second straight complete game and the Braves beat the Brewers, 6-1.

"It was the same Maddux I remembered from when I was with the Braves," Brewers center fielder Marquis Grissom said. "He

pretty much kept the ball down. He pitched good. You have to string hits together to beat that guy, or even score a run off him."

Maddux (11-6) retired the next 11 hitters before Geoff Jenkins singled with two outs in the fourth.

"It was no big deal," said Maddux of giving up hits on his first two pitches of the game. "I wasn't looking to panic. What's going to happen? We're going to lose. I'm going to lose a game. That's happened before. Why panic?"

Maddux, coming off an eight-inning complete game 2-0 loss to Florida in his last start after winning four in a row, pitched his first nine-inning complete game since last Aug. 6, when he beat Cincinnati, 5-0.

"We helped him out early by going down in order after the two leadoff hits," Milwaukee manager Phil Garner said. "We gave him a little confidence. We get a couple of hits, and he then calmly gets out of the inning."

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Favre-less Packers looking for backup

By Bill Williamson

Special to The Capital Times

GREEN BAY — It didn't take long into the preparation of the season for the Green Bay Packers to contemplate life without Brett Favre.

The superstar quarterback had an excused absence Monday as rookies, selected veterans and quarterbacks began training camp. Coach Ray Rhodes excused Favre, who is still in Mississippi tending to his 2-week-old daughter. She is improving, but in a hospital's intensive care unit after being born five weeks premature.

Favre is expected in camp any day. His absence gave Rhodes and his staff an early chance to operate without the presence of the three-

time league MVP.

While Favre, who will turn 30 in October, has been remarkably healthy his entire career, the Packers know they must be prepared for the worst.

Not wasting time in what could be one of the most important and entertaining battles

NFL

of camp, the Packers used the Favre-less day to signal the opening bell of the battle between Rick Mirer and Matt Hasselbeck for the No. 2 job.

Continuing the opinion that Rhodes shared last week in a pre-camp press conference, offensive coordinator Sherman Lewis declared the battle up for grabs Monday. While Ronnie McAda, a seventh round draft choice in 1997, and fourth-round pick Aaron Brooks (who is unsigned and a hold-out), are also in the equation, it appears Mirer and Hasselbeck will get the best opportunity to compete to be Favre's backup.

"It's open," Lewis said. "Matt and Rick will get the most snaps (of the backups). We have to make a decision."

The acknowledgment of the competition between the two is a bit surprising, since

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DAVID SANDELL/THE CAPITAL TIMES

Flipping out

■ Zach Spencer of the West Side Swim Club flips off the board during the All-City Diving Meet Monday at the Shorewood Hills pool. Spencer finished eighth in the 13-14 boys division. Results in Scorecard, 5B.

Night's a waste for Wolf

By Jim Polzin

The Capital Times

Al Gallagher could have left Warner Park a few minutes after 7 Monday night and saved himself a lot of frustration.

By that time, the Madison Black Wolf manager had already seen his team drop a bitter, 5-3 decision to Northern League foe Winnipeg.

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But, Gallagher was forced to stick around and watch his team suffer an even more bitter, 5-3 loss.

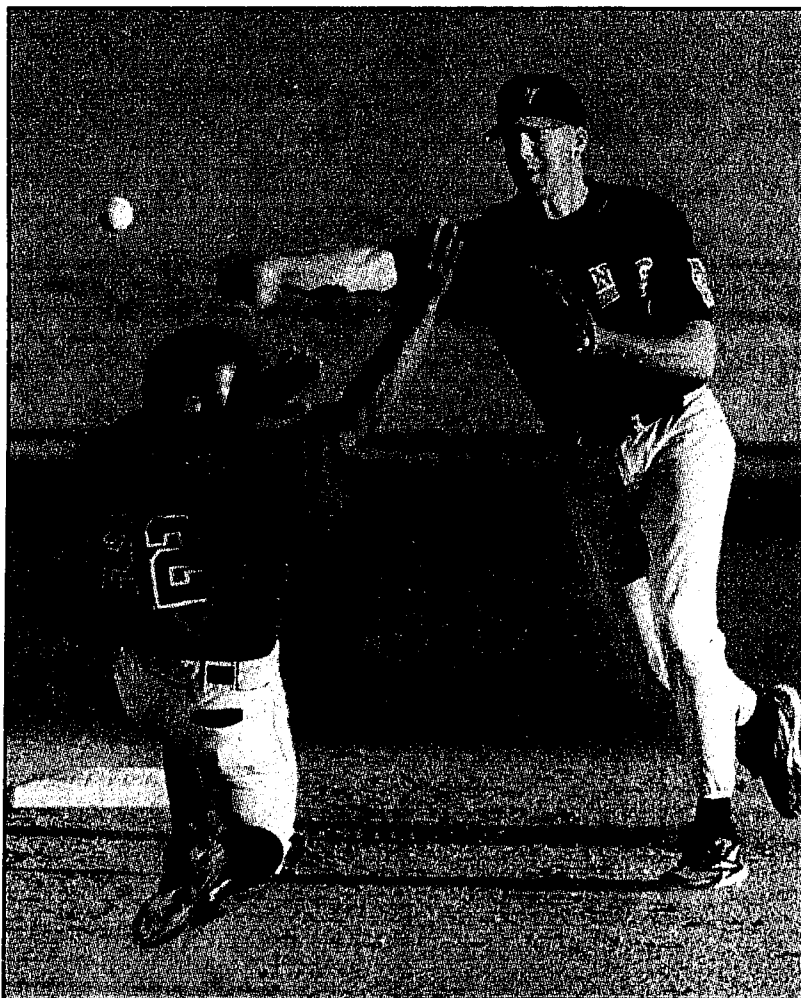
And while the circumstances surrounding the unexpected two-game set with the Goldeyes are a bit confusing — more on that later — Gallagher had a very simple explanation for the night's events.

"Missed opportunities," Gallagher said. "That's the story of the night."

The first game was the completion of a July 21 contest between the teams in Winnipeg. The Goldeyes had won that game, 5-2, but Gallagher filed a protest, claiming that Winnipeg manager Hal Lanier had made an illegal substitution in the ninth inning. The league office agreed and the teams resumed play Monday from the point of the illegal substitution — no outs in the top of ninth with Madison's Danny Lewis on first base.

Still, it looked to be a non-issue after Winnipeg reliever Alan Ochsner struck out Jermaine Swinton and got Donnie Harris to ground into a fielder's choice. However, singles by Brian Wagner and Dan Grice pulled the Black Wolf to within 5-3 and put the tying runs on base.

But Ochsner stuck out Jason Copeland to end the game and, in what would become a theme for



MIKE DEVRIES/THE CAPITAL TIMES

Winnipeg's Chad Thornhill forces out Madison's Jesus Campos Monday at Warner Park. The Black Wolf lost to the Goldeyes, 5-3.

the night, Madison blew a chance to score critical runs.

"If you're going to win games, you don't strike out in crucial situations. It's as simple as that," Gallagher said. "They can't make an error when you strike out. Nothing good can happen when you strike out."

If that point wasn't clear after the loss in the opener, it certainly was after the nightcap. Having already stranded eight runners, Madison entered the ninth with a 5-3 deficit.

Once again, the Black Wolf put up a fight, loading the bases with one out on two walks by Ochsner and a single by Grice. But after Ochsner struck out Harris with a

high fastball, Lewis grounded harmlessly to second base to end the game.

"When you don't understand that the game calls for a ball to be put in play with a man on third base with less than two outs and you continue to do that, that's a good way to go to the house (get released)," Gallagher said.

"This is not a game that's very difficult. There are certain rules that you have to do. And you have to put the ball in play with a man on third base. You don't go for a home run."

Madison, which fell to 5-4 in the second half, also left the bases

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Big Ten ready for annual ritual



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A week from today, the Big Ten will pound its chest, rally around the momentum generated from an undefeated bowl season (5-0) and proclaim itself as the strongest football conference in the country.

A week from today, University of Wisconsin tailback Ron Dayne and Penn State linebacker LaVar Arrington will be singled out as the Big Ten's preseason offensive and defensive players of the year.

A week from today, the Nittany Lions, coached by ageless Joe Paterno — entering his 50th season on the Penn State staff — will be picked as the consensus favorite to win the 1999 Big Ten title.

A week from today, Iowa's Kirk Ferentz and Northwestern's Randy Walker will try to say all the right things about their respective predecessors — Hayden Fry and Gary Barnett — as first-year pledges in the Big Ten coaching fraternity.

A week from today, Ohio State coach John Cooper will use the Big Ten forum to complain about the vagaries of the Bowl Championship Series and campaign for a national football playoff.

A week from today, Big Ten commissioner Jim Delany will deny the conference has any plans for expansion or interest in adding Syracuse as its 12th member after an unsuccessful and lengthy courtship of Notre Dame.

A week from today, the University of Minnesota will be touted as one of the most improved teams in the Big Ten; at least, on paper — term or otherwise, Jan Gangelhoff notwithstanding.

A week from today, the Big Ten will hold its 28th annual Kickoff Luncheon in the East Ballroom of the Sheraton Chicago. ESPN's Mike Tirico will emcee the event, which will draw 1,500 fans and

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culminate two days of newspaper, television and radio interviews.

Per usual, each conference school will be represented by its head coach and two players. UW offensive tackle Chris McIntosh will accompany Dayne. And they all will be available for autographs before the luncheon for the mere price of admission (\$60).

Some of the signatures will be more recognizable than others.

And now that Ohio State's Andy Katzenmoyer has moved on to the National Football League, you won't have to worry about any smearing from the crayons.

Katzenmoyer wasn't the only underclassman to bolt. Wide receiver David Boston also left the Buckeyes with eligibility remaining, which, of course, has been the standard operating procedure for years at Ohio State.


This year, though, Michigan State led the Big Ten in defections. Running back Sedric Irvin, defensive tackle Robert Newkirk and defensive end Dimitrius Underwood all declared for the NFL draft.

Underwood went in the first round to the Vikings, Irvin in the fourth round to the Lions and Newkirk signed a free-agent contract with the Cowboys.

Michigan State coach Nick Saban also lost a few more players over the winter for a variety of indiscretions. Saban, no doubt, would now like to lose the rap of coaching the biggest under-achievers in the conference.

The Spartans, who finished sixth last year with a 4-4 Big Ten record (6-6 overall), are pegged for another second-division finish.

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						Duluth 7:05 p.m.

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TELEVISION

6:30 p.m. — Pro baseball — Boston at Toronto; ESPN.
6:30 p.m. — Pro baseball — Milwaukee at Atlanta; MSC.

RADIO

11:30 a.m. — Mad City MIDDAYS — With Rich Reynolds and Sean Thompson; WTLX (100.5 FM).
5 p.m. — The Sports Drive — With Craig Karmazin, Steve Politzner and Brian Roller; WTLX (100.5 FM).
6:30 p.m. — Pro baseball — Milwaukee at Atlanta; WIBA (1310 AM).
7 p.m. — Pro baseball — Winnipeg at Madison in Northern League game; WTLX (100.5 FM).

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BUSINESS

Banker purchases Avalanche, Nuggets

A group headed by billionaire banker Donald Sturm purchased the Colorado Avalanche and the Denver Nuggets for \$461 million after Bill and Nancy Laurie, a Wal-Mart heiress, dropped out of an auction for the teams.

The move ended a four-month tug-of-war over Ascent Entertainment Group's efforts to sell the teams and the Pepsi Center arena, due to open next fall.

In March, the Lauries purchased the Ascent assets for \$400 million, triggering two shareholder lawsuits that claimed other potential bidders were not solicited and the teams and arena should have fetched a higher price.

On Monday, Sturm won the right to compete against the Lauries by edging Saudi Princess Thara Al Saud, who offered \$450 million, and a group made up of retired Denver Broncos quarterback John Elway, Denver financier Bjorn Erik Borgen and Colorado ski mogul George Gillett, whose bid wasn't disclosed.

■ Mario Lemieux has the money needed to purchase the financially troubled Pittsburgh Penguins, with at least \$50 million wired into escrow accounts, his lawyer said.

The NHL Hall of Fame center still needs to finalize details and close on the deal, a process that could be completed in less than 10 days.

Lawyer Douglas Campbell was confident Lemieux would be able to purchase the bankrupt team for whom he played. The money needed to buy the Penguins was wired by investors into accounts by Monday, a deadline set by a federal bankruptcy judge, Campbell said.

"Everything's there. We're there," Campbell said. "Now we just have to hammer out a series of agreements and so forth."

Campbell refused to name all the investors or detail how much they have invested, but said there is enough money in the escrow accounts now to pay for the Penguins, an amount believed to be \$50 million to \$55 million.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Investigation slows Minnesota report

An investigation of alleged sexual misconduct by University of Minnesota athletes is likely to delay a report and any self-imposed sanctions regarding accusations of academic fraud by men's basketball players.

Sandra Gardebring, vice president for institutional relations, told the Saint Paul (Minn.) Pioneer Press on Monday that a report on possible cheating by men's basketball players isn't expected until late October. The delay also would push back action on the report until mid-November, Gardebring said.

She said investigators are behind schedule because they spent time in May and June compiling a report on alleged sexual harassment by athletes and preferential treatment by administrators.

University president Mark Yudof hired two law firms soon after allegations of academic fraud surfaced in March. They have been looking into claims that a tutor wrote research papers and completed take-home tests for more than 20 current and former basketball players.

■ Former Sun Prairie High School athlete Nichie Bendt was named women's basketball coach at Madison Area Technical College.

"I am excited to take over a program with a strong winning tradition," Bendt said. "We hope to continue that tradition and build upon it."

Bendt takes over for Kris Quinlan, who resigned after posting a 197-78 career mark.

Previously, Bendt was an assistant basketball coach at Bemidji (Minn.) State for seven years, and softball coach for five seasons.

DIVING

Jefferson, 10, wins another title

Ryan Jefferson of Seminole Pool won his third consecutive title in the 10-under boys division at the All-City Diving Meet Tuesday at Shorewood Hills Pool.

Jefferson, 10, of Fitchburg, scored 151.30 points in the final day of the competition to edge teammate Calvin Krajco, who had 123.45 points.

Andrea Woodside of Middleton was the titlist in the 10-under girls division. She had 122.25 points to finish just ahead of Megan Schiltz of Ridgewood, who scored 121.40.

In the 15-18 boys division, Sam Lipp of Westside took first place with 203.25 points. Graham Grafton finished second with 200.50 points for Parkcrest.

Erin Hallen of Middleton won the girls division with 218.25 points.

Ridgewood edged Middleton, 254.5-236, to win the team competition. Results in Scoreboard/5B.

GOLF

Roismum still leads at Public Links

Defending champion Pat Roismum of Madison shot a 5-over par 77 to continue to lead with a 149 after the second round of the 54-hole Wisconsin Women's Public Links State Championship on the East Course at Yahara Hills Golf Course Tuesday.

Roismum, who shot an even-par 72 on the West Course Monday, had two birdies to lead by 4 strokes over Madison's Sue Joy-Sobota.

Susan Lee Kolbe and Patti Pelischek are tied for third place with 159. The tournament concludes today on Yahara's West Course.

LOCALLY

University of Wisconsin running back Ron Dayne has been named a preseason all-American by Sport Magazine, which also ranked UW at No. 13. Dayne was also chosen to win the Doak Walker Award, as the nation's top running back.

... The 18th annual UW Provision fund-raiser for UW Athletics will be held Aug. 9. Tickets may be purchased by calling (608) 262-5069. ... Cassi Palk, 9, recently won the gold medal in sparring at the TaeKwonDo National Junior Olympics.

ODDS AND ENDS

Cheryl Miller, coach and general manager of the WNBA's Phoenix Mercury signed a multiyear contract extension with the team. ... Defending champion Albert Costa won his 11th straight match in the clay-court event, beating Michael Kholmman, 6-4, 6-4, in the second round of the Generali Open in Kitzbuehel, Austria. ... Lance Armstrong finished ninth in the two-leg Cross Laussane time trial in Lausanne, Switzerland. ... The Vancouver Canucks signed Daniel Sedin and his identical twin brother, Henrik, to three-year contracts worth \$1.03 million a season.

Compiled from State Journal wire services and staff reports.

Goldeyes slip by Black Wolf

By Tom Mulhern
Sports reporter

Al Gallagher might have had the right idea.

The Madison Black Wolf manager was tossed out of Tuesday night's game in the ninth inning by home plate umpire Steve Wammer for arguing a called ball.

He was not among the hundred or so hardy fans from an original crowd of 1,407 at Warner Park who stuck around for more than 5 hours and 20 minutes to see one of the more disappointing losses of the season.

Shortstop Chad Thornhill ripped a two-run triple in the 15th inning that landed on the right-field foul line as the Winnipeg Goldeyes defeated the Black Wolf, 11-10, in a Northern League game.

Gallagher was upset after the game, claiming the final inning started after 11:59 p.m., which is the latest time an inning can start.

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"I'd just like to know what time 11:59 (p.m.) with the curfew starts," Gallagher said. "I have no understanding of that (decision). There's no way they can start (an inning) after 11:59. It was definitely 12:03 (a.m.) when they started. They had no explanation."

The Black Wolf showed heart, rallying from deficits of 7-1, 8-6 and 9-8, the last coming in the top of the 10th inning, but they couldn't close the deal. They added a run in the bottom of the 15th on a sacrifice fly by Danny Lewis but couldn't get any closer.

"It's kind of like that all year for us," shortstop Dan Grice said. "Extra innings we just don't seem to get it done."

Peter Moore (0-2), the eighth Black Wolf pitcher, took the loss. After getting the first two batters

in the 15th inning, he gave up a walk to former Black Wolf Darin Everson and a single to center fielder Nolan Lane before Thornhill's clutch hit.

"That's where we have hurt all year long, our middle relief," Gallagher said. "Unfortunately, a game like this, you end up with your middle relief coming in at the end of the game. You can't pitch your stopper 16 innings."

The Black Wolf wasted five home runs and a solid relief job by Brent Deremer, who pitched four scoreless innings and kept working out of jams in the extra innings. The Goldeyes stranded 23 base runners.

First baseman Jermaine Swinton's towering home run to left field to lead off the 10th inning for the Black Wolf tied the game at 9-9. A two-run homer by catcher Brian Wagner, his second of the game, in the bottom of the eighth

inning sent the game into extra innings, tied at 8-all.

"We had some great home runs and timely hitting," Gallagher said. "Bottom of the 10th, Jermaine hits a big home run to tie things up. Bottom of the 15th, Danny just misses a home run, Chad (Roper) just misses a home run, or we win the ballgame. They just missed those pitches."

It was the fourth straight loss for the Black Wolf, now 5-5 in the second half and 22-30 overall. But Gallagher refused to categorize it as a disappointing loss.

"We battled our butt off and there's nobody in (the locker room) that should be ashamed of anything," he said. "You win games, you lose games. We stayed in there, nobody quit. Everybody had a lot of hustle, a lot of desire. We ended up with a makeshift lineup out there. Nobody has anything to be ashamed of in a game like that."

NBA receives the highest grades

Annual diversity report expands to other sports

By Jimmy Golen
Associated Press

BOSTON — When the Northeastern University Center for Sport in Society released its annual racial report card, the news wasn't so much the grades as who was in the class.

Data from the WNBA were examined for the first time this year, making it the first women's league to be scrutinized. The title also changed this year from a "Racial Report Card" to a "Racial and Gender Report Card."

"The dimension of diversity has

really changed," said Richard Lapchick, the center's director. "For so many years, this was a portrait of black and white. When we look at sports in society today, that is no longer the case."

The 10th annual report indicates that the professional leagues do better than college sports at integrating their executive positions and women are faring better than minorities. Among the pro leagues, the NBA is ahead of the other sports, especially in its spinoff WNBA.

"I think there's a real consciousness in that league more than any other," Lapchick said. "They represent, if anybody does, the whole concept of gender equity."

The NBA received the highest overall grades with an A- for race and a B for gender. The NFL got a B+ for its racial hiring practices,

but a D+ for gender. Major League Baseball got a B for race, while college sports received C's for race and gender.

The report also examines the NHL and Major League Soccer for the first time. Leagues in the report for the first time are not given grades.

Other details from the report: **Players:** The percentage of black players decreased over the past year in all professional sports, as well as NCAA Division I. In baseball, the 15 percent black participation was a 10-year low.

This decrease can largely be attributed to the increase of Latin players. In baseball, for example, the percentage of Latinos reached an all-time high of 25 percent.

Women: Women fare better than minorities in terms of off-field opportunities. Except in the NBA, though, they are overrepresented in support staff positions

and underrepresented in executive positions.

The president of the WNBA, Val Ackerman, is a woman.

International players: The number of foreign-born players in baseball and the NBA was an all-time high. There were also "extremely large numbers" of international players in the WNBA, NHL and soccer.

Colleges: The percentage of black Division I athletic directors, excluding historically black colleges, is 3.2 percent, down from 3.7 percent a year earlier.

"That's kind of a scary number," Lapchick said.

Owners: There were no black or Latin majority owners in any of the leagues examined by the report. There was one Asian majority owner in the MLS and the NHL, while three women were majority owners, two in the NFL and one in baseball.

Rose wants to hear anything from Selig

State Journal wire services

Pete Rose has heard several times through the media that baseball commissioner Bud Selig doesn't plan to review his lifetime ban from the game.

He still wants to hear those words from Selig in person.

Rose, banned in 1989 for misconduct related to gambling, applied for reinstatement more than a year ago. He said he is upset that Selig never responded to his letter requesting a meeting where he can state his case.

"Here's a guy who has my future and the future of my family in

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his hands," Rose said. "Even if it's bad news, wouldn't you think he'd answer me except through the media? I can honestly tell you I've never met the man."

Schilling to skip start: Philadelphia Phillies ace Curt Schilling will miss his scheduled start today with mild biceps tendinitis.

Schilling (14-4) has felt stiffness in his right biceps while warming up before his last two starts. He is scheduled to skip just one start and pitch again Tuesday at Florida. Rookie right-hander

Steve Schrenk will start today against the Marlins instead of Schilling.

Around the horn: Seattle shortstop Alex Rodriguez was held out of Tuesday's game against Kansas City with a sore left wrist. He injured the wrist Sunday sliding into a base against Minnesota. A team spokesman said Rodriguez was day-to-day. ... Arizona Diamondbacks outfielder David DeLuca underwent surgery to repair a damaged bone in his left wrist. Dr. Don Sheridan, who performed the 2½-hour surgery, says DeLuca has a 70 percent chance at continuing his career from the condition known as Kienbock's

disease. ... New York Yankees outfielder Shane Spencer, sidelined because of an irregular heartbeat, rejoined the team. "I've been taking it easy for three weeks. I'm bored," said Spencer, who was placed on the disabled list July 3 and treated for atrial fibrillation. ... The Kansas City Royals recalled pitcher Glendon Rusch and purchased the contract of infielder Ray Holbert from Class AAA Omaha. ... Left-hander Scott Radinsky was placed on the 15-day disabled list by the St. Louis Cardinals because of a strained left elbow. St. Louis recalled left-hander Mike Mohler from Class AAA Memphis.

Race

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nately make the season go better," said Haseleu, who passed Kvapil on Lap 148 and led the rest of the race.

Kvapil's lead reached as much as 3.5 seconds, but a caution on Lap 227 allowed Kvapil to catch up. On Lap 237, Kvapil pulled up directly behind Haseleu, but couldn't pull past him.

"A couple of times, I had a pretty good run on him, but I didn't have quite good enough traction to get past," Kvapil said.

Kvapil, who worked past Haseleu on Lap 116, led at halftime when the racers paused for a chance to change tires and make adjustments to their cars. After the break, Haseleu seemed to have the better car than Kvapil.

"I think the biggest thing was most guys in the beginning didn't have their cars right and I was pretty good," said Kvapil, who won his first NASCAR RE/MAX Challenge Series race Saturday at Fountain, Colo. "Obviously, Nathan tuned his car (during the break) and he got us by a little bit."

In the final laps, Haseleu had to worry about passing several lapped cars as he tried to hold off

Kvapil. In the end, Haseleu, who started fifth, was able to protect the inside and keep Kvapil at bay.

The win was a big one for the 21-year-old Haseleu, who some see as an up-and-comer in racing. But for now, he just wants to concentrate on becoming a better driver.

"I'm just trying to get laps," Haseleu said. "I need to get a couple more years of experience before I can think of anything else."

Haseleu believes the RE/MAX series is a perfect training ground.

"RE/MAX is a good series. There are so many good guys who have been doing it for a long time," Haseleu said.

The loss was a disappointing one for Kvapil who said he has never won one of the biggest races at Madison International Speedway. However, Kvapil conceded that he lost to a good driver.

"Nathan is a good guy and he's young and an excellent, excellent driver," Kvapil said.

Cambridge's Jason Schuler finished third, followed by Beloit's Ryan Hanson, McFarland's Kyle

Kinder, Wausau's Scott Wimmer and Madison's Brian Hoppe.

Hoppe, one of the top drivers in the RE/MAX series, recovered from a mishap on Lap 180, when he bumped into Wimmer and spun between Turns 3 and 4.

"We were just off tonight," Hoppe said. "We had so much rear brake in the car and that's how I got into Scott Wimmer."

In Tuesday's other features, Oregon's Andy Anderson won the Midwest Modified race and Justin Musgrave, son of NASCAR Win-

ston Cup driver Ted Musgrave, got his first win in the Midwest Truck Series.

MILLER LITE 250
1. Nate Haseleu, Marshall; 2. Travis Kvapil, Edgerton; 3. Jason Schuler, Fort Atkinson; 4. Ryan Hanson, Beloit; 5. Kyle Kinder, McFarland; 6. Scott Wimmer, Wausau; 7. Brian Hoppe, Verona; 8. Eric Peterson, Machenes Park; 9. Dale Notested, Cambridge; 10. Todd Zick, Briggsville; 11. Pete Moore, McFarland.
MIDWEST TRUCK SERIES FEATURE
1. Justin Musgrave, Madison; 2. Dan Harris, Madison; 3. Billy Berg, Arlington.
MIDWEST MODIFIED FEATURE
1. Andy Anderson, Oregon; 2. Paul Truhardt, Monroe; 3. Wayne Riebe, Clinton.

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U.S. veterans shine in track

By Bert Rosenthal
Associated Press

WINNIPEG, Manitoba — The U.S. track and field team got a lift from a trio of veterans Tuesday at the Pan Am Games.

And in gymnastics, Cuba's Eric Lopez kept on piling up gold medals, adding three more and giving him six total in the men's competition.

American pole vaulter Pat Manson, hammer thrower Lance Deal and women's shot putter Connie Price-Smith, among the old guard of a generally young U.S. track and field team, repeated as champions.

Manson, 31, the oldest competitor in the 10-man pole vault field, became the first American and fifth athlete overall to win three gold medals in the same Pan Am Games track and field event, soaring 18 feet, 4 1/2 inches as the United States swept the first two places. He has now won gold medals in three straight Pan Am Games.

Deal, 37, the 1996 Olympic silver med-

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alist and American-record-holder, hurled the hammer a Pan Am record 261-2, leading another 1-2 U.S. finish.

Price-Smith, also 37, won her fourth Pan Am medal, tossing the shot 62-6 1/2. In addition to her two consecutive golds, Price-Smith won a shot put silver in 1991 and a discus bronze in 1987.

Despite missing three times at trying to break his Pan Am record of 18-10 1/2 set in 1995, Manson was ecstatic over his winning streak.

"Wow!" he said. "That's cool, that's neat. I really wanted to come here and get a third gold."

Deal, ranked sixth in the world, uncorked his winning throw on his first attempt, shattering the previous Pan Am record of 253-5 by Jud Logan in 1987 and 13 feet beyond Deal's winning throw in 1995.

The United States led the medals table with 83, far ahead of Cuba's 49 and Canada's 44. Americans have 31 golds,

with Cuba at 21 and Canada at 14.

The U.S. baseball team also came up with a victory, recovering from its shocking loss Monday to Canada with a 5-1 win over Mexico. Catcher Marcus Jensen had two home runs and drove in all five runs.

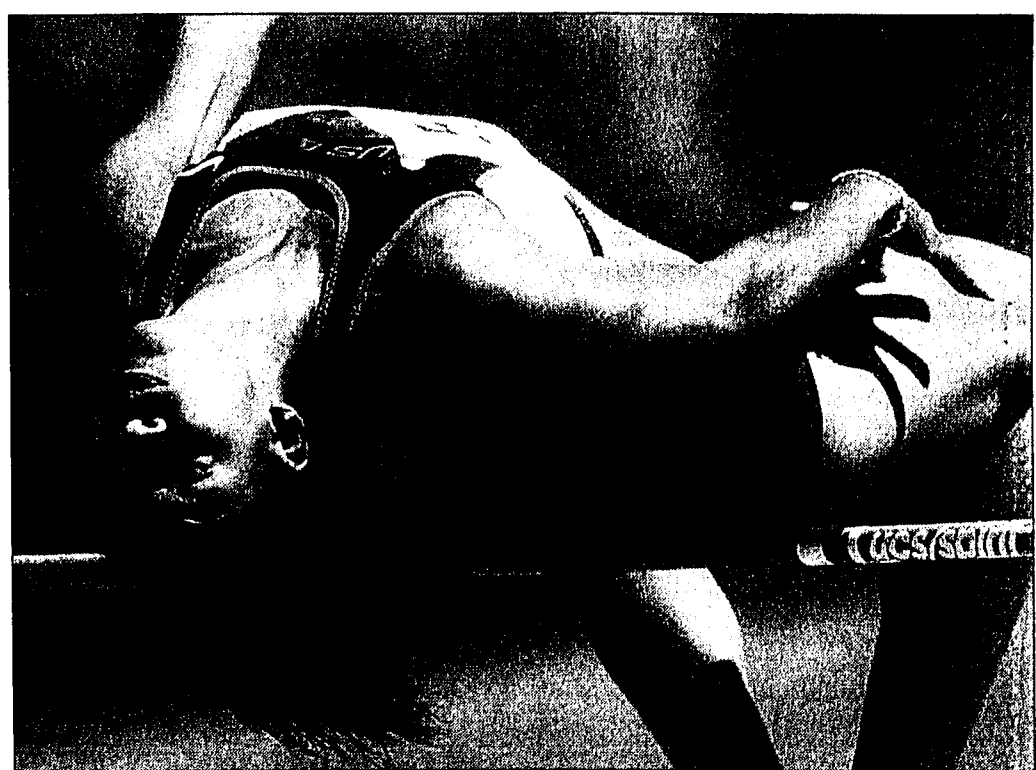
Today's foe: world champion Cuba. The Cubans won their second straight, routing Brazil, 10-1.

The American men were shut out in individual gymnastics finals, with Cuba winning eight medals. All-around winner Lopez took gold in pommel horse, parallel bars and rings.

The U.S. women also had a tough night.

After winning the gold and bronze medals in the all-around competition, the United States managed only one medal in the individual events Tuesday, a bronze by Morgan White in the uneven bars.

Another medal hope for the United States, Jennie Thompson, injured her ankle in the vault, the first event, and had to scratch from the bars and floor exercise.



American Nicole Haynes competes in the high jump Tuesday at the Pan Am Games.

SCOREBOARD

United States, def. Conchita Martinez (9) Spain, 5-7, 6-4, 6-4, Corina Moraru, United States, def. Anna Sidor, France, 6-1, 6-4, Fabiola Zugue, Colombia, def. Tamarine Tana, Argentina, 6-2, 6-4, 6-4, Katarina Srebrenik, Slovenia, def. Jane Cich, United States, 6-3, 6-1.

Driving distance
1. Jean Barthelemy, 259.9, 2. Wladimir, 259.9, 3. Kim Inksker, 259.9, 4. Michael Baylock, 259.9, 5. Se Ri Pak, 257.3, 7. (tie) Steve Turner, 155.7, 8. Tschetter, 257.1, 9. Akiko Fukushima, 256.6, 10. Annette DeLoach, 256.3.

1. Susie Redman, 640, 2. Dottie Pepper, 625, 3. Hollis Stacy, 374, 4. Donnie Andrews, 356, 5. Hyatt Kim, 551, 6. Amy Kistner, 537, 7. Dana Kistner, 535, 8. Pat Bradley, 524, 9. Katri Nilsen, 517, 10. Christy Erb, 514.

1. Karrie Webb, 271, 2. Lorie Kane, 270, 3. Maria Hjorth, 252, 4. Mari Lund, 239, 5. Sherri Steinhilber, 228, 6. Sherri Steinhilber, 228, 7. Mi Hyun Kim, 222, 8. Becky Laver, 220, 9. Steve Pate, 159, 10. Annette DeLoach, 256.3.

1. Tino Barretti, 810, 2. Amy Furber, 799, 3. Sherri Steinhilber, 797, 4. Maria Figueroa-Dotti, 800, 5. Lorie Kane, 787, 6. Anikka Sorenstam, 772, 7. Jenny Liebeck, 778, 8. Lorie Kane, 776, 9. Nancy Ramstott, 772, 10. Hiromi Kikuchi, 772.

1. Stephanie Lowe, 282, 2. Lisa-Jane O'Neil, 282, 3. Lorie Kane, 282, 4. Barbara Mucha, 282, 5. Dottie Pepper, 282, 6. Sally Little, 293, 7. David Gilford, 282, 8. Heidi Stenroos, 290.6, 9. Rosie Jones, 291.5, 10. Cathy Johnston-Forbes, 292.5.

1. Bruce Fleisher, 19, 2. Hale Irwin, 15, 3. Alan Doyle, 15, 4. Larry Nelson, 15, 5. Vicente Fernandez, 15, 6. David Duval, 15, 7. John Jacobs, 15, 8. Greg Norman, 15, 9. Graham Marsh, 15, 10. Gil Morgan, 15, 11. Tom Jenkins, 15, 12. Tom Jenkins, 15, 13. Bruce Summerhays, 15, 14. David Lunsford, 15, 15. Joe Imman, 15, 16. Walter Hall, 15, 17. David Duval, 15, 18. John Jacobs, 15, 19. Tom Jenkins, 15, 20. Tom Jenkins, 15, 21. Bruce Summerhays, 15, 22. David Lunsford, 15, 23. Joe Imman, 15, 24. Walter Hall, 15, 25. David Duval, 15, 26. John Jacobs, 15, 27. Tom Jenkins, 15, 28. Tom Jenkins, 15, 29. Bruce Summerhays, 15, 30. David Lunsford, 15, 31. Joe Imman, 15, 32. Walter Hall, 15, 33. David Duval, 15, 34. John Jacobs, 15, 35. Tom Jenkins, 15, 36. Tom Jenkins, 15, 37. Bruce Summerhays, 15, 38. David Lunsford, 15, 39. Joe Imman, 15, 40. Walter Hall, 15, 41. David Duval, 15, 42. John Jacobs, 15, 43. Tom Jenkins, 15, 44. Tom Jenkins, 15, 45. Bruce Summerhays, 15, 46. 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OUR OPINION

Merger may help municipalities

At first glance, the talk about a wedding between the village of DeForest and the town of Windsor might seem like a shotgun marriage. After all, these two units of government have been squabbling for months over how — not to mention if and when — to proceed with a 700-acre development plan by ABS Global.

But it is precisely because those governments have had so much trouble agreeing that they're now talking, albeit tentatively, about merging.

Why? They recognize that planning and service delivery for the village and the town might be more effectively managed by a single unit of government.

The truth of the matter is that, regardless of borders, DeForest and Windsor are pretty much one community. The DeForest Area School District has even considered changing its name to reflect that fact. The very idea of merger was revived at a long-range planning session sponsored by the school district earlier this year.

DeForest and Windsor share broad interests in how each community will grow — or, in some cases, not grow. A merger would effectively block the city of Madison from expanding its borders much farther to the north. That's because state law allows cities to easily annex land from towns, but not from neighboring cities and villages.

If a merger took place, it would create a single municipality of 11,500

Fitchburg is an example of how a united DeForest-Windsor might work.

people, which would be larger than all Dane County suburbs except Sun Prairie, Fitchburg and Middleton.

Speaking of Fitchburg, that's an example of how the united DeForest-Windsor might work. Although Fitchburg didn't always handle its growth challenges well, it has done a pretty good job of it since becoming a city. Fitchburg has made a conscious decision to grow in certain areas — mainly, its northern tier — and to preserve farmland and rural character elsewhere.

For all the whining by Madison liberals about preserving farmland, Fitchburg probably saves more farmland these days than Madison, which is gobbling up town land on its periphery.

DeForest and Windsor haven't been able to agree on the ABS Global development, but they've had good success at more routine levels. They share a municipal court, finance shared ambulance and fire services and operate a jointly funded senior citizen and community center.

Taxpayers in DeForest and Windsor may be better served by a single government that looks out for the entire community, regardless of borders. This is an idea worth pursuing.

Swimmers pool accomplishments

Last week's All-City Swim Meet in Madison was best described by the word "accomplishment."

The 38th annual All-City Meet brought together 12 swim clubs from Madison, Middleton, Monona, Fitchburg, Shorewood Hills and Maple Bluff for a three-day competition involving 1,359 swimmers from 6 to 18 years old at the Parkrest pool on Madison's West Side.

Bringing it off without a hitch — in searing heat — was an accomplishment for which meet director Roy Prange, the 300-member volunteer staff, the coaches, the parents and the swimmers deserve to

be proud.

But the biggest accomplishment was divided 1,359 ways. It was what each swimmer accomplished by competing. The All-City Meet is, annually, an event for each swimmer — not just the fastest. Slower swimmers who improve on their best previous times can feel just as proud as the swimmers who collect first-place medals.

Which brings us to another accomplishment — what the meet accomplished by showing how athletic competition, kept in perspective, can bring out the best in kids and parents.

Moreover, Madison's All-City Swim Meet was just the capstone to a week of accomplishments in pool sports. The smaller Madison All-City Dive Meet, also held at Parkrest, and the Tri-County Swim Meet at Baraboo were similarly inspiring events.

To the participants and organizers, hats off for an accomplishment worth remembering.

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Despite liberal rhetoric, taxpayers deserve a cut

We have gotten so used to the bitter rhetoric of the enemies of tax relief — liberals and Democrats, mostly, plus much of the national media — that we no longer notice how it poisons the national discourse.

"The only thing that could explain this love of tax cuts is a lowered IQ," Thus Margaret Carlson of Time magazine, venting on a television program last weekend.

Tax cutters are "mostly Republican ideologues like Bill Archer and Dick Arme, whose primary interest is in giving tax breaks to affluent Americans." Thus leftist economist Barry Bluestone in the current issue of The New Republic. "Republicans have created the illusion of paying back their wealthy supporters and corporate special interests in a bill that will never become law." Thus Rep. Pete Stark, D-Calif., in the House debate last week.

Over and over we hear them — the insults, the slanders, the appeals to resentment and envy. It is ugly stuff, political sewer talk, and we've been listening to it for years.

"I'll be damned if I am going to let a bunch of supply-side extremists destroy our middle class by pay for tax cuts for the wealthy," declared Richard Gephardt, the House Democratic leader, in 1996. That was about the time Ted Kennedy was barking, "Keep your tax-cutting, greedy hands off our Medi-

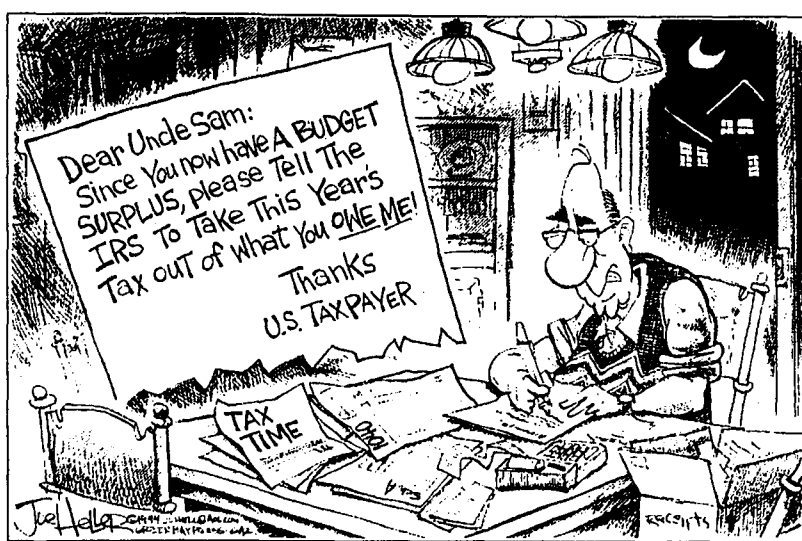
care" and Nina Totenberg was telling TV viewers that "there is another word for the way they are behaving. They are behaving like whores."

It is impossible to imagine tax-cut advocates talking this way. "The only thing that can explain their aversion to tax relief is mental retardation." "Democrats want taxes to stay high so they can keep giving money to inner-city welfare leeches." Republicans would be savaged, and deservedly, if they demagogued the liberals goes unrebuked.

The argument for tax relief is simple: Taxes should be cut because taxes are too high. Only once before has the federal government confiscated so great a proportion of the nation's economic output. That was in 1944-45, when the United States was fighting a two-front world war. Today we are not at war. Nor are we in a recession, or struggling with some natural catastrophe, or burdened with high unemployment. Yet Washington takes nearly 21 cents of every dollar of new wealth Americans create. When state and local taxes are added in, the typical family spends close to 40 percent of its income on taxes. That is more than it spends on food, clothing, shelter, and transportation — combined.

To be sure, what a "typical" family spends in taxes can be a misleading statistic. The overwhelming share of income taxes collected in this country comes from the well-to-do. The top federal tax bracket is 39.6 percent, more than 2½ times the rate for lower-income taxpayers. Millions of working Americans near the bottom of the income ladder pay no income tax at all thanks to the earned-income tax credit.

The bottom 60 percent of all taxpayers account for just 6 percent of



the income taxes collected. By contrast, the top 8 percent of all taxpayers — anyone earning more than \$100,000 — pay 62 percent of the total. This is known as soaking the rich. And it explains why any honest tax cut is going to return more dollars to the well-off than to the poor.

President Clinton ran for office promising a "middle-class tax cut." Like so much of what he says, that promise was a lie. What he (and congressional Democrats) delivered in 1993 was not a tax cut but a punitive tax increase — necessitated, he said, by the federal budget deficit.

Now the deficit is gone and the federal government is awash in surplus cash. No longer is there an excuse for taxes to be jacked up so high. It has been 18 years since Congress last enacted serious tax relief. What possible objection can there be to doing so now?

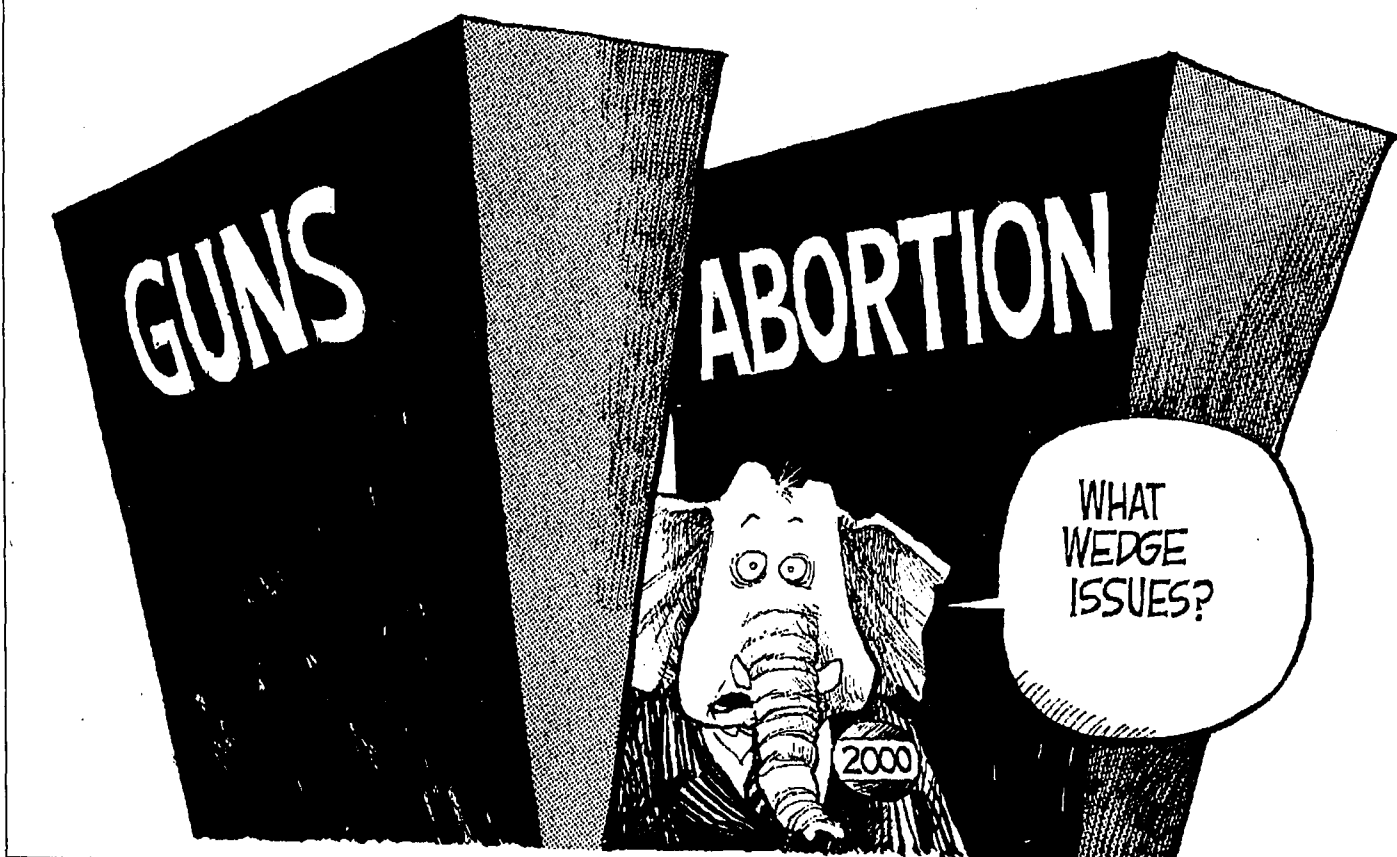
Well, says Clinton, a tax cut like the one the Republicans propose — a little under \$800 billion, phased in over 10 years — "would require dramatic cuts in vital areas, such as education, the environment, biomedical research, defense and crime fighting." But this, too, is a lie. The GOP tax cuts would have no effect on spending; their impact would simply be to reduce the \$1 trillion surplus in income tax reve-

nues that Washington now anticipates. "Last week, in the House of Representatives, they passed an irresponsible tax bill that would spend our surplus," Clinton said on Tuesday. Hear that? "Our surplus." That is how the liberal mind works: The money belongs to the government, even if the government doesn't need it.

And the government doesn't need it, as Clinton himself admitted on one of the rare occasions when he actually told the truth. Speaking of the 1993 tax hike, he told a Houston audience in 1995: "You think I raised your taxes too much. Well, it might surprise you to know I think I raised them too much, too." (A few days later Clinton retracted his statement; his unaccustomed lapse into the truth was caused, he said, by ignoring his mother's advice to "never give a talk after 7 o'clock at night.")

The tax debate boils down to a straightforward question: Should you be allowed to keep a little more of your own income? Republicans vote yes; they trust you to spend the extra dollars sensibly. Democrats, with some honorable exceptions, vote no; they think you are too stupid to be trusted. But the Democrats can't say what they really think. So they resort to insults instead.

Eyes Wide Shut



Today's mail: Debating utilities, CUB

CUB shares blame for power shortage

Citizens Utility Board Executive Director Steve Hiniker has a lot of crust, pointing fingers at utility management with his blame for the recent power shortage.

In the 1980s, CUB was claiming Wisconsin utilities had too much reserve capacity and didn't want the Public Service Commission to allow any more expansion. Now, because many of those projects were defeated, Wisconsin is short of capacity when one power plant goes down with mechanical problems on a hot day or the transmission lines are at maximum capacity and we can't buy power from out of state.

Of course, it's easy to be in Hiniker's position of "utility watchdog." He's not responsible for getting adequate power to the citizens of Wisconsin. All he has to do is sit back and accuse the utilities of wrongdoing and stir up more donations to his organization. Maybe his efforts would be better served if he pointed his mouth at one of those new wind generators and put his hot air to good use.

— Chuck Schmeling, Madison

Take Alliant's word over CUB's criticism

"CUB lays blame on Alliant: Citizens group claims utility is pushing units too hard, which causes rolling blackouts."

— State Journal, Thursday.
The State Journal and Citizens Utility Board Executive Director Steve Hiniker do Alliant, its employees,

customers and stockholders a great disservice when such unfounded claims are made by an official, who should know better, and printed by a newspaper, particularly at a time when all utility companies are struggling to meet their responsibility of providing continuous service.

A great many roadblocks are placed in the way of a utility company's ability to provide the facilities needed to provide uninterrupted service. Such roadblocks are made by well-meaning people and organizations and tend to make it not only more difficult but also more expensive to add facilities.

In criticizing Alliant for not having certain technicians assigned to each plant but having a pool of technical experts with responsibility for several plants, who is to say which method is the best? Not only from a cost standpoint but also from an effective standpoint, I would be inclined to take the word of the utility company's management rather than the word of an official as to the better method.

Because utility companies are highly regulated, it is not good practice for them to be critical of their regulators. In my estimation, Alliant should feel free to be extremely critical of the treatment it has received at the hands of the CUB and the State Journal.

— R. F. Brewer, Richland Center

Can't stand the heat? Get out a good quote

As this year's bout of heat and humidity peaks — and Wisconsin's monop-

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"Ask not what your utility can do for you, ask what you can do for your utility. Don't sweat it (the rolling blackout); you'll soon forget it."

— Robert H. Owen Jr., Middleton

More mail: 'Drunks'

Don't demonize State Street drunks

Regarding a recent State Journal editorial on State Street poverty and chronic substance abuse: Despite your insistent use of the pejorative label "drunks" as if that is the only defining factor in the lives of the human beings you write about, I will assume your heart was in the right place when you wrote "Downtown drunks need better help" (July 21).

I think your analysis of Downtown poverty and substance abuse, though, is far too facile.

In a political climate where the dominant ideology demonizes the poor and needy and where conservative legislatures everywhere have consistently trimmed or eliminated basic social welfare programs and services despite record prosperity, it seems mean-spirited and cynical to moralistically place the full burden of structural poverty and inequality as well as its attendant social chaos and decay on suffering individuals.

Granted, each person bears a responsibility to struggle against their personal predicament. But, if we divorce these symptoms of a sick economy from their structural causes and contexts, we will not be able to craft humane, egalitarian and effective solutions. We might feel self-satisfied, but we are not solving the problem.

There is also a moral hypocrisy that pervades much of the State Street efforts to deal with panhandling and chronic substance abuse. For instance, many stores, in the name of increased profits, have posted large signs discouraging citizens from donating money to panhandlers because they might use the money for drugs and alcohol. Conversely, though, no one moralizes or wags a stern finger at the thousands of middle-class and wealthy folks in Madison and other

places who are addicted to alcohol and other substances.

I'd like to see some parallel signs posted on State Street that urge Madisonians to stop giving money to local businesses because a portion of the profits might go toward the owners' abuse of alcohol or other drugs. The hypocrisy seems obvious to me.

If we really want to address poverty in Madison and substance abuse, we need to connect the dots between increasingly mean-spirited public policy, an economy that inherently produces inequality and the social impacts these structural factors bring about.

— Patrick Jones, Madison

Find a solution, then check cost

How much is a drunk worth?

July 21 Wisconsin State Journal editorial, "Downtown drunks need better help," twice states that they're not worth the hundreds of thousands of dollars the city has spent on them.

According to the figures in the editorial, the average per-year cost for the worst offenders over the 2½ years was less than \$10,000 each. As a police officer, I well understand the frustration of repeatedly taking the same people to detox. However, it has been my observation that part of what keeps people drinking is that they don't believe they're worth anything. Your editorial appears to be saying they're right.

As you correctly point out, the real problem here is that what we're doing isn't working. Let's concentrate first on finding an approach that works, and then worry about what it costs. After all, if it doesn't work, the taxpayers' money is all wasted.

— Patricia A. Robinson, Mount Horeb

OUR OPINION

Arts district accountability is key

Support is building for a quasi-public arts authority to manage Madison's Overture Project, the Downtown arts district that will be made possible by businessman Jerome Frautschi's \$100 million gift to the people of Madison. That's as it should be. Creation of such a district is the best way to ensure public accountability and a well-managed cultural center in Madison's Downtown.

City officials are slowly warming to the concept of a quasi-public authority, similar to what was created in Milwaukee to build and manage the Bradley Center. A team of city staffers has endorsed the need for an arts authority with limited powers of "eminent domain," meaning condemnation powers.

A vote is expected Tuesday by Mayor Sue Bauman's Overture Project Advisory Committee, which will review staff recommendations.

To some people, the thought of giving a quasi-public arts district the power to condemn property might sound ominous. If those powers were too broad or unchecked, they might be abused. Fair enough. But the powers that would be available to the Overture Project would be far less extensive than those already available to entities such as sewerage districts, drainage boards, town sanitary districts, utilities, railroads, the UW Board of Regents, housing authorities, the state Department of Transportation and more.

To accept a tax deductible donation, a quasi-public authority must meet one of the following tests: It must have taxing, police or condemnation powers. No one is suggesting the district should have the power to raise taxes (in fact, Bauman has pledged city taxpayers will not get stuck with any extra bills) and the idea of "arts cops" is a bit far out, even for Madison.

That leaves condemnation power, which would allow the authority to acquire adjoining property at a fair market value set by the courts.

So, is the arts authority a power play to force the sale of two businesses (Dotty Dumpling's Dowry and Miller's Market) that would become part of the arts district?

Practically speaking, no. The Overture Project cannot wait for the creation of a district to acquire those properties on Fairchild Street. It must negotiate a deal with the owners sooner rather than later, so condemnation is not a real threat unless the city of Madison intervenes on its own. While condemnation is a power better kept in reserve than used, the city has used it several

City arts district proposal summarized

The Downtown arts district funded by businessman Jerome Frautschi's \$100 million gift will include a multi-purpose theater with at least 2,200 seats, a new home for the Madison Children's Museum in the remodeled Oscar Mayer Theater, an expanded Madison Art Center and three small-to mid-sized performance spaces. The proposed arts district is bounded by State, Fairchild and Henry streets.

times in recent years to advance important projects.

With the arts authority, there will be reasonable geographical limits on how far the district's condemnation powers may extend. Another check on the district's power might be to limit how long it can have eminent domain powers without applying for renewal. Such a "sunset clause" would ensure responsible behavior all around.

A quasi-public authority would have another advantage: Public accountability. Records and meetings must be open under the law, which means citizens could gain insight into how the district is being managed. That's important because a significant public investment in the existing Madison Civic Center must be protected.

A quasi-public arts authority would strike a balance between the kind of accountability needed to attract public trust and the kind of flexibility necessary to run a financially strong and culturally exciting district. The idea should move ahead.

We salute . . .

The Wisconsin State Journal salutes . . .

■ All of the volunteers who have made the annual "Butterfly Bonanza" at Madison's Olbrich Gardens a success. By the time the event ends Aug. 15, about 570 volunteers will have contributed nearly 15,000 hours.

Since July 6, the Butterfly Bonanza has featured free-flying butterflies in Olbrich's Bolz tropical conservancy. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily through Aug. 15, when the Butterfly Bash will be held as a grand finale. Call 246-4550 for more information.

Butterflies in the exhibit are supplied by farms throughout the United States, arriving as chrysalises. Once they emerge as butterflies, they may actually live longer than butterflies in the wild due to the absence of natural predators.

■ Madeline and Paul Sattler of Madison, who headed up the All-City Dive Meet late last month at Shorewood Pool.

About 275 divers, boys and girls ages 6 through 18, representing 11 area dive teams, participated in the two-day meet. The winning team was Ridgewood Pool; Middleton took second.



Today's mail: Residential zoning and students

Editorial missed point of zoning proposal

After reading the recent editorial equating a proposed zoning ordinance change to restrictive covenants that prohibited property owners from selling to certain categories of people, I get the sense that the State Journal has disingenuously chosen to miss the real point of this issue.

The fundamental issue is whether it is appropriate to allow single family property to be turned into multiple-resident property without a zoning change.

The effects of turning single into multiple resident housing are obvious, including an increase in the number of cars entering and leaving the driveway, increased on-street parking and an increased level of activity due to several adults with uncoordinated schedules living together.

Are students inherently bad neighbors? Of course not, but as a relatively close neighbor of one of the properties in question, I have noticed an increase in car traffic in particular. On a street with many young children on tricycles, on roller blades or playing on the sidewalk, just an increase in driveway traffic can create a greater risk for them.

— Eileen Kellor, Madison

Zoning ordinance sets city policy

The State Journal's surprisingly inflammatory July 15 editorial "Even students have rights" managed to mislead the public, demean the City Council and offend city residents.

First, the facts: No rights have been denied and no students are being prevented from living in certain neighborhoods. The amendment merely clears up a loophole that allowed the true financial owner of a property to create a "paper" ownership interest in one occupant, thereby creating the equivalent of an absentee landlord. The amendment prevents an absentee owner from avoiding zoning restrictions by listing an occupant as an owner.

Second, no one is being kicked out of certain neighborhoods. The ordinance change would not affect existing housing arrangements.

Third, the editorial said a property owner must live in the home for four years to have more than one roomer. That restriction would only apply if all recorded co-owners do not live in the house.

The city's zoning ordinance is a statement of policy regarding where different types of residential or commercial activity occur in the city. This amendment . . . merely prevents an absentee owner from treating an R-2 property (for single family homes) as an R-4 or R-5 property (for multi-family homes and apartment buildings).

The ordinance change is not motivated by a desire to ban higher density housing. The neighborhoods that petitioned for this change already have substantial rental properties. They merely wish to maintain the balance of density that has been the long-standing and expressed objective of the zoning ordinance. We do not believe it is right or fair for absentee owners of R-2 zoned homes to grant themselves higher density occupancy than is intended by the law.

— Ron Rosner, president, Regent Neighborhood Association, Madison

Plenty of places where students can live

I am amazed at the logic your editorial writer used in trying to compare blatant, often violent residential discrimination at the turn of the century with efforts by the city to preserve its single-family housing neighborhoods against rooming houses for students.

Some of us in middle- and working-class family neighborhoods on the near West Side resent rich parents buying houses for their student children while they attend the university. There are plenty of places for students to live in Madison — why in family residential neighborhoods?

I'm amazed that you would take the

side of those who would buy a house for their child and put it in the child's name. Then the false owner can rent out rooms in the house to other, non-related students to help pay the mortgage — as a purely profit-oriented venture. These people say "Who cares about Madison?"

What really blows my mind is that the Journal would take the unbridled free market position of outside interests and the real estate industry over the views of long-term residents of Madison. . . .

— Steve Tatarsky, Madison

Motor home in driveway broke association's rules

Regarding the recent letter to the editor by Mary Kay Reinemann over Wexford Village Homes Association "suing over 'eyesore' not next right thing," Reinemann missed the whole point of the lawsuit.

Wexford Village did not sue the homeowner because the rusting motor home was considered by many of the neighbors to be an eyesore. Wexford sued because the homeowner was in violation of Wexford covenants. After many complaints from neighbors and several years of talking, the Wexford board had no alternative but to sue the homeowner.

Many neighborhoods like Wexford Village have covenants that have the force and effect of city law. The covenants are part of deed restrictions that all homeowners receive when they buy a home in Wexford Village. The covenant states that "boats, travel trailers, mobile homes, campers and other recreational vehicles may not be stored anywhere other than in garages."

The lawsuit could have been avoided had the homeowners not deliberately defied the covenants. Clearly the responsibility was theirs and they choose not "to do the right thing!"

— Colleen O'Meara Schams, past covenants chairwoman, Wexford Village Home Owners Association

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Caller Ideas

Who says lakes are icky? "I was kind of upset and offended by some of the comments made by some of the people quoted in the story 'Pools offer relief but not in Madison,' like, 'The water is icky.' My family has been using the Madison lakes all summer. We have also been using the Monona pool. We find both of them to be enjoyable places to swim and cool off and enjoy ourselves. We haven't found the lakes to be as disgusting and messy as some of the people quoted in the article did. I would suggest that some of the people, including your reporter and some of these other folks, go down to check out B.B. Clarke Park and Tenney Park and some of the other places and find out how clean our lakes really are. In addition, I don't think that just building pools is the answer. What about putting the money into keeping Madison's lakes pristine and wonderful? That is truly the attraction that the city has to the rest of the country. I think we ought to protect it with our dollars and our care."

— Rick Larson, Madison

Pooling our money: "I think that it is wonderful that we have the \$100-million gift for the art center in Downtown Madison. But I also think that it would be very beneficial and helpful if we took a couple of those million and built a public pool so that the city kids of Madison could have a pool to swim in."

— Margaret Loftren, Madison

No nudes is good nudes: "Congratulations to Assembly Speaker Scott Jensen. His was the second most miraculous birth in history. Apparently, he was born fully clothed."

— Jerome Joyce, Madison

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Inflation Infatuation: "Recently in the State Journal, the teachers seem to be out of touch. They claim to be losing money due to inflation since 1993. Now, don't they know that the president has assured us there is no inflation? It is very low. . . ."

— Charles Worrell

Fighting for kids: "I would like to see more feedback on the district attorney and his wife who are under a restraining order for allegedly threatening Montello school officials over the handling of their handicapped daughter. A lot of us with handicapped children don't get the great public school education that other people do. We have to fight for every scrap of whatever we get from the public schools for our children just to get an education or to walk in the front door. . . ."

— Heidi Strauss, Whitewater

Many Iranian students don't want speedy change

By Reza Rezazadeh

In 1998, while I was lecturing and doing research in Kazakhstan as a senior Fulbright scholar, I found it necessary to travel to Iran for the firsthand observation of the socio-economic and political conditions.

I had been away from Iran more than 40 years, but had kept close watch over developments there because of my academic specialization regarding the Middle East. Being away from Iran for such a long time, I had problems establishing contacts needed to carry out my plan. Fortunately, this was resolved when, to my surprise, I was invited by the Iranian government to visit the country as a guest scholar. Upon my arrival, I was put in touch with top-level government officials, university presidents, distinguished faculty members and several research organizations.

I agree to certain statements about the political conditions in Iran expressed by Azar Nafisi in Trudy Rubin's July 16 column in the State Journal. But I disagree with her statements regarding the operation of the Islamic regime and significance of the student uprisings.

It is true that the young Iranians are generally dissatisfied with the restrictions imposed on freedom of expression and social behavior, and, being impatient, they are apt to explode out of frustration. However, it is incorrect to assume that students in majorities are against the Islamic regime.

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The resentments concerning limitations on freedom of press and social restrictions are not solely the concerns of the youth. Older people, including most of the students' parents, feel the same way. Nearly 70 percent of people fall in this category and desire substantial changes. But, at the same time, my findings show that more than 70 percent of the voters, namely Iranians over 14 years of age, favor sustaining the Islamic Republic system.

Their reasons are understandable. They see their cleric leaders, people of modest living standards, as honest and working hard for public benefits. They will point out the monumental developments, despite capital scarcity and economic hardships, in urban reconstruction, technological and industrial progress, elaborate highway construction, transportation, communication networks, education, health care, crime prevention, security measures in the cities, democratic political education, anti-poverty programs and old age benefits.

All these were achieved despite the U.S. government sanctions against Iran. Consequently, they strongly support President Khatami's gradual reform efforts and do not desire to rock the boat by demanding speedy and radical changes.

Most Iranians are aware of President Khatami's plans. They know that next February's parliamentary elections will be a turning point if the moderate majority is elected and takes control of the all-important legislative branch, now solidly

in the hands of the hard-liners. It was on this ground that the huge counter-demonstration was staged on July 14, with participation of moderates and hard-liners, against the student uprisings of July 9-13.

Contrary to the American media assumption that this counter-demonstration was staged by the hard-liners, conservatives and moderates both participated because both groups are supportive of the Islamic Republic system. Despite sharp differences between hard-liners and moderates on many issues, when the survival of the system is in question, both sides unite to defend it.

Despite tendencies by the youth to enjoy certain parts of Western culture, it must be noted that those under 25 grew and were educated under an Islamic system and live in a society consisting of 95 percent Muslims with a strong Islamic tradition. It must also be remembered that it was the same young Iranians who actively participated in overthrowing the old regime and bringing about the 1979 revolution. Demands for speedy changes and violent demonstrations are not supported by the majority of Iranian students.



Mohammed Khatami