

Supplementary file: Why-VP occurrences in NYT Gigaword

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We 've become a bigger , more successful company and our financial strategies have evolved to support that growth . ” What do insurance executives watch on TV at night ? The Weather Channel . At least that 's what supporters and officials of the US Commerce Department said Friday as they promoted the department 's weather research services , and as they asked insurance executives in Boston to help fend off budget cuts . According to the agenda , industry executives had been invited to the Boston meeting to tell Commerce Secretary Ronald H. Brown what kind of weather information they need from his department . But Brown spent nearly as much time encouraging the executives to come to Washington to help him fight budget cuts . For example , proposed cuts to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration , which provides basic weather data to private industry and runs the National Weather Service , “ would be disabling to a number of the functions you 're dependent on , ” Brown told the insurance executives . Between the Mississippi floods , the western wildfires and hurricanes ravaging the East Coast , insurers have taken billions of dollars in losses in recent years . Prior to mid-1988 , insurers had never lost more than \$ 1 billion on any one incident , said Franklin Nutter of the Reinsurance Association of America . Since then , said Brown , there have been 17 events that cost the industry \$ 1 billion or more , many of them weather-related .

Why not lobby Congress to block the cuts ?

he asked . “ It does n’t mean you ’re not for belt tightening . ” Congress could cut as much as \$ 1 billion , or 25 percent , from the department . Commerce officials said the cuts would eat into the millions of dollars in grants made in Massachusetts . Last year , officials said , the department provided \$ 11.6 million in economic development grants in the state .

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It was like , ‘ Come crawl through my head while I sing for you . ’ This is simply a lavish celebration of the holiday season . I love it it ’s a thrill to do this every night . ” It ’s not a cheap thrill , that ’s for sure . She has lined up heavy hitters Michael W. Smith and CeCe Winans -LRB- Grammy winners both -RRB- to share the stage with her , as well as the Nashville Symphony Orchestra . “ There are 150 of us on the road , ” she says , pausing to count the numbers . “ It ’s 14 trucks and 14 buses to move us around . There are 28 drivers . It ’s just huge . ” Even with sponsorship from Chevrolet and Target , it ’s a costly proposition .

The big question : Why do it ?

“ I love it and I can , ” she says . “ And I do n’t mean that in a flippant way . It takes an incredible amount of manpower to put on a Christmas tour . Because of my Christmas records , I eventually found myself in the prime position of having the opportunity to do this . ” And , of course , there are emotional paybacks in addition to monetary ones .

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“ First of all , it ’s a very personal kind of statement . It represents a person . It needs to be done in a way that pleases the sitter . ” Maybe in Cuomo ’s case the nonsitter will look at the canvas of New York ’s first and third governor , George Clinton . Or the portrait of the sixth and eighth governor , De Witt Clinton -LRB- who was George Clinton ’s nephew -RRB- . But Cuomo insists that he will not look at the Lew portrait , not even for a second . He may attend the unveiling , he says , but he will keep his eyes closed tight . “ I would be reminded of all of the things I ’m trying to forget , ” Cuomo said . “ First , I ’d see myself , which is always something , and it will remind me that I lost still another struggle . I said I did n’t want my painting and there it is .

And then you ask , why go to all this trouble ?

There is not one living person in the state of New York or anywhere in the country or world who could say , ‘ I was on the second floor at the Capitol and I enjoyed looking at the faces of the governors . ’ What is the point ? Who cares who Reuben Hill looked like ? ” Was that the cue for a history lesson , Cuomo style ? Who was Reuben Hill -LRB- not to be confused with the Reconstruction-era governor , Reuben Fenton -RRB- ?

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It would be a done deal already , but the money is n’t good enough , which is why you might hear Max doing color on the radio broadcasts . That way , the Celtics can sweeten the pot enough to make it worth his while . The irony of Maxwell in a community relations

capacity , after not speaking to the club for years , is worth noting ... Another view on the Clippers ' decision to trade the rights to Antonio McDyess,Randy Woods and Elmore Spencer for Rodney Rogers,Brian Williams and the rights to Brent Barry,compliments of an anonymous general manager : “ It 's not as bad as it looks . The Clippers need bodies , and they need Rogers to push Lamond Murray,who could be something special . If McDyess tried to turn it around alone , he would have drowned . Brian Williams will be playing for a contract , and Barry is going to be a star . -LRB- Phoenix president -RRB- Jerry Colangelo tried like hell to get into position to take Barry , and he 's as good a judge of talent as anyone . ” Still wondering why the Celtics keep saying Eric Williams is the best defender in the draft ? In the first place , the majority of coaches who went up against Williams respectfully disagree , although they believe he has a tremendous upside , and has a chance to be a solid NBA pro .

Second , why hype the poor kid to the point where there are unrealistic expectations for him ?

Has it occurred to the Celtics that the first time Grant Hill blows by Williams , the fans are going to be very disappointed ? Eric Williams is a nice pick who may work out to be something even better . Leave it at that , fellas . Give the kid a chance to grow . -LRB- Filed by Boston , Mass. , Globe -RRB-

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“ Something like that should n't come out until the off season , regardless of what 's happening . I have to admit it ; it bothered me . ” Even before Martinez emerged from a 5-for-30 slide , any conversations about his future should revolve around when the Yankees will offer the 30-year-old first baseman a contract extension . Martinez has hit .290 with 32 homers and 127 RBIs over the last three years , very comparable to Vaughn 's .326 , 39 and 117 , and the Yankees have reached the post-season each year . In addition , Martinez , who is no Gold Glove Award candidate , is also a better fielder than Vaughn , who might be a designated hitter by 2000 . To the Yankees , Martinez should be a keeper . “ When we brought Tino Martinez in , that was one of the turning points in the organization , ” his teammate David Cone said . “ He had big shoes to fill in Don Mattingly . ” If the Yankees are serious about trying to resign Bernie Williams , they might consider spending the \$ 10 million or \$ 11 million on him and not on Vaughn . Losing Williams to free agency , then signing Vaughn to make a splash and trading Martinez for a center fielder would weaken two positions on a team that might be recalled as one of the finest ever .

Why tamper with greatness ?

And why tweak the ultra-sensitive Martinez ? “ It got in my head and it bothered me , ” Martinez said about the Vaughn rumors . “ I just got to go out there , play the World Series and , if it 's my last series as a Yankee , enjoy it and try to win . Then go on with my career . ” For the cautious Martinez , mentioning the possibility of a new baseball address was a stunning statement .

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So far , regrettably , he 's refused , ” said Oklahoma Sen. Don Nickles . “ The president is AWOL he 's absent without leadership . ” Hillary Rodham Clinton will represent her husband at a fund-raiser Monday for the Clinton-Gore campaign at Boston 's Park Plaza Hotel , the White House said , and the president will try to participate by telephone in a scheduled health care round table at Lawrence Memorial Hospital in Medford Monday afternoon . “ In light of the very clear likelihood that we will be in the process of shutting down the federal government Tuesday , the president believed it was appropriate for him to be here , ” McCurry said . Before the year is over , Hollywood Park officials say they could break ground on a state-of-the-art football stadium for 82,000 fans near their Inglewood race track . They have the plans , a contractor and the money but are missing the most important part a team . The National Football League once willing to help if it meant keeping the Raiders in Los Angeles is now taking a go-slow approach on Hollywood Park , in part because of concerns over linking football to gambling . With the league signaling a time-out for Inglewood , a high-stakes competition is being waged among powerful private companies and entertainment moguls who are hotly pursuing stadium and ownership prospects . The suitors include the Los Angeles Dodgers , Walt Disney Co. , entrepreneur Marvin Davis and former MCA head Lew Wasserman . For now , the NFL is willing to wait and see what develops .

“ Why make a decision before we have a chance to look at all the alternatives ? ”

said NFL senior vice president Roger Goodell , who is in charge of stadium development . “ Maybe you can do better . ” At the same time , the league is being pressured to put a team in Los Angeles by anxious television executives who have watched their ratings tumble 28 percent in Los Angeles without a team in the nation 's second largest media market . That pressure will build considerably between now and 1998 , when the four-year network contracts worth about \$ 2.5 billion to the NFL expire . Even before negotiations on the new contracts begin , the networks are likely to demand a home team in the ratings-important Los Angeles media market .

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“ It 's About Time , ” first published in June 1996 , divides procrastinators into six groups : The dreamer avoids challenges . “ Ooh ... that sounds like more trouble than it 's worth . Way more trouble . Maybe I can find a loophole . ” The perfectionist is paralyzed by expectations . “ Well , it 's pretty good , but it 's not exactly right . What if I make some changes and put a little more time into it ? ” The worrier is scared of change . “ I like things fine the way they are .

Why rock the boat ?

It might just make a mess of everything . ” The defier rebels against restrictions . “ I 'm not going to do it just because someone tells me to do it . I set my own schedule I 'll do it when I feel like doing it . ” The crisis-maker creates unnecessary risk .

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“ I think he got a little hot under the collar , and his mouth was moving a little faster than his brain , ” said Jim Karge , a librarian at the Sarasota Springs Public Library . Gregg

Abrams , 32 , an investment adviser , said he doubted that the bombing was a political plot , but said he could understand why that view was likely to get plenty of attention in the days to come . “ Mr. Solomon has a record of being very sincere , ” Abrams said . “ President Clinton does n’t have sincerity on his side . ” Vandals have disturbed the grave site of the black man whose hideous dragging death behind a pickup inspired a national outcry about racism in America . The 4-by-16-inch nameplate that adorned the grave of James Byrd Jr. has been stolen from the Jasper city cemetery . The theft leaves Byrd ’s grave unmarked and his family with more hurt to bear . “ I could n’t believe it , ” said Betty Boatner , one of Byrd ’s sisters . “ Why take it ? Why take it ?

Why take it ? ”

“ It was really a hurting thing , ” she said . “ I just could n’t understand why . ” “ It just goes to show what people will do . ” No one knows when the stainless steel plaque , attached with two screws , was stolen from Byrd ’s casket vault . His family believes it has been missing for more than a month because Boatner saw the nameplate Nov. 10 , but another relative who visited the cemetery the next day does n’t recall seeing it .

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It needs to recruit a younger generation of fans and re-connect with the grown-ups who say they no longer recognize the sport they grew up loving . But for all its woes , baseball does not deserve the 24-hour harangue it seemingly gets from the top of a million lungs every day . It ’s OK to swear you ’ll never give another dime to those greedy little so-and-sos who killed the marvelous 1994 season and terminated a World Series when two world wars and a depression could not . It ’s OK to even do what you swore you would . That ’s called taking a principled stand , something not to often associated with the world of professional sports . But now that the message has been sent , why ca n’t fans who did just do what they said then get on with life ? There are picnics to attend , beaches to frolic on . Hollywood ca n’t wait to have you spend money on its stars , who , by the way , think nothing of profiting in a way that dwarfs athletes while feeding the public pap or violence and calling it entertainment . Spend your money there or elsewhere . That ’s the “ discretionary ” in the phrase “ discretionary expendable income . ”

But if the choice is not baseball , then why keep coming back ad nauseum to remind the world why you are missing in action at the ball park ?

In other words , stop the whining . Ballplayers and the owners are accused of being self-indulgent and ego-maniacal . But who is being more self-indulgent than the furious who say they ’re going away , then do n’t ? It has become the car alarm you ca n’t turn off , multiplied by millions . That measurement goes up exponentially if it ’s taken in wattage .

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“ I know what I can do . It ’s just a matter of showing everybody else . ” The rap that probably cost Hardy , an excellent blocker , from being drafted earlier out of Southern Mississippi concerned the dislocated shoulder he suffered early in his senior season . The injury stretched ligaments , tendons and possibly damaged the rotator cuff . But he played

through it . Still is , and without a twitch . “ It ’s not as bad as people think it is , ” said Hardy , who grew up in Montgomery , Ala. , believing basketball was his sport . “ I have n’t done anything special for it , and it has n’t been a problem . “ It ’s not as tight as they would like , but I do n’t even think about it . If it goes , it goes .

I ca n’t control that , so why worry about things I ca n’t control ? ”

A coach faced with cutting a roster to 53 players has to worry about it , and Coach Vince Tobin is no different . “ Obviously , you have to think about it , ” Tobin said . “ But what is encouraging is he hurt it early in the year last year and played without any repercussions . He ’s proved he can play with it , and it was proven strong enough to withstand a season , so that ’s encouraging . ” Still , because recurrence of the injury is greater if left unrepaired , it ’s probable at season ’s end that Hardy will undergo what is known as a Bankardt procedure , in which tendons are transferred to tighten the shoulder .

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Reduced Medicare benefits mean your out-of-pocket health-care expenses will rise substantially in retirement . But believe it or not , slashed Medicaid benefits could hurt you even more . Though it ’s known mainly as a health-care program for the poor , Medicaid pays 47 percent of all nursing-home bills . Plenty of formerly middle-income Americans who have depleted their savings rely on Medicaid to cover their \$ 38,000-a-year nursing-home tab . But already Medicare ’s spigot is being shut off particularly for people who deliberately impoverish themselves to qualify for it . With \$ 68 billion of the \$ 170 billion in contemplated cuts targeted at Medicaid ’s long-term-care payments , you have two options : save enough to cover your own end-of-life expenses or buy long-term-care insurance , which has turned into truly useful product over the last decade . Insurance is n’t necessarily the best answer . It ’s very expensive . And despite the alarming statistics that are bandied about , a little more than half of all 65-year-olds will never set foot in or be wheeled into a nursing home . Only 21 percent will stay in a nursing home for more than a year , according to the Brookings Institution .

Why insure against something that may never happen ?

Baby boomers face a special quandary . If they buy now , at a relatively young age , long-term-care insurance is cheap . But it ’s a good bet that by the time baby boomers need help dressing or moving around , a not-yet-invented form of care will exist . Will 25-year-old policies cover such new species of nursing homes ? Still , there are three compelling reasons to consider this insurance .

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Industry is swimming in profits . In a new report , the pro-union Economic Policy Institute says that corporate profits last year were the highest in 25 years and are looking even fatter this year . But the institute reports that the median wage of men has fallen one percent a year for the last six , and that women ’s wages have begun to slip , too . So where do the profits go ? The institute says more and more are going to industry ’s stockholders . Stephen Roach , an economist at Morgan Stanley in New York , says that a lot are going into investment in industry to make it more efficient , and that wage increases

should soon follow . Business Week magazine says more are going to management . It says company chief executives now earn 53 times as much as a factory worker . In 1980 they earned 42 times as much . To make matters worse , according to a study by Claudia Goldin , an economist at Harvard , the gap between the best paid workers and the worst , which unions helped close , “ has come full circle to what it was more than a half century ago . ”

Since unions have n't been able to stop those trends , workers wonder , why join them ?

And they do n't . About a quarter of all workers in the private sector belonged to unions in the 1950s . Today 11 percent belong , or no more , proportionately , than in the 1930s . When public employees , who have had growing union membership , are counted in , the total rises only to 15.5 percent of the nation 's work force . And while total union membership has registered some recent small gains amounting to about 3 percent over the last two years these have not kept pace with the growth in employment .

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Frequently it has already entered it , ” says Macdonald , who has become something of an expert on breast cancer in men . “ Most men take better care of their cars than they do their bodies . ” He was aware of the risks . Both of his sisters died of breast cancer . And his own cancer was extremely aggressive . “ At the time it was examined Aug. 13 in the emergency room , they figured it was about 1 centimeter . By the time it was surgically excised , on Sept. 22 , it was something over 2 centimeters . ” Macdonald had no ill effects from two months of radiation and six months of chemotherapy . Many patients do n't . But he still has n't looked at his scars .

“ I figure , a professional examines me at least once a month , why make myself unhappy ? ”

He goes to breast cancer support groups . It 's all women . But at least they talk to him . Some men wo n't . Not about breast cancer , and not , especially , about men with breast cancer .

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They expected to hear soaring rhetoric and sound reasoning . They envisioned a chamber of statesmen advancing arguments for the ages . But in an era of split screens and sound bites , and on an occasion in which only the bile was bipartisan , they listened a while and then left disappointed . “ It did n't seem like it was the historic , solemn occasion that one might think , ” said Jonathan Shazar , a senior at Valley Stream Central High School on Long Island , N.Y. “ Both sides just want to get in a shot at the other . It 's more spiteful than serious . ” “ It was bitter nothing that I would consider an historic debate , ” echoed Elisabeth Williams , 83 , a docent at the Washington state capital in Olympia . “ It was ho-hum . Everybody was inattentive , and the place was three-fourths empty , ” complained David Janzen from Ontario , Canada . “ Where was everyone ?

Why even have the debate ?

The only people paying attention were in the visitors gallery . ” Indeed , the day began with almost all the 435 House members seated , but by midmorning , the House chamber was largely deserted . Drama would have to await a vote on Saturday . A few floor leaders from the Judiciary Committee directed the stream of speakers to the podium , and Republican Rep. Ray LaHood , a parliamentary expert from Peoria , Ill. , wielded the gavel . As ever in the era of C-SPAN , representatives spoke more to the TV cameras than to each other .

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William Zimmerman , Lockheed ’s program director for the Czech Republic , said leasing would allow each nation to fill a need it has now , while it works to allocate the funding for new aircraft later . “ It would be a transitional approach toward modernization , ” he said . The Pentagon appears to believe that each nation could get by with a smaller number of Western fighters than they are preparing to buy . A recent study recommended each acquire about 10 to 15 refurbished fighters . But opponents of selling arms in the region say the Pentagon is helping contractors pander . “ We should we working with these countries on developing their economies , not pushing advanced weaponry on them , ” said Natalie Goldring , deputy director of the British American Security Information Council . “ Our manufacturers are playing exactly the same role that drug dealers play when they offer someone a free sample of a drug to try and get them hooked . ” Goldring questions why there needs to be a build-up of western arms in Eastern Europe at all . “ If the threat is n’t Russia then what is it ? ” she asked .

“ If you do n’t have a threat , why have a military alliance ?

Why talk about expanding that alliance at great cost ? ” But Frost said that over time each of the potential NATO allies would probably be able to afford new fighters and other equipment . “ Clearly the Czech Republic could afford them now , ” he said . “ Hungary and Poland we would probably have to work with . But we ought to explore that and do whatever we can for them . ”

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When the guests are ready to return home , many will inevitably ask hotel attendants , apartment-house doormen , taxi drivers and airport skycaps to help them carry the filled bags . That means extra tips and more money for New Yorkers . The result could be an income-tax bonanza . But even if they do not declare these tips , thousands of workers will have more to spend , which means more sales-tax revenue and smaller municipal budget deficits in hard times . Everyone benefits . Please note that New Jersey , too , has crudely told New York what it can do with its trash . “ Drop dead , ” Gov. Christie Whitman said . Does she not know that two can play that game ? New Jersey drivers are notoriously aggressive , and every day thousands of them bring their road rage into Manhattan , blaring horns and brushing back pedestrians in the crosswalks . They are easily identified by their license plates .

Why not order a police crackdown ?

Public safety and the municipal treasury would both be better off . Perhaps the most vexing part of the trash wars is a suggestion from some in Virginia that Giuliani has been acting a bit loopy . That is a slur . Maybe it would help if an affirmation that the mayor makes sense , and New Yorkers support him , were written into any garbage-disposal contract . Yes , Virginia , there is a sanity clause .

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“ It does n’t affect me , ” he declared . “ I ’m sure there will be some feelings from the middle-of-the-road guys , and some of the younger guys . ” Well , no , Rog , a shortstop and an outfielder probably wo n’t have an effect on you -LRB- itals -RRB- personally -LRB- unitals -RRB- . But what about association solidarity ? What would Donald Fehr or Gene Orza say ? “ Whatever comments I have on that will be reserved for the individual personalities or teammates , ” Clemens said . “ I would n’t be discussing it with you-all . ” Perhaps management knew best . Perhaps management suspected that when push came to shove , the majority of Red Sox regulars would accept guys who had been poised to take their place in the event the season opened without the real players . Perhaps anything .

But with only five games left in this shortened spring training , why risk a disruption ?

“ I wonder what the idea is , ” said Canseco . “ It ’s kind of awkward . There appear to be some head games going on here . Maybe management just wants to see how we ’re going to react to all this . It ’s just awkward .

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After the peacekeepers withdrew , “ You would say to the Serbs , ‘ We insist on a general cease-fire and we are telling you right now we reserve the right to hit every target in every part of the country simultaneously if you do n’t stand down , ’ ” he said . “ We ’re not going to play games . We ’re going to take out your command and control . We ’re going to take out all of your inventory . We ’re going to take anything that moves on your roads . We ’re going to take down every bridge in your part of the country . We ’re going to break you , and we ’re going to do it in three days . ” Meanwhile , the United States would mount a covert operation to airlift part of the Bosnian government army to a friendly country such as Egypt , Israel , or Morocco for training and arming by the Americans . And Gingrich would do that even though , as he told the town meeting , “ I do n’t think the Bosnians are any angels , either . ” “ If they were winning , they ’d be about as brutal as the Serbs . ”

So if the Bosnians are not freedom fighters or victims , but brutes just like the Serbs , why spend taxpayers ’ money to help the Bosnians at all ?

Although Gingrich hardly ever misses a chance to take a slap at the United Nations , he said it was because the way “ the Serbs have humiliated , undermined and treated the United Nations with contempt is dangerous for the entire planet . ” But the United States would give up , he said , if the Serbs overran the positions of the Bosnians , even if it created the worst refugee flow in Europe since World War II . “ If they ca n’t win , we

should surrender , ” he said . “ We ca n’t make a state in the Balkans . ” In general , Gingrich would use American ground troops abroad only when American vital interests were at stake , such as keeping open the Persian Gulf oil routes , maintaining the stability of Europe and protecting Japan against nuclear blackmail .

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Does the back of your bra ride above your shoulder blades ? Is the loosest hook the one most often fastened ? Does the cup fabric gape or pucker ? If you answered “ yes ” to any of these , you are probably wearing the wrong size bra . Do n’t worry : You ’re not alone . Finding the correct size seems to be a mystery to many women . More than 55 percent of all women are walking the streets in the wrong-size brassiere , according to manufacturers . Whether due to habit or vanity , hordes of women continue to strap on the same-size bra year after year despite changes in their bodies , industry experts say . Gravity , hormone fluctuations , aging , use of birth-control pills , pregnancy , weight gain or weight loss can alter a woman ’s figure , and so her bra size . “ We really need to get measured yearly , because our bodies shift around so much , ” Mitro said .

Why worry about getting the right-size bra ?

One reason is health-related . Doctors advise that the proper support “ out front ” can help alleviate neck , shoulder and back strain . Of course , if health benefits are not enough motivation , the fact that a well-fitted , supportive bra can shave 5 pounds off a woman ’s visual appearance might be . “ It will make you look better . It will make you feel better , ” said Diane Siems , bra buyer for Frederick ’s of Hollywood stores .

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A look at your overall pay system is also warranted because a separate issue may be involved namely , pay equity . People can be motivated by their pay until they find out that someone down the hall or across the street is making more for doing basically the same or less work . It is not the amount of money that typically turns an employee off ; it is the issue of fairness . Perhaps some inequity has crept into your pay system , whether within the company or between your company and the significant others in your industry . It may be time to do some pay comparisons . If all of this checks out , then it makes sense to consider additional incentives . Unfortunately , there is no slam-dunk . A given incentive can work miracles in one company while working debacles in another . The best way to approach incentives is from the standpoint of motivation . It is clear that motivation often increases as a result of employee involvement in decision-making that affects their work .

Why not sit down with the leasing agents and get their inputs regarding the incentives they would like ?

By making them part of the development of the program , they will have a sense of pride and ownership in it , and they will work extra hard to make it succeed . If you want incentives that work , talk to the people at work . As the Cowboys and rookie running back Sherman Williams were still haggling in a contract dispute , the club freed up more money under the salary cap yesterday by releasing another running back , three-year

veteran Lincoln Coleman . The Cowboys cut Coleman , who was to make \$ 178,000 in 1995 , just before the team began its three-day quarterback school at Valley Ranch . The Cowboys open camp Thursday in Austin .

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Want to get your Commodore to send a fax , have multimedia capabilities or increase its memory ? There 's a program to do it . Scott gets a kick out of telling people they were wrong about the machine he loves . “ I was told when I became president that we were a dying breed , the last board members of the Commodore User 's Group , ” he said . “ People were in total belief that it was going to die . But I stood firm on my faith . And now it 's back , and I can say I told you so ! ” But buying programs from Australia ? Stockpiling disc drives from garage sales ? Jury-rigging it to do things newer computers can do in their sleep ?

Why go to all the trouble ?

John Butler knows why . “ Remember that “ Doonesbury ” strip when they were doing their number on Windows 95 ? ” Butler said . “ The one guy said , ‘ Why do n't we just give -LRB- Microsoft chairman -RRB- Bill Gates all our money right now ? ’ The other guy just looked at him and said : ‘ Pride . ” ’

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Nippon Metal Industry fell 24 yen to 156 . Toa Steel Co. fell 7 yen to 68 . Sumitomo Metal Industries Ltd. dropped 20 yen to 207 . Daiwa Securities Co. and Nikko Securities Co. , Japan 's second-and third-largest brokerages , respectively , fell after the Securities and Exchange Surveillance Commission yesterday recommended punishing the companies for making illegal payments of 384 million yen to a racketeer . The Finance Ministry , which will ultimately decide on the scale of the punishments , has the power to bar Daiwa and Nikko from trading stocks on their own behalf and underwriting government bonds for as long as five months . Daiwa fell 14 yen to 440 , while Nikko declined 27 yen to 400 . Robert Horry and Latrell Sprewell greeted one another Tuesday the way the two old friends always do , with a hug . Then Horry , having surprised his former Alabama teammate by attending his mea culpa news conference at the Oakland Marriott , walked up onto the dais and stood behind Sprewell , joining six Warriors doing the same . Horry , the Lakers ' starting forward , said he did n't think twice about the decision to show his support for the embattled Sprewell at the nationally televised event . “ I wanted to be there as a friend , ” Horry said .

“ I 'm in town , why not support a friend ? ”

That gesture was much appreciated by Sprewell , who did n't know Horry was in town . Afterward , Sprewell drove Horry back to the Lakers ' hotel , and the two chatted , though mostly about their families and not about Sprewell 's much-publicized attack on Golden State coach P.J. Carlesimo . Before the news conference , Sprewell was “ in a down mood , ” Horry said , but afterward , “ He was upbeat and cheerful . He just wanted to tell his side of the story He 's gonna come out OK . ”

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Ovitz 's appointment at Disney will provide a needed management boost and help solve the issue of succession at the 73-year-old Burbank company , Wall Street analysts said . On the announcement , Disney stock rose 21/2 to close at 59 in New York Stock Exchange trading . The No. 2 slot at the company had been held by Frank Wells , who died in a helicopter accident last April . And Disney studio boss Jeffrey Katzenberg left the company last year in a bitter dispute with Eisner . He now is a co-founder of Dreamworks SKG , a Los Angeles movie studio that will compete with Disney . Eisner , 53 , downplayed Ovitz 's role as the heir apparent . “ I 'm here for at least another 10 years , ” he declared . Another key executive will be Robert Iger , president of Cap Cities/ABC . Eisner tried to hire Ovitz several times during the past 20 years . After the Cap Cities/ABC merger was announced two weeks ago , Eisner tried again .

“ I thought , Why wait ?

The sooner I can get him into this building , the better , so we moved quickly , ” he said . The challenges of running the Disney-Cap Cities/ABC behemoth are expected to be enormous . Merging companies , known as “ synergy ” in the business world , has proved difficult in the entertainment industry . There is often a clash of egos and corporate cultures , not to mention managing the balance sheets . For example , the merger of Time Inc. and Warner Communications in 1989 has not met many Wall Street analysts ' expectations .

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“ Nothing . There 's nothing there . ” Riedl found a lump in her left breast on St. Patrick 's Day , 1990 , and a lump in her right breast on Dec. 17 , 1996 . Breast cancer , both times . Two matching mastectomy scars horizontal lines about four inches long have replaced them . Even her nipples are gone . She drops something from the left cup of her bra and hands it over . It is a prosthesis , squishy and a too-orange color . It is also a smaller size , 34B . She could have asked for any size , Riedl says .

“ But I was so thin when I went to get it they asked , ‘ Why not go down ? ’

Stupid me . ” “ Stupid ” because she 's no longer 120 pounds and a size 4 . After her second mastectomy and chemotherapy , her body went bonkers and she gained 34 pounds . She can list her post-chemo problems without tripping over an “ itis . ” Lupus , autoimmune hepatitis , vasculitis .

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“ I 've seen , I think , 14 master plans . I 've lost count . ” And the opponents are dubious of future promises , like the site committee 's recommendation that a panel including neighbors be set up to approve or disapprove non-athletic events for the new stadium . They claim this committee is stacked and that one would be too . All of which David Honda , chairman of the site committee , refers to as “ paranoia . ” “ I think a lot of it has been stirred up by the homeowner groups -LRB- that -RRB- really have n't explained to their constituents that this is n't a stadium , it 's a football field , ” Honda said . “ I 've

had homeowners call me up and say , ‘ I do n’t want the Rose Bowl in my backyard . ’ This is n’t going to be the Rose Bowl . ” Calling them paranoid might not be the way to win over the stadium opponents . If trust is an issue , the administration would be better off taking steps to restore it .

Why not surprise the homeowners , and actually give them a meaningful say in the stadium ’s use ?

Of course , the stadium will be built whether or not the neighbors like it , unless they pull a rabbit out of a lawyer ’s hat . As it is , the site committee will have done its narrowly-defined job by picking the best possible place for the football team to play . It ’s an all-too-rare case of mission accomplished for an arm of the Northridge athletic program . After this , the next excitement Northridge football creates could have a little more to do with football . Merriam-Webster Inc. , the nation ’s oldest and largest dictionary publisher , on Tuesday took steps to remove references to homosexuals in its classic collegiate thesaurus amid complaints about a word list of offensive slurs and synonyms .

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We had never been a three-piece before . The dynamic shifts . Everything that was comfortable , none of that was there . ” “ If he had quit at the end of a record or the end of a tour , we probably would n’t have gotten back together . But he quit the first day we were starting this record , basically . Between Mike -LRB- Mills -RRB- and myself , we probably had 40 to 45 songs , really great demos , and we were excited about getting into the process of it . ” “ He -LRB- Berry -RRB- actually said , ‘ If you ’re gonna break up , then I ’m gonna stay in because I do n’t want to be the one to break up the band . ’ Like Peter said , if it had happened at the end of a project , I ’m sure we might not have broken up , but we certainly would have taken some time off and thought about things and said , ‘ Well , let ’s take a little break and see if we still want to do this . ’ We were all geared up and excited about all this new stuff , and this new approach to recording , so why quit ? We had the songs written .

Why quit just because Bill does n’t want to do it anymore ? ”

“ We just did n’t want to . We have a really good internal barometer . Our instinct is really good on when to do stuff , and it just did n’t seem right . We really did n’t want to dedicate the next year to traveling around . ” “ We kind of felt that at this time in our careers and at the age we are , we did n’t think it made a whole lot of sense to go out for seven months and play songs because that ’s what everybody thought we should do .

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At the time , Madison was seeking permission from Arkansas regulators appointed by governor Clinton to do a novel recapitalization . Hubbell and the campaign had previously said that a young associate at the firm had brought in the Madison account and that Mrs. Clinton had not been involved . Hubbell also testified that after the 1992 campaign , he took custody of many of the campaign records , including Whitewater and Madison records . He said he kept them in his house and turned them over to the Clintons ’ lawyers

at the firm of Williams & Connolly in November 1993 . While he had the papers , the Justice Department was considering whether to take action on a request by regulators to begin a criminal investigation of Madison . Hubbell officially removed himself from all aspects of the Madison case in the fall of 1993 . Sen. Bob Bennett , R- Utah , said Tuesday in a statement at the hearing the depositions of two White House officials , Bernard Nussbaum and Tom Castleton , showed that the papers were moved from Foster 's office to the third-floor residence section of the White House after Foster died so that the Clintons could review them . Mark D. Fabiani , a special associate White House counsel , said after the hearing that the Clintons never reviewed the papers and that they remained in a locked closet , undisturbed for five days between the time when were delivered from Foster 's office to the residence and the time they were sent to the lawyers at Williams & Connolly . Democratic aides who have seen Nussbaum 's deposition as well as Nussbaum 's lawyer , James Fitzpatrick , said that Bennett 's characterization of Nussbaum 's testimony was inaccurate and that Nussbaum had never implied or meant to suggest that he believed the Clintons would be reviewing the papers from Foster 's office . Part of the charm of the British Open when it is contested over the Old Course at St. Andrews is the sense of golfing history created , and it briefly touched Tom Watson at the Masters this year when he put together Tuesday 's practice-round pairing .

Why not invite Arnold Palmer,Jack Nicklaus and Raymond Floyd to play a round for the memory books , guys who have won 40 major championships having one last hurrah over this hallowed turf ?

So the four played , and it was nostalgia at its heaviest . This is Palmer 's farewell , although he said goodbye five years ago when the British was staged here on St. Andrews Bay . This could be the finale for Nicklaus , although the lure will be there in 2000 when the British is scheduled to be played here for the 26th time . This is the only major that has eluded Floyd , and Watson has won it five times . They have won the claret jug that goes to the champion a combined 10 times in a tournament that has been dominated by players from outside the United States .

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Knapp said Brown Brothers , the tony New York investment banking firm , offered to get him another position at the firm but that would have meant Knapp would have to move away from Houston . So Knapp used his severance pay to start Chilton Capital Management , hired his old Brown Brothers employees and in two years , he and his business partner , have about \$ 101 million under management . Like all start-ups , there were initial hassles at first , and it 's hard to get people to trust their money to a new firm without an operating history , he said . But Knapp , who specializes in dealing with families , entrepreneurs and individuals with accounts that range in size between \$ 250,000 and \$ 1 million , said the firm has forged working relationships with a hedge fund and a capital management firm that focuses on corporate clients . It 's been very satisfying , he said . Sometimes , people start their own businesses because they do n't feel as if they have any other options , said Tom Duening , professor of entrepreneurship and assistant dean for the University of Houston 's College of Business Administration . Many downsized workers who are over 50 years of age are finding they ca n't get another

corporate job that pays the same wage as their previous job in part because they did n't stay current with technology , said Duening . And when people go through layoffs for the second time they start to get stigmatized , said Duening . Potential employers begin to worry about a worker 's value to an organization if they get continually downsized . After sending out 1,000 resumes and having two lousy interviews , many workers then figure they can eek out a living by going into business for themselves , Duening said .

They think : Why not take the plunge ?

But given the choice , lots of entrepreneurs would prefer to go back to corporate life , Duening said . Sometimes downsizing is blessing Lois Crowley , director of the Jobs Program at Northwest Assistance Ministries in Houston , said she has seen a number of people who 've started their own business assuming it would be easier than finding another job . It sounds like a good idea to them at the time like working out of their home , said Crowley , who counsels laid off workers . Not everyone , however , is good at marketing themselves or keeping the books .

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Not only did the Bulls once go two years without a player rep in Jordan 's first stint with the club , he forgot to bring a picture I.D. to the Federal Building on voting day . Moonlighting : Jordan and Shaquille O'Neal , the biggest name in support of the union , were in Hollywood most of the summer making movies on separate sets . Jordan played humble when asked whose film would gross more . " He 's got more experience than I do , " Jordan said . Polynice effort : Away from the Jordan firestorm , Sacramento center Olden Polynice was also subjecting his reputation to scrutiny . But the reviews were positive for Polynice , who throughout his career has battled labels like " insincere " and " selfish . " Polynice came out hard against Jordan and the other dissidents , urging peers to support the Players Association and back the new deal . Then , the day after the union survived the decertification election , Polynice flew to Chicago to vote with other player reps and went against the contract . Polynice actually polled his teammates , who favored more negotiations . Boston 's Rick Fox , the only other dissenter , theorized that the vote was so lopsided -LRB- 25-2 -RRB- because most reps did n't call around .

" To me , why go back to the old stuff when we 've got something new ? "

Polynice said . " Look at baseball . They got a black eye , but their union , they were together . That 's what I 'm angry about , that we 're so split . We 've got to come back together . "

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Medicare is the most obvious example because so much of the party 's budget , and political destiny , is dependent on the Republicans ' ability to extract huge savings from that program without antagonizing its 37 million beneficiaries , their families and the beneficiaries to come . Rep. Bill Thomas of California , chairman of the Ways and Means Subcommittee on Health , told reporters at the news conference that Republicans would produce their detailed Medicare plan " when it 's ready , " perhaps in about two to three months . Rep. Michael Bilirakis of Florida , chairman of the Commerce Subcommittee on

Health and the Environment , said , somewhat defensively , “ Because we ’ve decided to get out front , we ’re taking a lot of flak . ” Gingrich suggested that news organizations were being unduly negative again . It was a telling , and perhaps portentous , counterpoint to the Republicans ’ victory that day in passing their budget resolution , which promises a balanced budget and \$ 245 billion in tax cuts by the year 2002 . Thomas Mann , an expert on Congress at the Brookings Institution , argued that many Republicans , especially some of the newer members of the House of Representatives and the Senate , “ have not yet fully grappled with the implications of their budgetary blueprint . ” “ Many voted for the blueprint thinking that those pieces they were uncomfortable with could be finessed down the road , ” Mann added . “ But if all those finesses occurred , the plan would be unimplementable . ” There is , in fact , a great hunger for finesses on Capitol Hill at the moment , as ideology collides with practical needs and wants . Consider block grants , a concept that swept through the Republican Party earlier this year with an almost religious fervor .

Why not just turn federal anti-poverty dollars over to the states as one big lump sum , and let the states decide how and where and why to use the money ?

And why not limit that payment to save money , and do away with the basic federal entitlement of every eligible poor person to some basic assistance ? For many Republicans , block grants seemed an attractive fix for both Aid to Families with Dependent Children , the basic cash assistance program for the poor , and Medicaid , the health insurance program for the poor and disabled . Many governors , who almost reflexively embrace anything that seems to give them more flexibility and autonomy , seemed happily on board . But now that Congress is actually about to divide up the money , the concept looks considerably less wonderful to many Republicans . Yes , they say , they support block grants , but what if the number of welfare cases begins to soar ?

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Another House Republican who voted for impeachment , W. J. Tauzin of Louisiana , was consulting with colleagues on Monday about asking the Senate to avert a trial . His spokesman , Ken Johnson , said , “ The feeling is the president paid a terrible price for his actions . The Clinton presidency has been indelibly stained by impeachment . ” He said House Republicans could vote only up or down on impeachment . “ That was a lousy choice , but the only one allowed under the Constitution , ” he said . “ Our hands were tied . Too much blood has been spilled already and there ’s a time to begin the healing process . ” But despite a rising clamor among past and present politicians for censure , the alternatives put forward so far face two formidable obstacles , at least today . Most such proposals , including the one offered on Monday by former Presidents Gerald R. Ford and Jimmy Carter , require that Clinton concede he lied under oath , a step his aides insist he will not take . With that in mind , or perhaps merely as a bargaining tactic , some White House aides say censure may be unworkable ,

“ It just may be there ’s no acceptable form of censure , so why go through that ? ”

said one Clinton adviser . A trial , he said , would provide the country with a “ definitive end to this thing . ” “ No one is going to fault us for mounting a defense , ” he said . “ And believe me , we ’re going to mount one . Believe me . ”

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When asked to confirm the team ’s interest , Coyotes General Manager Bobby Smith said , “ He can definitely score , and he ’s one of the better free agents who are available . ” Adams could provide insurance against a prolonged contract holdout by Keith Tkachuk , the team ’s first-line left wing , or provide a scoring presence on the team ’s No. 2 line alongside Cliff Ronning and Rich Tocchet . Adams scored 108 points and 58 goals in two seasons for NAU ’s now-defunct hockey program in 1982-83 and ’ 83-84 , scoring 44 goals and 77 points in his last season . In 15 NHL seasons with New Jersey , Vancouver and Dallas , he has scored 30 or more goals four times and has had five 20-goal seasons . He suffered a knee injury against Edmonton on Dec. 19 that limited his season to 49 games , but he still scored 32 points with 14 goals . In the absence of an offer from the Stars , Adams was thought by the Dallas media to be considering retirement . “ I decided two years ago that I was going to take it one season at a time , ” Adams said . “ So I took a month away from hockey to sort things out and allow things to settle down . “ I ’ll approach every season the same way from here on . If I sign , chances are it will be a one-year contract , but I have n’t received a contract yet . ”

Why 2K ?

Does it really take so long to say “ year 2000 ” ? Abbreviations got us into this mess in the first place and now we expect to fight back with more of them . For those still in denial , the Y2K problem – or Millennium Bug , except that it happens a year before the new millennium , but let ’s not get into that – is a chain reaction of terrible computer problems that will kick in when years begin with twos instead of ones . And what will happen after 00:01 in the year 2000 ? Planes will show up late at airports and be misscheduled by people who do n’t care .

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Viagra ’s figure of 40,000 prescriptions in two weeks is likely to double when data for week three come out tomorrow , said Sherry Dixon , head of audit operations at Scott-Levin , a market-research firm that monitors drug sales . Local pharmacists say their experience jibes with that national trend . “ It ’s so hot you ca n’t keep it in stock , ” said Cheryl Reilly-Tremblay of Huron Drug Store in Cambridge . “ Interest in Viagra started even before it came out . ” Analysts say that ’s only the beginning . “ To my knowledge this is the most rapid acceptance of a drug ever , and I think it will be the largest-selling drug of our generation , ” said Len Yaffe , who has been monitoring the drug for NationsBanc Montgomery Securities of San Francisco . “ We believe Viagra will be at least a \$ 6 billion-a-year drug . By contrast , Prozac is a \$ 2.5 billion drug . ” Joe Riccardo of New York ’s Bear-Stearns investment house agrees : “ Its launch is unprecedented in the history of the drug business . ” Pfizer , he added , sold \$ 200 million worth of Viagra in two weeks , although much of that remains in warehouses or on drugstore shelves .

Why so much , so fast ?

It 's partly a question of pent-up demand . An estimated 20 million American men experience impotence , a condition in which not enough blood gets into or stays in the penis to keep it erect . It can have emotional or psychological roots or can be caused by anything from an injury to an illness like diabetes to various medications . Whatever the cause , many of the treatments have been intrusive , expensive , or inconvenient , which helps explain why most men have n't tried them . Viagra simply involves popping a pill , the preferred American solution to everything from high cholesterol to baldness .

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Jones first appeared in public at a press conference organized by longtime Clinton antagonists . Then , last year , her lawyers , who were working on a standard contingency-fee arrangement , negotiated a \$ 700,000 settlement . Jones refused to accept it , demanding a more detailed apology from Clinton . When the lawyers quit , saying Jones was being unreasonable , the Rutherford Institute , a conservative legal foundation , took over her representation . The president 's defenders maintain that politics , at a minimum , distorted the legal process . If Clinton were not president , and Jones could not count on his political enemies to finance her lawsuit , she would have been obliged either to accept the \$ 700,000 settlement or to proceed without a lawyer , they said . Instead , the Rutherford-funded lawyers pushed the case forward , obtained the right to delve into Clinton 's sexual history , and then peppered him with leading questions . When evidence emerged that he had lied in his answers , an independent counsel was already ramped up and ready to investigate . Lynch , for one , believes the process could someday repeat itself . “ One of the things we 've learned is that in the ugly modern political era , it 's very easy to imagine politically funded , politically inspired lawsuits , ” Lynch , a former federal prosecutor , said .

“ Then , if the president 's version is on the short end of the evidence , which someone 's will be , why not crank up a special prosecutor and you 're off to the races ? ”

But presidents , other legal specialists insist , should not have trouble telling the truth , even in a political environment that is humid with innuendo . Stephen Smith , a Washington lawyer and former clerk for Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas , insisted , “ If you conduct civil litigation like it 's supposed to be conducted , you get it thrown out on the merits , not by giving false statements . ” “ Had Clinton told the truth in his deposition , ” Smith noted , “ the case would have been thrown out and it certainly would n't have been fodder for the spectacle we 've seen over the past few months . ” Olson , of the Federalist Society , said he , too , finds that civil litigation can be overbearing , but he believes that everyone should suffer equally even the president . “ The solution should n't be to make one person immune from the system , ” he said .

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You have to ask : Why ? “ The black ball knocks down the white pins with the red necks , ” he said . “ I mean , c ' mon man . ” The show premieres Oct. 5 . New shows on UPN are starting later in the season than other networks . The sitcom is going to air Mondays

at 9 p.m. Eastern , against “ Monday Night Football , ” “ Ally McBeal , ” “ Everybody Loves Raymond ” and “ Caroline in the City . ” Any dispute over quality aside , the competition makes “ Pfeiffer ” roadkill before it even gets on the air . So what ? UPN is last in a six-horse field of networks . -LRB- A seventh one , Pax TV , joins the field come next Monday . -RRB-

Why not take chances ?

While fellow newcomer WB has been able to carve a strong niche market with youths , UPN has struggled to find its core . Executives have said instead of trying to be a “ narrowcaster ” targeting a particular market , UPN will strive to be a broadcaster , meaning putting on a variety of shows . “ The Secret Diary of Desmond Pfeiffer ” certainly constitutes variety , even if it will not have broad appeal . On that basis alone it deserves our praise , even as we bury it . -LRB- Mark McGuire is the television and radio writer for the Albany Times Union , P.O. Box 15000 , Albany , NY 12212 .

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“ We figured , hey , Jerry Garcia ’s always been interested in this kind of thing , ” said Brandt , who described himself as “ a Dead fan and not a Dead Head . ” “ -LRB- The band -RRB- has a lot of celestial themes in their music . ” Besides , Brandt figures that burial in space has a future , and not just for famous dead rock stars . The society is working with a business group that soon will announce “ the availability of space burial , ” he said , although he would n’t reveal details . “ When you look into it and you know what ’s spent in this country and other countries on burials , it ’s a lot of money . ” The general idea of space burial , once it finally happens , is to take a container holding the remains of someone who has been cremated , put it into a rocket , travel to a reasonable altitude and boost the container out into space . “ It does n’t need engines on it , ” Brandt said of the container . “ If you give it a little bit of a boost , it ’ll basically go forever . ” Kind of like a guitar improvisation at a Dead concert ... But why space ?

Why not , say , have your ashes sprinkled over the ocean ?

“ Put ’ em in the ocean and they ’re going to fall to the bottom and become more of the muck , ” Brandt said . “ In this case , they ’ll be floating around out there forever . ” The society has n’t been able to reach Garcia ’s family , so there ’s no telling whether the dead head of the Dead will wind up in orbit . However , the society is asking its 25,000 members to donate to a “ Day of Space ” memorial fund to finance the project -LRB- call 1-800-376-6724 for more information -RRB- . Garcia would no doubt be ... grateful .

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Buses sometimes have to be taken out of service when coins and bills become jammed . Replacing the cash-processing mechanism costs from \$ 300 to \$ 500 , he added , although the magnetic reader costs only \$ 14 . It ’s an irony to some that the Valley is at the forefront of transit technology while a tiny budget gives it one of the spottiest bus systems of any major city in the country . There ’s limited evening and Saturday service , no Sunday service , and bus routes cover only two-thirds of the urban area . Many cities allow

passengers to buy passes or tickets ahead of time using a credit card , but the Valley is the first to take credit cards on board , said Jerry Trotter of the American Public Transit Association , a trade group . “ It sounds like a neat program , ” he said . However , he also foresees troubling questions of privacy , because the technology creates detailed records of where and when people travel . Cost is the issue to Ruth Susswein , executive director of Bankcard Holders of America , a consumer group that focuses on credit issues . Paying bus fare with a debit card could be a terrific convenience , she said , as long as the bank or credit union does n’t ding you with transaction fees . But think twice about charging that trip on a credit card , she cautioned .

Why pay 18 percent interest on bus fare ?

It is an anniversary that will pass quietly for San Francisco ’s Robby Thompson , which is fine with the low-key second baseman . But April 26 in Atlanta should be a big deal . On that day , Thompson will make his 10th consecutive Opening Day start for the Giants . In an age when free agency changes faces on teams as often as a hypochondriac changes doctors , Thompson ’s reign is noteworthy . It has been more than two decades since the feat was last accomplished for the franchise and he established the position mark for consecutive opening starts in his eighth year .

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But the incidents had received little attention at Odwalla or in the industry , and even the CDC suggested that such contamination was likely to occur at only the crudest operations . After the Disney World outbreak , the state of Florida drafted new rules , which took effect in early 1996 , that required larger fresh-juice companies to add more protections . The regulations prohibit using split or decayed fruit . They also require a two-step fruit-cleaning process , including both an acid-based detergent and chlorine . As a California company , Odwalla was under no obligation to follow these rules , and few juice companies outside of Florida did . But Odwalla had just hired two managers from the Florida juice industry . One of them , Dave Stevenson , who oversaw quality assurance as Odwalla ’s technical services director , contended that Odwalla should add a chlorine rinse as a crucial backstop against bad fruit , company documents show . But Chip Bettel , a former Tropicana executive who became Odwalla ’s senior vice president , feared chlorine would leave an aftertaste and decided that only an acid wash was needed . By the summer of 1996 , as Odwalla ’s plant pushed hard to keep up with rapidly rising sales , some former company officials say production demands began to overshadow safety concerns . At the end of August , Steve Kock , Odwalla ’s quality assurance manager , sent an e-mail to Bettel saying he planned to start testing for listeria again .

But on Sept. 2 , Bettel wrote back : “ why are we doing it , why now , what do we want to PROVE ...

If the data is bad , what do we do about it . Once you create a body of data , it is subpoenaable . ” Bettel declined to be interviewed . He said in a statement that he was mainly concerned that any testing be based on “ a sound plan ” to identify corrective measures . Kock dropped the testing plan .

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Boston Capital looked into more than 50 Massachusetts stocks that could lose their place on the bulletin board . It was a job that turned up disconnected phone numbers , businesses merged or acquired years ago , and other companies with a small list of shareholders and a private-business state of mind . Only rarely , roughly 1 case in 10 , did we find the kind of regularly traded and low-priced stock that might cause a regulator to bite his nails . More often , we talked to people like Peter Simonsen , treasurer of Beverly -LRB- Mass. -RRB- National Corp. , which he describes as the nation 's oldest community bank dating back to 1802 . Although the stock trades now and then , Simonsen said the company did not care if it fell off the bulletin board . Another bank executive , Judy Mackey of Cambridge Trust , said the same thing . Jerry Kocur , chief financial officer of Westwood Inc. , was equally unruffled by the possibility of losing a place on the bulletin board . The Southbridge , Mass. textile business is nearly a ghost of a public company , owned by a majority shareholder and about 160 other investors who are mostly employees . “ I 've never been to an annual meeting . Because no one shows up .

Why go ? ”

Kocur said . “ When a shareholder calls and says ‘ I have n't gotten an annual report since 1983 , ’ it 's because we have n't printed any , ” he said . Other companies on the NASD list had merged or folded , like Kendall Square Research , Child World Inc. , and All For a Dollar . Others were preferred stocks issued by large , established companies like Boston Edison , Bay State Gas , and H.P. Hood . But there were a few companies with stocks that trade regularly and executives who want to stay on the bulletin board .

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She started writing in English of her three novels , only the first was written first in French and has never looked back . “ I really wanted to shed my French identity , ” she said , in English virtually devoid of an accent . “ Writing in English was so liberating because it was not the language I grew up with . ” Partly as an excuse to meet other writers , partly to publish their own work , she and Rose started *Between C and D* , in 1983 , during what Ms. Texier calls the “ heyday ” of the East Village . The magazine was even packed in glassine envelopes . “ The plastic bag referred to the dope bags in the neighborhood , ” she said , “ and we played up that theme , because that 's the kind of writing we were getting , that we were writing . That rough , edgy , sex-drugs-and-rock-and-roll thing . ” In some ways , “ *Breakup* ” is just as rough ; some reviews accuse Ms. Texier of cashing in on the exhibitionist memoir boom , but she defends her work . “ There was never any moment when I was pouring out my feelings in a gratuitous way , ” she said . She said she did n't know if her husband had read the book , and that their conversation these days is limited to parenting responsibilities : their two daughters , 17 and 7 .

Why write a book in which you fantasize about murdering your husband 's lover and which your children will probably read someday ?

“ What is the writer ’s responsibility to her children ? ” she asked . “ I do n’t know . My elder daughter has never read any of my books , and she ’s not reading this one , by choice . Which is , I think , a good thing . ”

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We are mismatched at almost every position . ” That is why the Celtics are emphasizing “ team ” this week above all else . Their entire practice Monday was devoted to stopping the Magic ’s halfcourt game by forcing the player in the post to give up the ball and covering up accordingly . The other area of concentration was boxing out and rebounding with two hands , something most players should have learned 15 years ago . “ One-handed rebounding is an epidemic on this team , ” Ford said . “ Guys think they can put a forearm on their man and that means they ’ve boxed him out . But if you put a body on him , then you have two hands to get the rebound , which is the way it ’s supposed to be . ” One-handed rebounders . Mismatches galore . All-Stars on the other team .

Why even bother playing the series ?

“ Because sometimes , ” the coach said , “ talent does n’t always win . Sometimes it ’s effort and determination and coming together as a team that gets it done . This will be a chance for these guys to show how good they are . ” Lionel Jospin , who came from behind Sunday to win a place as standardbearer of the left in France ’s presidential runoff next month , was born in the Paris suburb of Meudon , “ like Rabelais , ” he jokes . Rabelaisian is the last word most people would use to describe the 57-year-old former education minister , the son of a French Protestant education official .

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Shipments , a gauge of current demand , fell 2.1 percent . Anna Taylor-Clarke knew it was time to leave her job at the Greater Dayton Christian Council . The 35-year-old director of race relations saw no place to climb in the agency . She wanted more challenges . She felt her passion for the job waning . “ I really enjoyed my job , but there are only so many ways you can talk about race relations , ” said Clarke , who worked at the organization for two years before quitting in 1991 . “ I also did n’t have the internal motivation to continue working there . ” Clarke left the council and joined Star Bank where , as regional director of community outreach , she finds the challenges more satisfying . Recognizing when it ’s time to quit your job , especially after you ’ve tried to make the most of it , is crucial to building and maintaining a successful and sane career . Why spend all day at a miserable job just to pay the mortgage ?

Why risk demotion or a poor recommendation if your dissatisfaction affects your performance ?

That does n’t have to be your reality if you ’re dedicated to finding the right job . “ It ’s extremely important to identify what really burns within us , ” said local career advisor Priscilla Mutter . “ You have to be pragmatic , but follow your dream and see the difference it makes in your career . ” It ’s critical to be proactive . Detect the telltale signs of your dissatisfaction boredom , stress , no enthusiasm , physical sickness before others see them .

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They are 46-29 -LRB- .613 -RRB- when scoring at least four runs in a game , compared with 4-54 -LRB- .069 -RRB- when held to three or fewer runs . Yet another huge IMF-sponsored rescue package has promptly fizzled out . Billions of dollars have been spent to no avail . Disasters of this magnitude occur far too often these days . Behind the Russian meltdown is a tale of bad economic and political judgment , in the West and in the East . There was nothing deeply wrong with the ruble . True , the fall in oil prices has hurt Russia badly , and a moderate depreciation could have helped . But the problem is elsewhere , and everybody knows it : The federal government is increasingly unable to collect taxes , which have fallen from 20 percent of GDP in 1992 to 8 percent this year . Russian authorities have managed to contain the budget deficit , but they have done it the wrong way , by not paying what they owe . In today 's Russia nobody feels that dues must be paid , not the government and not the taxpayers .

Why pay if there is no sanction ?

From headquarters just as lavish as those in New York or London , Russian banks and corporations engage in big commercial deals , make their top executives immensely rich , they claim that they cough up a few kopecks and carry on . If tax collection goes on declining , there is no way the government can service its debt . This is what triggered the crisis . Domestic and foreign investors alike scrambled to the exit door . Pundits certified that the ruble was not overvalued , but there were no takers .

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“ The answer can be anything or nothing at all . ” I know the feeling . The answer to my medical test that day could have been anything or nothing at all . I did n't like the odds . And , like an essay answer , I had no control over the teacher 's grading process . I 've never particularly appreciated math . Typically , I do n't like foregone conclusions . There 's no fun in that to me . No mystery . No adventure .

If you know how to arrive at the answer , why make the trip ?

But then , on days like this one , I look at a dirty math paper and it reduces me to tears . Sometimes , you like for things to add up right . Vicki Marsh Kabat writes for the Waco -LRB- Texas -RRB- Tribune-Herald , Waco , Texas . E-mail : VMKabat -LRB- AT -RRB- aol.com Story Filed By Cox Newspapers

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“ Cleansing does not weaken , but strengthens the state , ” he added . “ Watergate saved the United States of America . ” Many Estonians shared the president 's concern , and the press has been full of demands that politicians adopt a more stringent moral code . “ This scandal is extremely serious , and can not be considered simply part of the growing pains of a new democracy , ” said Siim Kallas , a prominent member of parliament . “ We came from a society where the KGB was above the law . You never knew if you were being watched or if your telephone was being tapped . People fear that the same practices still exist today , and this scandal is evidence that they do . ” Dennis Martinez knows the drill

by now . When the Champagne starts trickling down his face , he does n't stick out his tongue for even a taste . He just holds a towel to his face and wipes off the alcohol .

Why tempt fate ?

Martinez was hoping he would be surrounded by Champagne showers Tuesday night when he took his aching shoulder and weary knee to the mound against arm-weary Randy Johnson of the Seattle Mariners , in baseball 's new , extended long march toward November . The Cleveland Indians needed just one victory out here to wrap up the American League championship . After 41 years , there would surely be a celebration , as if the entire revived rust-belt city were pouring out its four decades of frustrations . Martinez has already seen too much pouring in his life . His sober renaissance , at the age of 40 , offers a measure of hope for even Dwight Gooden , now casting his fate with that noted rehabilitation expert , George -LRB- Mr. Warmth -RRB- Steinbrenner .

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In statements before and after the vote on Tuesday , the leaders of Miami and Dade County 's civic , business and political structure showed how much their support of the ordinance has grown . But the population of the county has shifted in ways that could lessen support for gay rights . Its residents are poorer , fewer of them are Jewish or middle-class , and many more of them are socially conservative Roman Catholic Hispanic immigrants than a generation ago . If a referendum is scheduled , it will be a pitched battle that could charge the national political atmosphere once again . With the next presidential election in sight , neither the Christian Coalition nor gay activists who felt they played an important role in Bill Clinton 's victory will want to lose the second battle of Miami . By Dan Fost c. 1998 San Francisco Chronicle People who hate paying the airlines to watch a second-rate movie with all the swear words and juicy scenes edited out can now watch the movie of their choice right on their tray table . In stores today is the Panasonic PalmTheater , a portable DVD player that showsdigital movies on a 5.8-inch screen . “ The PalmTheater seemed to be a natural , ” said Jodi Sally , Panasonic 's national marketing manager for DVD .

“ You can take your audio music anywhere , why not take your movies ? ”

DVD which stands for digital video disc finally is reaching the mainstream , with more 1 million DVD players shipped to the retail market . More than 2,000 titles will be available in the format by the end of the year . That helps make the PalmTheater a viable entertainment option . In addition to its portability its rechargeable battery pack runs for two hours the PalmTheater can plug into a television or stereo system and work like a regular DVD player . Of course like any new technology , the PalmTheater does n't come cheaply .

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“ Nothing can replace it , ” said Joyce Gold , an urban historian who conducts tours of the city and says she has 500 books on New York at home . She was standing a few feet away from Joseph Mercurio , a political consultant who put his own New York collection at 1,500 books “ not that many , ” he added . “ Now , ” Mercurio said , “ I 'll have to travel

to antiquarian shops all over the region . ” Ms. Stonehill observed that “ most of our customers love New York and can be obsessive about it , which you could also say about ourselves . ” Not all of these New Yorkophiles live here . There is a Californian who calls for books on the New York police . A woman in London is interested in anything about Coney Island . A Japanese man wants to know more about places mentioned in “ The Great Gatsby ” and other novels set in and around New York . An art historian in Rome has a passion for books on 1930s New York architecture . Well , then , why abandon these dedicated souls ?

Why not relocate rather than close ?

“ Because I just could n’t face another move , ” Ms. Cohen said . Ms. Stonehill added , “ It may be time to do something else . ” What that something might be she did not know . But her partner had a thought . Maybe , Ms. Cohen said , she will compile a bibliography of all the books ever written about what else ?

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The ratio can also be meaningless when many companies in a sector are not profitable . In a series of studies started in 1996 , Bowers found a better value measure : movements in industries ’ price-to-book ratio . For individual companies , this ratio is calculated by dividing total market capitalization by balance-sheet listings of cash , factories , real estate , equipment and other assets . Bowers compares current industry ratios with historical ones . Industry groups that show up as undervalued are considered good buys . He updates his valuations twice a year , when Fidelity releases its sector funds ’ stock holdings . He figured that during the last eight years , investors who consistently held Fidelity sector funds in the 10 most undervalued industries , by this measure , could have earned much more in average annual returns 24.2 percent versus 16.6 percent than if they had invested in the 10 most expensive sectors . Bowers has also devised a system for timing the sale of sector funds . First he looks for the 10 most attractive sectors those with the lowest price-to-book ratios relative to their average ratios over the last five years . He then recommends selling any sector fund that falls out of this top 10 twice in a row in his six-month evaluations , moving the proceeds into the cheapest sector fund on his list .

Why wait six months rather than selling the first time the sector falls out of the top 10 ?

He says it takes the marketplace six months to recognize value . “ If a sector is cheap and performs well , it tends to continue to outperform six months past the point at which it is no longer considered a good value , ” he said . He surmised that this resulted from the time lag in upgrades and downgrades issued by brokerage companies . In testing his system back to 1990 , with the help of comparisons of companies ’ records back to 1987 , Bowers said he had found that using the six-month lag would have added three percentage points to investors ’ returns . Under his system , what follows are the cheapest and most expensive Fidelity Select sector funds now and their percentages of their historical value .

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Yet , the folks in Congress think that if they spend months bickering over a balanced-budget amendment that wo n't work , the voters will think they 're being prudent . Rather than go after the problems head-on , Democrat President Bill Clinton and the Republican-controlled Congress make it harder on themselves . The president 's proposed budget for fiscal 1998 , for instance , asks for \$ 100 billion in tax cuts . Cuts , not increases that might help balance the budget . The Republicans want \$ 193 billion in tax cuts . Cuts not increases . Assuming a compromise at about \$ 150 billion in lower taxes , the budget-balancing effort will be set back by about \$ 300 billion . That 's the original \$ 150 billion they would have had to find plus the new \$ 150 billion they will have to find to cover the tax cuts . Unfortunately , new forecasts from the Congressional Budget Office last week gave the lawmakers another excuse for dallying . The CBO said that with current programs , the federal budget deficit in 2002 will be \$ 188 billion , not the \$ 285 billion forecast last May .

That 's \$ 97 billion we wo n't have to cut from the budget , so why hurry ?

While the CBO does honest work , the forecast said nothing about a recession that could make the 2002 deficit , or any in between , higher . The economy has been growing for almost six years without a recession . Betting on another six without a hitch is pushing it . It 's no surprise that the politicians tread water . Curbing deficits in the years ahead will tweak the noses , if not the pocketbooks , of constituents .

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Large customers tend to buy PCs all year round rather than bunching them in the fourth quarter as retailers and individuals do . While these big customers might drive hard bargains on prices , their steady flow of orders allows Dell to run more efficiently . Like its competitors , Dell wants to increase its sales of servers , the more powerful computers that run networks of PCs . But in the quarter , desktop sales were so strong that they overshadowed a 40 percent-plus increase in server sales to \$ 50 million . Servers still accounted for just 3 percent of Dell 's sales . For the moment , Dell seems to have the answer in PCs . Another direct-order company , Gateway 2001 Inc. of North Sioux City , South Dakota , reported its first-quarter earnings rose 33 percent on a 47 percent sales gain . IBM Personal Computer Co. late last year converted to the direct-sale route . The Dell way would backfire , of course , if parts prices went up significantly or became hard to get . The short history of this business , however , shows that all prices seem to go down all the time , and Dell 's relations with big suppliers probably would hold it in good stead if shortages did arise .

Anyway , why speculate about potential trouble and ruin a nice story ?

Rockefeller Center Properties Inc. said its first-quarter loss widened to \$ 28.6 million , or 75 cents a share , as the office complex operated under bankruptcy court protection . The company , which holds the \$ 1.3 billion mortgage on New York landmark Rockefeller Center , had a loss of \$ 7.48 million , or 20 cents a share , in the year-earlier period . Rockefeller Center is owned by two partnerships controlled by Japan 's Mitsubishi Estate

Co. It filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection in May 1995 after years of losses . In September , the partnerships decided to turn the property over to Rockefeller Center Properties . Rockefeller Center , one of the world 's most recognizable properties , is the midtown Manhattan home to the NBC broadcast studios , scores of restaurants and shops and Radio City Music Hall .

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He 's got to get out there . The 49ers are unlikely to be staying up at night worrying about what I think , but I believe both opinions make sense . That Rice should not have played in the Denver game was a no-brainer . There was nothing about that hit that was out

of the ordinary . Rice caught a touchdown pass a key one , too and went down . It was something that happens thousands of times on football fields everywhere . He was n't hit at a bad angle , or flipped in the air . If Rice 's knee would go out in such circumstances , he should not have been out there . It was just that simple . So why not rest him through the rest of these silly , pointless exhibition games ?

Well , why stop there ?

Maybe he could skip the first game of the regular season against the rebuilding Jets , too . In fact , if he did n't make the trip to Washington for the second game , and if you throw in the bye the next week , Rice would not have to play for the first three weeks of the season . Or , better yet , maybe he would not have to play at all , unless the team needed him . Rice could stand in uniform on the sideline all season , and if the 49ers were let 's say down by a touchdown in the fourth quarter , coach Steve Mariucci could put him in . If not , hey , another game without any chance of an injury .

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That practice , they say , is a form of discrimination often referred to as redlining , a term that grew out of the practice now outlawed by insurance companies and banks in places like Philadelphia , Detroit and New York of drawing red lines on maps around neighborhoods they decided to exclude . Indeed , in the poor neighborhoods on the outskirts of San Juan , people say insurance salesmen never come calling . Residents say they do not really understand insurance and they assume they can not afford it . In the town of Toa Baja , Tanya Davila sat in a kitchen chair in the shade of her concrete-and-wood three-bedroom house , waiting for a representative of the Federal Emergency Management Agency . Hurricane Georges ripped off most of her house 's tin roofing and most of her belongings were ruined . The house , Ms. Davila said , is worth about \$ 50,000 . “ It never occurred to me to buy insurance , ” she said . “ Nobody ever came to talk to us about insurance . ” Ms. Davila , 42 , said she did not know anyone who had homeowner 's insurance . “ People do n't buy disaster insurance because they know the government is going to take care of them , ” she said .

“ ‘ If I can get something for free , why pay for it ? ’

That 's not my opinion . But that 's the way a lot of people think . ” In a section of neatly kept homes in the nearby town of Catano , Petra Gonzalez , 78 , said she was hoping that FEMA would repair the roof on her \$ 25,000 wood-and-tin house . “ I did n't build this house thinking the government would take care of me if something happened , ” she said . “ I never imagined anything like this could happen .

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A Mitsui spokesman denied discussions were under way , saying GM has n't even proposed the idea . Tripolsky said GM has n't decided how it will sell Saturn cars in Japan . “ There are many , many unanswered questions , ” he said . Ford and Chrysler have sales networks in Japan . Ford has a 50 percent interest in Autorama , a Japanese sales network that sells Ford-brand cars made by Mazda Motor Corp. In June , Chrysler said it would spend \$ 100 million to take a control of its Japanese import and distribution company and to buy

a sales network . Call it the March FOR Washington Desiree Washington . The Southern Nevada chapter of NOW has organized a demonstration at the MGM Grand a few hours before the Mike Tyson-Peter McNeeley fight Saturday to protest violence against women . However , the chapter 's president , Anne Golonka , said NOW is not targeting Tyson , who was convicted of raping Washington in 1991 . “ The thrust is informational , ” she said , “ to call attention to violence against women . We wanted it to be a positive event as opposed to being anti-anyone . ”

Why not attack Tyson ?

A lot of others , including other members of NOW , have n't been afraid to do so . “ That would be hostile , ” Golonka said . “ We feel he has a right to pursue his career . After all , this is the U.S.A. We respect people 's right to go on . ” Of course , should Golonka and her colleagues go after Tyson he might not be open to their request : They are asking him for \$ 1 million to establish what she called the Mike Tyson Foundation to End Violence Against Women .

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A studio album for late this year or early '96 is being planned , one that will combine the efforts of three producers : Don Cook , who works with Brooks & Dunn ; Allen Reynolds , Garth Brooks ' producer ; and Richard Landis . “ We have to get our face out there , ” Sterban said . “ Good material , that 's going to be the key . The problem we have is , we are n't the new kids on the block anymore . We 're like a new group starting out . ” Sterban said that means that the Oaks , who were once pitched thousands of songs during their recording heyday , must search out the good tunes . “ I still think there 's a niche out there that we can fill , ” Sterban said . “ There 's still really nothing out there like us , with the full voices that The Oak Ridge Boys have always had . There 's a window of opportunity for us , kind of a backlash ” against the Young Country ultra-traditional , ultra-young movement . But there are a few new groups attempting to capture that gospel-bred sound , groups like 4 Runner , whose press material calls them “ the Oak Ridge Boys of the '90s . ”

Why stay on the road , when they could sit it out in Branson ?

Why throw themselves into the bonfire of the record business , when they could sell self-made tapes at concerts ? “ One of the reasons we 've experienced longevity , ” Sterban said , “ is we still really enjoy doing this . ” Alfred Lord , leader of a dissident group of Student Loan Marketing Association shareholders , said his nominees won at least six seats on the enterprise 's 21-member board of directors at today 's annual meeting . Sallie Mae shareholders voted for a total of 14 directors at the meeting in Washington , D.C. Lord 's group offered eight candidates for election .

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Despite its capitalistic leanings , FreeDrive has hit on a great idea . If we start storing our data , pictures and documents on the Net , then the Internet becomes more of a home for us . Once it 's a home , we will start treating the Internet as what it was meant to be : a communication tool for the exchange of ideas and content . “ People are starting

to look at the Internet as more of a tool than they did before , as an expansion of their own PC , ” Rhodes said . “ FreeDrive is a practical application that these people will use and will definitely expand people ’s belief and confidence in what the Internet is . ” Send questions , comments , ideas , products , graft and fan mail to Gregory Kallenberg at gkallenbergstatesman.com or write him at P.O. Box 670 , Austin 78767 . It ’s summertime , and you have the kids at home . By now you ’ve probably done it all : Schlitterbahn , Sea World , the Austin Museum of Art and the Capitol . Now , you ’re all at home , making peanut butter , banana and ham sandwiches and looking for something to do . You do n’t want to turn on the television because you do n’t want your child dressing like Ginger Spice or talking like Judge Judy .

Why not buy your kid a couple of Broderbund games and let them expand their minds while having fun ?

“ Kid Pix ” and the new , improved “ Where in the World is Carmen San diego ? ” will fulfill both of those desires . “ Kid Pix ” is a drawing program which will keep your 3 - to 12-year-old occupied for hours . And “ Carmen San Diego , ” a mystery entertainment game for 9-year-olds and up , has been improved to include Internet links and teach your child foreign languages . Available for the Mac and PC for \$ 39.95 .

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An anonymous donor will offer to put up money if it is matched . “ We explained the proposal to every donor who saw it as a way to double his or her gift to Focus . ” Prison Fellowship did the same thing , with one important difference . It deposited its funds in an account under its control , and waited for New Era matching funds , which never came . Spring Arbor College was more typical . After plunking down \$ 250,000 , and getting \$ 500,000 back , it upped the ante to \$ 1.5 million which has been lost . Albert Meyer , a Spring Arbor accounting professor , had predicted the outcome and pleaded with the college ’s chairman . “ This is a Ponzi scheme , ” he told the chairman . “ We will get everything back and more , but only for a while . He is taking from Peter to pay Paul .

Why not get his audited statements ? ”

The college did not do , but Meyer did , and found no thorough audit . He did find a balance sheet that showed no liabilities , although 300 groups had loaned it \$ 41 million in 1993 . Further , that money earned only \$ 36,000 in interest , a red flag indicating the churning of cash . Meyer went to the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Wall Street Journal , breaking the story . The non-profit sector has had many scandals in recent years .

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All together , the bill lops \$ 940 million from next year ’s DOE budget . Water projects did much better . These would be cut by less than \$ 230 million , much less than expected . Myers cut projects dear to some of his biggest campaign contributors . Of the \$ 293,428 Myers got from political action committees in the last election cycle , electric utilities and other energy companies chipped in the biggest chunk – 13 percent , says Common Cause

, a nonprofit voters' advocacy group . Yet Myers cut most heavily from energy research . Labor unions were second on the Myers PAC list . The real estate and construction companies that stand to gain from water-project spending were third . Money 's a big help , but it alone does n't win elections . No matter how much gets spent , you ca n't win unless you get more votes than the other guy .

So if you have to anger big donors with budget cuts , why not gut the stuff the average voter , at least , does n't notice as much ?

For Myers , this means energy research . Johnny Lunchbucket hardly knows it 's there . It 's mostly done by small teams in colleges and federal labs . Water projects are another matter . They can employ hundreds of voters .

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Analysts also point out that the Wells Fargo Nikko purchase will represent Barclays ' second major foray into the U.S. In the 1980s it owned a couple of banks in the U.S. but has sold them in recent years . Barclays ' biggest U.S. bank operation , Barclays Bank of California , was sold for \$ 125 million in 1988 – to Wells Fargo & Co. Prudential Insurance Co. of America is reviving a plan to sell the public a 40 percent stake in its reinsurance business . The offering – some 20 million shares in Prudential Reinsurance Holdings Inc. – has been on hold for since early last year , when the market for initial public offerings soured and Prudential appeared unlikely to raise its target of \$ 400 million . However , Prudential Re late last week filed documents on its stock sale for the first time since January 1994 , a signal that the IPO is about to resume . Perhaps the most surprising change is Prudential 's decision to remove its own investment banking firm , Prudential Securities Inc. , as lead underwriter for the stock sale in favor of a more established underwriter for equity offerings . Goldman , Sachs & Co. , the second-largest underwriter of domestic equity offerings in 1994 according to Securities Data Co. , will now lead Prudential Re 's underwriting group . Prudential Securities , which ranked 20th last year , will simply be another member of an underwriting group that also includes Lehman Brothers and J.P. Morgan Securities Inc. “ Basically what you are seeing is that Prudential is dedicated to really trying to move this thing -LRB- Prudential Re -RRB- off its books , ” said David Havens , an insurance analyst for Standard & Poor 's Corp. “ Following the \$ 1.2 billion loss from Hurricane Andrew in 1992 and the \$ 1 billion-plus loss from Prudential Securities , Prudential just does n't have the luxury of a superior capital base to support operations that are capital-intensive and do n't fit in with its strategy . ”

Why move ahead now ?

It 's no coincidence that the Dow Jones Industrial Average closed at a record high yesterday , and that several other insurers are also proceeding with securities sales . “ Two or three months after the last filing , our chairman at the time retired , the market turned pretty bad , and it just was n't the right time to do it , ” said Robert Jacobson , Prudential Re 's chief financial officer . “ We now have a new chairman in place , we have made changes that are described in the registration statement , and the market is getting better . ” Some of the fine-tuning described in the latest filing has taken place under the guidance of Joseph Taranto , who was appointed chairman of the Newark , New Jersey , reinsurer

in October 1994 . And Prudential Insurance is making some changes , such offering the reinsurance unit , which essentially writes insurance policies for other insurers , more protection against losses from environmental and catastrophic claims .

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The current Congress , conservative to the point of being radically reactionary at times , may put the matter to the states after all . There two fundamental reasons to quash the proposed amendment . First , it would trivialize the Constitution . Our founding document has worked so well in large part because its authors emphasized guiding principles rather than cluttering it with a lot of fussy dos and don ' ts . We 've amended it only 17 times since the Bill of Rights was adopted , usually either to tidy up important points of governance or to enlarge liberty extending the vote , for instance , to freed male slaves , to women and to 18-year-olds . The one time we gummed up the works to satisfy a passing fad the prohibition against alcoholic drinks we lived to regret the rashness and had to take it back with another amendment . States that ca n't resist the temptation to such political showboating have to purge their constitutions periodically of the accumulated follies . Please , let 's not start similarly despoiling our transcendent statement of working nationhood . And , second , the precedent of chipping away at the First Amendment could incite other inroads against unpopular speech . Flag-burning is symbolic speech , but repeated Supreme Courts have recognized symbolic speech as having constitutional standing along with spoken and written speech .

If the flag may not be burned to make a point , then why let right-wing hysterics put the flag postage stamp on envelopes upside down in political mimicry of the international distress signal ?

Why not an amendment declaring that , sure , you can otherwise knock the president if you want , but you may not dishonor the presidency by calling its occupant a socialist when he is n't one , as radio talk show hosts now do routinely ? Oh , and there 's this , too : You have n't heard about flag-burning lately because there is hardly any going on . If you want to start it up , just adopt a constitutional amendment against it and rev up its political oomph . -LRB- Tom Teepen is national correspondent of Cox Newspapers . -RRB- For use by clients of the New York Times News Service

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“ I think it 's the fear of failure that pushes you . It 's not the race for the brass ring . If you 're swimming , you have no choice but to swim to the other side . ” He has three goals for his hotel empire : to do five one-of-a-kind hotels a year ; to take one of his existing hotels , such as the Royalton , and roll out a line of them -LRB- “ They would all be defined by the setting and the place , but still have the same spirit ” -RRB- ; and to create a “ boutique ” brand for a large hotel company . “ I could n't do the Delano in every city in the country , but I could do something that 's more sophisticated , that has some originality , that 's out there on the edge , ” he said . He 's also planning a merchandising business , primarily the furniture , sheets and other items associated with Schragger Hotels . Will there be an Ian Schragger cologne ? “ That 's not within my circle

of competence , ” he said , grinning . “ I wo n’t go there . But sheets I probably know more about sheets than anybody .

Why not sell them ? ”

Cheryl Blackerby writes for The Palm Beach Post . Story Filed By Cox Newspapers I celebrated a birthday recently . Send no presents , please . It ’s no big deal , though I am now older than Elvis was when he died .

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The Twins were overmatched against Sele Wednesday ; it was about that simple . “ I ’ve got four pitches , and everybody knows what they are , ” Sele said . “ They know what ’s coming , so it ’s just a matter of who could make the first adjustment . ” Sele is known for his curveball , but he made a living Wednesday with his fastball and cut fastball . He was very selective with the big yakker , saving it for wonderfully strategic spots , most notably a punchout of the dangerous Pedro Munoz to end the first inning . “ That pitch worked so well because of the way he was set up , ” said Macfarlane . But that was one of the few quality curveballs Sele threw . “ That ’s where the cut fastball was a good pitch to have , ” he said . “ It was one of those days when I could n’t get the curve over , so it gave me another breaking ball I could use . ” Sele left after throwing 64 pitches .

“ Perhaps I could have gone one more short inning , but why push it ? ”

he reasoned . Next up : Shortstop-turned-pitcher Frank Rodriguez , making his big league debut . Eight pitches , three outs -LRB- two grounders and a soft fly -RRB- . Piece o ’ cake . “ He came out and threw strikes , ” said Macfarlane .

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You ’re more than that . ” Mr. Wohl made it his task to convince his Upper West Side neighbors that they , too , are better than they may realize . West Siders like to think of themselves as models of progressiveness . “ These are the West Siders who pride themselves on not being East Siders , on celebrating the diversity of their neighborhood , ” he said . But in the early ’80s , Goddard Riverside racked up \$ 100,000 in legal fees defending itself against lawsuits brought by those who did not want to see his new community center , then being built . “ People said yes , it ’s needed , ” Wohl said . “ But you know the rest of the sentence . ” You know it , too : not in my back yard . “ Put it in the Bronx somewhere , they ’d say , ” he recalled . “ Ah , but that ’s old news .

Why rehash it ?

Now they come over and sing Christmas carols . ” There certainly was no shortage of volunteers on Thursday to cook and serve Thanksgiving dinner to the needy . Dozens of would-be volunteers had to be turned away . Sure , some might dismiss them as indulged yuppies out to feel better about themselves around the holidays . Not Wohl .

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Is this the time to change our policy ? And why , given these facts and the end of the Cold War , should hemispheric neighbors legitimately need weapons of this cost and

sophistication ? They 're not in jeopardy of communism , nor of imminent invasion . Their problems are economic and wo n't be solved by military airplanes . Most Latin Americans do not want an arms race . Their region can not afford one . Diverting scarce resources from goals like education , infrastructure and public health can only weaken democracy . Civic leaders throughout the hemisphere have been working actively to promote a two-year , regionwide moratorium on the acquisition by any government in Central or South America of advanced offensive weapons . At least nine elected chief executives , including those of Mexico and Canada , are hoping to press for agreement on such a proposal at a summit scheduled to meet in March in Santiago , Chile . What 's the hurry ?

Why pre-empt them ?

Such a moratorium , if agreed upon , could avert an arms race and even provide a healthy prelude to regional arms reduction agreements . In the aftermath of the long Cold War , statesmen are looking anew at Cost Rica 's example . That country abolished its army in 1948 and has become , by almost everyone 's accounting , the hemisphere 's prime example of civility and enlightened democracy . A regional accord against aggressive weapons would be in the tradition of the Treaty of Tlatelolco , which in 1968 established Latin America and the Caribbean as the world 's first nuclear-free zone . Its 32 signatories include every state in the region except Cuba .

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It also wanted to simplify its balance sheet to make the company easier to understand for investors . “ We 've put -LRB- simplification -RRB- on the back burner because our financial performance is so strong , ” Levin said in a meeting with reporters . Time Warner reported better-than-expected second-quarter earnings today of \$30million, *or a loss of 9 cents a share after* 31 million , or 26 cents a share , in the same period a year ago and beat the average analysts ' estimate of a 15-cent loss . The company is trying to reduce enough debt to reach an investment-grade rating of “ BBB ” from “ BBB- ” in the next 12 months , executives said . Once that goal is met , the company will begin to buy back stock . Still , the decision to remain in the partnership is somewhat surprising given the sometimes contentious relationship between the two companies . U S West , for example , through its U S West Media Group , sued Time Warner two years ago to block Time Warner 's \$ 7 billion acquisition of Turner Broadcasting System Inc. The litigation failed to stop the acquisition , which is helping propel Time Warner 's earnings through Turner 's cable channels . In essence , U S West and Time Warner agreed that they ca n't agree on a price .

“ They could n't come to a deal – why beat a dead horse ? ”

said Dennis McAlpine , an analyst with Josephthal , Lyon & Ross Inc. Now , Time Warner said it will work with U S West Media in developing cable systems , as well as marketing and issues involving the Internet and other technology . Five years ago , U S West paid \$ 2.5 billion for its 25.5 percent stake in the partnership , known as Time Warner Entertainment , which includes about 10 million of Time Warner 's 12.4 million cable subscribers . “ It 's been a very good investment , and the value has risen substantially , and we 're quite happy with it as it is , ” said Cathy Fowler , a spokeswoman at U S West Media .

Time Warner is still working on ways to shed some of the debt of its cable operations , Levin said .

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Enough additional trees are expected to be cut as a result to fill more than 1 million logging trucks over the next 18 months . In Arizona , it should increase cutting on the national forests by nearly 20 percent . However , current logging levels are less than half those during the Reagan and Bush administrations . The measure also bars citizens from challenging logging plans in court . Environmentalists say that the language is so broad that it will result in massive clear cuts , road building into wilderness areas and destruction of old-growth forests in the few remaining areas of the country that have not been previously logged . Environmental advocates are furious at President Clinton , who has said he will sign the budget measure , because they believe the president has forgotten his pledges to protect the environment . “ This law gives dominion of our national forests to the timber corporations . There is no way for the American public to engage their government in the protection of these public lands , ” said Mark Winstein , co-director of Save America ’s Forests , a nationwide coalition . Timber firms maintain that if the trees are not harvested , the wood will be destroyed by fire , insects or rot , and the nation will lose jobs and valuable natural resources . “ Why not use something .

Why not make something with it .

And if someone make a dollar on it , so much the better for everyone , ” said Darlene Slusher of Phoenix , president of a local chapter of People for the West ! , a lobbying group that supports using natural resources from public lands . Environmentalists also are mad at Clinton because they believe the president has flip-flopped on the timber-salvage issue . Clinton vetoed a similar budget measure last month , mostly because it included budget cuts he did n’t want . But Clinton also said at the time that he opposed the salvage program because it would “ throw out all of our environmental laws . ”

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At the low end of the range , that income would not go far enough to cover a Vuitton bag or Gucci loafers in the United States and pay for rent and groceries , too . “ The key difference between our business here and in other countries are these young women and the way they live , ” said Kyojiro Hata , the president of Louis Vuitton Japan KK . There are some signs that even those free-spending young women are becoming more cautious , however . A poll of consumers in August by the Nippon Research Institute showed that consumer confidence had wilted most among 20-to-29-year- olds , the group that has thus far buoyed overall spending statistics . But Hata sees women in their 20s as fairly impervious to the recession , at least in the short term . “ Restructuring is taking place here , but at higher levels than these women work at , ” he said . “ Current cuts are aimed at higher income , older workers . ” It is not just young women , though , who are helping luxury-goods makers weather the economic fallout here . The cost of business is also declining . “ Rents are lower and floor space is easier to obtain than ever before , ” said Michiko Shimizu , president of SAI , a marketing consulting firm .

“ Their cost performance is much better , so why not open a few more shops ? ”

Hata , of Louis Vuitton , is interested in a parking lot in Aoyama . It is one of the holdings of Japan Leasing , a financing company that recently went bankrupt , and Hata has visions of a new store on the site . He figures the parking lot , which has remained undeveloped despite its prime location because Japan Leasing was seeking an unrealistically high price , will soon come up for sale at a more reasonable price . “ Real estate prices are still high , but they ’re being forced down , ” he said . Lower real estate prices and distribution costs have enabled sellers of luxury goods to push prices lower in their Japanese outposts so that they are more in line with what Japanese shoppers find in Hawaii or Hong Kong .

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More striking , the Republican Congress does n’t seem inclined to stick its neck out in opposition . The Levin-Thompson bill lays claim to a rational middle ground that emphasizes accountability and public disclosure . Regulators would be required to hire independent experts to compare costs and benefits in consistent ways , and to provide justifications for any rules that flunked the test . Where regulation addressed health and safety , the regulators would have to explain who was at risk and to what degree . If there are several possible means to the same end for example , a choice of mandated technological fixes or market-based financial incentives agencies would have to explain the alternatives and the reason for favoring one over another . Nothing in the bill would invite the courts to toss out rules because costs exceeded benefits . Indeed , little in the bill would break new ground : Except in cases of independent agencies like the Federal Communications Commission , the president already has the authority to set standards by executive order . But Robert Litan , director of economic studies at the Brookings Institution , noted that “ no one ’s been forced to pull it all together ” that formal guidelines would help reduce uncertainty and increase consistency . Litan and Hahn would go a step further . They note with approval that Sen. Ted Stevens , R-Alaska , managed to insert an amendment into a big appropriations act last year requiring the White House to produce a detailed accounting of the costs and benefits of all federal regulation by Sept. 30 , 1997 .

Why not make this accounting an annual event , they ask , giving the public a chance to second-guess regulatory mandates ?

There are very few innocents left on the long-contested battleground of regulatory reform . While Thompson insists that he has no desire to “ slash and burn ” regulation , most environmental groups will brook no changes in the way rules are made , because they have the inside track on influencing the senior bureaucracy at the Environmental Protection Agency . By the same token , business lobbyists are at best lukewarm about the Levin-Thompson approach because they are convinced that green-friendly regulators will be inclined to cook the books to justify intervention . That explains why this seemingly innocuous bill is a long shot , particularly in the House , where compromise on regulation is far from almost everyone ’s mind . But it also explains why regulatory policy may lurch from “ anti-business ” to “ pro-business ” and back , reducing productivity without having a significant impact on health or safety .

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No one place is available online where Web users can search the finding aids for all these collections . But the Research Libraries Group , an international alliance of 160 institutions , including universities , libraries , archives and museums , has set up an Archival Resources service that is moving toward this . “ The vision goes back to the Enlightenment , ” said Daniel Pitti , project director of the Institute for Advanced Technology in the Humanities at the University of Virginia . “ It was the dream of the scholar to go to one place and find out what exists , where it is , and what they need to get access . ” “ It ’s an illusion to think we ’ll digitize everything out there we ’re talking about hundreds of millions of items , ” he added . Copies of items that have been digitized have occasionally been more interesting than the originals . A digitized photo of the San Francisco earthquake of 1906 , for example , can be manipulated to see paintings on the walls of buildings that can not be seen in the original photograph . A piece of papyrus , enlarged on a computer , does not have to be viewed under a microscope . It was papyrus that led some archivists to think of constructing digitized collections so that valuable , fragile materials would not be harmed . “ We have 1,500 pieces of papyri dating back to 4,000 B.C. , ” said Steven Hensen , director of planning and project development in the rare book , manuscript and special collections library at Duke University .

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Why not scan them and see if we can put them up on the Web and make them accessible worldwide ? ” Dr. Roger Bagnall , professor of classics and history at Columbia University , is heading an effort by Duke , Columbia , the University of Michigan , Berkeley , Yale and Princeton to build a virtual collection of 50,000 pieces of papyri that could eventually be linked to collections in Europe . “ We are , ultimately , going to have translations for everything that ’s actually been read , ” Bagnall said , “ and anything with a Greek text will also have an English text . ” What has happened in papyrus could happen with other unique collections , said Stephen Griffin , head of the division of information and intelligent systems at the National Science Foundation . A collection of photographs , maps and texts at a University of Virginia Web site called “ The Valley of the Shadow , ” an archive of two communities , Staunton , Va. , and Chambersburg , Pa. , on opposite sides of the Mason-Dixon line during the Civil War , has been visited by 2 million people .

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“ Most of the citizens who took time to write me recognize we have a serious problem . ” Medicare is headed for bankruptcy , he said , adding that a couple retiring this year can expect to receive \$ 117,200 more in Medicare benefits than they paid into the system in taxes and premiums . Goodling said he was leaning against supporting the bill Wednesday , until House leaders made some last-minute concessions for rural hospitals . But not everyone from York County favors the GOP plan . Richard Bowers , director of the Red Lion Area Community Senior Center , said the seniors he works with “ are not happy about it at all . ” The center serves between 55 and 65 people a day , making it the second busiest senior center in York County . “ Most people think seniors are loaded . A small percentage are loaded but not the people I work with , ” he said . Many elderly believe that if Congress wants to reduce Medicare spending , it should encourage hospitals and health care providers to cut back on the number of medical tests given to seniors , Bowers said . “ Their view is that they ’re required by their doctors to take tests they do n’t need .

Why not cut fat out of that area ? ”

he questioned . William Donahue , president of the southern York County chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons , also opposes the Medicare plan . “ I do n't think it should pass , and frankly I hope the president vetoes it if it reaches his desk , ” he said . “ I feel they need to go a little slower with it , ” he added . “ They 're trying to balance the budget on the backs of seniors . ”

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“ I 've even had clients who feared surgery because they were afraid they 'd murmur the name of someone they did n't mean to . ” End the affair and swallow your guilt . If you must unburden yourself , unload the secret on a safe source . But do n't tell your friends . “ If you tell a friend , it will get out , simple as that , ” she said . “ And if you 're the friend confessed to , you have no right to do anything about it . If you do , it 's what 's right for you , not your friend . Of course , most friends would n't go running to the independent counsel , either . ” Friends are usually the first ears to hear about an affair , said Fred Mayfield , a marriage and family therapist in Overland Park . “ But I tell people to not tell their friends , ” he said .

“ Why take the chance that your spouse will hear about it from someone else ? ”

A friend who feels strongly that adultery is a moral or ethical transgression might feel the need to tell your spouse , he said . Even if they did n't , it probably would come back around to your spouse through the grapevine someday . That would be hurtful on two counts : not only for the affair but also for the secrecy that is now entwined in the relationship . “ Secrets are the major barrier to intimacy , ” Mayfield said . “ There 's a healing quality to asking for forgiveness .

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The ratio is a measure of a bank 's financial strength indicated by its capital base as a percentage of risk-weighted assets . At the end of 1994 , Abbey National 's Tier 1 capital ratio was 9.1 percent , one of the highest in the banking sector . If the National & Provincial acquisition goes ahead – which is by no means certain – analysts estimate the Tier 1 ratio could fall to 7 percent by the end of the year . While that 's still comfortably within limits set by the Bank of England , analysts say it raises questions about dividend growth . Abbey National is offering 110.5p in cash for each FNFC ordinary share , a 23 percent premium over the closing price of the stock yesterday . In late afternoon trading , FNFC shares were up 18.5p at 108.5 . Investors will also receive 100p for each first preferred share and 189p for each second preferred share . A loan note alternative in lieu of cash will be available , paying interest at a rate of 100 basis points below London interbank offered rate , or Libor , a benchmark interest rate . Demand from Swiss investors for U.S. dollar securities has renewed interest in Alpine bonds – dollar-denominated bonds sold under Swiss law to Swiss retail investors . China Southern Glass Holdings Ltd. is selling \$ 45 million of four-year convertible Alpine bonds today , underwritten by Swiss Bank Corp.

“ If it 's an issue with good Swiss retail distribution , why do it from London ? ”

, ” said Alex Bridport , managing partner at Geneva-based securities firm Bridport & Cie . “ When you ’ve selected a target audience for your issue , you want to reach that target . ” Traders said Swiss investors are stocking up on dollar securities , jumping on a bandwagon that has seen U.S. note yields and interest rates tumble in recent weeks . Mounting evidence the U.S. economy is slowing has spurred expectations the U.S. Federal Reserve will cut interest rates to revive the economy . Five-year U.S. government note yields are about 6 percent , down from 6.21 percent a month ago and from 6.88 percent at the end of April .

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Brown started reeling in commitments in June when Texas held a football camp for upcoming seniors . At the end of the camp , on June 3 , Coppell High School offensive lineman Robbie Doane became Brown ’s first oral commitment for this recruiting season . That was six months before Texas picked up a commitment last year and eight months before signing day . “ At first , I was going to try to wait and see what happens , ” said Doane , who is considered one of the nation ’s top offensive linemen by recruiting evaluators . “ But when I went down there , I liked the way they ran things and I liked the coaches . I also wanted to concentrate on my senior season . ” The commitments kept rolling in . By the time the Longhorns opened their season on Sept. 5 against New Mexico State , they had 14 oral commitments . If all 18 sign , Texas will have seven scholarships to give between now and Feb. 3 to reach the annual limit of 25 . “ It ’s not a foolproof philosophy , and there is some risk , ” Brown said .

“ But if you see a young man who fits your school , not just as a football player , but in all the other ways as well , and if he wants to come to your school and seems committed to playing for your team , why not go ahead and make the commitment , no matter what time of year it is ? ”

It appears many players in the state agree with Brown . At their present rate , the Longhorns could be wishing for a few more scholarships to give out for Christmas . -LRB-CHART : -RRB- Recruiting primer Once a recruit commits to a school , can he change his mind ? All commitments are non-binding and a recruit is free to change his mind at any time before signing the national letter of intent .

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Blakeley , on the other hand , says it ’s up to the athlete to know when to stop conduct detrimental to his team , such as removing your shoes during a timeout and not paying attention on the bench . “ I do think he has a legitimate beef in the fact that he plays so hard , ” Blakeley says . “ His thinking is , ‘ If I leave everything I ’ve got out on the floor , they should n’t ask any more of me , and they should n’t care how I act . ’ “ But he just seems to have lost sight of the fact that it goes with the job that you have a responsibility not to distract from your teammates . ” Mavericks forward Jamal Mashburn agrees , but he says that if Rodman is that distracting , it ’s Hill ’s job to correct it . “ I think all the players on the San Antonio team enjoy him when he ’s out on the court , ” Mashburn says . “ When you lead the league in rebounding for as many times as he has , you have to put up with certain things . I do n’t think I would have to deal with it . Coach Motta would .

“ But I do n’t know if a suspension would do any justice without taking away from a lot of the players ’ chances to win a championship .

Why punish all of them ? ”

AT&T Corp. and unions representing about one-third of its employees resumed negotiations toward a new contract at 11 a.m. after a break at 3 a.m. , spokesmen for both sides said . The talks between the nation ’s leading long-distance phone company and unions continue to stall over a proposal for AT&T workers who retired after March 1990 to pay part of their health-care premiums beginning July 1 , 1995 , the spokesmen said . Jeff Miller , a spokesman for the Communications Workers Association , said AT&T last night delivered a written version of an earlier proposal that failed to live up to the union ’s demands . “ We thought we had pretty well worked out the problem of a threat to shift major health-care costs to retirees and it turned out to be less comprehensive than we had been led to believe , ” Miller said . He said there were a number of other issues still to be resolved .

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They said the two men assisted with the construction of the Casa Blanca , a replica of the U.S. White House that was built in Colombia by Santacruz . In 1992 and 1993 , prosecutors charged , the two decorators received numerous transfers of money in amounts as high as \$ 500,000 to spend on the \$ 18 million project . When completed , the Casa Blanca featured an 80-foot-wide central hall , a hair salon and huge dining and entertaining rooms . The pool tile , which was supplied by Blarek and Pellecchia , cost \$ 300,000 . The prosecutors said Blarek and Pellecchia had no known criminal records and were apparently legitimate interior decorators before going to work for the Cali cartel . Efforts to reach their lawyers Wednesday were unsuccessful . The prosecutors said the two decorators had used the money they made from the cartel to buy property across the country , including the house in San Francisco and property in East Hampton , on Long Island . The San Francisco house is in the Seacliff neighborhood , overlooking the Golden Gate Bridge and home to many of city ’s wealthiest residents . Prosecutors said that the Colombian cartels had previously tried to sneak money out of the country by converting into goods but that this was the first large case involving decorating material . Ms. Fleischman said : “ They wanted to launder the money , but they also wanted nice things .

They thought , why not kill two birds with one stone . ”

A high-profile committee appointed by President Clinton to promote campaign finance reform recommended Wednesday that the president “ take immediate action ” to fill four vacancies at the Federal Election Commission . “ We need a clean break from the past , ” the report continued . “ It is within the president ’s power to accomplish this new start for the commission , beginning today . ” A homeless man , his matted hair not swayed a bit by the wind that whips off the bay , steered a shopping cart through center field . Center field is a dusty street bounded by two old block buildings with filthy windows , more broken than not .

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The best practice at this stage to reanalyze your situation about every five years , making sure you 're on track , and assessing how things may have changed . You should be able to make some pretty solid judgments once you are in your last decade before retirement , but everything before then is largely a matter of rough conjecture . Q. My tax accountant and I are concerned about the capital gains tax that was due on my 1997 income tax . I had capital gains of more than \$ 7,000 , most of which came from holdings in Vanguard Wellesley and Vanguard Windsor II funds . My wife and I are both 79 years old and the portfolio allocation is 3.3 percent money market , 37 percent bonds , 25.1 percent balanced , and 34.6 percent equities . For our age , I think the amount in equities is too high , but if I sell some of it , the capital gains will increase even more . I now have all dividends and capital gains reinvested . I was thinking of having the capital gains transferred to my money market account ; I would still pay the tax , but it would stop the growth . W.F. , Hellertown , Pa. A. Certainly ending the reinvestment of capital gains would be a good idea if you think you 're overcommitted to equities – but why stop there ?

Why not have both the dividend and capital gains distributions transferred to either your money market account or one of your other fixed-income holdings ?

This would not only tend to reduce future capital gains distributions , but also might move the portfolio -LRB- albeit at a snail 's pace -RRB- away from the heavy equity concentration . But the basic fact of the business is that those unpleasant taxable distributions simply come with the mutual fund territory – and indeed the distributions of which you complain were far from huge . Windsor II 's 1997 capital gains represented 7.66 percent of its yearend share value , and the Wellesley capital distributions represented 6.63 percent of yearend net asset value . Generally in years such as 1997 there 's only limited howling about these taxable distributions , since they represented only a fraction of the fund 's gains ; Windsor II had a 32.38 percent capital gain for 1997 , and Wellesley showed a 20.19 percent total return . It is n't always so – from time to time , especially when changing markets cause managers to make large portfolio alterations , a fund might produce substantial capital gains distributions in a year when the fund shows a negative total return – and the unhappy owner has no choice but to face the tax liability .

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The EPA and the air-conditioning industry are particularly concerned about a propane refrigerant developed by OZ Technology Inc. of Post Falls , Idaho , that they say is highly combustible . Neither Freon nor Suva , the Du Pont substitute , is flammable . “ You could have a rather spectacular fire ” if the chemical leaked and came into contact with heat , said Ward Atkinson , a technical adviser to the Mobile Air Conditioning Society , a trade group for the air-conditioning-repair industry in East Greenville , Pa. Unlike gas tanks , air-conditioning units are located in the front of the car and are thus much more likely to burst into flames in a head-on collision , he said . Jeffrey Levy , director of the EPA 's program for evaluating environmentally safe substitutes for ozone-depleting chemicals and for banning those that are dangerous , is similarly worried . He said 14 states , including Connecticut , Louisiana and Texas , had long banned the use of flammable refrigerants in cars . Levy said the EPA was completing a lengthy assessment of the risks

posed by OZ 's product , known as HC-12a , and planned to ban it in the next few weeks . While EPA and industry officials said they knew of no injuries or deaths resulting from the use of HC-12a , John Silvestri , owner of Action Auto Air and Body , a repair shop in Coral Springs , Fla. , said he had had a close call . Silvestri said he put a leak detector in the air-conditioning system of a car whose owner had installed an earlier version of HC-12a , then stepped away for a few moments . Suddenly , he said , he heard an explosion like a “ medium-sized firecracker ” that melted his repair device . If it 's a flammable refrigerant , Silvestri said : “ We wo n't touch it .

Why blow somebody up ? ”

David Hern , OZ 's managing director , insists that the product is safe , saying it has less chance of starting a fire than a can of hair spray . He says the EPA is biased against small companies , preferring to deal with big corporations like Du Pont . Hern adds that his company has been selling HC-12a through some 150 distributors of air-conditioning equipment all over the country and that it is now used in more than 150,000 cars . Its appeal lies in its cost – only \$ 9.95 a can – and the fact that it can be installed by the car owner . David Turner , who owns Lubrication Specialties in Vista , Calif. , purchased 1,200 pounds of the product .

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“ It would be like a miracle happening . ” Pressed on the point , Lee said it might be possible for China to become democratic in 20 years or more . He repeatedly complained on Monday about Taiwan 's isolation in the world and said he had been searching for ways to break through that isolation . He gave no hint of any particular steps he had in mind , although he made clear that he was not thinking about concessions to the mainland . Some scholars , including Joseph Nye , a former assistant secretary of defense and now dean of Harvard University 's Kennedy School of Government , have proposed package deals intended to reduce the risk of a war in the Taiwan Strait . The deals usually include a promise by China not to use armed force , in exchange for a pledge by Taiwan either that it will not declare independence or that it will eventually reunify with the rest of China . Lee was scornful of such proposals , saying they would never work . Asked why Taiwan is so reluctant to become engaged to the mainland , when it claims to intend to get married , Lee said the Taiwanese were afraid of losing their freedom . “ We prefer the status quo , ” he said . “ We prefer to stay single .

Why get engaged if engagement is equivalent to becoming a local government and making ourselves slaves ? ”

Some foreign and local scholars have said the broader problem is simply that Taiwan is a democracy now , and ordinary Taiwanese have become increasingly alienated from the mainland , with no intention of ever tying the knot . In the latest government-sponsored poll , only 18 percent of people on Taiwan say they want to reunify with the mainland , even in the long run . In another sign of Taiwan 's drift from China , a growing number of Taiwanese say in polls that they see themselves as “ Taiwan people ” rather than “ Chinese people . ” Asked how he saw himself , Lee did not hesitate . “ I 'm a Taiwan person first and a Chinese person second , ” he said .

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Although the political calculus is uncertain , both the left and the right are divided , and the centrist candidate whom polls have declared most likely to beat Netanyahu former Chief of Staff Amnon Lipkin-Shahak has not yet formally resigned from the army or allied himself with a political party . “ If we get a good deal , then of course there is political risk , which should be taken , ” Sharansky said . “ But new elections are not the only option . I am a big believer in a unity government , in broadening the base of the government . ” UNDATED - -LRB- begin ital -RRB- “ Thence will I command the serpent , and he shall bite them . ” -LRB- end ital -RRB- Amos 9 : 3 It ’s that biting part that gets me . That and the curling-around-your-neck-while-you ’ re-sleeping-and-squeezing-the-breath-right-out-of-you part . Still , despite that above quote coming directly from the Bible , some people seem to think that snakes make good pets . A co-worker recently bought one for his son ’s seventh birthday .

Hey , why not throw in a pack of matches and some oily rags to go along with it ?

Call me old-fashioned , but I like a pet that wags its tail instead of rattling it . When my dogs shed , they shed their hair , not their skin . But it takes all kinds , as I discovered at the Turtle and Tortoise Show in Phoenix over the weekend . One section of the show was devoted , of course , to turtles , including a mammoth Sulcata tortoise the size of a truck tire . It was going for \$ 1,000 .

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If a guy who wants to fight him does n’t know Oliver McCall ’s name , why should anyone else ? And if that is the state of the once-prestigious World Boxing Council title , it ’s no wonder Holyfield is trying to come back a year after he was told he had suffered a near heart attack while losing his title to Michael Moorer . Since then , the deeply religious Holyfield has sought out faith healer Benny Hinn as well as medical healers at the Mayo Clinic . The latter concluded that Holyfield ’s heart was fine and had merely been overmedicated for dehydration after the Moorer fight . This convinced Holyfield his health would not be at risk if he continued to box , so here he is again , back for the best of reasons – because he believes he can win the title again . “ It ’s wide open , ” Holyfield said of the heavyweight division . “ There ’s Mike Tyson and a lot of others trying to make a comeback . They all feel if given an opportunity they can become champion of the world again . I feel the same way . “ When you ’re convinced by experts that your health is real bad , you ca n’t dispute it .

But when you find out you ’re right and you can still do something you love , why not do it ?

I still feel I have the ability to be champion . ” Holyfield begins that quest for the third time at the Atlantic City Convention Center when he squares off with the star-crossed Mercer , who twice blew title shots worth millions by coming in out of shape and losing tuneup fights to Jesse Ferguson and Larry Holmes . Now he is facing his third strike , and if he does n’t hit it , he will be out of the heavyweight picture . The same can not be said for Holyfield . He remains well respected by boxing ’s knowledgeable fans and

by his peers because he has always been a relentless opponent , dogged even when dog tired .

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In truth , however , no federal money was derailed , only Hollister 's “ de-designation ” of the Portsmouth bypass . The district will still receive \$ 25.5 million in federal funds for highways . Hollister contends her plan would have cut through red tape , and that much of the Portsmouth bypass is no longer feasible . “ What you have , ” Hollister says , “ is somebody put dots on a map 25 years ago and nothing can be built there . ” Hollister says she began having public discussions back in February about the plan . In fact , she won endorsement of the project from a number of public bodies , including the Portsmouth City Council . Strickland does n't have a program , she says , and should get out of the way . “ This program is bigger than either one of us , ” she says . Strickland admits that some parts of Hollister 's plan “ make sense , ” but he objects to circumventing the established public process for setting highway priorities in the region . Besides , he points out , folks promoting a congressional action simply for the good of the district almost always work through their congressman .

“ I 've said all along , if this is not just a political maneuver , why not bring it to me ? ”

Story Filed By Cox Newspapers The Spanish government , though it has been opposed to the investigations , has said in recent days that it would comply with whatever the judiciary decided . “ The government must now send on the request because it can not block it , ” said Diego Lopez Garrido , professor of constitutional law at the University of Castilla-La Mancha at Albacete . The National Court in Madrid Friday did not outline the arguments behind its ruling . Carlos Cazon , the judge who made the announcement , said the court would provide written arguments next week .

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Folks from all over . “ You know people , ” she said . “ They 're always looking for something different . ” Sue 's no stranger to the restaurant business . She 's been in it since she was a teen-ager . Last year , while Sue and her daughter were attending business school in Springfield , the pair figured they needed a little business for some extra money . A cafe seemed a natural . There was another reason . Sue 's daddy , Alfred Hurd , 77 , a widower , lived here . Sue was driving the seven miles from her home in Ash Grove to make sure he ate a good meal .

The question arose : Why not put a little profit in that ?

Mother and daughter leased the old garage here , scrubbed until their knuckles all but bled , painted , decorated and opened the door . “ We 've been going good since we started , ” Sue said . “ Every week seems a little better , too . ” Sue 's the first to admit that she has n't yet attracted the morning coffee-drinking crowd . They gather at the gas station .

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There is still no political lovefest between labor and Pataki . But union leaders have calculated that the governor is almost certain to win re-election and that going to war with him would be pointless and would harm their future dealings with him . Labor chiefs have concluded , warily , that Pataki is someone they can work with . They point out that since 1996 , Pataki has eased up on budget cutting and has signed a handful of labor-friendly bills . “ This governor has a lot of drawbacks , but he ’s trying , and we ’re trying to work with him , ” said Danny Donohue , president of the Civil Service Employees Association of New York , which represents 265,000 state and local government workers . But underlying such judgments is the calculation that a popular governor is too powerful an enemy to make . “ That ’s certainly a consideration and I ’m not going to deny that , ” said Roger Benson , president of the 53,000-member New York State Public Employees Federation , a union of white-collar state workers that does not plan to make an endorsement in the race . “ We have to maintain a relationship with the governor . We ’re not interested in being at war . ” Alan Lubin , executive vice president of the 400,000-member New York State United Teachers , said : “ Some unions endorse an incumbent , or stay out of it , because they know he ’s going to win .

Why waste your money when you can have more of an impact in close races that you can make a difference in ? ”

Zenia Mucha , Pataki ’s campaign manager , argued that labor leaders view the governor more favorably because “ they ’ve decided that the governor ’s policies are working for their members . ” “ The basic factor is that more of their members are working , ” she said . “ The governor ’s been able to improve the economy , where union members are now employed . ” Many union officials , speaking on the condition of anonymity , say they prefer Peter Vallone , a Democrat , to Pataki , but do not think he can win . Vallone , the New York City Council speaker , is a leading candidate for the Democratic nomination for governor .

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“ I do n’t believe in giving yourself a way out , ” he said . “ I’ve put every thing into football , so I do n’t have a choice . If somebody is paying me the amount of money they are , they are going to get everything I have every day . You have to burn your ship sometime , and either make it or do n’t . ” So Davis methodically goes through his ritual every day , much like he did as a youth in Atlanta . Back then , he thought he had it made when a friend of the family gave him a bag of footballs to use in practice . Before then , he gathered the occasional ball that would wash up from the creek that ran by his house . “ I loved it when a big storm came because that meant I might get a new football , ” Davis said . For once , Cowboys receiver Michael Irvin says , football players should be heard . What NFL players are saying is , “ Get rid of artificial turf . ”

“ Why go through all these studies and listen to doctors when football players are telling you they hate it ? ”

Irvin asks . “ The football players are the guys out there every day , while other guys are in the booth talking or talking to some doctor who ’s walking around in his soft-sole shoes and does n’t have to try to cut on this stuff . ” The turf vs. grass issue has been

raised anew this season because of season-ending injuries to several high-profile players . Only three weeks into the season , the NFL has lost the services of overall No.1 draft pick Ki-Jana Carter of the Cincinnati Bengals and the Pittsburgh Steelers All-Pro cornerback Rod Woodson , both of whom tore up their knees trying to cut on artificial turf , as well as a number of other players , including Cowboys cornerback Kevin Smith . Players are n't buying the NFL 's long-standing assertion that playing on artificial turf is no more dangerous than playing on natural grass .

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Wall Street decided that at Time Warner , more is less . Time Warner shares are down about 6 percent since the companies confirmed they were talking . That 's because Time Warner would issue tons of new shares . At AT&T , less is more . The stock market reached out and touched AT&T 's 2.3 million shareholders , adding almost \$ 10 billion to the value of their stock the day the deal was announced . This despite the fact that AT&T took a \$ 1.5 billion loss on its computer business , and that we wo n't know until 1997 if the new long-distance , equipment and computer companies will be better than the current AT&T . AT&T chairman Bob Allen was praised to the skies , as if the deal were done and already successful instead of just starting out . All that was missing was a parade down Wall Street in Allen 's honor , with analysts and stockholders strewing rose petals in his path . But before we enshrine Allen among America 's business greats , let 's look at the monumental mess that AT&T is burying as part of the reorganization . To wit : the debacle at AT&T 's computer operation , which has cost shareholders billions of dollars and will cost at least 8,500 people their jobs .

Why be a skunk at the garden party ?

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n't it only four years ago that Allen , in his first dramatic move as AT&T chairman , spent billions to buy most of what he 's now unloading ? In 1991 Allen spent \$ 7.5 billion to buy NCR , a move that was opposed not only by NCR 's management but by some top AT&T managers as well . -LRB- AT&T denies this ; I 'll stick with my sources . -RRB- Allen wanted NCR to fix AT&T 's troubled computer operation .

Why spend \$ 8 billion instead of cleaning up your own mess ?

That would n't have been dramatic . And AT&T 's top managers might have had to fire people they knew and liked . This way , NCR would do the job for them . What has AT&T gotten for its \$ 8 billion ? A mess .

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It became even better politics this year , as Republicans declared war on all manner of social spending -LRB- much of which is badly in need of reform , to be sure -RRB- . The president might have wondered why the new GOP majority was so intent on cutting school lunches while increasing the subsidy if you can believe it that companies like McDonald 's get to advertise Big Macs overseas . It would have been an honorable way to keep the GOP on the defensive , as opposed to the stale , squalid scare tactics on Medicare he is rehearsing now . “ Corporate America dodged a bullet this year while a lot of poor people did n't , ” says Stephen Moore of the Cato Institute , who believes big businesses receive \$ 85 billion in direct subsidies each year . -LRB- Aid to Families With Dependent Children is \$ 12.5 billion . -RRB- Third , what have Clinton 's “ friends ” in Congress done for him lately ? The president spent his first two years in office prostrating himself before the likes of Mitchell , Foley , Daschle and Dingell . They were barely able to pass his 1993 budget ; they completely misread their own troops on health-care reform in 1994 . And they practiced a corrupt , extortionary brand of interest-group politics perfected in the 1980s , by disgraced House Majority Leader Tony Coelho that Clinton supposedly ran against in 1992 . They got whumped in the last election .

Why not pile on ?

Finally , someone else might steal the issue . Like Colin Powell . Or maybe even the Republicans . Indeed , there were signs last week that the earth has begun to move in Congress . House Ways and Means Committee chairman Bill Archer of Texas , a fierce opponent of reform in the past , suddenly announced a \$ 30 billion loophole-closing package , some of which actually closed loopholes -LRB- like \$ 200 million per year in ethanol subsidies -RRB- .

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But now the Yankees wo n't surprise anyone in baseball if they sign Belle , a 35-day free agent . There goes the the chemistry . But as Jim Frey , the former manager , said , “ Give me a three-run home run , and I 'll show you good team chemistry . ” Belle 's ability to hit those three-run home runs is what prompted Joe Torre , the Yankees ' manager , to urge general manager Brian Cashman to trade for him during the summer . Belle 's presence would make the Yankees more offensive in more ways than one . He does n't always get along with his teammates , let alone the news media , and one physician who has dealt

with players , though not Belle , calls him the Mike Tyson of baseball . But he slugs home runs -LRB- 50 , 48 , 49 three of the past four years -RRB- , drives in runs -LRB- 152 this year , more than 100 each of the last seven -RRB- and hits .300 -LRB- four of the past five seasons -RRB- . He would give the Yankees the right-handed power hitter they could use , and he would more than provide the offense Williams would take with him . Signing Belle , however , would take more than \$ 35 million for three years because that 's what he could get if he opts to remain with the Chicago White Sox . With competition very likely coming from Boston , where Belle could beat the Green Monster into submission , the Yankees would have to offer perhaps a better deal than they may offer Williams .

Why not , then , offer Williams more money and years ?

Someone else 's players have always looked more attractive to Steinbrenner than his own . Labor unions in New York State are badly divided over their endorsements in this year 's Senate race , depriving Alfonse D'Amato , the incumbent , and Rep. Charles Schumer of prized endorsements that could give them an edge in their neck-and-neck race . Several large unions have backed D'Amato , wanting to thank him for the repeated favors he has done for them during his 18 years in the Senate . But other unions , while appreciating D'Amato 's help , have decided to endorse Schumer because they want to help the Democrats keep at least 40 seats and prevent Republicans from obtaining a filibuster-proof majority . Democrats now hold 45 seats to the Republicans ' 55 .

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Aikman is back tomorrow night in Philadelphia , and an offensive jump by the Cowboys is needed . The NFL is all about scoring to win . But the scoring part continues to be a lingering problem , now more than ever . -LRB- Randy Galloway is a columnist for the Fort Worth Star-Telegram . -RRB- This is All Souls Day . We pray for the souls of those who have departed in the previous year . But spare your prayers for Michael Jordan . To paraphrase Bob Dylan , " He ai n't goin ' nowhere . " How can we deduce otherwise after seeing Jordan in his latest incarnation , that of John L. Lew-is/Sam-uel Gompers ? Who knows what spawned this miraculous transformation , but Jordan must be intent on playing at least one more year .

Why else do it ?

You can read Jordan 's remarks about owing future players something , but we know better than that . Jordan does nothing if it does n't benefit Jordan . It 's not being selfish . It 's the real world , NBA style . The future players will do quite nicely whether Jordan does a Jerry Springer with Abe Pollin or stays on the golf course for bimonthly cell phone updates .

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" If they issued debt domestically , you have to look at which one is cheaper , " said Michael Gray , who manages \$ 2.5 billion of bonds for Fidelity Management & Research in Boston . " It 's not a detriment to just buy a domestic issue . " Sometimes domestic bonds offer more yield . For instance , in January , Federal Home Loan Banks sold two \$

500 million issues of bonds – one domestic , one global – each due in 1997 and callable in a year . The domestic bonds offered a yield premium of 53 basis points more than comparable Treasuries , while the yield premium on the global was only 41 basis points . To be sure , global bonds usually hold steady or gain when they begin trading , even when domestic issues decline . “ Global bonds tend to maintain a little bit better -LRB-yield -RRB- spread , ” said Andrew Palmer , who helps manage \$ 4 billion of bonds at ASB Capital Management in Washington , D.C. What ’s more , global bonds are easier to buy and sell because they are large-sized issues of about \$ 1 billion or more . “ They ’re very visible if you ’re going to be active ” trading them , Palmer said . For borrowers , global bonds offer a way to find new investors .

“ The U.S. market is very liquid , but why stop there ? ”

said Scott McCarthy , a director of corporate funding at Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp. “ It ’s access to a new pool of capital . ” Freddie Mac , a publicly held company that was created by Congress in 1970 to maintain the flow of funds to mortgage lenders , says global bonds help it keep down borrowing costs . “ We ’ve seen yields on global bonds equal or slightly better than similar domestic issues , ” said spokesman Doug Robinson . Meantime , some investors say global bonds are n’t worth the expense .

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But there are other times when I said ‘ No , I ’m going off in this head space . ’ “ I guess you just do n’t get a fair shot out of the gate with it , and I understand why , because people liked the first one , ” Vaughn admits . “ I just think that people should be open to the fact that music is constantly replayed , plays are restaged many times over , and works are meant to be explored and reinterpreted . It ’s 40 years later , and it ’s time for that to happen with ‘ Psycho . ” ’ Actually , Van Sant first dreamed up the idea eight years ago and off the top of his head at that . On the strength of “ Drugstore Cowboy , ” his first independent hit , the Oregon-based director was making the obligatory rounds of meetings with semi-interested Hollywood studio executives . The suits at Universal did n’t care for the project he wanted to make next a pseudo-Shakespearean tale of narcoleptic teen-age hustlers that would become “ My Own Private Idaho ” so they asked him if there was anything in the studio ’s vast archive he ’d like to remake . “ Generally , the remake process is to find an obscure movie like ‘ Death Takes a Holiday , ’ I suppose and change it into ‘ Meet Joe Black , ” ’ Van Sant says . “ But my feeling was that the whole reason to remake a film was because it did something that was good . I did n’t really see why remakes had this practice of changing the language of the filmmaker .

“ So I said , ‘ Instead of trying to hide it ’s a remake , why not pick something great like “ Psycho ” ? ’

They were n’t real excited by the idea . ” But after “ Good Will Hunting ” grossed upward of \$ 130 million and won two Oscars , Universal , well , agreed to do anything Van Sant wanted . So he not only set about making as perfect an update of “ Psycho ” as possible but made it like Hitchcock did whenever possible , sticking to an eight-week shooting schedule and keeping the production cost an estimated \$ 25 million in the same , relatively low-budget ballpark as the \$ 800,000 original . Expect some changes

, though , like a few different cuts in the sacred shower scene . “ I hope that I ’ve done something that not only supports what Janet Leigh did , because I love her performance in the original , but also makes it interesting enough for the audience who ’s seen that to appreciate what I ’ve done differently , ” says Heche , who proudly adds that she did her own screaming .

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“ Do you remember -LRB- Billy -RRB- Kilmer ? He ’s that kind of quarterback . His ball wobbles . It flutters , but it gets there . ” Outzen , only three games into a career that might return to backup status next season if Weinke recovers , still has not picked up all the nuances of playing for FSU . Like Weinke first did , he sometimes throws the ball before he has to and makes some bad decisions based on inexperience . Already he ’s getting advice from teammates such as tailback Travis Minor , who has warned him to slide if he takes off on a run . “ He was looking at everybody like , ‘ Slide ? I do n’t even know how to slide , ’ ” said Minor , who said it was an indication of Outzen ’s personality , which is to take everything head on . For any quarterback , that can be dangerous .

But with one game remaining in a season that has surprisingly turned into another championship run for the Seminoles , who seemed to have self-destructed with a September loss to North Carolina State , why not take gambles ?

“ He ’ll find a way to get the job done , ” said offensive guard Jason Whitaker . “ When he was in high school he found a way to win and he can do that here . ” Maybe he can . Maybe this was all scripted from the start and Marcus Outzen should n’t really be nervous about playing the No. 1 team in the country on national television for the national championship . “ This , ” said Outzen with a smile , shaking the red crew cut that has earned him the nickname “ Rooster ” , “ is the most exciting thing I could be involved in as a 20-year-old . ”

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Employees take pride in Citizens and spread that among friends , family and neighbors , bringing in more business . Yet , he said , pledging corporate resources to social causes without earning a profit does n’t wash . “ Otherwise , you ’re not credible , ” Fish said . “ That ’s what happened to Ben & Jerry ’s . So what about what they ’re doing for the rain forest ? They ’re not making money . ” Fish maintains his credibility with employees by calling one of Citizen ’s 280 branches each day , or writing a daily thank-you note to a worker for a job well done , or holding personnel reviews that wind up as discussions about the boss ’s performance . “ We spend about 15 minutes on me , and he insists on me telling him what he can do better , ” said Robert Mahoney , president of Citizens ’s Massachusetts banking operation . “ I ’ve never had a boss do that . ” Nor does the typical CEO work standing up as Fish does at a chest-high desk .

Why stand ?

“ It ’s about energy , ” said the 6-foot , 2-inch , 180-pound Fish , as excused himself . It was time for his daily swim . Tyco International Ltd. does n’t rule out making more acquisitions , even after buying home-security services company ADT Ltd. and AT&T

Corp. 's undersea fiber-optic cable unit this month , said Chairman L. Dennis Kozlowski . “ We 're looking for more growth for our security business and fire protection ” to bolster what Tyco already has , Kozlowski said . Besides the two takeovers , valued at more than \$ 7.8 billion , mostly in stock , Tyco still needs to complete the pending acquisition of Keystone International Inc. for \$ 1.18 billion in stock to bolster its valves business and the purchase of Inbrand Corp. for \$ 320 million in stock to expand its disposable medical products lines .

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“ This is a once-in-a-lifetime experience and we 're not going to do it next year . ” Facing a growing chorus of concern about drug use and unsafe sex at the event , organizers of a hugely popular annual gay party on Fire Island that raises money to fight AIDS announced Thursday that they were abandoning the event . For the last decade and a half , the gathering , known as the Morning Party , has been a poignant remembrance of those who have died of AIDS as well as an important fund-raiser for its sponsor , Gay Men 's Health Crisis . But recently , the Morning Party , a swank social event held in the summer , has become something else : a cause for anger between GMHC , perhaps the nation 's leading AIDS service organization , and some gay critics who say the party has veered out of control . The event had also lent cachet in recent years to a growing number of similar parties around the nation , known as “ circuit parties . ” In a statement Thursday , Gay Men 's Health Crisis said it was canceling this year 's party because “ regrettably , over the past few years the Morning Party has become associated with alarming levels of recreational drug use , despite GMHC 's many attempts to discourage drug-taking at the event . ” At last year 's party , a man from Bronxville , N.Y. , overdosed and died in the predawn hours before the party officially began . In 1996 , a man was evacuated by helicopter after falling into a drug-related coma . Dozens of police officers were brought to the party after those incidents , prompting some in attendance to say that the event resembled a police state . Randy Wojcak , a former producer of the Morning Party , said that members of the charity 's organizing committee met on Dec. 2 .

“ In previous years , the attitude was , why not hold the Morning Party ? ”

said Wojcak , a member of the committee . “ This year , the attitude was enough was enough . How long do we have to take this bad press ? ” The cancellation poses a critical problem in fund-raising for GMHC , even as contributions from other sources have fallen sharply apparently because the success of new drugs in controlling AIDS has led some donors to see the issue as less urgent . The Morning Party is the charity 's second-largest fund-raiser after its AIDS Walk , which raises \$ 4.5 million .

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Minibuses now venture regularly onto the narrow streets of the city 's old souk , raising talk that they may one day cause problems of traffic and air pollution as large as the one they solved . But few Damascenes bother to defend the despised old buses , whose drivers have begun to see the light . After four years behind the wheel of a government bus , Khdir Mahmoud , 32 , tripled his monthly salary to about \$ 250 when he decided to quit his job last year and drive a minibus . In other parts of the Syrian economy , change is

less apparent . But Mohammed Surakbi , director of the government 's investment office , says that the campaign to attract private investment has brought to Syria new ventures worth as much as \$ 7 billion that will compete against government enterprises as part of the “ parallel development . ” But while the country is plainly eager for more foreign currency , diplomats and Syrian officials say that the country intends to maintain strict limits on just how far the private sector can go . For what it calls strategic reasons , the government still retains control over commodities like oil , cotton , wheat , and barley . And when it comes to sharing the spotlight , officials close to the government point to the sidelined buses in the capital as evidence that big government businesses still have a long life . “ The official attitude is that if the public company is a failure , then why burden the private sector with it ? ” said Dr. Rateb Shallah , president of the Damascus Chamber of Commerce .

“ And if the company is successful , why privatize ? ”

President Bill Clinton offered the United Nations some budget cutting advice today , suggesting areas where the world body might trim so it could “ do more with less . ” “ The U.N. must be able to show that the money it receives supports saving and enriching people 's lives , not unneeded overhead , ” Clinton told world leaders gathered in New York to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the United Nations today . The administration released a two-page list of proposed cuts aimed at making the U.N. more efficient . The list lacked details but said the United Nations might find savings in peacekeeping , economic commission , trade offices and staff and administrative costs . Clinton 's proposals , mentioned in general terms in the past , emerge just as he 's under fire in the Republican-led Congress for what lawmakers see as excesses in his own spending .

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Many are computer programmers , but the group also counts a futurist , a teacher and a business manager among its three dozen members . Noticably absent are the survivalists who the group 's president , Dick Mills , calls the “ doom and gloom ” types . “ We 're not really into the inflammatory rhetoric that they want to hear , ” he said . “ So they do n't come back again . ” Last month , the group watched a presentation by John Gibb of the New York State Emergency Management Office about emergency planning -LRB- “ Why wait ? ” the overhead transparencies said . “ Get ready for next week . ” -RRB- Gibb 's point was to teach the group that disasters can happen anytime . He said families should prepare by keeping two weeks worth of food in the house and have an emergency heating source and other supplies . “ I hope next year we can look back and say , ‘ What a colossal waste of time that was , ’ ” Gibb said .

“ But why wait ? ”

Individuals , communities , businesses need to be prepared . ” It was n't easy for Gibb to finish his speech . Several people kept asking questions he could n't answer , demanding to know , for instance , what the state was doing to make sure cities and towns were Y2K compliant -LRB- answer : they are providing information and Y2K audits , but have little authority to demand readiness -RRB- . Doug Roseberger , the schoolteacher from

Poestenkill , also attended the meeting . A few nights later , sitting with his wife near a wood-burning stove in his country home , he recalled how he first heard of Y2K .

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Sunday was truly a blessed day then , though , it started out like they all seem to start out , with the opponent doing everything to win , the Jets doing everything to lose : First quarter : On a second-and-19 play Bernie Kosar completes a pass to O.J. McDuffie for 20 yards . On a second-and-15 play , Victor Green , the Jets ' defensive back , cuts in front of a Miami receiver with a wide open field in front of him . He drops the ball . With 45 seconds left in the half , Adrian Murrell circles right end for a 66-yard gain . The play is called back for holding . I walked over a couple sections where Neil Kreisberg of Westchester was sitting in the mezzanine with his wife Linda and their two sons , ages 4 and 7 . While others in his section were tearing out their hair over the nullified play , Kreisberg sits impassively , supervising his son 's art work . This was the family 's annual trip to a Jets game . They 'll do the Rangers next , and then the Knicks .

Why come out to see a lousy team ?

Kreisberg looked over at his sons . “ They have no idea it 's a lousy team , ” he said . On Sunday , the Jets took a step up from lousy . Still bad , but not lousy and exciting . Wayne Chrebet runs a neat out-and-up pattern and scores to help pull the Jets to within 9-7 ; Mo Lewis intercepts a pass ; Nick Lowery kicks a 50-yard field goal to give the Jets a 10-9 lead .

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Unless you had a matinee . Sometimes on a matinee day you got drunker the day before because you were rebellious . Drinking to have fun is fine , but drinking to Blot Things Out , that 's no good . There 's some imbalance , you 're hiding something . That 's when you start to have trouble . ” And trouble he had . Three marriages . A near-fatal car crash on the Pacific Coast Highway . Plastic surgery to restore a shattered face . “ I do n't think I was ever really an alcoholic ; I never got the D.T. 's , ” he offers , almost like a little boy .

Why split hairs ?

He continued to drink unabated until the arrival of two elements : a person and a play . The person was Lois O'Connor , whom he married . The play was “ A Moon for the Misbegotten ” in 1973 . Robards played a haunted man who unburdens himself of a lifetime of torment and guilt in the arms of an understanding woman . The woman was played with great simplicity and power by Colleen Dewhurst .

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The last time the Giants were in San Francisco , on Jan. 15 , 1994 , they got clobbered by the 49ers in a divisional playoff game . At one point during the 44-3 crunching , Greg Jackson , now a safety with Philadelphia , began screaming at his own defense in the huddle . He thought some players had been intimidated even before the game began and he had seen enough . “ It was crazy , ” remembered linebacker Corey Miller , one of the

few players left from that season . “ He thought we were intimidated . He was screaming and cursing . But he was right , some of our guys were intimidated . “ And no doubt about it , there will be some of our guys who have never played there or played the 49ers who will be intimidated . The minute some of the veterans see it , we ’ll snap them out of it . “ I look at it this way : What do we have to lose ?

Why be intimidated ?

No one expects us to win anyway . I know we ’ll give it everything we ’ve got when we play them . I have a lot of faith in this team . There is no reason to be scared . Just let it all out and play hard . ”

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Other cities , they have their refuges . New York has Central Park , Chicago its lake front , and so on . None is quite so insulating , quite so refreshing , quite so perfect . The Bowl is a holdover from another time , another set of priorities , another attitude . Now , admittedly , money is tight these days . The county , treading water and red ink like Kevin Costner in “ Waterworld , ” is looking to cut back on luxuries like medical care . And the state ... well , you know the state . There are even some folks out there who want to see the public-owned Bowl privatized . Big mistake . So little of government achieves its lofty objectives and gives something back to us taxpayers .

Why sell off one of the few things that actually does ?

There has to be some middle ground between eliminating the hospitals we need to treat our drive-by gunshot wounds and having to get rid of the things that make us glad we have n’t bled to death . The Bowl takes our minds off our problems , and it does it a lot better than any pricey advertising jingle the city might dream up to try to make us and any out-of-towner who might want to drop a few bucks feel good about our little community . OK , so it has been unbearably hot . You ’ve spent an hour in traffic . There is a first-stage smog alert .

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The baby boom commenced and ran its course . The population nearly doubled between 1940 and 1990 , and life expectancies increased . As the size of the retired population grew and the generosity of their benefits increased , payroll taxes rose steadily from 6 percent of payroll in 1960 to 12.4 percent in 1995 . Economists discovered that Social Security undercut individual savings , raised interest rates , and crowded out investment -LRB- though no one could say exactly how much -RRB- . Meanwhile , Congress quietly slipped Medicare into place in 1966 , quickly establishing government as the chief source of health care for the elderly , rich and poor alike . The first long-term financing problems with Social Security became apparent in the late 1970s . A special commission agreed in 1982 on measures a relatively modest combination of increased taxes and benefit cuts to assure the program ’s soundness over time . But the commission underestimated somewhat . Now the system needs a second fix this time with a few more benefit trims . In the early 1990s , however , a number of conservative experts had a brainstorm .

Why not privatize the Social Security program ?

Instead of continuing the old pay-as-you-for system , in which the young directly support the retired through income transfers , why not create great new pools of investment just like a real pension fund ? Why not put the nation 's savings in the stock market and enjoy the benefits of higher returns , not to mention the huge investment boom that such a plan would entail ? American competitiveness would soar ! Had n't voters shown a willingness to strike out in bold new directions in the 1980s ? Tired of trying to raise taxes on consumption -LRB- or cut them on capital -RRB- , the experts sensed an opportunity to achieve more or less the same effect through sleight of hand .

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MR. CLARKE : Thanks . As Tony said , the President 's theme was reform and refocus . Briefly on reform , his message was that reform is not just about saving money ; reform is about cutting waste and overhead , increasing the percentage of the money that we do spend that goes toward delivering services . He said that we were the largest donor nation . We are . One dollar out of every three dollars the United Nations has received in the last three years has come from American taxpayers . And we are , nonetheless , at this point , also the largest debtor to the United Nations . As the President said , he 's engaged in a dialogue with the Congress hoping to eliminate that . On refocus , the President suggested that we refocus our attention on what , for lack of a better term , we 're calling international organized crime . And that means terrorism , narcotics , alien smuggling , nuclear smuggling – that entire nexus that the President has been talking about for the last several months as the forces of disintegration .

Why , in an international forum , talk about crime ?

Because as he said in his Freedom House speech , the significance of borders is deteriorating . Problems that we face here at home have their origins overseas . The majority of organized crime cartels that the FBI is now dealing with in this country are headquartered overseas . American citizens are on a routine basis subject to violence and other criminal assaults that are of foreign origin . He has , therefore , proposed a series of initiatives as the result of a year-long study that has just concluded .

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“ When you need to give a hug , you can hug one of the bears , ” Mrs. Taylor explained . She started to walk away , then wheeled around and delivered a huge bear hug . “ Here 's a hug , ” she said , brushing away her tears . “ Pass it on . ” David Barse has been named president of M.J. Whitman Inc. , a securities brokerage and money management firm known for its skill in trading the debt of troubled companies . Barse , who had been chief operating officer of the firm , is succeeding Martin Whitman , who will remain chairman and chief executive . As president , Barse , who is 33 , will oversee the daily operations of the firm and its subsidiaries . He joined Whitman in 1991 as general counsel after working as a lawyer specializing in bankruptcy , corporate and securities law . Having lost Janet Evans to the seductive charms of Stanford once , Mark Schubert was almost personally offended when he saw the same thing happening again . Especially since he

knew that if she went back to college there , Evans probably would make good on her threat to retire .

Why go to Stanford just to get your degree ?

said Schubert , who first coached Evans when she was an adolescent , which was several years and thousands of laps before she became the most dominating woman swimmer of her time . Why not come to USC instead and keep your feet wet , Schubert said . You can get your degree and help coach , he told her . And if once in a while you get the urge to splash around the pool , nobody is likely to object . Now , Janet Evans is no dummy .

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Brown was his insouciant one-of-kind self as he made his announcement today at noon on the Peace Plaza in Japantown , one of the most politically important of San Francisco 's many ethnic enclaves . He worked the crowd much as he has worked the Assembly for the past three decades , glad handing , black slapping , sweet talking , quipping here , whispering there , and flashing his 1,000-watt smile . In a city where just about anything goes , and indeed is encouraged , Brown more than holds his own . Now 61 years old , he looked hardly a day over 50 out there in the bright sun , such was his joy at doing what he does best , what he does far better than most . Still , while the odds are good that Brown 's political career has a way to go yet before the curtain falls , there was more than met the political eye and ear in Saturday 's announcement . The Peace Plaza was not the floor of the California Assembly , for the municipal affairs of even a city like San Francisco are not the same as the affairs of the state of California , which has so often been on the cutting edge of American lawmaking . In Sacramento , they worry not at all about zoning , filling pot holes and negotiating contracts with firemen . No one on the Plaza had to remind Brown of that . In the months leading up to Saturday 's announcement , he had struggled mightily to find a way to retain his historic suzerainty in Sacramento . But facing a term limits law that would inexorably oust him from the Assembly next year , and confronted with the very real possibility that even before that the Assembly 's Republicans , so long in the minority wilderness , just might come up at last with the votes to snatch away his beloved speaker 's job , he looked toward home and Frank Jordan 's job .

Why not jump to the state Senate ?

Easy enough to do but too many old legislative grudges would await over there , Brown concluded , not to mention the ego-searing problem of segueing from the most senior member of one house to the most junior of the other . So , ever the practical politician , he is off and running where he can be off and running . He has never tilted at windmills . There was initially some talk that he might go back to practicing law , the work that originally drew him to San Francisco from Texas . It was said that he had accumulated too much political baggage over the years to win a new political job , given all the closed-door , back-hall trafficking he had done with tobacco industry lobbyists , greedy developers and the like .

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Former San Antonio Spurs coach Bob Hill has also spoken with team executives twice , but the Clippers ' interest appears minimal . Hill has received an endorsement from Shaquille O'Neal , for what it 's worth . “ He knows the game , ” O'Neal said from New York . “ He can relate to today 's players . ” Hill remains a long shot . All of which leaves Rambis , the former Lakers forward and current assistant coach , who would like to eventually become a head coach . He 's a popular local figure and could probably lure free agents with his laid-back personality . “ I 'm highly interested in the possibility of coaching the Clippers , ” Rambis said . “ But as of today , nothing 's going on . ” The main reason could be the lockout .

“ Why pay somebody when you do n't have to ? ”

said a former NBA coach . The Clippers do n't really need to hire a coach until the lockout is resolved , and an end to the labor dispute does not appear imminent . The only decision the organization has made since the June 24 draft was to not renew the contract of radio play-by-play announcer Rory Markas . One thing appears clear : The boasts one club executive made following the season that the team would be able to hire a big-name coach and would pay more than ever before appear to be dubious promises . Karl is out of the picture and former Bulls coach Phil Jackson is not interested .

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When the final 1995 sales figures are available , experts expect that sales of PCs to homes in the United States will approach the 10 million mark with half of those sold in the last three months of the year . There were no firm sales figures yet for the season , but the anecdotal evidence indicated that consumers were not hesitating to open their wallets . A survey of stores conducted last week by the trade magazine Computer Retail Week found that 76 percent said that business was better than anticipated . Last holiday season , a flood of new multimedia software titles helped propel the sale of PCs equipped with CD-ROM drives . Multimedia capabilities are still in demand , but this season everyone is intent on exploring the Internet and its World Wide Web , so the modem crucial for electronic communication has emerged as a standard component of virtually all new home PCs . “ Anything that has to do with the Internet is selling , ” said Abe Brown , spokesman for J&R Computer World , of New York , one the largest independent computer superstores in the nation . “ More and more people are flocking to buy computers to get on it . ” In addition to wanting to use the Internet , home PC buyers are buying high-performance systems to run Microsoft 's new Windows 95 software , as well as games and entertainment software . And consumers are demanding that these systems last . Unlike business buyers , who replace their computer systems every few years , consumers expect to own the same machine five years or longer , and so tend to buy machines with high-performance microprocessors that can accommodate future advances in software .

“ Customers seem to be saying , ‘ Whatever you buy is obsolete the minute you buy it , so why not get as much bang as you can for your buck ? ’ ”

said Andrew Neff , an analyst for Bear Stearns Inc. , in New York , who said that the weekend after Thanksgiving he saw people buying computers “ like groceries ” at the CompUSA store in White Plains , N.Y. Another factor in the surge in sales of powerful PCs is the fact that many customers are already buying their second or third home PC , according to research firm IDC/Link Resources . In the past , computer makers and sellers underestimated consumers ’ demand for powerful machines . In 1994 , supplies of the Pentium-powered models tended to sell out early . “ Everybody was scared to death by what happened last year , ” said Larry Sennet , a spokesman for Hewlett-Packard , which began selling PCs to the home market this year .

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Mandatory notification of husbands before wives can abort ? Americans support them all overwhelmingly . A generation under Roe may not have noticeably altered the public ’s self-contradicting attitudes on this subject . But easy abortion has certainly altered American life . For a start , it has corrupted romance and sexuality . In the ancient times before Roe , the price of an unwanted pregnancy could be terrifyingly high . That gave unmarried women a powerful incentive to be careful to reserve themselves for men whom they knew to be worthy . Sometimes worthiness could be proven only by walking down a church aisle ; if not that , it often required at least courtship , love , and commitment . But after Roe , an unwanted pregnancy became little more than a nuisance . To undo it , you had only to call an abortionist .

Why be careful ?

Why hold back ? There was no longer a need to wait for that aisle walk or even for commitment . Women were “ liberated . ” But it was men who were set free . Getting a girl pregnant was no big deal : Give her \$ 100 , and let her get an abortion .

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She could have gotten an abortion . “ In the war between the sexes , ” the editors of National Review write this week , “ abortion tilts the playing field toward predatory males , giving them another excuse for abandoning their offspring : She chose to carry the child ; let her pay for her choice . Our law now says , in effect , that fatherhood has no meaning , and we are shocked that some men have learned that lesson too well . ” And some women never learn . Repeat abortions are more than 40 percent of the total . The Roe regime has damaged the Democratic Party , by driving pro-lifers from its table . It has damaged our politics , by enforcing a policy abortion-on-demand that few Americans support . It has damaged liberalism , by making it the ally of those who threaten the weakest “ community ” of all . But above all , Roe has damaged women . As the abortion culture spread , so did unwed motherhood , domestic violence , woman-hating music , and divorce .

Why blame Roe ?

Because Roe degraded pregnancy , changed it from an awesome event with grave consequences to a mere hassle , easily gotten rid of , called forth a vast industry whose single purpose is to nullify something unique to women : the growth of life in the womb . In any culture that makes child-bearing cheap , child-bearers will be treated cheaply , too . Alice Paul , author of the original Equal Rights Amendment , put it succinctly 75 years ago : “ Abortion , ” she said , “ is the ultimate exploitation of women . ” -LRB- Jeff Jacoby is a Globe columnist . His e-mail address is jacoby -LRB- at -RRB- globe.com . -RRB-

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Unlike most rivers , the Colorado actually shrinks as it flows . Its last polluted and salty drops are consumed by Mexican agriculture . The battle to divide the ever-smaller stream of Colorado River water continues today . Water agencies across the West feud . Environmentalists struggle to head off what , in our lifetimes , is potentially the greatest extinction of species in world history . In “ The Mercy of Nature , ” the former head of the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation , Floyd Dominy , does n't regret any of his agency 's concrete plugs , and contends that even more dams should have been built . “ The crux of the matter really is : Is it salmon or people ? ” said Dominy , who headed the dam-building agency from 1959-69 . Rather than eat salmon , he says , “ You can eat cake . ” But the arrogance of reclamation ran aground with the inundation of Glen Canyon by Lake Powell , selenium pollution in Southern California 's Central Valley and the drying up of northern California 's ancient Mono Lake .

“ Why bring more water in if it just encourages more growth that forces us to bring more water in ? ”

Reisner asks rhetorically . “ It 's sort of a death vortex . ” But providing more water for more people who will need more water is exactly what is happening in places like China , Indonesia , Malaysia , Brazil and Chile , as storied in the final chapter , “ The Last Oasis , ” an adaptation of the newly updated book of the same name by Sandra Postel . In the United States , at least , the era of dams began to close when the science of engineering

ran up against the science of nature . Here , the film returns to a newfound optimism rooted in the preservation of natural systems , which somehow worked for millions of years and , if left alone , will work for millions more .

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“ The bottom line is the sports side of the business is over for me now , ” he says , sitting at a round table in his office . “ I have the utmost respect for the guys who went through last season ; it was a tough year . A very tough year . As a player , you do n’t want to have a year like that on your resume . I hope we all came out of it stronger . But in the final analysis , going back does n’t help anybody . Right now I ’m trying to bring in revenue for the Celtics . ” He is told , though , that many are angry with him because they believe he affected their personal revenue ; some people , making \$ 50,000-\$100,000 a year , lost their jobs and he was able to keep his and receive a \$ 500,000 annual raise for the next five years . They wonder why he allowed players such as Frank Brickowski to go to Key West when he was supposed to be rehabilitating a surgically repaired shoulder in Boston . They wonder why he allowed Radja , with a surgically repaired left knee , to go to Croatia .

Why hold the plane for a tardy Ellison , who disrespected everyone by coming aboard toting his golf clubs ?

Ellison could n’t play or practice because of soreness in his big toe , but he could hit the links ? “ No matter what I say , talking about this can only hurt me , ” Carr said . “ I ’d rather not talk about it . It does n’t do me any good . ” Carr said during the year that he was the guy who should take the blame for things that happened in the organization .

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They were used to taking it easy in practice or not practicing at all , showing up at shootarounds at any old time wearing any old thing . They were also used to losing early and often six losing seasons in their seven-year history , two brief playoff appearances . They clearly were n’t used to Pat Riley , who is used to winning , which he has done everywhere he has been in the NBA . He ’s done it the same way for 13 years , with the Lakers and the Knicks . And as former Warrior Billy Owens found out after Riley became the team ’s fourth head coach in September , he has no plans of changing . “ I talked to Patrick Ewing , and he told me , ‘ You ’ll definitely be in shape , ’ ” Owens said with a grin after Tuesday ’s practice at the Heat ’s practice facility . “ There were stories like that how hard -LRB- Riley -RRB- works you , getting taped for shootarounds and things like that . ” The day-of-game shootarounds traditionally have been simple hour-long walkthroughs , something to wake the players up ; players often show up in running shoes and sweats , and do n’t always even lace their shoes up . Under Riley , however , shootarounds are nothing less than abbreviated versions of full-scale practices . “ That ’s the kind of style we ’ve got down here , ” Owens said , “ and we want to keep that , and it ’s working so far .

Why change anything ? ”

Especially now that the team is 5-2 going into Wednesday night 's game against the Warriors at Miami Arena . That record includes victories over last year 's NBA Finalists , Houston and Orlando . It 's being accomplished with a huge helping hand from Alonzo Mourning , acquired in a fire sale by the Hornets on opening night but the rest of the key players , like Owens , Kein Willis , Bimbo Coles and Keith Askins , were around for last year 's 32-50 debacle under Kevin Loughery and Alvin Gentry . Even before Mourning arrived , Riley believed this group of players could be successful . Selling them on defense , conditioning and toughness was the key , he figured .

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Trading in Asia is possible in 1998 , he added . Dow Jones Chairman Peter Kann said any expansion would be contingent on the successful launch of the DJIA products in the U.S. “ We ’ll be domestic up front , and international as we move forward , ” he said . “ We ’ll be spending the bulk of our time in Chicago . ” Bryant Gumbel ca n’t use “ Date ” or “ Live ” or “ Hours ” or “ Minutes ” in the title of his new CBS program they ’re already taken . The name he finally settled on , “ Public Eye with Bryant Gumbel , ” is n’t that great either , especially since “ The Public Eye ” was a really lousy 1992 Joe Pesci movie . No matter , that ’s the title , regardless of whether it fits the show . But besides all that , there are still about five news magazines too many on the air . Come fall there will be 10 prime-time news magazine shows each week . I know “ 60 Minutes ” is good-for-you TV and sure I ’ll watch an occasional “ 20/20 , ” but it drives me nuts when networks clog their schedules with news magazines where quality one-hour dramas could go .

Here ’s a suggestion : Instead of prime-time news shows , why not do the news during the evening national newscasts ?

The networks that are the worst offenders are NBC and ABC . NBC pollutes the prime-time schedule with “ Dateline NBC ” Monday , Tuesday , Friday and Sunday . Talk about overkill . Then there ’s ABC ’s decision to keep “ PrimeTime Live ” on Wednesday at 10 p.m. , where the excellent legal drama “ The Practice ” could have gone . Instead , the show has been stuck in the Saturday 10 p.m. time slot , a notorious ABC death zone for quality dramas .

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Certain allegations misappropriation of funds , unauthorized trades and forgery appear in several complaints . The NASD , which has jurisdiction because Drinkwine holds a license to sell mutual funds , said it was “ actively reviewing the matter . ” An SEC official said the agency did not comment on whether an investigation is in the works . An investigator at the state insurance department did not return phone calls . And an investigator with the Suffolk County district attorney said that he forwarded the matter to the SEC in May . But not one of the agencies has contacted Mutual Financial or the brokerage firm that

executes its trades , Prime Capital Services Inc. of Poughkeepsie , N.Y. , according to executives at both firms . That is a strong indication that no serious investigation is being pursued little surprise given the regulatory gaps that apply to the dealings of those who administer 403 -LRB- b -RRB- plans . And , perhaps worse , it is not clear that anyone has alerted the teachers to what went wrong . Indeed , even authorities in the school system in Northport , who discovered that money was missing late last year , informed only the 13 teachers who already did business with Mutual Financial that something was awry . That left others , who might be thinking of signing up with Mutual Financial , oblivious to the problem .

Why not tell all the teachers ?

“ I ’d been told by legal counsel that I should not do that , ” said William Hall , president of United Teachers of Northport , which has a hand in overseeing the plan . Mutual Financial appears to have gotten at least some of its business by developing close connections to those who work in the schools . Seven teachers work part time at the firm , along with a former Long Island schools superintendent who is employed full time . Small school systems like Northport ’s often do not have sufficient computer capacity to offer employees more than 8 or 10 financial vendors , making a spot on their menu highly coveted and inviting political pressure as a means to landing one . Time was that teachers and other employees who took advantage of 403 -LRB- b -RRB- plans had few choices ; annuities and other insurance products were about the extent of the plain-vanilla investment options .

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Last December the central bank ordered the Micex to impose a maximum daily fluctuation of 10 percent in the ruble exchange rate with effect from Jan. 1 . Under that rule , trading would stop for a “ technical break ” if the ruble moved as much as 10 percent against the dollar . The central bank would then decide how to proceed . No technical breaks have occurred since their adoption . The biggest daily move in the ruble came on June 19 , when it gained 1.6 percent against the dollar to 4,590 . The new change wo n't depend on technical breaks , according to the Micex official . “ There wo n't be any sort of technical breaks -LRB- if the ruble exceeds its new bounds -RRB- because the central bank and the government guarantee the free purchase and sale of hard currency , ” Doronin of Micex said . “ They will just supply whatever is necessary . ” No one has to tell you how confusing it is to shop for computer accessories . You need to plow through pages of product reviews and once you 've found the product of your dreams find a place to buy it .

Why not use a computer to help ?

That 's the notion behind a CD-ROM that combines news from NewMedia magazine and a catalog containing CD-ROM drives , multimedia upgrade kits , sound cards and other accessories aimed at the computer multimedia fan . In all , the CD-ROM spotlights more than 800 hardware and software products . So , if you want to see what 's available in , say , CD-ROM drives , you can search the \$ 12 CD to find reviews and prices on most of the drives available . Since the catalog is aimed at both PC clone and Macintosh owners , it makes sense for almost any computer user . Obviously , NewMedia magazine , the publisher of the CD , hopes you 'll end up buying from the catalog .

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Among her film and stage roles , Ms. Burstyn has played characters with overt religious dimensions before . In 1980 , she starred in the well-received movie “ Resurrection , ” about a woman who is able to heal people after she narrowly escapes death herself . What she had liked about “ Sacrilege ” from the beginning , Ms. Burstyn said , was Ms. Shaffer ’s writing . She appreciated , too , that the play did not seem to her to be polemical . “ You get caught up in the people and their relationships , ” she said . Ms. Shaffer noted that she had once left the church to explore other faiths but that she returned to the fold after a few years . “ Diane is really a practicing Catholic , ” Ms. Burstyn said . “ I was brought up one . ” She still has “ a heart-to-heart connection ” with the faith , “ but the Catholic Church might not recognize me as a Catholic . ” Catholicism , Ms. Shaffer said , is “ my native language ; it ’s in my bones .

Why fight it ? ”

When the tenor Michael Sylvester returned to the Metropolitan Opera last week in the role of Radames in Verdi ’s “ Aida , ” the occasion was more auspicious than his first New York appearance , at the official opening of the Port Authority Bus Terminal annex in the early 80s . Then , he was hired for a program of arias and ensembles with two other singers and a pianist . “ The governors of New York and New Jersey were supposed to be there , along with Mayor Ed Koch , but they never showed up , ” Sylvester said recently in his dressing room at the Lyric Opera of Chicago , between performances as Gabriele Adorno in Verdi ’s “ Simon Boccanegra . ” “ We sang our concert for the panhandlers and bag ladies . There were moments when we held the rapt attention of maybe 10 people . ”

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Both had football teams , lost them , and now have them again . If sports franchises are so important to a community ’s financial fate , one would think the economic impact would show up on a line graph . But there is far more speculation than data . And experts on pro-football economics say NFL franchises are just a cog in the enormous , fluctuating wheel of city business . Even analyses of per capita income and unemployment can be misleading . St. Louis , for example , has been more depressed than any other Midwest city since the Cardinals left town six years ago . But do n’t blame Bidwill , because much of the damage was caused by federal defense cutbacks that wiped out 20,000 jobs . And Oakland began climbing out of an employment recession just as the Raiders returned to town , but that economic upturn is part of a California-wide trend . But there is more to life than money , and even NFL critics agree that pro sports offer a lot in terms of community pride , national image , publicity and entertainment . Frank Vivirito , president of the St. Louis Sports Commission , said that psychic kickback is justification enough for a public investment in football .

Taxpayers subsidize parks , libraries and the arts , so why not football ?

“ Why make the phony economic-development arguments when the value of sports teams is clear from the pleasure they provide ? ” he asked . But what of the economic payoff

to Joe Average ? A few hundred people get jobs selling hot dogs and beer . Some motel and restaurant workers flourish .

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I do n't know ; is it me ? ” Kent was only half-kidding . His name has been mentioned in trade talks , too , and now that Bonilla is gone , he does not know what to think . Three years ago , Kent was surprised when Toronto traded him to the Mets , in a deal involving David Cone . Now , Kent said , he does not want to go someplace else . “ I ’ve been beat up pretty good here in New York , ” he said . “ By the opposition , by the media , by the coaches . If I were to leave , I would be leaving on unfinished terms . I ’d like to prove everybody wrong . I ’ve told people for two years now that I do n't think there would be anything sweeter than wearing a ring with N.Y. on it , especially because when I came here in 1992 , we were 6 feet under .

Why leave now ?

I have some unfinished business . ” Besides , Manager Dallas Green has been heartened by Kent ’s recent play . “ I ’m even more encouraged with the way he is starting to play second base the way I saw him play in 1994 , ” said Green . “ Anybody can have a slump offensively . But we were shooting ourselves in the foot defensively .

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“ My answer is that we should always try to adhere a single set of standards that will apply to everyone . But our challenge is to find a ways of leveling the playing field , so that more people can meet those standards . ” Lost in the commotion about the Senate vote to lift the arms embargo on Bosnia , and President Clinton ’s threat to veto such a move , is a small fact of some importance : both the president ’s policy and the Congress ’ policy duck the real issue in Bosnia and are formulas for continued war . What are our real interests in Bosnia ? They are four : halt the killing , prevent the conflict from spreading , prevent the conflict from turning into a Christian-Muslim holy war and insure that it does not end in a way that permanently damages America ’s ties with its European allies , NATO and Russia . The only way to realize those objectives is for the United States and its allies to draw up a map that divides Bosnia roughly along the lines of the NATO-Russia Contact Group proposal 50 percent Serb , 50 percent Muslim-Croat and then to use all necessary force , including bombing Belgrade if necessary , to impose those cease-fire lines on all the parties . But , you might say , that would drag the United States into the war . Hey , we ’re already in the war . The United States and NATO last week committed to using their air power to defend a Muslim safe haven from further murderous Serbian attacks . Well , if we are ready to use what Defense Secretary William Perry called “ massive ” air bombardments to defend an isolated Muslim safe haven , why not use them to defend a cease-fire and a settlement map that could stop the killing altogether ?

Why not use them to defend a peace plan that would establish a Bosnian Muslim state centered around Sarajevo , next to a Bosnian Serb entity that would be federated with Serbia and a Bosnian Croatian entity that would be federated with Croatia ?

Moreover , since we want the British , French and United Nations to keep their peace-keeping troops in Bosnia , and they are willing , why not have them use their power to oversee a partition plan and cease-fire lines , instead of to just oversee further carnage ? Usually countries decide their war aims first and commit their military power second . The Clinton administration has done just the reverse . It has decided to get involved militarily in Bosnia , but with no clearly defined plan for achieving America 's basic interests . If we are going to enter this war , it should only be to end this war and the only way to do that is through some form of partition .

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Delphi is at least a year behind schedule in developing a new technical infrastructure for its service and has suffered from several high-level executive defections . Alan Baratz , a former IBM executive who joined Delphi as chief executive 10 months ago , said Wednesday that the new user software , technical infrastructure and content services would finally be ready this fall . In recent months , Delphi has also hired new senior executives from AT&T , Prodigy , American Online and Microsoft . According to figures supplied by Simba Research of Wilton , Conn. , and confirmed Wednesday by Baratz , Delphi has approximately 100,000 subscribers . In contrast , America Online has 2.9 million subscribers , and some analysts say the Microsoft Network could be even larger when it begins operations later this year . “ Delphi is attempting to come back to life , ” said Lorraine Sileo , who analyzes the on-line industry for Simba Research . But , she added , “ it 's going to be a real upward battle for Delphi , even with MCI behind it . ” If you have children , the chances are good that they know as much about personal computers and the latest software as you do or more . This may be true even if you 're the one with the computer and a respectable number of software programs . So you 're computer-phobic .

Why not admit it ?

For parents who do n't know how to use computers , do n't have the time to teach their children or do n't know which software is worth buying , a variety of services now offer assistance . The most helpful services are the new franchise and mom-and-pop-style computer learning centers , which are filling the roles of Mom and Dad with classes that teach preschoolers and older children the basics of computing -LRB- some even extend their teaching services to adults -RRB- . Most of the parents who sign their children up for 6 or 12 weeks of computer classes are doing it to give them “ an edge , ” said Liz Zaaijer , the owner of a Futurekids Learning Center franchise in Summit , N.J. Parents are concerned , she added , “ if they think their children are not getting an adequate education on the computer at school . ” Computer superstores , public libraries and some toy stores also offer computers to try out , as well as software a boon to parents who want to sample before they commit up to \$ 40 for a program . As Howard Gardner , a professor of education at Harvard University who writes on children and creativity , said , “ Most of what 's on the shelves is uninspiring . ”

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“ Maybe we have to tell this story on cable at this point in time in history , ” said Danny Glover , a star of “ Buffalo Soldiers . ” “ It does not in any way diminish cable and the possibilities . We can take cable to another place by telling these stories . ” Movie studios , it would seem , are far more concerned with the Alien American experience than any other these days . “ It ’s about blowing up a whole city or covering it in lava , ” said Clarence Williams III , who puts in a compelling performance in “ George Wallace . ” “ Cable may be reaching to an audience that wants to be affected by a story or dialogue . In major studio releases , they establish a hero or a heroine , and they spend the next two hours chasing the bad guys . ” Cable has its share of good guys and bad guys , that ’s for sure . But the difference is the courage to tackle heavy topics in which it matters who is good and who is bad . “ If you ’re going to be a cable network , why not be daring ?

Why not be mature ? ”

said Charles Dutton , who makes his directorial debut with “ First-Time Felon . ” “ It should be a no-holds-barred type of thing . People are paying to see this . ” About 70 percent of the country is now wired for cable , and it offers a platform to reach an extremely large audience . “ More people will see this movie on its opening night than practically -LRB- saw -RRB- ‘ Independence Day , ” ’ said Haid of his “ Buffalo Soldiers . ”

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The only thing people know is what they see and read . People do n’t realize what goes on when you do your contract . People need to understand the construction of this business and the way it ’s always been . And now it ’s to the point where I ’m not going to play in Seattle . Where else wo n’t you play ? A : I wo n’t play for a team where I ca n’t go there and sign a new contract . I ’m not going to a team that ’s already got salary-cap problems . That does n’t make sense . I made a decision early in the summer because I did n’t want to go through a whole summer worried about what the Sonics are going to do . It appears the Sonics will be under the cap after this season and could increase your base salary then .

Why not wait ?

A : This is n’t all a money problem . The fans do n’t realize that . I was going to get more money . If I would have waited , I would have gotten the money whether it be here or somewhere else . But I do n’t want to be here .

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But Tony Leone , who represented the Harvey Milk Gay and Lesbian Democratic Club , said the program fosters homophobia and discrimination . “ It leads to the future training of gay bashers , ” he said . “ We have children in high school trying to come out of the closet who need to be able to do it free from fear . We can use the money in much more constructive ways . ” After the meeting , Phillips said he was concerned the debate had divided San Francisco into two camps : African Americans who support the program and gays and lesbians who do n’t . “ This is not a zero sum game , ” he said . “ Something that benefits one group does n’t have to -LRB- hurt -RRB- another . ” If you have children

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This weekend , President Clinton 's surrogates signaled his next stratagem in the war against Independent Counsel Ken Starr . When Starr sends Congress his report on the Clinton investigation , Clinton 's lawyers will issue a counterreport exonerating Clinton and leveling charges against Starr . The Constitution and the independent counsel statute do n't authorize a counterreport , but they do n't forbid it , either . De jure , since Starr is a duly appointed investigator , his report carries greater weight . But de facto , the Clintonites have so tarnished Starr 's reputation that only half the public is prepared to believe his report , according to a recent poll . From the outset , Clinton 's ace in the hole has been the political nature of the impeachment process . If voters do n't trust the report , Republicans in Congress will feel less emboldened to impeach Clinton , and Democrats will feel less obliged to go along . House Speaker Newt Gingrich , Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott , and other Republican leaders have said they will suspend judgment on the question of Clinton 's punishment until Starr issues his report . Their presumption that the report will clarify everything seems oddly naive . For months , the GOP has marveled at the gall with which Clinton 's strategists have disregarded the spirit of the law .

Why expect them to defer to Starr 's report ?

The president 's defenders ca n't silence Starr , but they can try to drown him out . " Mr. Starr 's voice is -LSB- only -RSB- one of many that will have to be heard by the Congress , " said Rep. John Dingell , D-Mich. , on Fox News Sunday . To persuade the public that a counterreport is appropriate , the Clintonites are drawing an analogy to the courtroom . " Normally in our system , you have the prosecutor and you have the defense , " argued Democratic Party Chairman Roy Romer on ABC 's This Week . On CNN 's Late

Edition , former White House counsel Lanny Davis agreed that Starr 's report " represents a prosecutor 's view , without the benefit of cross-examination .

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Around here , all the enthusiasm was imported . Canned applause dressed in orange . Tired Indian chants pierced the air . The Valley is not a big-event town , not a region prone to cheer for cheering 's sake . But in this case , the apathy is not our problem , rather a condition belonging to college football . Roy Kramer is the architect of the BCS , the John DeLorean of college football . He should know that in boxing , the belt does n't make the fighter . And in college football , the trophy sorry , make that the Sears National Championship Trophy does n't validate the process . The argument for a playoff is obvious , weary to the point of cliché . But the reason the BCS does n't work is simple .

Why care ?

There is no familiarity with any of these teams . No build-up . No crescendo . No reason to care . If Tennessee and Florida State had emerged from playoff brackets , they would gain allegiance from the casual fan .

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A total of 18 gang members were charged ; Heatley was accused of nine murders under the 1988 law that allows federal prosecutors to seek the death penalty for killings committed in major drug operations . In one killing a victim 's body was dismembered and hidden . Heatley 's lawyers , Cohen and David A. Ruhnke , one of the country 's most experienced death penalty lawyers , surveyed lawyers and collected details of past cases that Ms. White 's office had reviewed . Then they attended the May 2 meeting of the death penalty committee . Several participants said Fishbein posed this question to the defense team : If the Heatley case , with its serious charges , was not the appropriate case for the death penalty , what case would be ? At one point , Cohen cited the cases they had collected , in particular the one involving Griffin and the 142nd Street Lynchmob , and compared them with Heatley 's case . " We tried to make the argument , ' Why this case ? " ' Cohen recalled . " ' Why should this be the first case in which you seek the death penalty ? There are lots of other cases that are similar in which you did n't do it .

Why start now ? " '

On June 23 , about six weeks after the committee held its meeting , the defense lawyers learned they had lost their argument . A faxed note from Ms. White advised them that her office would " seek the death penalty against your client , Clarence Heatley , for the capital murders charged against him . " Amgen Inc. lost its bid to move a patent-infringement lawsuit filed against it by Schering Corp. and Biogen Inc. to a federal court in California . Senior U.S. District Judge Murray Schwartz ruled it was n't unfair to make Amgen , based in Thousand Oaks , California , defend itself in federal court in Wilmington , Delaware . Schering and Biogen claim that Amgen infringed on a process to reproduce interferon , an illness-fighting protein .

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Metals companies such as Aluminum Co. of America , Phelps Dodge Corp. , Inco Ltd. , Reynolds Metals Co. and Maxxam Inc. also rallied . The Morgan Stanley Cyclical Index of 30 stocks moved up 5.16 to a record 341.8 , while the Morgan Stanley Consumer Index shed 1.37 to 246.04 . Caterpillar Inc. , ahead 1 5/8 to 66 , and Phelps Dodge , up 2 5/8 to 62 , were also contained in a list of 15 stocks recommended by Smith Barney & Co. as likely to return more than the rest of the stock market in the next year . Among automakers , Ford Motor Co. gained 1/4 to 30 5/8 , Chrysler Corp. added 1/2 to 49 and General Motors Corp. advanced 1 to 48 7/8 . Ford and Chrysler reported higher U.S. auto sales in June as consumers took advantage of buyer incentives , while GM cut costs by offering earlier retirement to salaried workers . Bank stocks swelled as stable interest rates suggested profits from trading and demand for loans will stay high . BankAmerica Corp. , also on Smith Barney 's recommended list , expanded 1 1/4 to 54 1/4 , J.P. Morgan & Co. gained 1 to 71 1/4 and Bankers Trust New York Corp. jumped 2 to 63 1/4 . Computer-related stocks rose . So far this year , the Standard & Poor 's index of seven semiconductor stocks has surged 63 percent while S&P 's index of 11 computer software companies climbed 36 percent . Tech stocks were “ the hottest acting group for the first half of the year , ” and many professional investors still have a disproportionately small share in their portfolios , said Arnold Owen , managing director for trading at SoundView Financial Group in Stamford , Connecticut .

With the demand for high-technology goods still strong , he said , “ Why not put your money where the growth is ? ”

Applied Materials Inc. leaped 1 3/4 to 87 1/2 , Novellus Systems Inc. gained 1 1/2 to 68 3/4 and BMC Software climbed 2 3/4 to 78 3/4 . Among broad market measures , the Standard & Poor 's 500 Index added 0.17 to 547.26 , hurt by falling drug , telephone and soft drink stocks and shy of a record 551.07 reached June 22 . The Nasdaq Composite Index , loaded with technology stocks , surged 7.26 to a record 941.79 , led by Cisco Systems Inc. , Intel Corp. , Nextel Communications Inc. and Tele-Communications Inc. It was Nasdaq 's 30th record high in 1995 . Trading was active as 361 million shares change hands on the on the New York Stock Exchange , where more than 13 stocks rose for every 10 that fell . “ I have a hunch that this is a market starting to realize that the Fed is predisposed towards easing , although it may not ease ” this week , said Thomas McManus , market strategist at Morgan Stanley & Co. Investors are increasingly convinced “ that the Fed 's tightening ended in February , ” when rates rose for a seventh time in 12 months .

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BancAmerica Robertson Stephens . Point of Sale Ltd. , Herzlia , Israel , an initial public offering of 3.6 million shares . Hambrecht & Quist . Province Healthcare Co. , Brentwood , Tenn. , 3.6 million shares . BT Alex . Team Communications Group Inc. , Los Angeles , an initial public offering of 1.5 million shares . National Securities . Source : MCM Corporatewatch . Intrigue and espionage hit the Giants-Dodgers rivalry Friday night , as

if it needed the boost . There was already a sellout crowd and a January-in-Bismarck bite in the air .

Longtime fan favorite Orel Hershiser was ready to take the mound against his old team , so why not throw in a healthy undercurrent of bad blood to thicken the plot ?

Dusty Baker had inside information his “ Dodger sources ” he said that Barry Bonds was going to be sent a message , most likely in the form of a fastball to the ribs . The Dodgers were going to retaliate against Bonds for his post-homer flamboyance -LRB- two pirouettes , for those of you judging at home -RRB- in the memorable series between the two teams last September . Baker ’s news traveled via reporters , from Baker to Bonds to Dodgers manager Glenn Hoffman . It traveled in accordance with a law of nature , like birds bringing food back to the nest . Bonds expressed disdain with Baker , the Dodgers professed total ignorance and Baker just smiled and shrugged .

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Uchihara would say only that police had determined that a rape had occurred , and that the victim was an adult woman . The victim does not want to file an official accusation or have the case become public , so the matter is particularly delicate , Uchihara said . The woman is said to have reported the incident to a friend , who in turn told the American military authorities . Military police then told the Japanese police . Kupfer observed that all of the studies reviewed in the article compare psychotherapy with older antidepressants , mainly tricyclic medications like Imipramine , rather than newer ones , like the serotonin reuptake inhibitors that include Prozac . Danton said that there had , as yet , been no such comparison studies reported , in part because they take years to complete . Danton , who practices cognitive therapy , added , “ I find that cognitive therapy works for all patients with unipolar depression , no matter how severe the problem . ” But Kupfer , while noting that some psychiatrists are of the opinion that antidepressants are the treatment of choice for any and all cases of depression , takes a middle position . “ At the University of Pittsburgh we use both psychotherapy and drugs with depressed patients , ” Kupfer said . “ If we ’re talking about a patient with recurring depression and some disability from it , on the basis of what we now know the first choice should be long-term medication .

But if someone was responsive before to therapy , and they ’re not suicidal now , then sure , why not try psychotherapy again ?

There ’s no question that for some patients psychotherapy might be the answer . ” Kupfer also cautioned that , especially for patients who in the past had found relief from depression through medication , “ it would be very wrong to mislead them into getting off medication . ” Apart from the successful marketing of antidepressants , Antonuccio and colleagues argue , reasons for favoring medication include the fact that many health plans pay 80 percent of the fees for physicians who dispense antidepressants but just 50 percent of psychotherapists ’ fees . In an important victory for organized labor , the Supreme Court ruled unanimously Tuesday that paid union organizers who seek or take jobs with nonunionized employers with the goal of persuading co-workers to join the union are protected by federal labor laws to the same extent as any other employees . The decision

, upholding a policy of the National Labor Relations Board , means that employers can not retaliate against paid union organizers in their work forces and can not refuse to hire applicants whom they suspect of seeking work for the purpose of organizing a union from inside .

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Sometimes people think I 'm ignoring them when the truth is I 've screened them out of my consciousness . A new friend recently informed me I 'd passed by her in a local muffin shop without saying hello . I did n't mean to . If I 'd seen her , I 'd have lit up like a light bulb . I guess I 've also been using the wrong checkout line , but not deliberately . Since I 'm always trying to get from here to there without too many detours , I 'm sure these two behaviors are not the only mistakes I 'm consistently guilty of. That means that when I see a woman rushing into the drugstore , I can imagine that she 's too worried about a sick child to notice her car 's in a handicapped space . I 'm willing to grant that the person who cuts me off in traffic may lose his job if he comes in late . I know from experience that people can get so caught up in their inner turmoil that they 're barely aware of their surroundings . They 're worried and fearful and anxious , but they do n't mean to be rude .

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, impossible people are everywhere . You run into them at work , on the subway , in stores , at school , even , unfortunately , in your own home . If you 're anything like me , you may even have to face the fact that at times you may be one of them . Even if you consider yourself the least difficult person in the world , however , if your first response to those who displease you is anger or coldness , resentment , or vengefulness , you 're in trouble because how you respond to difficult people shapes *your character* , not theirs . In his book , Rosen offers more than a dozen ways to view difficult people sympathetically , but the main thrust of his book is to convince readers why it 's to their advantage to do so .

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Brandon Mitchell . Bernard Russ . “ Guys are contributing and finding a way to be a factor , ” Carroll said . “ It is n't calling on us to lean on just the big knockers necessarily , so that 's fantastic . That 's team and it 's a real exciting part of the way we 're playing right now . ” And now , all they must do , is do it again . Same Dolphins . Different site . “ The good thing is we have one more game to go , ” said Miami tight end Troy Drayton after Monday night 's loss . “ The only bad thing is , it 's up there . ”

It 's Christmas time , so why not be jolly ?

No coal in that Patriots Christmas stocking today . Let us accentuate the positive . For today , at least , let 's eliminate the negative . And do n't even bother messin ' with Mr. In-Between . There 's no reason why we ca n't wait until the day after Christmas to start exploring the dark side , do n't you think ?

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We are not trying be something other than a food business , so we do n't want to have a smorgasbord of things in a food store and then let customers forget about food and the essential things that we built this business on . ” Customers say the approach is working . “ I used to shop at A&P , but I got disappointed with their produce , ” said Veronique Maitre , a translator who was shopping recently at the Publix store in Alpharetta . “ They were out , or it did n't look good . ” Another shopper , Marie Vitalo has become a regular at Publix even though there is a Winn-Dixie store about a block from her house in Smyrna . “ I like a clean , big store , ” said Ms. Vitalo , who works in accounting . Winn-Dixie , meanwhile , is determined to use pricing to win back customers like Ms. Vitalo . The parking lot of its Alpharetta store , which competes with two nearby Krogers and one of Wal-Mart 's Sam 's Club warehouse stores , is festooned with a large blue-and-white banner promising “ Lowest prices in town . ” Inside the store , signs and tags create a virtual sea of markdowns . The signs announce 40 percent off greeting cards , 50 percent off sunglasses , 15 percent off national-brand snack chips and 20 percent off school supplies .

Some signs ask simply : “ Why pay more ? ”

“ We are in a transition and have been for many years , ” said Mickey Clerk , a spokesman for Winn-Dixie , based in Jacksonville , Fla . “ Customers are stretched for time as well as for money , and what they want to do is find everything they want at the lowest prices

they can in one place that is convenient for them . We were convenient before , but we did n't have the complete variety that today 's customers want . ” So the company is closing stores throughout its system that are less than 30,000 square feet and replacing them with larger ones some up to 70,000 square feet with room for floral departments , pharmacies and bigger delis . A strategy of low prices and big investments may not seem like a smart game plan in one of Winn-Dixie 's most competitive markets .

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Yet Tyson called Holloway “ family ” Thursday , which implies he has n't been fired , because you ca n't fire family even if it 's more dysfunctional than the Addams Family . As for King 's future as his promoter , Tyson repeatedly refused to address that question or whether he felt King had looted his purses , saying an announcement would come “ in the close future . ” He did feel compelled , however , to deny being broke . “ I have a lot more money than you may ever see in your lifetime , ” he told a sportswriter without knowing that was n't saying much . “ How long would it really take for me to make \$ 200 million ? A year ? I 'm sure you do -LRB- want to know if King looted his earnings -RRB- , but that 's for another time , my friend . I did n't do this for the money . ” If he did n't , why is he doing it ? Why subject himself to listening to Stone Cold Steve Austin say , “ If you get in my face , there ai n't gonna be any \$ 200 million rematch with -LRB- Evander -RRB- Holyfield ” ?

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Is my forecast of 10,000 new loopholes excessive ? True , I made it up without help from my economists . I do n’t have any economists . I mean no slander against economists when pointing out that theirs is an uncertain trade . Even the great Greenspan -LRB- Alan , chairman of the Federal Reserve -RRB- , who has access to the best economists the world has to offer even the great Greenspan did n’t know that the big bull market was going to go on forever . And so a few months back he tried to cool everybody off , only to find , as of Monday , that the big bull market is indeed going to go on forever . Unless , of course , it does n’t . Often in economics , things that ought to go on forever , such as stock market hounds getting fatter by the day , stop going on forever . Afterward , economists tell you why ; for predicting , though , they are not that great . What effect the new tax-loophole bill might have on anything depends on which side ’s economists you believe , but there are so many differing economists ’ forecasts that all you can get from reading them is a headache .

Why get a headache ?

I make up my own statistics using hard-gained experience , folk wisdom and wild guesses , then discount for the virtual certainty that nothing will ever turn out the way you think it will . And so when I say the new loophole bill will create 10,000 new loopholes , I say it not with the economist ’s respect for statistical data , but with the reasonable certainty of a man who has watched tax laws come and tax laws go for nigh on half a century . That experience leaves me persuaded that when 50,000 corporation tax lawyers and 50,000 corporation tax accountants sink their teeth into a nice juicy new tax bill they can always find at least 10,000 new loopholes . Much of the fanciest mental produce of the Ivy League law schools devotes its life to uncovering tax dodges hiding in the latest tax laws . The most brilliant accounting graduates of our great schools of business and finance are on the job in behalf of organizations that pay extremely well for experts who can ferret out hidden tax-law goodies .

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They get nervous . ” And the market 's whipsaw slowed the buying impulses of two serious prospects for Business Jetsolutions , a Dallas company that sells ownership shares

in private jets . Michael Riegel , a vice president , said both clients were executives in stock funds . “ They asked to delay , ” said Riegel , who valued the now-dormant deals at less than \$ 500,000 apiece . “ I think they ’ll be back with us in a number of weeks . ” Riegel ’s optimistic outlook is widely shared in the ranks of the affluent or even the reasonably comfortable . In fact , instead of putting the brakes on spending , some Michigan consumers saw the stock market ’s weakness as a sign to buy cars , that is . In recent years , some longtime customers of the Pontiac-Olds-GMC dealer in Frankenmuth , Mich. , had neglected their annual rite of selecting a new model . “ Most bought a new car every year , ” said Michael Young , the owner of the dealership , adding that many customers are former autoworkers , eligible for a manufacturer ’s discount . He said one of the customers explained his absence as a consequence of the surging market .

“ Why draw 20 grand out of the market when it ’s earning 20 percent ? ”

Within the last 10 days , though , four such customers came in with cash in hand , ready to buy . “ They put it off because they wanted to put their money in the market , ” Young said . “ When it dropped , it put them over the edge . ” Garth Blumenthal , general manager of Fletcher Jones Motorcars , a Mercedes-Benz dealership in Newport Beach , Calif. , said it sold 90 new cars the last five days of August . “ It ’s a pretty typical or better-than-average month-end , ” he said .

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So are the British , French , Swiss , German and other companies that often employ Americans . Americans are little affected by the political worries of the Hong Kong Chinese . They will get their U.S.network news feeds and their Asian Wall Street Journal , and they will continue to exercise their right to vote , by absentee ballot , in the United States . Hong Kong has been , and will probably continue to be , a wonderful place for expatriate Americans . They can experience as much of Asia as they want , while socializing with a huge foreign community . They can always get a juicy steak , or a Sourdough Jack , and drop by a specialty store for a Redhook Ale or a bag of Tim ’s Cascade Potato Chips . It is not a hardship post . “ I see an increase of Americans here after July 1 in numbers , in commercial presence and political influence , ” says Woon , now head of the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce . A lot of British , shorn of their automatic right to live in Hong Kong , will go home . Americans , who never had that right , have been entering as essential workers .

Why work in Hong Kong ?

For the the opportunity , the money , the exhilaration of running flat-out . “ This place is a lot like New York City , ” says Woon . “ People work long hours , they work hard , and they go away to Southeast Asia for 3-day weekends . You ’ve got famous people coming in and out . It ’s a different type of feeling than Seattle . ”

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O’Connell did not sound particularly optimistic about the way the discussions with McLaren ’s agent , Doug Messier , have been going . The sides talked Wednesday and again Thursday morning . “ We thought we had a deal done , and then all of a sudden , we did n’t

have a deal done , and then we thought we had a deal done , ” O’Connell said . “ It ’s been a very interesting and frustrating negotiation . It seemed we reached an agreement on a few occasions and then we have it changed . I do n’t know where that stands . ” At least part of the holdup appears to be that the McLaren camp wants him to be compensated for time missed . The Bruins , according to O’Connell , wo n’t go along with that . “ Absolutely no way , ” he said . “ If a player chooses to hold out , he has to be aware he ’s not going to be paid for the time he holds out .

If we do n’t run our business that way , why not hold out ? ”

The situation , he said , “ is not frustrating . It ’s beyond frustrating . I do n’t know what you ’d call it . It ’s bizarre . ” Women infected with HIV may be at a more advanced stage of infection and at a higher risk of developing AIDS than men with identical results on certain blood tests , researchers are reporting .

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Sure , I admit that I no longer can create my own reality . And maybe it ’s true that I am trying to bring order to this chaos we call life . But so what ? It protects me from bearing any responsibility for my decisions and actions . After all , this is America , and these are the 1990s , so I must be blameless . Jesse Kalisher , a former advertising executive , is a free-lance writer in San Francisco . Where goeth the American middle class ? With the biggest companies in the U.S. shedding jobs like a dog shakes off water AT&T “ downsizes ” itself by 40,000 workers ; General Motors closes assembly plants in Michigan so it can open them in Mexico ; Boeing wins new contracts from China by agreeing to let Chinese factories produce parts previously made by its employees the question is more than academic . Although pundits may be quick to pontificate , they have no better idea than the next person what will become of the middle class . After all , not one of them managed to predict the collapse of the Soviet Union even six months before it occurred .

Why suppose they are any more able to anticipate where the United States is headed ?

Pundits aside , however , there are some things that it may help to keep in mind . Call the first of these the Fundamental Theorem of history : Given sufficient time , everything changes . The corollary , of course , is that nothing lasts forever . More specifically , an American middle class has not always existed . It was born and grew as the result of a certain set of specific historical developments .

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I dunno . ” By Mark Veverka c.1998 San Francisco Chronicle Pity the poor shareholders of BioTime . If these investors are innocents , they are over their heads . And if they are experienced stockpickers , they must not be very good at what they do because the Berkeley biotech concern is most definitely not going to be the next Amgen . Never before have I encountered such a mean-spirited , contemptible bunch of so-called readers . And that includes a number of thin-skinned chief executives of major companies who have n’t always agreed with what I ’ve written over the years . I say “ so-called ” because judging

by their missives , they do n't seem to read the columns or articles they are criticizing -LRB- nor do they even convey their threats very articulately -RRB- . A couple of weeks ago , I wrote a critical column about BioTime . It was not the first time . I wrote a bearish piece for the Wall Street Journal earlier this year on the company , as have other financial journalists over the years .

Why beat a dead horse ?

Because there still are lessons to be learned . Investing in development-stage companies that post no profits for several years is risky business . Innocent people lose their money on pretenders every day . And investors who hold BioTime until the end will join them . BioTime is not likely to be a long-term winner .

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I am persuaded that the present structure is outmoded . ” “ They do not respect our United Nations flag , so what can we do ? ” Malla said , surveying the mayhem . “ Our hands are tied . We 're not here to fight , and there 's a war going on . If somebody gives me an order , I can defend myself , but that 's not what happens here . It looks to me like it 's time to go home to Katmandu . ” The pillaging of the camp reflects the anger that has mounted steadily among Croats over the past four years as the United Nations has appeared increasingly to act as a buffer for the Serbs occupying large areas of the country . In fact , the United Nations has also provided a buffer behind which the Croatian Army has successfully reorganized , acquiring training and a lot of weaponry . That was brought into sharp focus by a victory this week that also revealed the limitations of the overstretched Serbs .

This improvement and Croatia 's evident readiness to use force to get its land back in turn poses a basic question for the United Nations , some of the peacekeepers say : Given that wars generally end when one side is victorious and the other defeated , why not leave and allow the two sides to fight it out ?

Malla has no doubt that this is now the right course . “ I 've been told to man my checkpoint , ” he said , sitting at the ruined camp drinking tea . “ But in reality I do n't think there will ever be a checkpoint here again . What is the point now the Croats have taken over ? ” A senior United Nations official who requested anonymity said the Croatian offensive “ probably signified the end of the mission to Croatia . ”

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and ‘ why is n't it more like that ? ’ I just felt like saying , ‘ Why do n't you -LRB- expletive -RRB- try and do it yourself . Good luck , it 's a lot of work . Hey , we did the best we could . Like I said , we really tried to get tons of different kinds of musicians , but we got who we could . ” And forget about published reports that say Lilith may add male acts to the mix . “ That was was one of those early moments of weakness from being beaten down by the media , ” says McLachlan . “ I thought , God , maybe I should make this more equal . But no , definitely not . Lilith is what it is .

It 's a beautiful thing , so why change it ?

“ You know , we ’re going to do it for three years and then we ’re not going to do it anymore , ” she adds . “ We ’re going to stop and we ’re going to reassess things . I do n’t know what we ’ll do . We do n’t have anything planned at this point . ” She has said that she does n’t want Lilith to be institutionalized like other summer festivals .

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I am 20 years away from retirement . What would you do with Brandywine – buy , sell , or hold ? J.D. , Portland , Ore. A. If the question is simply whether to switch from Brandywine fund to Vanguard ’s Index 500 , I ’d be tempted to stick with what you ’ve got . As you noted , until 1997 the fund had a spectacular record . It then stumbled to a 12.02 percent total return in 1997 , and has a year- to-date loss of 14.9 percent as this is written . According to Morningstar Mutual Funds , which had downgraded Brandywine ’s overall rating from average to below average , the troubles stem from attempts to time the market , building a huge cash position during the first quarter , and thus missing that quarter ’s rally , and then getting fully invested again just in time to get hammered in July and August . But it ’s also important to remember that the fund manager , Foster S. Friess , has been at the helm since 1985 , and thus was the person responsible for its splendid longer-term record , which still shows average annual gains of 16.30 percent over the past 10 years . Moreover , the tough results have brought a sharp drop in assets under management . The fund entered the year with \$ 8.41 billion in assets , and it held \$ 4.78 billion as of the Oct. 29 report from Lipper Analytical Services Inc. When it comes to managing a fund in the small and mid-cap arenas , smaller is not only easier , but from the shareholder ’s point of view , it probably should be better .

Second , if you are going to consider a switch , why not consider a somewhat tamer fund in the same category ?

The T. Rowe Price Mid-Cap Growth carries a lower risk score in the Morningstar tallies and is rated above average . This fund gained 18.33 percent in 1997 , and has a year- to-date total return of 6.7 percent as this is written . I make this suggestion because it seems to me that for the next five to eight years the prospects seem much brighter for the mid-cap and small-cap sectors than for the large-cap stocks , which dominate the Index 500 portfolio ; not only have the large caps had a spectacular run for the past few years , taking them to a level of substantial overvaluation , but the small- and mid-caps have lagged behind to a great extent – thus leaving them with a lot of potential for pulling even . Q. I am 30 and my husband is 39 ; we will have been married for one year this coming May . We are not at all sure in which direction to go , or how much to save for retirement .

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And he is prepared to put agreements on hold , even those he signed . When Palestinian suicide attackers began killing dozens of Israelis last year , Rabin froze his commitment to widen Arafat ’s self-rule , an expansion now more than a year behind schedule . For months , many Israelis got the idea that their prime minister might be one more car bomb away from walking out entirely on his deal with the Palestinians . It was not so , he now asserts . “ I believe that we will make a real effort to achieve peace , ” Rabin said . “

I believe this is what we want . ” His inconstancies have hurt him politically . From the Israeli right , he is attacked as wrongheaded , at best , about the Arabs ’ intentions . At worst , rightists call him a traitor because he is giving up land , a liar because he has not adhered word for word to his 1992 campaign statements and a killer because of the terrorism that has accompanied Palestinian self-rule . From the left , he is accused of insufficient boldness .

If many settlers are a thorn in the collective Israeli side as the prime minister often says then , leftists ask , why not move them out now and save everyone time and money ?

Instead , Rabin responds that he has “ a long time to deal with this issue , ” and takes no action . A charge of lacking boldness may seem odd to hurl at a former general , especially one who at the age of 45 capped a 26-year army career by commanding Israel ’s forces during their greatest triumph : the 1967 war , which ended with the capture of the very territories he is now ready to yield . But such criticism also dogged him in 1974 , when he was catapulted with little political experience to become prime minister his first time , filling a vacuum created by the resignation of Golda Meir . After leaving the army in 1968 , he had spent five years as Israel ’s ambassador to the United States . In 1974 , his Labor Party colleagues were looking for a certified hero to reverse their sagging political fortunes , and Yitzhak Rabin seemed the perfect choice .

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UNDATED - It is so tempting to dismiss Frank Lloyd Wright . He was a monster of egotism . His taste could be appallingly bad . He spoke in egregious platitudes . He abandoned children and wives . He made life a misery for almost everyone around him . And what is worse : His roofs leaked . For an architect , that may be the worst sin . But no matter how irritating , Wright can not be dismissed . It matters not that he insisted he was the greatest architect in American history .

-LRB- “ Why limit it to America ?

, ” he then asked . -RRB- The fact remains that no architect of our time and probably not of any other time has had so fertile an imagination or produced so many outstanding buildings . That is undoubtedly the most infuriating thing about Wright : He did n’t only talk the talk , he walked the walk . “ I hated him , of course , ” says architect Philip Johnson , “ but that ’s only normal when a man is so great . ” From his early “ Prairie Style ” homes near Chicago to his giant spiral Guggenheim Museum in New York , Wright kept inventing new ideas .

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“ They could change the way we look at sports , ” said Ann Kirschner , vice president of NFL Interactive in New York . “ I ’d love to see an Internet-age Olympics , where I get a personalized view of all the Olympics events . That ’s a dream . ” Heady stuff for a company whose headquarters a microchip ’s throw from Multimedia Gulch is bursting at the seams with 120 employees . Quokka CEO Alan Ramadan says Quokka plans a move into a larger facility next year , where it hopes to create the first digital media studio in the city . There , satellite transmitters and networking links will send and receive sports

reports globally . Ramadan grasped the possibilities of “ digital sports entertainment ” while chief technology officer on oneAustralia in the America ’s Cup sailing race in 1995 . Trailing the sailing vessel in another boat , he was fixated as the event unfolded on a computer screen . “ It was far superior to TV coverage , ” Ramadan said . “ With computerized data , we were able to trace the slightest wind changes and determine the leader of a race to the second .

I thought , ‘ Why not make this available to everyone ? ’ ’

He co-founded Quokka in 1996 with John Bertrand a national sports hero in Australia for wresting America ’s Cup from the United States as captain of Australia II in 1983 and IBM veteran Dick Williams . The company ’s big splash , so to speak , was its coverage of the 1997-98 Whitbread Round the World Race . Its coverage blanketed the nine-month boat race with video feeds and still photos , e-mail reports from the crews involved and reports from journalists at each port . The site generated \$ 7 million in revenue and drew kudos from the sports press . An estimated 1.8 million people viewed the event .

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“ My mother has called three times , ” Rothrock said . “ A number of the calls have been from friends in Oregon all of them very supportive . ” It has n’t always been that way in the three years since Rothrock became the 17th woman to accuse Packwood , R-Ore. , of making unwanted sexual advances . Her mother supported her “ all the way , ” Rothrock said . But many friends and acquaintances , for the best and most protective reasons , had urged Rothrock to forget the whole thing . “ Even those who believe you say why not take the easy way out ? ” Rothrock said . And , as information about now-abortive plans to discredit Packwood ’s accusers began to come more fully to light , the advice to “ just drop it ” did n’t sound so bad . Yet , it was always advice Rothrock could not accept . “ When you work up the courage to speak a simple truth to power you ’re razzed for it , ” she said .

“ Some people may be supportive at first but then the calls from the media come , people start to ask , ‘ Why put yourself through this ?

For what ? This will be dragged out forever . ’ ’ “ You start having flashbacks , asking yourself , ‘ Should I have spoken up about this incident ? ’ But , inside , you know you have to live according to where true north is , ” Rothrock said . With a sigh , Rothrock savored relief Wednesday night , even before Packwood resigned , predicting , “ I think we ’re going see a resolution to this very quickly now . ”

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CAM said the agreement is conditional . The CAM statement , submitted to the Singapore stock exchange , said Hwong is also managing director of a company that trades on the second board of the Kuala Lumpur Stock Exchange . That company is Kilang Papan Seribu Daya Bhd. Golobadana No. 7 , known as G7 , has licenses from Papua New Guinea ’s National Capital District and five other provinces to operate gambling games ranging from Lotto to bingo . CAM Mechatronic ’s statement came after the company ’s stock was suspended on Wednesday pending an announcement . The stock , which last traded at 79

Singapore cents a share , remains suspended . Kilang Papan Seribu Daya 's stock rose 10 cents to 6.75 ringgit . Dodgers rookie Hideo Nomo is almost sure to start Tuesday night 's All-Star Game , after Atlanta Braves ace Greg Maddux suffered a groin strain Thursday that almost certainly will keep him from pitching in the midsummer classic in Arlington , Texas . “ I have to think about what 's best for the team and the organization , ” Maddux said . “ Why chance it ?

Why not take a couple extra days -LRB- to recover -RRB- ? ”

Maddux strained a muscle near his right groin while batting in the third inning Thursday against the Dodgers . He remained in the game to pitch eight shutout innings but had to be removed for a pinch-hitter in the bottom of the eighth after throwing 89 pitches . Reliever Greg McMichael took over in the ninth and wound up the winning pitcher in Atlanta 's 1-0 victory . Nomo -LRB- 6-1 , 1.99 ERA -RRB- , who would become the first rookie pitcher to start an All-Star Game since the Dodgers ' Fernando Valenzuela opened the 1981 game in Cleveland , said , “ Hopefully , it 's not a serious injury . I never thought about -LRB- starting -RRB- before .

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A Republican aide familiar with the proceedings said the reason for summoning Starr as a witness , despite the Republican 's reluctance two weeks ago , was twofold . Some members believe that Starr will help their case . “ Hyde feels Starr is a very credible person and much maligned , ” said another Republican aide . “ He thinks when the American people see he does n't have horns and a tail , he 'll be credible . But it 's no slam dunk for either side . ” Starr 's popularity rating is so low it can only go up , and that should take some of the heat off Republicans on the committee . Besides , many Republicans thought there was no way around calling Starr since he was the one person many Democrats seemed intent on calling . Democrats are torn over whether to call for additional witnesses . Rep. Martin Meehan of Massachusetts said it would be unthinkable to make a judgment without calling major witnesses . But other Democrats , who believe impeachment is dead , are advising against it .

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Be nice about it , but you ’ve got to be firm and keep saying why you ca n’t come whenever you ’re asked , O’Connor said . Usually the people who invite you to those kind of parties are n’t shy about continuing to ask . “ I ’ve done such a good job of that that no one ever invites me to anything anymore , ” she said . L.M. Sixel can receive electronic mail via the Internet . Address your comments and questions to lm.sixel -LRB- at -RRB- chron.com , or call -LRB- 713 -RRB- 220-2000 and enter access code 1002 . Now that the National Basketball Association lockout is apparently over , the league will be scrambling to save its season and to woo back fans . But in fact the long layoff and , more important , the shortened season may work to everyone ’s advantage . Anyone who follows professional basketball closely knows the season is too long , especially the regular season , which is , after all , only a prelude to the playoffs . The playoffs are what the fans really like . And they ’re right : the post-season has the highest quality of play and the most competitive games .

Why delay it for six months , as the league does now ?

In the 1950s and ’60s the regular season lasted only 62 games , 20 fewer than are played today . And in that era , the great Celtic teams peaked during the playoffs . When I won my first league championship , with the Milwaukee Bucks in 1971 , we won the final game on April 30 . Now the season drags into June . For players , the wear and tear of the season , which , if you include preseason contests , stretches on past 100 games , is staggering .

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Much of the development is in large-scale communities with gated entrances and common recreational facilities . New infill housing on unbuilt land in already developed neighborhoods , common in northern communities , would be an unusual sight in south Florida . There are high-rises on or near the ocean , and single-family , patio , villa and condominium units , built to varying densities , often in subdivisions that take several years to complete and sell out . Most of it is meant as primary housing for middle-income Floridians . There are also adult communities for older people , with a considerable range in house sizes and styles , amenities and prices . There may be a large clubhouse , or a modest one , or none at all . A golf course , or golf courses , may be on the site . At a

country-club community there will be not only a golf course but also a membership club in which an equity participation is part of the purchase price . Many of the adult communities emphasize the “ lifestyle ” they offer rather than the housing only , because they are heavy on elaborate well-staffed clubhouses with ongoing recreational activities and even theaters , and they sometimes have an age restriction : one member of the household must be over 55 . But many developments describe themselves as “ family oriented ” because they are light on clubhouses and organized activities , and even those that have them and are clearly oriented toward retirees may shy from describing themselves as age restricted .

Why turn away buyers ?

Finally , there are continuing-care and assisted-living developments for people who want still higher levels of services . New arrivals are usually in their 70s , or older . Compared with the mid-80s , the pace of new development is subdued . “ There have been times when there was so much on the market you could n’t give it away , ” said James Mueller , a principal in Prudential Florida Realty , which has 65 Florida offices . “ Now there ’s an ample inventory , but less than last year .

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But they have : Some interest rates are now dancing into negative territory . This week , investors have bought short-term Japanese government bills that have negative yields . In other words , the buyers are paying more money than they can expect to earn when the bills mature in six months , in effect paying simply for the privilege of holding bonds . Likewise , a few foreign banks are paying interest , instead of earning interest , for clients to borrow their money . In some countries , bank depositors have occasionally earned negative real interest rates , meaning that their yields were less than the inflation rate . But this is much rarer : The nominal interest rate is negative . “ We ’ve basically never seen this before , ” said William Campbell , a strategist with J.P. Morgan in Tokyo . The slide below zero shows how some investors have become so downbeat about the Japanese economy that they are willing to invest only in government bonds , the safest bets in the country . It also means that there are so many yen around that some banks , mostly foreign banks , are willing to pay someone to take them off their hands for a time . Why would anyone pay someone else to take his money ?

Why not just keep it ?

Partly for convenience . A bank could keep the yen , but that could lead to extra expenses . So long as the interest rate is only slightly negative , it may prefer to buy bills even if there is a slight cost . A bank could keep its yen at the Bank of Japan , but with so much cash , there are transportation costs . There is also a larger issue .

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In the fall , for example , when southbound storks are spotted near Kfar Ruppin , south of the Sea of Galilee , it is almost certain that their path will bring them several hours later to military training areas above the Negev , so pilots there can be alerted to take precautions . At the same time , the air force has mapped what it calls “ bird-plagued

areas ” along two major migration routes . During the seven months defined by the fall and spring migrations , it generally prohibits its pilots from flying the kind of high-speed , low-level missions that resulted in last year ’s crash and are a favorite show of derring-do . When birds are spotted in exceptionally large numbers , a nationwide prohibition is sometimes imposed on flights below 3,000 feet , in the zone where flocks are at their thickest and most bird-plane collisions have taken place . That is a source of frustration for some commanders , who grouse that pilots have a hard time rehearsing maneuvers that they may need in wartime . But all available measures suggest that the program has been a success . Compared with the decade before it was put into effect , air force officials say , the number of bird-plane collisions has plunged by 88 percent , saving an estimated \$ 360 million in shattered windscreens , ruined engines and mangled planes . That is a source of pride for the air force and for Dr. Yossi Leshem , the ornithologist who was the architect of the program . Yet even though the bird spotters play the instrumental role , such statistics are of little interest to them . They say they are drawn to Israel not by patriotic purpose , but by the giddy prospect of seeing birds in numbers too great to count .

“ If an F-16 crashes into a flock of storks , it kills 30 storks , so why not think about it from that perspective ? ”

said Barak Granit , 22 , an Israeli who has supervised the spotting teams for three years . Recruited through advertisements in birding magazines , the spotters must pay their own way to Israel , and some stay for as long as three months at a time . They receive no salary , just bed and board at a kibbutz , and spend most of their days alone , with a tree for shelter and a clipboard to keep track of what passes overhead . A highlight was a day like Sept. 6 , 1997 , when white storks and honey buzzards were spotted by the tens of thousands , as many as are usually seen all season . It was the next morning that the F-16 plowed into one of the huge birds .

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I ’m confident of that . No one ’s going to beat me out . I ’m not worried about -LRB-Carpenter -RRB- . He ’s got plenty of time . I do n’t . “ I ’ve worked very hard the last 11 months . Coming out of high school I was one of the top players in the country . I want to get back playing like I used to be able to . ” Texas A&M coach R.C. Slocum stood there in his familiar aw-shucks stance , flashing that toothy grin and running his hand through all the locks of gray hair that glory-starved Aggies fans have given him over the years . What the heck , he said .

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It ’s dangerous work that can literally make them sick . If the crop is harvested while wet from rain or dew , the water-soluble nicotine is readily absorbed through the skin , resulting in nicotine poisoning or green tobacco sickness . “ It makes you deathly ill , ” Barnett says . “ Nauseous , dizzy , throwing up . It usually lasts 12 to 24 hours . ” The family rarely harvests the crop when wet , except in rainy autumns , when it ’s nearly impossible to avoid . That ’s another reason they feel blessed again this year . The dry weather has made for ideal harvest conditions . “ I know tobacco has its drawbacks , ” says Ledford , as everyone chats outside the barn in the cool of the twilight . “ But so does alcohol .

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They were right there in Atlanta . They had that painful shoulda/coulda/woulda/oughta deal in New York on Tuesday . It seems as if the more players they lose , the harder they play . Yeah , sure that ’s the way it ’s supposed to be , in theory , but theory and reality are often at variance in the world of professional sports . Through it all , the Celtics are what they are . This is a team of fifth , sixth , seventh and 12th men . Out of context , there are players who could thrive on better teams . Fox , for example , would be an ideal sixth man for a decent club , particularly one with some interest in an up-tempo game . Williams is a very difficult matchup for some people , and , though he has limitations , I could see him being a valuable role player on a championship team -LRB- think Cliff Levingston -RRB- . Walker is an enormously talented kid who , among his many attributes , is the quickest Celtic to the ball since Paul Silas .

Aw , why hedge ?

He is even quicker than Silas was to the ball , and that ’s saying a lot . He is the quickest Celtic to the ball since Bill Russell himself . There , I ’ve said it . Walker very often looks as if he is playing one sport and his teammates are playing another . But his talent can play huge dividends .

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His colleague Mark Sonis , a union official and senior expert at the Federal Forensic Center , was marching beneath a modest black-and-white cardboard sign that simply announced their presence . “ People are fed up with all this business , ” he said . Like other government workers , the forensic experts live on a fixed income although there is nothing fixed about a monthly salary of 1,200 rubles that did not materialize at all in September , which typically gets paid in dribs and drabs and which in dollar terms dropped from \$ 200 to \$ 80 after the ruble began its nosedive in August . Asked how he could support his family on such a sum at a time of surging inflation , Tyuterev shrugged and talked about the savings he figured would tide them through another month or two . Tyuterev ’s family lives with his wife ’s parents , and even before the current crisis , neither he nor his wife could think of buying a car , let alone their own apartment , so the postponement of such dreams for them is no tragedy . “ In Russia , people who work for the government are not middle-class , not by a long shot , ” said another colleague ,

Andrei Bobrov , 32 , a ballistics expert and bachelor who lives with his mother , sister , brother-in-law and young nephew . There were times in the last few years that Bobrov was tempted to join friends in Moscow 's booming private sector , but now , as those friends find themselves suddenly unemployed , he is just as glad he did not . “ One just called me this week to say he was going out to the countryside to dig for potatoes , ” he said . Bobrov has no time left for Yeltsin “ he is a clown ” and in the 1996 elections he voted first for Grigory Yavlinsky , leader of a liberal opposition party , and then in the second round “ against ” the Communist leader Gennadi Zyuganov , Yeltsin 's chief opponent . But he still puzzles over the passivity of most Russians , who continue to put up with a miserly existence .

“ A lot of people at the lab today were saying , ‘ Why go ? ’ ”

said Bobrov . “ They all have their troubles , and they might come out and protest for themselves . But they wo n't do it for the sake of groups that they think will use them for their own temporary political motives . ” After 10 days of talks , Iraq and the United Nations said Wednesday that they had failed to break a two-month impasse that prevented spot searches for weapons of mass destruction . But both sides said they intended to pursue a search for a peaceful way out that might allow Iraq to have some idea when economic sanctions might be eased and satisfy the Security Council that Baghdad has disbanded its nuclear , biological and chemical weapons systems as well as missiles to deliver them .

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Having seen schoolteachers trudge back into the classroom at the end of a strike , fearful they had been hammered by the school board , I have the slightest difficulty brooding about our tall friends . On the other hand , I do n't think the National Basketball Association players want our condescension or our sympathy at the end of the lockout dispute . I can hardly wait until they flaunt their fur cloaks and their gold accessories at us , because then I will know things are back to normal . The players deserve what they make , as talented performers . They also have mouths to feed , just like coal miners and school teachers , even though it may not look that way to the public . It is not clear to me that the players got whacked that badly in the settlement , which was ratified by the league 's board of governors Thursday . And as the son of two union pioneers , far be it from me to tell the players they should have stood up to the big bullies from ownership , and stayed out all year . Yes , it would have been jolly fun to watch the look on Kindly Uncle David 's face when the players blew up the season and he had to explain to his owners how he miscalculated the mood of the workers . And would n't it have been fun seeing the sign “ Tractor Pull Tonight ” out in front of Madison Square Garden ? Good things have come out of this contract : Those madcap impulsive owners have now been officially restrained from overpaying the next wave of rookies .

The players , through whatever group dynamics within their association , decided they have a pretty good deal going , and why wreck it .

It says a lot about the million-dollar salaries that the players can live with a pro-rated 50-game salary , but the 82-game season is too long as it is . Eventually , the players had

responsibilities . I 'm sorry , but that 's a fact . Everybody laughed at Patrick Ewing for his bumbling statements about the owners trying to take food out of his mouth , but all of life is a struggle , and sometimes the most responsible thing to do is pack a couple of sandwiches in the lunch bucket and get back to the mine . “ The idea is to get a fair deal , ” said Billy Hunter , the executive director of the players ' association .

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In the same way , it seems that when he looks at his team , he is not seeing the vital ingredient it needs for success . In the last weekend before the All-Star Game break , the Mets even with their three-game collapse in Detroit are doing better than anyone expected this season . At 45-38 before Friday night 's game with Florida , they are in reasonable position for a wild-card berth . The reason for the upswing is their manager , Bobby Valentine . Never anticipating that the team would make such strides , the Mets signed Valentine to a one-year contract before this season . Now they have a problem : Valentine will be a free agent at the end of the year . If the Mets continue to win , his value will soar . A person close to Valentine said the manager would like to sign a contract extension now . Maybe the Mets ' owners want to wait and see whether the Mets cool off . If they do , so too will Valentine 's value , and they can regain leverage .

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“ We really do n't do anything to encourage crowd participation , ” Richmond said , “ because when we came here , this was purely Pacific Coast League territory and the Firebirds owned all the rights . Mr. -LRB- Martin -RRB- Stone -LRB- the Firebirds ' owner -RRB- was nice enough to allow us to come in here , so we agreed not to promote ourselves . ” Move aside A.J. Foyt . You 've got company . Actually , Billy Boat , 29 , of Glendale stands alone at the top of the U.S. Auto Club record book . When Boat captured a USAC Western Regional midget race last week at Bakersfield , Calif. , it was his eighth straight USAC victory . No one , not even Foyt , has been able to do that . Foyt and the late Billy Vukovich III formerly held the record with seven consecutive wins . Technically , however , Foyt and Vukovich still hold the USAC national mark for successive wins because Foyt accomplished his feat on the Indy-car circuit in 1964 and Vukovich won seven straight national supermodified races in 1987 . All of Boat 's wins were in regional races .

But , hey , why be technical ?

“ I 've never had a streak like this before , ” Boat said . “ It 's been incredible . I felt a lot of pressure last week because I knew a win would break the record . It 's a great honor . ” Boat , who owns a successful business that manufactures mufflers for street-legal vehicles and racing machines , still harbors dreams of being an Indy-car driver .

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Inflation rose to 15 percent in August , up from 0.2 percent in July , the government announced recently . Forecasters say the August rate could triple or quadruple by the end of September . “ Let 's see Yeltsin live in these conditions . Let 's see how he would fare , ” said Claudia , her bag filled Tuesday with the couple 's evening meal of cucumbers , potatoes and onions . Russia 's small middle class , no more than a few million people , have seen their bank savings frozen or lost . Moreover , the prospects of unemployment loom as banks , brokerage houses and stores that catered to the new class cope with the crisis . Employment agencies say that in the financial and related services sector 40,000 to 100,000 jobs might be lost in Moscow over the next two months . Looking to sink their remaining rubles somewhere before it falls farther in value , jewelry sales have skyrocketed , as have purchases of big-ticket items like washing machines and refrigerators . “ I have enough money now to buy the things that I want , ” said the stylish teenager , Ruditskaya , amid the luxury goods . “ I might as well buy them now .

Why wait ? ”

But for most Russians , the question of waiting or buying was never an issue because disposable income was never a reality . Yeltsin 's democracy never fully delivered its promises . They were not part of the system that brought stock markets and restaurants and cable television and car dealerships and American-style shopping malls to Moscow .

And for the foreseeable future , they never will be as Russia struggles to settle its political instability and locate a difficult road to economic recovery . The fish-seller , Ivanova , was a university-educated laboratory technician put out of work when her Soviet-era factory closed .

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So was n't the real alternative an invasion of Japan , which would have meant far more Japanese deaths than Hiroshima did ? A. I think the Allies could have pressured Japan to end the war by demonstrating the power of the atomic bomb , by dropping the bomb not on a city but somewhere else . And even if I were to concede for the sake of argument that you dropped the bomb on Hiroshima to pressure Japan to surrender , then there was no need to bomb Nagasaki , because the effect of the bomb was known already . If you use your brain , there were many more ways to pressure Japan at the time . Q. But even after two bombs , a surrender was just barely achieved . The Japanese army resisted to the end , there was a coup attempt , and then a mutiny even after the peace was announced . So with anything less than two bombs on cities , might n't the result have been a rejection of surrender and then an invasion of Japan , killing a million Japanese and giving the Soviet Union time to occupy northern Japan so that your country would be divided the way Korea still is ? A. That 's only speculation and guesswork . It might not have happened like that . And I 'd like to ask why the U.S. dropped two different kinds of bombs , uranium type and plutonium type , on Hiroshima and Nagasaki .

Why make two kinds ?

That was an American strategy to keep superiority over the Soviet Union after the war , because Americans knew that Japan would surrender soon anyway , so they wanted to experiment to see which type of bomb would be more effective . I think that 's evident , in that Truman told Churchill about the bomb but not Stalin . It was an experiment to see which bomb America should rely on , uranium or plutonium . Therefore there was no need to drop the bomb on cities , because it was an experiment . I think the argument that the bomb was necessary to save lives came afterward , and the real reason was the American nuclear strategy against the Soviet Union .

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In the winter , it 's the Flames , and everybody concentrates on us . “ It 's a lot different in the U.S. In Calgary , everyone 's a critic . In the stands , it 's so quiet because everybody goes to analyze the game . In San Jose , everybody likes to have fun . It 's a big difference . ” The fans focus on everything the team does because Calgary is not as big as a lot of other cities , McCarthy said . “ There are a lot of critics in our fans , ” he said . “ But they 're our fans , and we would n't be here without them . ” A lot of those fans stayed away from the Olympic Saddledome on Sunday , perhaps concentrating their energy on curling instead . Just 15,624 some 5,000 short of capacity showed up , and empty libraries have been noisier .

No doubt many fans think the home team is going to go up in flames again anyway , so why mess with playoff tickets .

The key to how the Flames do in the rest of the series is how they react to the opening loss , King said . “ You can chose to take that route -LRB- that losing is inevitable -RRB- some people do , ” he said . “ Or you can think about what you can do to make a difference . If we do that , we have a chance in the series . ” Their work over the last five years , though , says the Flames do n’t .

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He smacks his palm against his forehead . “ This is how things work out for me , ” he says ruefully . “ I do n’t know if I can commit to 11 weeks at ATC . I do n’t know what ’s going to happen with the CD . I could be on tour , I could be in Boston giving interviews . ” But not living there . Something about the desert has him planted in Phoenix for good . “ For all the downs , there have been plenty of ups , ” he says . “ I ’ve built a reputation here . People know when they hire me or come to see me they ’re going to get the best I have to give .

Why go somewhere and start all that again ? ”

He breaks into laughter so robust and infectious , heads turn in the restaurant . “ Besides , I can get to Los Angeles in an hour . If I had a place in the -LRB- San Fernando -RRB- Valley , it would take the same amount of time to drive to a gig in LA as it would take to get there from here . “ Man , I ’ve lived in LA . Phoenix is a paradise by comparison . ”

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Mike got to the point where he stopped asking . ” Mike Bibby , who says he does n’t even know where his father lives , said that his father has attended only one of his high school games . That came late this past season . Before the season started , Virginia said that Henry Bibby called her to see “ if Mike was playing basketball . ” “ He did n’t even know , ” she said . Virginia said she is happy for Henry that he got the job , but , she added , “ there ’s no chance ” Mike will ever play for his father . “ Henry asked Mike a long time ago that if he was to get a job in college , if he would play for him , ” Virginia Bibby said . “ Mike flat out said , ‘ No. ’ “ The kid has some dreams . He made his mind up .

Why confuse him ?

It ’s unfair to the kid . -LRB- Henry -RRB- knew his mind was made up . He made his commitment . Why should he put more pressure on the kid ? ” Under NCAA guidelines , college coaches can not comment on recruits until they have signed their letters of intent .

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Worse , the investor could be out of town when a hot prospect comes along . “ What if you ’re in Chicago at your son ’s wedding , and you want to sell ? How do you get to the broker , ” said Stuart Becker , of Becker & Co. LLC , a tax and financial advisory firm . Time and Money Critics have accused brokerages of turning T + 3 into an excuse for getting more customers into their cash management accounts and more investment cash into Wall Street ’s coffers . While CMAs usually offer better rates than a bank , investment

firms typically can't cut certified checks, may charge for ATM use and accept only checks – not cash – as deposits. Still, Becker advocates CMAs because they make selling and buying easier at a reasonable cost. At Merrill Lynch & Co., for example, an investor must maintain a \$ 20,000 brokerage account balance in cash or securities to open a CMA. For a \$ 100 annual fee, an account holder gets access to brokerage services, unlimited check-writing and the use of ATM and Visa debit cards. "I'm not saying put your life savings in the account, but put enough in there to cover trading," Becker said.

"Life's so full of complex situations, why add to them."

If the money is sitting at the broker, sure you pay a little sooner, but you also get your money back sooner." Jeff Franklin, who runs his own financial planning firm J.M. Franklin Planning Associates, acknowledges that T + 3 is being used by some brokerage firms to get more customers into the accounts. Capturing custody of securities is one way to get financial clout in the industry, he said, and boost profits. Still, even Franklin acknowledges the value of time. "There's no question that the working public is now willing to make the tradeoff of cash for time," he said.

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The company earned a profit of 488 million in the corresponding period last year. Shares in the maker of Eureka vacuum cleaners and Frigidaire refrigerators fell more than 4 percent, to a low of 604 kronor, from a midday high of 633, after the report. They recently traded down 2 from yesterday at 613 kronor. "Disappointments during the second quarter include the trends for white goods in Europe and Brazil," said Chief Executive Michael Treschow in a Bloomberg forum. "Demand in the U.S. has been at high levels in most of the group's product areas so far this year." Electrolux said earlier this year it will spend the 2.5 billion kronor shutting 25 plants and 50 warehouses and cutting 12,000 jobs – 11 percent of the workforce – in the next two years to boost profit. A capital gain of 600 million kronor from the sale of the Husqvarna sewing-machine division was also booked in the second quarter. Announcement of the program to close capacity and cut jobs sent the company's shares soaring in June. So far this year, they're up 74 percent, beating a Stockholm General Index rise of 37 percent. "The stock already gained on this news and is highly priced," said Kjell Bengtsson, Scandinavian equities analyst with Old Mutual International Asset Management with \$ 3 billion in funds, some of which is in Electrolux stock.

"Even with a pickup -LRB- in margins -RRB- and a restructuring plan, why pay such a price for such a cyclical business?"

Excluding the one-time charge, which was taken as an operating expense, the company's operating margin was 4.3 percent in the second quarter, compared with 4.2 percent a year ago, as weak European demand offset increased buying by Americans. Electrolux's pretax loss amounted to 911 million kronor, compared with a profit of 812 million in the year ago period. Operating loss amounted to 572 million kronor in the quarter, compared with a profit of 1.156 billion, and sales rose 13 percent, to 30.928 billion kronor. All comparison figures from last year exclude profit from the operations of Electrolux Graenges, an aluminum unit, given to shareholders as an extraordinary dividend

. Excluding one-time items , second-quarter operating profit from the household goods division fell 1 percent , to 511 million , while that from the commercial appliance division rose 16 percent , to 134 million , and that from outdoor products 32 percent , to 656 million .

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“ Think how difficult that would be , ” he said , adding , “ It would be like a miracle happening . ” Pressed on the point , Lee said it might be possible for China to become democratic in 20 years or more . He repeatedly complained about Taiwan ’s isolation in the world today and said he had been searching for ways to break through that isolation . He gave no hint of any particular steps he had in mind , although he made clear he was not thinking about concessions to the mainland . Some scholars , including Joseph Nye Jr. , a former assistant secretary of Defense and now dean of Harvard University ’s Kennedy School of Government , have proposed package deals intended to reduce the risk of a war in the Taiwan Strait . The deals usually include a promise by China not to use armed force , in exchange for a pledge by Taiwan either that it will not declare independence or that it will eventually reunify with the rest of China . Lee was scornful of such proposals , saying they would never work . Asked why Taiwan is so reluctant to become engaged with the mainland , when it claims to intend to get married , Lee said Taiwanese were afraid of losing their freedom . “ We prefer the status quo , ” he said . “ We prefer to stay single . ”

Why get engaged if engagement is equivalent to becoming a local government and making ourselves slaves ? ”

Some foreign and local scholars have said the broader problem is simply that Taiwan is a democracy now , and ordinary Taiwanese have become increasingly alienated from the mainland , with no intention of ever tying the knot . In the latest government-sponsored poll , only 18 percent of people on Taiwan say they want to reunify with the mainland , even in the long run . In another sign of Taiwan ’s drift from China , a growing number of Taiwanese say in polls that they see themselves as “ Taiwan people ” rather than “ Chinese people . ” Asked how he saw himself , Lee did not hesitate . “ I ’m a Taiwan person first and a Chinese person second , ” he said .

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They made Denver play one-dimensional , and that usually does n’t happen . Denver usually does n’t go away from the run , but they did in that game . If Denver comes out running the ball well , then Miami will have a hard time staying in the game . ” There have been rumors coming out of the locker room in Foxborough forecasting different

scenarios for the coaches . One claimed that Pete Carroll met with some of his assistants and said he will be back with the Patriots and they will be with him . Others say some of the assistants have been told to start looking for jobs . The truth is probably somewhere in the middle Carroll expects to be back and to have a say concerning his staff . However , none of the assistants have been told they will be back . How pathetic is it to call players into the front office to rat out the coaching staff ? This might be a first in pro football history .

Why not let the assistant coaches evaluate the job of the front office the last couple of years in drafting players and signing free agents ?

Red Auerbach does n't think the NBA players need a month to get ready for the belated season . “ If the player has stayed within 5 pounds of his playing weight , he should be ready to go in a week , ” says Auerbach . “ That 's all it takes . One week of playing five-on-five basketball . You can lift all the weights you want , run all you want .

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That 's what I 'm focusing on . ” That goal is to go 19-0 , a record no team has attained in NFL history . As each victory becomes more impressive , as each opposing player treats a game with Denver -LRB- 13-0 -RRB- as if it is the most important of his life , the pressure grows . Most teams in this situation would go into hiding , fearing that talking about an undefeated season would distract them . That would be the normal NFL way run and hide in the training room during the week when the media enters the room . Can you imagine if the Jets were in this position ? Coach Bill Parcells would fine any player who publicly used the word “ unbeaten ” or any variation thereof . This is n't what is happening with the Broncos . Want to chat about 19-0 with them ? Pull up a chair .

“ Why not talk about it ? ”

tight end Shannon Sharpe said . “ We may be able to do something special . I 'm proud of that . I want to talk about it . ” Of course , Sharpe has never met a subject he did n't like to talk about , including time travel , the War of 1812 and “ Ally McBeal . ”

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I also doubt if he will . And there 's no guarantee if he did that everything would turn out rosy . Are the Bengals lousy ? Even Mike Brown would n't argue that with you . But if you 're working for him , and you trumpet that fact , be ready for the recriminations . Gary Nuhn writes for the Dayton Daily News , Dayton , Ohio . Story Filed By Cox Newspapers People who hate paying the airlines to watch a second-rate movie with all the swear words and juicy scenes edited out can now watch the movie of their choice right on their tray table . In stores today is the Panasonic PalmTheater , a portable DVD player that shows digital movies on a 5.8-inch screen . “ The PalmTheater seemed to be a natural , ” said Jodi Sally , Panasonic 's national marketing manager for DVD .

“ You can take your audio music anywhere , why not take your movies ? ”

DVD which stands for digital video disc finally is reaching the mainstream , with more 1 million DVD players shipped to the retail market . More than 2,000 titles will be avail-

able in the format by the end of the year . That helps make the PalmTheater a viable entertainment option . In addition to its portability its rechargeable battery pack runs for two hours the PalmTheater can plug into a television or stereo system and work like a regular DVD player . Of course like any new technology , the PalmTheater does n't come cheaply .

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Some firms hold cash for months while they switch plan providers or try to time the stock market for their employees . Some firms even hold money when they need the cash , says benefits consultant Rich Koski . The Labor Department , awash in complaints about investment delays during last year 's runaway market , is digging into 600 cases of 401 -LRB- k -RRB- foot dragging and offering six months of amnesty to malingering managers . Thanks , but i 'll pass . That 's what stock-market investors are saying about bond funds . Shareholders who spent February throwing \$ 22 billion at stock funds and \$ 27 billion at money-market funds sent a scant \$ 2 billion to long-term bond funds , says the Investment Company Institute . Even that looks good to an industry that lost \$ 10.5 billion to investor withdrawals in 1995 , a year when bond funds scored 15.2 percent returns . Why the sudden distaste ? It 's not just rising interest rates . New York financial adviser Ron Roge , who buys Treasury securities for his clients , says he wo n't go near a bond fund because " when you put bonds inside a bond fund , you 're giving up the maturity date and the fixed income stream .

Why else buy bonds ? ”

The safety-in-diversification benefit that funds tout does n't really matter when the underlying securities are all Treasuries backed by the government , fund critics note . And funds add another layer of fees that you do n't need when you 're dealing with plain-vanilla bonds : University of Buffalo professor Charles Trzcinka reckons some short-term Treasury funds charge 0.8 percent a year in management fees . With yields of around 5 percent , that 's a real price to pay . For a man whose job consists mostly of signing death certificates , it seems a bit out of place to find Dr. Dexter Amend cloistered behind a fortress of metal detectors and screeners in the once sleepy office of the Spokane County coroner . It 's not that there have been any death threats against Amend , a 76-year-old retired urologist .

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Lasorda acknowledged that defense with lack of range an even bigger problem than the errors was the concrete block around the Dodgers ' ankles pulling them down the NL West standings . But Lasorda seems to feel that even without personnel changes , that albatross will fly away in the second half . " It 's easy to overcome , " Lasorda said . " All they need to do is catch the ball . They 're not doing it , but it 's that simple . " I 've always been an optimistic person , that 's why I believe it will happen . What makes you think they wo n't get better ? ” Frequent viewing , for one . Lack of concern , for another . Take the guy dressing a few stalls down from Karros , one of the five packing for Arlington instead of L.A. Shortstop Jose Offerman was heading for his All-Star debut on the same day he made his league-leading 20th fielding error .

But , Offerman reasoned , no one scored as a result of his third-inning miscue or All-Star catcher Mike Piazza 's first-inning throwing error -LRB- Piazza 's first of the year -RRB- , so why worry ?

“ Right now , we 've been losing games because we have n't been hitting , ” Offerman said . “ We need to play better offense than defense . We make mistakes , but we do n't play bad everyday . I do n't think we 've been losing games for that reason . ” Center fielder Roberto Kelly , who let what appeared to be a catchable ball fall in front of him for a bloop double by Thomas Howard that started Cincinnati 's three-run third , also saw no need for panic .

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“ We wo n't see people coming back into France before the budget 's out of the way , ” said Marc Altmann , senior trader in French equities at Credit Lyonnais Securities in London. “ People just do n't trust the Paris market at the moment . ” It should n't come as a surprise that investors are shunning French stocks . While markets are peaking at all-time highs elsewhere in Europe , in the last three months alone the benchmark CAC 40 Index has been the worst performing index in both local currency terms and on an equal currency basis , falling almost 5 and 7 percent respectively . “ People bought the market hoping Chirac would devalue the franc – and he did n't , ” said a Paris-based equities strategist . “ Then people bought the market hoping the mini-budget would address France 's structural problems – and it did n't . Now a lot of people are going to be disappointed by the budget because France 's structural problems are n't going to be addressed till January . ” Meantime , concern that company earnings are going to be hurt by the budget is likely to continue weighing on stocks , as investors are betting the budget may contain new corporate taxes to help plug the French government 's budget deficit . “ -LRB- French President Jacques Chirac -RRB- said the deficit will be cut , but that money 's got to come from somewhere , ” said Altmann . So far , the few budget details that have been revealed have only been bad news for French companies . Insurers ' earnings look set to be hurt by proposals that will abolish tax-breaks on life insurance , and earlier last week Prime Minister Alain Juppe said taxes on financial investments would be raised .

“ Why come and invest in France , when you can get far better returns elsewhere ? ”

said a trader at Schelcher Prince brokerage . “ The more companies earn , the more the government taxes them – just look at Promodes . ” Last week Promodes SA said its first-half net profit rose 9.1 percent to 288 million francs , though the company said changes in French tax law cost it 52 million francs . Other French company first-half earnings have also failed to invigorate an already lackluster market , with results coming in as forecast or below expectations . “ Tax hikes are n't in people 's earnings estimates , and I think we 're going to see more downgrades , ” the strategist said .

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No one could guard him . But the Knicks had Ewing , right ? Yet between some courageous defense by A.C. Green , and the Mavs ' double teams , the Knick superstar was taken out

of the game . “ They dictated everything , ” Childs said . “ If anyone should have known how we play , it should have been Don Nelson . ” This was not the gimme game the Knicks were counting on . Before the tip , Starks ’ boyish face lighted up when he found out that Nelson could not wait another night to take over as the Mavericks ’ coach . “ I knew he would do this , ” Starks said when told of the news an hour before Thursday night ’s game . “ He would n’t miss this for the world . ” Nelson , who was asked to coach for at least two more years by the Mavericks ’ owner , Ross Perot Jr. , had planned to wait until Friday to take over .

Why come back ?

Nelson said he returned because Perot asked him to after Nelson recommended that the team go in a different direction . Nelson said he would work under the terms of his current deal , which pays him about \$ 1.4 million a year . However , Nelson is expected to cash in on the escalating coaching salaries by renegotiating a deal that could extend two more years . “ I ’d say the only thing disappointing about New York was my last three weeks or so , ” Nelson said . “ My wife and I loved New York .

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“ There ’s been a mistake . ” “ I do n’t think so , ” the woman says . “ I would n’t have bought for \$ 11.99 . ” The manager hesitates for a moment , then turns to the cashier . “ Give it to her , ” he says , grudgingly . He stalks off . The cashier rings in a deduction , \$ 4 . The woman hesitates for a moment . Should she say something ? It ’s only a dollar .

But she ’s come this far , why not go all the way ?

“ Wait a minute , ” she says . “ That ’s a \$ 5 deduction . ” “ No , ” says the cashier . She seems exasperated . She holds up her fingers and slowly , patronizingly , begins counting .

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They generally trash the bad teams -LRB- look out , Tennessee -RRB- , but they ca n’t beat the big boys . You can look at their 1998 schedule and predict the wins and losses . They ’ll kill the Oilers , Saints , Colts -LRB- twice -RRB- , Falcons , Bills -LRB- twice -RRB- , and Rams . They ’ll go 2-2 against the Dolphins and Jets . And they ’ll most probably lose to the Steelers , 49ers , and Chiefs . It adds up to 10-6 or 11-5 if they manage a rare upset . Then they ’ll have the easy first-round playoff game , then go to Denver , Kansas City , Pittsburgh , or Jacksonville and get smoked on the road in the second round and we ’ll all wonder if Drew Bledsoe can win a big game . There you go , sports fans . One game down and nothing has changed . We can already predict their fate .

Why not just fast-forward to early January and let the real games begin ?

There was an air about the Broncos Monday night that was somewhat deflating . Denver simply knew it could handle New England . Even though the Patriots played better than in past games against the Broncos , let ’s not forget that it was 17-0 in the first half and

27-13 with two minutes to play before winding up 27-21 . The game was only close statistically . The litany of Patriot mistakes is almost too lengthy to list .

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“ The jurors completely failed to examine any of the evidence before them in the jury room . Either they practiced jury nullification , which means they simply voted their gut feeling , notwithstanding the law , or they had their minds made up long ago . ” But others still said that even with this decision , the jury system remains the cornerstone of the legal system , and perhaps the jurors just drank in so much information during the long trial that a decision was easy once they retired to the deliberation room . “ The jury is democracy in its purest form , ” said Hoopes . Some lawyers said it appears that the jurors , exhausted after 266 days sequestered in a hotel , their minds numbed by contradicting arguments and complex evidence , arrived in the room and took a fast straw vote . “ I think what it really means is that we have a very , very tired jury here that essentially was on its way towards making up their minds before the closing arguments , ” said Margaret Burnham , a lawyer for Burnham & Hines in Boston . Said Hoopes : “ They had a sense that they knew exactly where they were , and they said , ‘ Okay , let ’s not goof off . Let ’s just get it done , ” There was probably one or two holdouts , given the questions , and their job is over . ” Rare among lawyers last night was the fact that there were more questions than answers . If guilty , then why so little time on whether to convict him of first- or second-degree murder ?

Why not review more evidence ?

If not guilty , why did every juror fail to meet Simpson ’s longing stares ? Either way , how could 12 people , any 12 , come to agreement so quickly on something so complex and so crucial to the lives of so many ? Oliver Mitchell , a lawyer with Goldstein & Manello , agreed that a quick verdict usually favors the defense , but said that his gut instinct tells him otherwise in this case . “ There is no science to this stuff , ” he said . “ It ’s hard to predict .

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In fact , they stick to their own original estimates of a \$ 3.9 billion loss in tax revenue over a 10-year span . It is strange , in fact , that Archer and company do n’t think \$ 1.9 billion is worth fussing over . When it comes to programs House Republicans want to cut , they whack away eagerly at far smaller sums in the name of deficit reduction . The proposed House Republican budget , for instance , eliminates two-thirds of the dinky \$ 579 million budget of AmeriCorps , the president ’s national service program . The Senate voted two months ago to end the tax bonanza for wealthy expatriates . But House Republicans left it intact and insisted the provision be dropped when it came up at a House-Senate conference committee to iron out differences between the two versions of the bill . To quiet the resultant political uproar and defend themselves against charges of bailing out the rich , House Republicans authorized the study that Archer now brandishes . The study makes much of the fact that the congressional researchers could only identify four billionaires who avoided taxes by renouncing their citizenship and living part of each year in a foreign country . In fact , the term “ billionaires ” has been somewhat loosely

applied in the heat of the argument . What this is really about is multi-multi-millionaires

In that stratospheric bracket , why quibble ?

They are all obscenely rich and should pay their fair share of taxes just like the rest of us . The Treasury Department provided the tax committee with the names of 10 multimillionaires who had renounced their country last year . The individual with the smallest income still had so much money pouring in that he had averaged more than \$ 700,000 in annual taxes in recent years . The Treasury Department is convinced that the problem is more serious than the numbers indicate , because other very rich folks are moving to take advantage of the foreign escape clause even now . The Senate proposal would tax capital gains over \$ 600,000 of expatriates with more than \$ 5 million in assets instead of allowing them to continue escaping taxes altogether .

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“ He ’s like Karl Malden as opposed to Robert Redford , but he ’s still very confident , ” said McCabe . For Sunday ’s Chicago Marathon , where he has a chance for a repeat victory and a world record , Khalid Khannouchi will follow a familiar ritual . First , he will slip on a ring bearing the likeness of a dolphin . The ring was given to him by his wife and coach , Sandra , who believes that dolphins bring good luck . She keeps dolphin good-luck charms all over the house : dolphin plates , dolphin figurines , dolphin sculpture . Sandra Khannouchi will give her husband a kiss at the start , and then she will run a short portion of the 26.2-mile race . Maybe a couple of miles . Once she was a serious runner herself , but now she runs with her husband more for ceremony than for achievement . “ He likes to see me there ; it calms him down and makes him feel better , ” she said . “ It sounds stupid , but we do n’t want to change .

Why break something that ’s been working ? ”

A year ago , in his first marathon , Khalid Khannouchi won Chicago in 2 hours 7 minutes 10 seconds , then the fourth-fastest time in history . His was a classic immigrant ’s tale . He had come from Morocco to Brooklyn four years earlier , washing dishes in a restaurant , training after midnight on potholed streets , determined to make it as a world-class runner . After dropping out of a race in Hartford in 1995 , he sought a ride home and got one from the woman who would become his coach , his agent , his masseuse , his nutritionist and his wife . And after Chicago , he became an international star who hoped to gain his U.S. citizenship in time to compete at the 2000 Summer Olympics in Sydney , Australia

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They ’ve seen pretty much everything , but they have n’t seen Johnson . -LRB- Oh , a few of them have , but only a few . And not when it really mattered . -RRB- Save him for later . Make him the world ’s most conspicuous surprise . Let the Braves spend a fitful night wondering how it is , standing in against the Big Unit . History tells us that one dominant pitcher can swing a postseason series . One dominant pitcher with a touch of mystery

about him can also utterly unnerve a superior team . -LRB- Think Mike Scott against the Mets . Think Tim Wakefield against these Braves . -RRB-

Your team may well be better than the Braves as is , but why risk shortchanging yourself ?

Even a pedestrian pitcher has a disproportionate edge when first he sees a hitter . -LRB- If you doubt , check the Braves ' lamentable record against rookies . -RRB- There 's nothing pedestrian about the Unit . Remember how he famously cowed the crusty John Kruk in the All-Star Game ? Kruk had n't seen him before .

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Nomo was 78-46 in 134 games for Kintetsu and is very popular in Japan . But the Buffaloes never won enough to bring him international attention signing with the Dodgers did . Nomo , 26 , got to Los Angeles in a simple way . He retired and resurfaced with a major league contract . If he goes back to Japan , he must play for the Buffaloes . But do n't count on it . Nomo 's success could be the forerunner to an invasion of foreign players . “ Anytime you can add international players to our game , it 's fine , ” said Wade Boggs . “ They do it in other sports . There are great athletes in other parts of the world .

Why not let them play in our league ? ”

Boggs , of course , has a hitter 's mentality concerning Nomo . “ I 'm looking forward to seeing him again , ” said Boggs . “ I faced him in All-Star games in Japan , and spring training this year . You know he throws a fastball and a forkball around 90 miles an hour . His strikeout pitch is a forkball and if we can lay off the forker and make him fall behind , we 've got a chance .

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He does n't pay much attention to what everyone else thinks . “ With Ricky , nothing that he does really surprises me as far as making a decision , ” said his mother , Sandy Williams . “ He just kind of does what makes himself feel comfortable . ” That includes his steadfast refusal to cut the dreadlocks he 's worn since he was 13 . There is also the Mickey Mouse tattoo on his shoulder and the dagger on his chest . And he does n't speak with a forked tongue , but with a pierced one . Williams continues to play minor-league baseball for the Philadelphia Phillies even though his future is clearly in football . While he grew up dreaming about playing at USC like his idol San Diego native Marcus Allen he turned down the Trojans ' scholarship offer . So if it was hard for most people to understand why Williams turned down a chance to go to the NFL and sign a \$ 3.6-million bonus like the one awarded Curtis Enis , the first running back chosen in this year 's draft , there 's at least one person who was n't surprised . “ He really enjoys playing here , ” said his mother .

“ He has a chance to experience that for another year , so why rush it ?

It 's a good time in his life . Just because he 's a good player , why should he cut his college experience short ? ” For once , Ricky Williams is not having to grow up too fast . He was the man of the house at age 5 , when Sandy and Errick Williams , Ricky 's father

, split up , leaving Sandy with Ricky , his twin sister Cassie , and his younger sister Nicey . Ricky , as a 6-year-old , was in charge while his mother spent evenings at school .

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How incomplete . How typical of well-intentioned people who truly can not grasp their ignorance . You can start with the act itself . Many Revolution players can tell you that there has always been tension between Gorter and Nakhid . Apparently , Gorter had been upset with his teammate , also a midfielder , for not switching to sweeper early in the season when it was obvious defensive help was needed . So Gorter played the position for a while , unhappily . It is possible that Gorter believed his teammate to be selfish , regardless of his complexion . But the fact that he felt it necessary to put “ black ” in front of his insult makes him at least color-struck , if not a racist . For those wondering , Gorter did not use the n-word but he did use an obscenity that refers to female anatomy . His vocabulary is his business .

But if his true problem with his teammate was that he thought he was a jerk , why not say that ?

Here 's one reason : That was n't the only problem . And that 's something the MLS should have considered . But after all the proper words from the league , the fine , and the prepared apology from Gorter , guess what still has n't happened ? Gorter still has n't apologized personally to Nakhid . According to Nakhid , the men have not spoken since the incident .

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A.S. , Brighton , Mass. A. In general , you 're doing well , having developed a well-diversified portfolio . I would like to see a small position in a health care fund , probably about \$ 5,000 , but otherwise it 's nicely rounded . I am perplexed about your focus on bonds , perhaps because I do n't understand the purpose of the money in question . Is this \$ 35,000 that you want to invest simply a part of your emergency savings , on which you are seeking a better return than at the bank ? Or do you think of this as a part of your retirement savings ? If it 's the latter case , you 're too young to take a big position in bonds , despite the nervous state of the current market . At the most cautious , I 'd look for a balanced fund such as Vanguard Balanced Index or Fidelity Puritan . But I 'd be happier if you looked to fairly conservative stock investments , such as Fidelity Equity-Income II or Vanguard Index Value or Windsor II. If you make such a move , I suggest 36-month dollar cost averaging But if you view this as emergency money and simply want a better return than the bank is now giving you , I suggest you look to a good money market fund , which should start you out in the area of 5.25 percent to 5.30 percent , which would doubtless mean you better returns , without sacrificing liquidity . One final thing that I do n't understand is that you are establishing your position in Janus Worldwide through a dollar-cost averaging program of less than a year , while you are stretching out the investment period for your child 's Index Growth account to a period which should span more than 56 months from now .

Why not find a middle ground – setting 36 months as the target to be fully invested in each case ?

This would mean moving \$ 300 a month to your child 's account and \$ 225 a month to Janus Worldwide . How can an act that has sold millions of records still be hungry enough to avoid complacency and create music that matters ? That 's a question many rock ' n ' rollers have been asked , from the Eagles to Bruce Springsteen to R.E.M. to the latest example , Hootie & the Blowfish . And Hootie & Co. have heard it constantly , ever since selling an astonishing 15 million copies of their debut album , “ Cracked Rear View , ” in 1994 . They sold so many copies , in fact , that they 've had to contend with a Hootie backlash ever since .

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That 's true , I said . But they also can bite you and kick you . And they can get mad and scrape you off on a mesquite tree or toss you into cactus and take off for home without you . But would n't you like to take a long horseback ride and stop for a swim and a picnic under big shade trees by a spring-fed creek ? she asked . Been there . Done that , I said . That 's nice . But I 've also had to clean up after horses . No one 's trained horses to take showers , use commodes and flush .

Why not buy a nice four-wheel ATV ?

You do n't have to clean up after them . And they will never run off and leave you stranded . Perhaps it 's just a girl thing , she said . Well , now that you bring it up , I said , I 've never understood the attachment girls and women have for horses . Horses can be helpful .

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That is a huge amount of ocean , providing the growing storm with a fantastic amount of energy . By the time it gets going , a hurricane is a force of nature far stronger than anything we puny little humans can throw at it . The numbers are astonishing . According to Kerry Emanuel , professor of atmospheric science at MIT , the average hurricane is using energy at a rate of 3 trillion watts . That 's the same as the energy you 'd need to light 30 billion one-hundred watt light bulbs simultaneously . That happens to be nearly the same as the entire electrical generating capacity of every power plant on Earth . A big hurricane like Mitch , which tore up the western Caribbean last week , could be even more powerful 3 times 10 to the thirteenth power . That 's 30 trillion watts of energy per second ! That 's three times more than all the energy used by the entire human race for the year in 1990 ! In bomb terms , to blow up a hurricane , you 'd have to match its explosive energy , equivalent to a one megaton bomb -LRB- 83 Hiroshima atomic bombs-worth -RRB- every 20 minutes .

Why not bomb just the eye of the storm ?

That 's where most of the power of the storm is . Only about 10 percent of a hurricane 's energy is converted into wind and spread out across the storm . The rest stays right near the eye , helping draw more heat up out of the ocean and sending it thousands of feet up

into the storm . That 's what keeps a hurricane going . And that 's why they die when they get over land .

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Land a top corporate job . Want to make really big money ? Be dismissed from one . The evidence is irrefutable . J.P. Bolduc is ousted as chief executive of the W.R. Grace & Co. and gets a \$ 20 million going-away present , \$ 5 million more than his contract required . Joseph E. Antonini , forced out as Kmart 's chief executive , walks with a \$ 3 million severance package , even though the company performed poorly during his tenure . Robert J. Morgado , the former head of the Warner Music Group , will get between \$ 50 million and \$ 75 million for agreeing to a forced sayonara last month , according to a company executive . And Connie Chung , removed as co-anchor on the CBS Evening News amid lackluster ratings , is likely to get a \$ 2 million payout . “ There 's a funny dichotomy , ” said Alan M. Johnson , head of Johnson Associates , compensation consultants . “ Companies nickel and dime everyone below the top ranks , but they throw \$ 20 bills at the chosen few . ”

Why the big dollars to big shots on their way out the door ?

“ It is guilt , pure and simple , ” said Graef Crystal , a professor of organizational behavior at the Berkeley Business School . “ A board can close a plant in Iowa and throw 10,000 people they do n't know into the snow . But their courage deserts them when they have to face the person they are firing . ” If the board can convince itself that the executive was a scapegoat , the guilt is that much greater . Although recent accusations of sexual harassment against Bolduc have muddied the waters , most consultants say he was forced to leave because of personality conflicts with the late J. Peter Grace Jr. and his family .

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The single largest rise in prices during the past year has been in rents , which FIPE said rose 210 percent . “ The big thief in this story is rent , ” said Maria Celeste Cardoso , a lawyer who specializes in rent and real estate litigation . Years of inflation left the rental price of many apartments undervalued , leading many landlords to take their tenants to court in the hope of getting the rent adjusted up , Cardoso said . The pressure is showing up in higher consumer loan defaults . The Commerce Association of Sao Paulo said on June 30 there were 1.9 million credit cards that were more than a month behind payment , an increase of 100,000 from three months earlier . The first half of 1995 was a great time to be in California but it was n't so much fun in Indiana . For investors , that is . An index of 124 companies in northern California compiled by Bloomberg Business News sprinted ahead 31.51 percent in the first two quarters , beating the major market averages . A similar index of companies based in Indiana gained 7.36 percent the in first six months , well behind the market . Most money managers prefer to search far and wide for stocks to invest in .

Why limit yourself ?

But some prefer to stay near home , figuring they should buy what they know best . “ There are a lot of small companies that are undiscovered here , ” said Rick Rincoff , vice president of First American Regional Equity , which invests in companies headquartered in Minnesota and surrounding states . “ The locals are always going to beat the national firms ” in finding them , he said . First American , which has invested in bank , food , computer and medical technology companies , to name just a few , is up 25.11 percent so far this year . “ Even driving by the company on a Sunday and seeing how many cars are in the parking lot gives a perspective you ca n’t get from the 53rd floor in New York , ” said Conrad Herrmann , portfolio manager of the Franklin California Growth Fund .

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God bless the ever-vigilant Nader . “ If you ’re going to spend \$ 600 million-\$700 million , which is what it ’s going to come out to , it ’s better to spend it repairing the crumbling Hartford school system , ” said Nader . “ The Patriots should be renamed ‘ The Freeloaders , ’ and the new stadium should be ‘ Taxpayer Stadium . ’ “ This is corporate welfare at its worst . It ’s having middle-class taxpayers subsidize a stadium for the superrich for 10 days a year . It may pass in the legislature . But they wo n’t be able to put it behind them . This will be a multipronged thorn stuck in their throat so they ca n’t spit or swallow . It ’s such a bad deal . “ They thought they ’d get away with it , and they might .

Why not have the glitter of an NFL team in Hartford ?

This is fun and games for the legislators using other people ’s money . ” The vote is Tuesday . No later . Rowland wants to make sure this is handled swiftly . “ If it ’s such a good deal , why was it kept secret from May until after the election ? ”

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Asked a final time about Clemens ’s willingness to come back , Duquette said , “ Interesting , very interesting . But that ’s just speculation . He ’s not going to be traded between now and the end of the season . There will be other days to talk about that . Not today . ” Stanley , who was with Clemens in Toronto , said the subject of returning to Boston never came up while he was with the Blue Jays . “ If winning is truly his first desire and once things closed here , that was his desire to go to Toronto ; he thought they would win , ” said Stanley . “ But now I think this place is appealing to him again . Time heals wounds . “ This guy is on his way to the Hall of Fame , probably wearing a Boston hat .

Why not go and end his career here ? ”

After being pummeled by more than 500 points on Monday , the US stock market threw off the blues Tuesday and staged a 288-point rally . A record 1.21 billion shares changed hands on the New York Stock Exchange as individuals and institutional investors alike snapped up newfound bargains among a wide selection of stocks that had been hammered in Monday ’s 513-point slide . Tuesday ’s 288.36-point rise in the Dow Jones industrial average , to 7827.43 , was the second-biggest point rise in its 101-year history , though the 3.8 percent rise did not make the top 10 in percentage terms . At the market ’s closing Tuesday , the Dow was still down about 1 percent since Jan. 1 and down 16 percent from

its July 17 high of 9337.97 . The Dow Tuesday recouped nearly a third of the losses sustained by investors in four previous days of market declines .

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The evidence on alcohol and health is now more than 20 years old – so why the confusion ? Two groups have a stake in getting the word out , but one of them , the alcohol industry , is effectively forbidden to do so . Every bottle of alcohol carries a government warning label , and the Bureau of Alcohol , Tobacco and Firearms has never permitted ads or labels to carry any health claims , even mild ones . Given that the government restricts health claims even for innocuous foods such as orange juice and eggs , it 's reasonable to decide that booze merchants are the wrong people to entrust with public education about drinking . That leaves only one other constituency for getting the word out : the public health community . Its approach , however , might charitably be called cautious – or , less charitably , embarrassed mumbling . For example , the authors of the aforementioned New England Journal study characterized their finding of a 20 percent mortality reduction as “ slight . ” The accompanying editorial called it “ small . ” I phoned Michael J. Thun , one of the study 's authors and an epidemiologist with the American Cancer Society , and asked him whether a 20 percent mortality reduction is indeed small in the world of epidemiology . “ It 's a sizable benefit in terms of prolonged survival , ” he said .

Why not say so ?

“ Messages about alcohol do n't come out the way you say them when they 're broadcast , ” he replied . “ There 's been a very long history in society of problems with alcohol . ” The British health authorities , in their 1995 guidelines -LRB- “ Sensible Drinking ” -RRB- , say that people who drink very little or not at all and are in an age group at high risk for heart disease should “ consider the possibility that light drinking might benefit their health . ” But American authorities balk even at such a modest suggestion . And so the U.S. official nutritional guidelines say just this about potential benefits : “ Current evidence suggests that moderate drinking is associated with a lower risk for coronary heart disease in some individuals . ”

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Could someone have leaked Fox 's bid to NBC ? “ Absolutely , categorically , unbelievably untrue , ” Ebersol said . “ The beauty of making sports bids is in the guesswork and in the risk . ” Pound refused to discuss Fox 's bid , but said cryptically : “ When you 're in a position to get two pre-emptive bids , you do n't shop them around . ” Pound was in a pickle . If the IOC did n't accept NBC 's bid by Friday limited time , and limited time only ! the network vowed not to revisit a package deal . If that happened , NBC then might not have offered more than \$ 620 million for Sydney , and the Salt Lake bidding may have been put off until 1997 . Perhaps Pound could have told NBC and Fox that he appreciated their eagerness , but he wanted them to await the auction for Sydney scheduled for next month . That auction was for one Olympics ; the IOC would have been foolish to resist NBC 's \$ 1.27 billion simply to follow past bidding protocol .

Why say no to NBC , a network the IOC is cozy with after two Summer Olympic telecasts and a third coming next year ?

The IOC was comfortable enough with NBC to refuse any chance of continuing with CBS , which , after the 1998 Winter Games in Nagano , Japan , will have spent \$ 913 million on three Winter Olympics . Ebersol has crafted many creative deals -LRB- not all succeed , like The Baseball Network -RRB- , but packaging both Olympics in one may be his best . He guaranteed big-event sports at NBC through 2002 , and provided financial stability for the Sydney and Salt Lake Olympic committees . The Salt Lake organizers had predicted the rights would yield \$ 400 million . Waiting two years may have yielded more than \$ 555 million .

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In the film “ Amadeus , ” composer Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart ’s patrons complained that his music had “ too many notes . ” Simplify , they said . Take out a few . But to some students and faculty at the Hudson Valley Community College , the musical genius has just the right number of notes . They believe in the Mozart Effect , a recent phenomenon that says people learn better while listening to the music of Mozart and others from the same period . The school has established a Mozart Effect Study Area in a peaceful room in the campus library , where the soothing strains of compositions written from approximately 1700 to 1825 play quietly in the background . A test run for a few weeks last spring revealed a profound effect on many students ’ work performance . “ The experiment was actually during final exams , ” said Susan Blandy , an architecture professor and faculty librarian . “ And the response was amazing . We had students come back and say they had never done so well .

Now we figure , why wait for final exams ? ”

Blandy also is president of Troy ’s Friends of Chamber Music . She actually experienced the Mozart Effect while studying philosophy in college . She just did n’t realize it while struggling to digest 150 pages of Plato a week . “ I was n’t getting through the first paragraph , ” Blandy said . “ But then a friend suggested I listen to Bach and Mozart . ”

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He talks too much , tells too much , does too little . Buss and West duck the cameras ; Magic hunts them down . All that is fine when you are knocking down running baby hooks to win championships , but the front office needs some semblance of secrecy or , at least , privacy . But if Magic plays again , he will be forced to sell his share of the Lakers . Then he can buy the LA Kings and do hockey live shots on his nights off . There ’s also the little matter of collective bargaining . If anything that resembles the proposed agreement goes through , then salary “ slots ” as we know them will disappear , and that will leave the Lakers with virtually no flexibility . Magic Johnson , however , is already their property , their free agent . He can be signed under the new rules , and when he retires again in a year or two the Lakers will have those dollars to hunt down another talent . Besides , the guy is hanging around all the time , anyway .

Why not make him useful ?

Still , there is trepidation . West has made it clear there must be no limos and no private planes . If Magic is a member of the Lakers , he 'll ride on the team bus like everyone else . They matter . Playing only home games ?

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It has the trappings of a memorable game , one of the most memorable in the long history between the New York Jets and the Miami Dolphins . Yet , Jets coach Bill Parcells is concerned that an itty-bitty play , a turnover , a miscalculation , will end up leading to either victory or defeat in the first-place battle between these two teams Sunday night in Miami . Here was his statistic for the week that he shared with his players : in the last seven meetings between the Jets and Dolphins , the team that won the turnover battle won the game as well . To make sure they are sharp and aggressive and knowing that they have a game on the road against Buffalo only five days after returning from Miami Parcells put his upwardly mobile Jets through a final practice Friday without pads . He had had them practice in the body armor at least two days a week for the last month . This week , though , it was practically sleep-away camp by Parcells standards . No pads . “ I ’m just trying to get guys feeling the best for this game they can feel , ” he explained . Parcells did not add , though , that he also turned up the heat to 75 degrees in the practice bubble this week . It was even hotter on the artificial turf under the dome .

Then again , why not try everything ?

It has been a rivalry that has often been defined by the big play and by record offensive shootouts . Sunday night ’s meeting could easily be decided by a fumble or an interception , as defining games often are . The Jets enjoyed that turnover advantage in their first game this season , when they used a Victor Green interception of Dan Marino to position a touchdown drive . It was one of only two Jets touchdowns in a 20-9 victory . Even more significant than what the Jets may do on defense is what they have not done on offense this season , which is to give up the ball easily .

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It had enough of that in 1998 to last a lifetime . “ From a national perspective , many states and tribes have already resolved this , ” said John Dossett , general counsel of the National Congress of American Indians in Washington , which represents 250 tribes . “ If this issue were to be resolved in California , there ’d be less pressure in Congress . ” But resolution here seems unlikely any time soon . Opponents of Proposition 5 warn that if it passes , it will immediately be tied up in years of litigation , and could well violate the California State Constitution ’s ban on “ Nevada or New Jersey-type casinos . ” “ We ’re in for a long battle here instead of a politically negotiated solution in which both sides say , ‘ Let ’s make this work , ’ ” said Cathy Christian , counsel to the Coalition Against Unregulated Gambling . The gaming tribes say they are prepared to fight . They complain that they have been caught in an impossible situation because , eager for revenue , they began offering gambling while their right to do so was still being litigated . Since then Wilson , a Republican and a foe of gambling in general , has refused to negotiate a compact

with any tribe that was already gambling . “ Without Proposition 5 , the gaming that currently exists on Indian lands in California could be taken away from the tribes , ” said Waltona Manion , a spokeswoman for the tribal alliance known as Californians for Indian Self-Reliance .

“ Why remove something that ’s working , and that ’s proven to have taken these tribes off of welfare dependency and put them on the road to self-sufficiency ? ”

But Wilson has offered a clear alternative . Last spring , he reached an agreement with the Pala Band of Mission Indians in San Diego County that would allow a new form of video slot machine but outlaw those now used by gambling tribes . In the months since , 10 more tribes , some of them under threat of federal action , have signed the Pala compact , which limits each tribe to 199 of the new machines but allows them to lease rights for unused machines to other tribes , up to a maximum of 990 for any tribe , with a statewide cap of 19,900 . The State Legislature ratified the agreements in August . Most of the gaming tribes contend that Wilson , who is barred from seeking a third term this year , refused to negotiate in good faith , as required by the 1988 federal law .

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But , he added , “ I had to make it clear to Nancy how much I appreciated what she did . ” Most people try to keep work and personal lives separate , even as the boundary grows murky . Many find it natural to discuss the implications of personal decisions with family members . Far fewer , it seems , have such talks with co-workers when they are the ones involved . But they should . Two years ago , Peter Shankman had what he called the “ coolest job in the world ” : working in the digital newsroom at America Online . It was a coup for Shankman , a self-described techno-geek who had been a journalism major , and he hoped to stay awhile . But his plans changed one gray November morning in 1996 , when he and dozens of his colleagues were greeted with pink slips . Shankman , then 24 , spent the next few days in a fog , wondering how his dream had evaporated . Now , two years later , he is president of Geek Factory Inc. , a public relations firm in Manhattan with mostly high-technology clients .

“ Rather than find another full-time job , I thought , ‘ Why not go into business for myself ? ’ ”

he said . “ This is n’t the 50s , where you took a job and worked for 40 years and retired ; job security does n’t exist anymore . I ’d rather take the risk when I do n’t have any liabilities , not even a goldfish . ” The company is only six months old and he still has no staff , except for an unpaid high-school intern . But he is long on hope .

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I ’d rather take the risk when I do n’t have any liabilities , not even a goldfish . ” The company is only six months old and he still has no staff , except for an unpaid high-school intern . But he is long on hope . In leaving the corporate cocoon for the risky but potentially more rewarding life of an entrepreneur , Shankman is like many other people in their 20s and early 30s a generation that grew up hearing the success stories of people like Bill Gates and Ted Turner . In 1997 , some 46 percent of business start-ups were by

people 35 and under , according to the Entrepreneurial Research Consortium at Babson College in Wellesley , Mass. Other signs of the trend abound . At least 500 colleges offer one or more courses in entrepreneurial studies , up from 240 in 1990 and just 80 in 1979 , according to George Washington University 's Center for Family Enterprise . And nearly 700 teachers and students attended the recent convention of the Collegiate Entrepreneurs Organization , run by the University of Illinois at Chicago , up from 550 last year . “ Young people are willing to take risks , whereas 10 years ago it was kind of an oddity , ” said Rieva Lesonsky , editorial director of Entrepreneur Media of Irvine , Calif. , publisher of Entrepreneur magazine . “ They 're not ashamed of failure .

Older generations thought they should exile themselves if they failed , but kids today think : ‘ Why kill myself ?

I 'm 26 years old ; I have my whole life ahead of me . ” ’ That is how Paul Brinberg felt when he left New York three years ago for San Diego , to help start a record label , PC Music . Brinberg , now 33 , had been working in the finance department of Atlantic Records when a co-worker mentioned that he was contemplating starting his own company . Would he be interested in joining him ? “ I was about to turn 30 , and I thought , ‘ It 's now or never , ’ ” he recalled .

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Fernandez smacked the pitch for a triple that scored two runs and gave the Blue Jays a 5-2 lead . Wells responded by angrily snatching his shirttails out of his uniform . “ My jersey always gets turned around anyway , so I might as well tear it out , ” said Wells -LRB- 17-4 -RRB- , who allowed four earned runs and committed an error to allow another run in six innings of work . With just two starts left , he will fall short of a 20-victory season . “ I ca n't blame anyone but myself today , ” he said . This has not been the norm for the Yankees . Throughout the year , they have been the team that has balled up and discarded opponents . Now the Yankees seem like a harmless team biding its time , waiting for the post-season to begin . Wells , for one , is not satisfied with that . “ Why go halfway ?

Why not go hard ? ”

Wells said . “ Why let up ? You can still spoil someone else getting into the playoffs . These guys hate losing as much as I do . There are no ifs ands or buts about it . ”

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Miller bought 27 million shares , or roughly 6 percent of WPP 's stock , making him one of the company 's three biggest shareholders . No matter that WPP 's shares have run up nearly 50 percent in little more than a month , Miller said ; they still are trading at “ a giveaway ” valuation based on the company 's “ huge cash flow . ” To make way for WPP in the Value Trust portfolio , Miller said he sold 6.5 million shares of Columbia/HCA Healthcare , the troubled hospital company . So what is Stockard 's angle ? Is his donated training just a publicity stunt for Sales Staffers , a private company that provides training , marketing services and sales representatives to large corporations ? He dispelled that idea convincingly . “ I was a Scout as a kid , ” he said . “ I saw how much parents helped

. Now we want to do anything we can to help these girls ' confidence levels . It 's nice to see their eyes light up . ”

Why seek publicity then ?

“ We want to make our employees proud , and to have clients see what we 're doing we 'd like them to give something back to society . ” The children , he said , “ are our future . ” Beverly Cheuvront , public relations director for the Girl Scout Council of Greater New York , added : “ The real value is to learn how to set goals , do budgeting , meet goals . These skills are transferable to all aspects of their lives . ” She had offered the girls a real-world use : “ You can use these sales skills to convince your teacher you deserve an A. ”

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No one has given me that option , but if someone does , I 'll give them a decision . “ I do n't want to be ambiguous . I just do n't know if I have an opportunity out there . But I owe it to myself to find out what the bottom line is . ” Motor mouths Could a window of opportunity to somehow merge the warring Indy Racing League and CART circuits be on the horizon ? There is some talk that Oldsmobile officials are displeased its IRL Aurora engine has been competing mostly against itself . Listen , Andrew Craig and Tony George . It 's time to straighten out this mess . Television ratings are awful and fans are disenchanted . It 's time to do something about it .

Why not compromise and devise a one-engine formula ?

The technology already is in place for CART engine manufacturers to blueprint a normally aspirated motor . How about give and take , people ? “ CART needs to be here , no doubt about it , ” said Mario Andretti , who was at Indianapolis Motor Speedway on Friday as a guest of Texaco . “ You need to have the best available drivers here . “ It would be like just having the -LRB- NASCAR -RRB- Busch Series here at Indy and not the Winston Cup cars .

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How can she not if a conviction might mean justice and closure for her son ? Eight years ago , four mothers had to make the same choice and each did what she thought was in the best interest of her child . They allowed their children ages 5 , 6 and 7 to testify against Violet Amirault and her daughter , Cheryl LeFave , owners of the Fells Acres Day School in Malden . The wisdom of that choice seemed confirmed when two juries Gerald Amirault was tried separately convicted the defendants of child molestation , and two appeals court rulings upheld those convictions on the merits . Now comes Superior Court Judge Robert A. Barton to tell these children that their mothers were wrong to trust the system to protect them . It does not matter , he tells them , that they sat where they were told to sit , that they told their story as they knew it , and that they looked directly at Violet Amirault and Cheryl LeFave when asked to point to the women who molested them . Their chairs , Judge Barton says , were angled improperly . As it should be , the right to face y STORY IN our accuser is ensconced in the Massachusetts Constitution . The rights

of victimized children , alas , are not . If Barton 's order is upheld , there could be , but probably will not be , a new trial .

Middlesex County District Attorney Thomas Reilly will not go forward without the children , now teenagers : “ If it were my child and a judge changed the rules eight years later , I would have to say , ‘ Why go through it ? ’ ”

That is the conclusion the mother of the little boy reaches , too . It is the right choice , in the best interest of her child . But every once in awhile , the little boy 's mother wakes up frightened in the middle of the night having seen in her dreams the image of a little girl , trapped in a thicket , surrounded by thorns . Fresh from a summer recess and with an earful from voters , the Republican-controlled 104th Congress returns to work Tuesday to take on such complex and divisive issues as welfare reform , tax reduction and federal spending on health care . Lawmakers will also finish work this fall on a military spending plan affecting Texas defense programs .

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“ As in any medium , crossing the line and abusing the information is objectionable . This technology is potentially more useful and potentially more harmful than we 've ever seen before . ” As the Clinton administration rushes to prepare new budget requests to improve the security of U.S. embassies , officials and experts are increasingly discussing what may be a more efficient response to terrorism , which is retaliation . Washington 's failure to respond to the 1996 terrorist murder by truck bomb of 19 U.S. soldiers in Dhahran , Saudi Arabia , sends a message of vulnerability by scruple , the argument goes . In other words , America 's need to find irrefutable proof of who committed an attack before acting against the culprits may only forestall the kind of rapid and aggressive strike that could deter further terrorism . “ The message being sent all over the world is that we 're vulnerable , and our allies are vulnerable , ” said Anthony Cordesman of the Center for Strategic and International Studies . “ That wo n't be solved by more conferences and more gates , but serious thought about how you retaliate and punish . ” Iraqi President Saddam Hussein , who is engineering another crisis with Washington and the United Nations over inspections of his arms programs , is hardly the only one trying to gauge America 's will . William Odom , who was director of counterterrorism in the Carter White House , says he has come to a fairly simple view . “ Terrorism at home is a crime ; terrorism abroad is war . ”

And if war is the issue , he asks , “ why not act militarily ? ”

While retaliation must be founded on fact , some suggest that America 's threats to retaliate to attacks like the bombing of its embassies in Kenya and Tanzania this month lack credibility , because U.S. standards of evidence are too high for this kind of fight . For the war against terrorism is an increasingly irregular war , with nihilism or cultural fury replacing political programs , and sponsorship increasingly hidden . One principal suspect in the East Africa bombings , as well as in the Dhahran attack , for example , is a renegade Saudi financier , Osama bin Laden , who has been operating out of Afghanistan with a fortune and a religious ideology , perhaps taking a role that states used to take or shielding them from responsibility . Dimitri Simes , president of the Nixon Center , a

Washington policy institute , thinks there must be credible punishment for terrorism and a lower standard of proof to trigger it . In a world of sovereign nations , he says , “ I do n’t believe you need the same level of proof as a court of law .

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Wells revealed problems when it released first quarter earnings , reporting customer deposits had fallen more than \$ 5 billion from Dec. 31 to March 31 to \$ 76.2 billion . Chairman Paul Hazen told investors the “ runoff in our loan and deposit portfolios ” caused first quarter revenue to fall short of expectations . In its 1996 annual report , Wells predicted the revenue decline would halt in the second quarter . The next month , Zuendt surprised the bank when he said would leave the bank later this year , retiring at the age of 50 . I was betrayed by my vegetables at least , that ’s what my doctor said . Once every three weeks for the past several months , the common cold has paid a regular visit . Off I ’ve trooped to the doctors , who have eliminated mononucleosis , dropsy , scurvy , night vision , feline distemper and that Michael Jackson skin disease . Must be a weak immune system , the doctor finally said . Her conclusion would throw me into a confusing world of academics and medical types many of whom seemingly have no idea what they ’re talking about . The doctor said I must take three vitamin supplements daily : a stress vitamin ; a Centrum-type , all-around vitamin ; and echinacea , the derivative of a big purple flower that grows wild but costs something like \$ 10 once it ’s bottled .

Why not just eat better ?

The doctor said that the vegetables of 1997 do n’t offer as much nutrition as the vegetables of yesteryear . You can fill up on spinach , turnips , shallots and yams and still have a weak immune system , because generations of farming have depleted soil nutrients , she said . That would make sense . Here I am , 25 years old . My grandparents have exhausted Social Security .

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“ This was the only way we could democratically participate , ” said Sila M. Calderon , mayor of San Juan who is a proponent of the status quo . She said the ballot ’s definitions of the options were confusing and contained wording that would scare people from voting to remain a commonwealth . “ Commonwealth is perfect for us , ” Calderon said . “ It gives us a union with the US and allows us to maintain US citizenship , which we cherish , but also allows us to maintain our own identity , our fiscal autonomy , our language , and our Olympic team . ” Indeed , nationalism is high among the residents of this tiny Caribbean island . On a Sunday , when Puerto Ricans would normally spend their morning in church , then watch sports on TV or play games with their children , most people headed to the polls . They streamed into schools where they voted in booths that resembled a bygone era , refrigerator-size cardboard boxes covered by thin plastic curtains . There , they marked an “ X ” in pencil on paper ballots . America Ortiz Vega , 58 , a housewife who lives in San Juan , left the polls at Sacred Heart University feeling positive that statehood would lose . “ We ’ve been a commonwealth for 46 years and it ’s been good .

Why change it ? ”

she said . As she walked away , she bumped into a friend , “ Here I am , ready to vote for column five , ” the friend said , flashing five fingers for the “ none of the above ” option . “ It ’s not like the statehooders say . Statehood wo n’t bring more wealth to the island . American companies wo n’t come here because they will have to pay corporate taxes , ” said Olga Ramirez Muniz , 44 , a secretary for the Department of Agriculture .

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Quarterback Randy McCown who went the distance after being questionable because of a shoulder separation scored from the 1 on the third play of the fourth quarter . McCown then threw to Leroy Hodge for the two-point conversion . “ The two mishandled punts really cost us today , ” Missouri coach Larry Smith said . “ We had our chances , but you ’ve got to make plays . This was one of those games where the team that made the critical mistakes is the team that loses . Our guys are feeling anger , severe anger . But we ’ve got a No. 1 team coming in next week , and we ca n’t let this bury us . ” The question brings a smile to Daryl Johnston ’s face . He remembers all too well the pleas of his parents , siblings , friends and fans . Why , Daryl ?

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Why not retire , Daryl ? Sitting in a meeting room at the Cowboys ’ training complex , rotating his arms and twisting his thick , surgically repaired neck , the 6-foot-2 , 242-pound fullback , dismissed the retirement talk as easily as a 250-pound linebacker . More than a year after Johnston was diagnosed with a bulging disk in his neck that threatened to end his career , there are no more questions . Thanks to successful surgery to fuse the C-6 and C-7 vertebrae in his neck and a triumphant rehabilitation program , the 10-year veteran only hears “ Moose ” calls these days . Johnston , 32 , has resumed his place in the Cowboys ’ backfield as a human battering ram for tailback Emmitt Smith .

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Great Dixter is one of those 15th-century manor houses surrounded by lots of English stuff like huge old topiaries and Sir Edwin Lutyens gates and a little mixed border that ’ s 330 feet long and 15 feet wide . Lloyd was born there , and with a degree in horticulture from the University of London , he returned home about 40 years ago to start a nursery and to write about his adventures in the garden . Twelve books later his latest and best , in my opinion , being “ In My Garden ” -LRB- Macmillan , 1994 -RRB- Lloyd has more followers than Toad and Rat . I ’ m one of them . I love the way he speeds recklessly about his ancient garden at age 74 gleefully changing things . This is a man who recently ripped out the old roses from his formal garden designed by Lutyens in his father ’ s day and now he has cannas , bright red dahlias , banana plants and tropical vines running about the place . “ The sound of those rose bushes being dug out with great tearing and screaming was music to my ears , ” he said . He now has a prairie where there used to be an orchard before a hurricane blew the trees down . “ I was out in Minnesota last October , ” he said , “ and the dead seed heads of all those grasses and sunflowers were so beautiful . ” So many garden perennials originate there , he added .

Why not experiment ?

But the real subject of his talk was color . And not that tasteful silver and blue stuff that puts you right to sleep . No he showed slides of bright yellow patrinia with lavender verbena ! Purple alliums with hot-pink champions ! Hyacinths the color of Bazooka bubble gum blooming beneath the orange leaves of a Spiraea japonica Goldflame !

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Last Monday , Time reporter Christine Gorman paid a separate visit to Pfizer ’ s research department in Groton , Conn. , to begin reporting a story for the issue , Seaman said . Editors at several magazines said they were certain that Time would not allow Pfizer to interfere with the contents of the issue , but that the perception of the arrangement might be damaging in readers ’ minds . “ I think the reader might ask questions , ” said Richard Smith , chairman of Newsweek magazine . “ People who are writing , reporting or editing line-editing should not be getting too close to advertisers , even if that is just to head off the perception that the advertiser has influence over the editorial copy . ” Newsweek has produced its own single-advertiser issues : An edition about children was sponsored by Johnson & Johnson , the eighth-largest advertiser in consumer magazines . According to a former Newsweek staff member , who insisted on anonymity , Johnson & Johnson executives and Newsweek editors attended planning meetings for the special issue . E. Bruce Hallett , president of Time magazine , said Seaman “ certainly went over there and outlined the conception of the editorial proposition , about which we are very

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If you have ever wondered about this , well , then , here 's a chance to test your Rudy-Q against Hizzoner 's . What is the most effective step that the city could take to bolster

recycling ? A : Increase the frequency of pickups . B : Expand public education about the program . C : Install recycling bins on subway platforms and in other public places . D : Crush up huge slabs of asphalt and concrete , bury the rubble in a landfill and call the whole process recycling . If you answered D , pat yourself on the back or , if you prefer , just kick an addict off methadone . At Fresh Kills , the city 's Sanitation Department has long used the debris from old roads to construct temporary pathways through the dump . It is the cheapest way , officials say , to keep the trucks carrying the city 's garbage from sinking into it themselves . No one , for fairly obvious reasons , ever thought of the process as recycling until two years ago , when Mayor Rudolph Giuliani proposed the idea .

According to a 1989 law , the city must recycle 25 percent of its waste measured by weight : Why not count those tons of old cement and asphalt toward the total ?

The mayor pressed this argument despite incredulous resistance from environmentalists , community groups and the City Council . He advocated it through two losing court cases , and would presumably still be advocating it now except that the state 's highest court refused to let him . In a brief ruling last month , the state Court of Appeals summarily dismissed the city 's request for another hearing on the issue and so left standing the lower court 's judgment that asphalt slabs are “ not even remotely like ” the materials the recycling laws were meant to cover . Even as the mayor has worked so creatively with old roadways , he has shown precious little interest in what more conventional minds think of as recycling . Though the city 's program has gradually expanded to include more materials , like junk mail and milk cartons , Giuliani has repeatedly cut its financing .

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Driving rains collapsed buildings and buried hundreds of people under debris and mud . Others drowned as rains turned villages into lakes . The rain cut off thousands from the world no phones , no roads and no food . Pereira dug to uncover a tree for firewood . Like many people here , Pereira precedes his comments with “ By the grace of God . ” As in , “ It is by the grace of God ” that his six children and his wife are safe . God also kept his home solidly planted in the earth . He says he is also lucky because he does not rely on the bananas as his sole source of income . He has another job , as a tax collector for the government . But like the plantation land , that job is now obsolete .

“ Why bring debts to people who have nothing ? ”

he says . After the storm , Honduran natives all over the world tried to find out whether loved ones had survived . It was almost impossible to get through . Telephone lines are down in many parts of the country . Some people have worn Honduran telephone books ragged , searching for a number that will connect to a voice from home .

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Before long , Uncle Muhammad was performing magic tricks for Jamal Anderson . Today , James Anderson is head of security for Mike Tyson . Jamal Anderson plays for the Falcons , who Sunday visit Minnesota for a trip to the Super Bowl . Determined to make

it to the game , Anderson will attend the Tyson-Francois Botha fight Saturday night at the MGM Grand , then board a red-eye flight that departs Las Vegas at 1 a.m. PST and arrives in Minneapolis at 6 a.m. CST , just more than 5 1/2 hours before kickoff “ If the Falcons win , ” James said , “ I am going to be drunk from Sunday to the Super Bowl . ” It ’ s appropriate that James Anderson be in the stands . Jamal ’ s upbringing amid celebrities somewhat negated any chance that he would be in awe of NFL life when the Falcons drafted him as a seventh-round pick in 1994 . Jamal also says his determination came from his father . “ My dad was intensely competitive , and he ’ s recognized as one of the top body guards , ” Anderson said . “ He worked hard to be the best in his business .

All of us grew up with that attitude , ‘ Why be average ? ’ ”

Further , it was James Anderson who taught Jamal how to stiff-arm opponents at the age of 9 . Two weeks later in a Pop Warner game , Anderson cradled a football in his right arm , ran around left end and knocked over two would-be tacklers with his outstretched hand . “ My coaches and teammates were just stunned , ” he recalled recently . The stiff arm and determination will lead to Anderson becoming one of the NFL ’ s top-paid running backs after this season , something not lost on his father . “ I ’ m hoping when he gets his new contract I can retire , ” James said with a laugh .

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And , by not having it on my resume , it will look like I have n’t worked in two years . Do you have any suggestions ? A : No matter how terrible your mistake may have been , you will be making an even greater mistake if you leave that job off your resume . You can assume that any potential employer will take references on you , and when the missing job is found , the job opportunity will be lost . And , if you are miraculously hired without having that job on your resume , you will most likely be terminated if your employer learns about it . It makes far more sense for you to have it on your resume , and when you are asked why you left that job , you can present your side of the story and take away any element of surprise when a reference is taken on you . Let the potential employer see how much you have learned and grown from this experience , and how it will actually make you a better employee . Every working person has made mistakes and experienced failure . In fact , some companies feel particularly positive about applicants who openly discuss a failure , a mistake or a termination . Willingness to be open about such matters can be viewed as signs of confidence , self-assurance , honesty , and self-insight .

Why deny yourself the opportunity to demonstrate these characteristics during the hiring process ?

The American University in Cairo is suing the chief censor of the Egyptian government for permitting the release of a film that it says uses the university ’ s name without permission . The suit , filed on Thursday , seeks to pull the hit comedy “ A Saidi at American University , ” out of theaters in Egypt and to have its posters taken down . The film , directed by Said Hamed , tells the story of a peasant who gets a scholarship to the university , which is portrayed as a sanctum of the upper class . The chief censor of Egypt , Ali Abu Shadi ,

told the news service Agence France-Presse that he considered the suit frivolous . “ There is nothing in this film that hurts AUC , ” he said , referring to the university .

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The reason is self-evident : To incite the kind of lottery mania that infected many people this past week as they traveled far from their homes , to stand hours in line , to buy a chance at the Powerball fortune . In New York , the long-term payout does n’t come to the winner in 26 equal installments . If you grab the brass ring in New York , say for an announced jackpot of \$ 10 million and have opted for the 25-year payout , you would receive \$ 250,000 the first year , before taxes . Appreciably higher installments are not handed over until the 15th year , when you would get \$ 400,000 , with subsequent annual payments increasing by \$ 10,000 each year . What New York state is doing is investing your winnings in an annuity -LRB- something you rather might wish to do for yourself -RRB- and dribbling out the proceeds . But if , during the quarter of a century it takes to gain all your promised winnings , your good fortune turns bad and you die , your heirs inherit the high honor of paying up-front the taxes on the remainder of the winnings . Since February 1996 , however , players have been given the choice of taking their prizes in a lump sum , generally amounting to about half of the advertised prize . But it varies . For a time late last year , it was down to about 40 percent . New York is only doing what every other lottery that offers a lump-sum payment does , which means that it should be rather uncomplicated for all to indulge in simple candor and trumpet their jackpots for their value at the time the numbers are drawn .

Why not make the payout over 30 years , or even more , and thereby enormously increase the size of the jackpot that could be used to attract ever greater number of players ?

It ’s absurd . The stark fact is that despite the odds , so many people play this game . At the beginning , in the late 1960s , \$ 48.5 million in lottery sales were made in New York ; during the last fiscal year reporting period , that figure was more than \$ 4 billion . In fiscal 1997 - ’98 , nearly \$ 2 billion was paid in prizes . New York Lottery took in \$ 34 billion between fiscal 1967 , when the games started , and this past fiscal year .

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A. This closed-end term trust ’s goal is to return \$ 10 per share to its owners upon maturity in May of the year 2001 . Its market price is \$ 7.25 per share as this is written , and the yield is 8 percent . How come the price represents a 14.3 percent discount from its \$ 8.31 percent net asset value ? If the market is reading the reports from Morningstar Closed-End Mutual Funds , the answer is not so much that the fund is likely to fall short of the liquidation target , but its above-average risk strategy will make the trust ’s path very bumpy over its remaining years . Morningstar ’s confidence in its ability to return the \$ 10 is tied to a large holding in zero-coupon bonds . The projection of a bumpy road comes from the interest-rate-sensitivity of those zeros -LRB- which led it to a 14.85 percent negative total return on net asset value last year -RRB- , a hefty position in junk bonds , and the fund ’s heavy leverage , which stood at 41 percent of assets as . In short , there ’s a good deal of room for things to go wrong . Since its inception in 1989 , the fund ’s average annual total return on assets has been 6.84 percent , but the market return

, reflecting the discount at which the shares are traded , has been only 3.80 percent . Since the report , Morningstar has raised its rating of the fund from its lowest rank to below-average . In short , it 's a risky holding .

But if you can afford the risk , why sell out at a discount ?

If I held the shares , I would take a dim view of the broker who sold them to me and I guess you 've already got there but hang on , hoping that time will bring better things .
Q. In February of 1994 I put \$ 4,509 of IRA funds in equal amounts into PIMCo Advisors Target C fund and PIMCo Advisors Equity-Income C fund . My latest statement shows the account is worth \$ 4,970 . I am 64 years old . Was this a wise investment ?

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But for him , facing his own fears and watching friends come back from near-death to lead productive lives is where the power of the future lies . “ But people are so resistant to anyone saying anything about this , that we might live , that the worst is over . I think maybe they are scared that we will lose sympathy or funding or that statements of this kind will encourage irresponsibility all of which are legitimate fears . But on the other hand , you can only go on denying reality for so long , ” he said . The other two essays in the book , “ Virtually Abnormal ” a largely psychoanalytic look at the possible origins of homosexuality , or heterosexuality for that matter and “ If Love Were All ” which deals with the notion that friends are just as valuable , if not more so , than lovers are also likely to kick up some dust . Not that Sullivan minds . He freely tosses out sentences like , “ The great modern enemy of friendship has turned out to be love , ” meaning romantic love , or snippets like “ sex between friends is something to be avoided at all costs . ” Sullivan , extremely good-humored for someone carrying around all that intellectual baggage , laughed when these and others were read back to him . “ I think part of that comes from being HIV-positive . Life is just too short to engage in blather .

Those are ideas , I think they are true , why not say them ?

Anyone can disagree , I just happen to think those things are true , ” he said . Sullivan said his goal in writing “ Love Undetectable ” was “ to ask the hard questions . ” In this he has succeeded , even with his willingness to re-examine Freud 's take on homosexuality . “ That is another subject that generates a tremendous amount of resistance from gays , ” he said . “ This notion of ‘ Did our mommies love us too much ? ’

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Their boat , a 92-foot catamaran , broke the world record in 1994 as Enza , a multihull , made the trip in 74 days by a men 's team from New Zealand . Renamed Royal and Sun Alliance the women 's sponsor the reconditioned boat has to beat a 71-day record set last May by Olivier Kersauson of France . Bob Rice , the team 's weather adviser , said that a “ continuous bombardment ” of adverse low-pressure systems and southwesterly breezes has prevented him from giving Edwards the go-ahead . “ They 're getting real edgy , ” he said . “ But if you 're going to beat Olivier 's record , you ca n't give away two to four days before the Equator because of a poor start . ” Anyone who thinks the editor of Cosmopolitan magazine should live a life of leopard print and mirrored ceilings

would be sorely disappointed visiting the home of Bonnie Fuller . Ms. Fuller 's \$ 550,000 house in Hastings-on-Hudson , N.Y. , has been completely redone at the direction of her architect-husband , Michael Fuller , with an eye toward the grace of a Hudson River home and the needs of children . Ultimately , he said , his goal for the 86-year-old house was to alter it “ so it would look like nothing had been done . ” “ We did n't renovate the house we restored it , ” said Ms. Fuller , who was pregnant with her third child and about to take the helm of the magazine from its founder , Helen Gurley Brown , when she and her husband began the project in 1996 . “ It was insane , ” she remembered .

“ We figured , why not hit every single stress point ? ”

The Fullers have been residents of Hastings-on-Hudson for nine years , and the move up the hill from their Villard Avenue house was a bit of a fluke . Greta Greenberg , the real-estate agent they had worked with when they first moved there , was driving clients through the river town 's neighborhoods when the clients pointed to the Fullers ' home , which was not on the market , and said they liked it . “ I said , ‘ Great , ’ ” Fuller recalled replying when he was told of the interest “ find us another house . ” The first time the Fullers visited the house at 25 Circle Drive they thought that the asking price about \$ 649,000 was too high . The house eventually was taken off the market , and the buyers interested in their home moved on to something else .

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Early indications are that education will be a top priority , with 75 percent of the new money available going to public and higher education . Of course , you ca n't swing a Louis Vitton briefcase in the hallways of the Capitol these days without hitting a lobbyist with a hand out , looking to help legislators decide where the other 25 percent of the new money should go . Gov. George W. Bush appears committed to providing the tax cuts that he promised during his re-election campaign . On the stump , Bush thought the state might have as much as a \$ 6.3 billion budget surplus , and he told voters he wanted to cut property taxes by \$ 2 billion , trim sales taxes by \$ 400 million and give businesses a tax break to the tune of \$ 300 million . But figures released this week by Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander may put a kink in the governor 's plans . Her estimate shows a surplus of \$ 5.6 billion , with more than half of that money going to maintain existing services and programs . That leaves \$ 2.5 billion for legislators to play with less than what Bush hoped to provide in tax cuts , without even mentioning the \$ 1.6 billion he pledged to spend on public schools . As a property-tax-paying homeowner , I 'd like a tax break as much as the next property-tax-paying homeowner . But if this session 's “ rebate ” is anywhere near as paltry as the one we witnessed the last time around about \$ 140 a year for two years I 'd rather see the money go somewhere that it can have long-term benefits . Lawmakers have started out on the right foot by pledging more dollars for education .

Why not extend that thinking to make 1999 the Year of the Child in the Texas Legislature ?

Just last week the state 's Department of Regulatory Services issued a disturbing report showing that deaths from child abuse increased 71 percent in 1998 and that almost four of every 10 children who died had been victims of prior abuse or neglect . Those local

numbers are a microcosm of a sickening national trend . Columbia University 's Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse released a study this week showing that the number of abused or neglected children has more than doubled in the last decade , from 1.4 million in 1986 to more than 3 million in 1997 . Although it 's difficult to write legislation that can change the heart or the mind of a child abuser , the state can take certain steps to address part of the problem : a lack of staff workers to investigate the cases . Too many of the deaths resulted in homes where prior contact with Child Protective Services had been made .

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Texaco 's lottery lines are often eight or 10 deep . Heard said the woman in front of him spent \$ 70 on tickets . Heard said his family never has gone without necessities because of his wagers . “ I want the money . I need the money , ” said Heard , who won \$ 500 six months ago . Just west on U.S. 29 back in Lanett , the Texaco star is visible through the plate glass windows of the Greene Super Drug store . Thirty-year-old pharmacist Pamela Monk , a lifelong Lanett resident , said she has contemplated moving to Georgia to increase the odds that her 11-year-old son can earn a college scholarship . Her friends have thought of moving , too . “ This is not one of those rich towns . This is not Vestavia Hills , ” said Monk , referring to a swanky section of Birmingham , similar to Dunwoody in suburban Atlanta .

Schools need help and no one wants to raise property taxes , so why not start a lottery , Monk reasons .

“ Education needs to be the main thing , ” said Monk , a Baptist who does n't gamble but invites others to if it pays for schools . “ You 've got people who would n't otherwise make charitable donations to education but they might play the lottery . ” Whether or not James is re-elected , Monk is convinced the lottery is bound for Alabama . “ Oh , it 's coming , ” she said . “ You 'll get new people in office .

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“ It just seems to me too simplistic to condemn all lying , ” Mr. Hyde -LRB- no , must have been Dr. Jekyll -RRB- said then , according to The Los Angeles Times . “ In the murkier grayness of the real world , choices must often be made . ” But now the Republicans say they are acting on principle . That 's their story , and they 're sticking to it . Let 's move on to the president . Bill Clinton 's principle is this : He ca n't admit he lied under oath because that would be a lie . He said Sunday that he would not say he lied under oath to the grand jury because “ I could not admit to doing something that I am quite sure I did not do . ” Uh , OK . Well , somebody has to ask you this , Mr. President , so it may as well be me : Since when ? From the draft to Gennifer Flowers to Monica Lewinsky , you , sir , have always been , as Bob Kerrey once put it , an unusually good liar .

Why stop now , when a lie could save your presidency ?

This is a fine time to become a pathological truth-teller ! Your mind , Mr. President , should have been concentrated by the prospect of your hanging . But for some reason , you seem to have lost the knack for whispering sweet nothings in our ear . You seem to

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Why stop now ?

You say that saying you lied would be a lie . But is n't this a little linear for you ? After all , you have always enjoyed a situationist relationship to the truth . Even if you have really convinced yourself that you were difficult but not deceitful before the grand jury , even if you are still clinging to the delusion that you never did have sexual relations with That Woman , even if you are nervous about being prosecuted after you leave office , you must do what you have always done before : Compartmentalize , Mr. President , compartmentalize . Now that Americans are looking down the barrel of a long and scalding impeachment trial , this is not the time for William Jefferson Clinton to do a George Washington imitation .

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“ Shareholders have suffered brutally , ” he said . “ The company is responding to the distress of the shareholders and holding people accountable . But the shareholders do n't really care who 's in charge , as long as results are achieved . ” Demisch said Mulally is well regarded : “ He has more energy than any two people I know . ” Other analysts also said Mulally was the best person to replace Woodard . “ He did a great job with the 777 and perhaps he can now bring that same magic to the entire commercial group , ” said Peter Aseritis , aerospace analyst with Credit Suisse First Boston . “ Look at this like a baseball team . If the team plays poorly , you ca n't fire the players . You fire the manager . And Boeing 's commercial team has played poorly the last year .

“ You ca n't do any worse , so why not make a change .

Boeing has totally screwed up . They have lost market share . They have alienated their customers . How much worse can they do ? So why not change managers and see what happens . ”

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It can encourage the Europeans to move in a similar direction . America still has the capacity for leadership in international affairs . Algeria is one place where the time is ripe to demonstrate it . -LRB- Andrew J. Pierre is senior associate of the Carnegie Endowment . William B. Quandt is a professor of government and foreign affairs at the University of Virginia . They are co-directors of a Carnegie Endowment study group on Algeria , France and the United States . -LRB- This article is adapted from the Summer 1995 issue of Foreign Policy . -RRB- -LRB- To publish this “ separate buy ” article , it must be purchased the rate is not prohibitive from one of these New York Times Syndicate sales representatives : -LRB- – U.S. , Canada and the Pacific : CONNIE WHITE in Kansas City at 1-800-444-0267 or 816-822-8448 , or fax her at 816-822-1444 . -LRB- – Europe and Asia : KARL HORWITZ in Paris at 47-42-17-11 ; fax , 47-42-80-44 or 47-42-18-81 ; telex , 282-942 .

If it works , why fix it ?

Why subject Paris , the most extravagantly beloved city since the beginning of time , to a huge program of major public works ? Would n't it be better to tamper with , say , Marseilles and leave the City of Light alone ? It 's a little late for such questions . The Grands Travaux the Big Works decreed by President Francois Mitterrand are all up and , for the most part , running . Now , with Mitterrand out of office , the hour has come to reckon with their impact .

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“ The patient is not an educated consumer , ” said Dr. Brian Strom , chairman of epidemiology and biostatistics at the University of Pennsylvania . “ The patient is really an unwitting tool of the manufacturer 's marketing department . ” Nancy Ostrove , chief of marketing practices at the FDA , said the agency was evaluating consumer ads to see whether they were undermining physician-patient relationships , promoting “ inappropriate prescribing ” or otherwise affecting public health . She said the increased costs , if any , generated by the ads were not within the FDA 's purview . The lowering of barriers to medical marketing once confined largely to professional journals and visits to physicians by salespeople has not been limited to TV . For their blockbuster products , drug makers have Web sites where prospective customers are offered referrals to doctors , information about medical problems and personalized newsletters . And as drug makers pursue new marketing opportunities , they are also continuing their longstanding tactic of dispatching thousands of salespeople to visit doctors . Industry analysts expect the FDA to revise the guidelines within a few months . But unless the rules are drastically tightened , aggressive campaigns to reach consumers are expected to continue , even though many physicians object . “ Pharmaceuticals are not toothpaste or types of cereal , ” Strom said .

“ If a patient is n't bothered by a problem , why create demand by driving them to the physician ?

We spend too much on health care . The focus nationally is on trying to reduce health costs . ” The New York Times says in an editorial Tuesday , Nov. 17 : Not all passenger vehicles are created equal , especially when it comes to the amount of pollution that

flows from their tailpipes . Minivans , sport utility vehicles and light-duty pickup trucks all now wildly popular with Americans throw off higher levels of nitrogen oxides and other smog-causing gases than cars do .

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If you 've ever hung out in an Internet chat room , you 're probably familiar with this kind of “ conversation , ” quoted verbatim from a Phoenix-themed room : SGu6247690 : MUSTANG SURE HE FINE HUH DaNcInAmB2 : OH I DON ' T CARE MustangPMP : hell yeah RTallant : I want to get lucky with a gorgeous woman DMBalicia : i dont know , some chick on cross country BlndAzQt : MUSTANG is pretty hot but not my type MustangPMP : shut up heather - -RRB- Not quite Jefferson 's letters to Madison . But stimulating for those who consider “ Us ” magazine too intellectually challenging , I suppose .

For everyone else , though , why bother ?

But before you write off all chat rooms as places for the immature and shallow , you should know about Sharon and Jerry France . Sharon was an office manager for an animal clinic in Dyer , Ind. , three years ago when she bought a computer . She did n't know the first thing about it , so she tried a little bit of this and that . Beginners ' luck “ I wanted to learn everything right away , ” she said .

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Substitute players like Steve Colter and Tony Campbell have produced for us , and they know that when other players were available on the market we did n't go after them because Michael said no . He tells his guys , ‘ If you believe in yourself , I believe in you . ’ ’ The Fratellos notice that their son also works the referees , like a good coach . “ The referees ca n't help making a little boo-boo , ” said Mrs. Fratello . “ They are n't perfect . And so Michael corrects them . ” The Fratellos often attend Cavaliers games when they can , but Vincent Fratello has been under the weather so they decided not to fly to Cleveland . “ I 'm sure Michael will call us later , ” said Mrs. Fratello . “ I 'll ask how he 's feeling . But we wo n't talk about the game .

Why make him feel worse ?

It was n't his fault . People do n't realize how hard coaching is , how much stress there is . But I think he 's doing a great job . Do n't you ? ” Have you ever hurried up the steps of the Metropolitan Museum of Art in a teeming rain , and then let out a sigh of wonder and contentment as soon as you got inside , the weather and everything else forgotten in the excitement and comfort of the splendor that surrounded you ?

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“ I came here , and it was like a paradise . ” Starting as a laborer in the garment sweatshops , he taught himself English . By his 21st year he was a factory manager , traveling to New York and Europe as a salesman and embarking on relationships with people of another culture that influences him profoundly to this day . “ If you are in the textile business , you look up to Jewish people , ” Lai says . “ They dominate the business . They accepted me , even in New York , taught me the business like I was one of their children .

“ I learned my way of making money from them , I learned my passion for freedom from them . I like to fight like a Jew with a passion for freedom , a passion for life , a passion for family , for God ; passion in pursuit of knowledge , integrity in pursuit of reality . “ That ’s why a lot of people do n’t understand me now , ” Lai says . “ They say , ‘ You ’ve made a lot of money .

Why fight ? ’

But fighting for what is most precious freedom has become my second nature . It is visceral . I can almost visualize freedom . ” In his late 20s , Lai started his own manufacturing business ; six years later , he founded Giordano ’s and made his fortune selling jeans , T-shirts and casual wear to the youth of South and East Asia . Then the Chinese democracy movement of 1989 and its brutal suppression changed his life .

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Besides , the officials say , life is better for the Bedouins in the towns near Beersheba because the government can provide health care , schools and housing far more easily there than in tent camps scattered across the desert . Over the years most Bedouins , about 80,000 people altogether , were moved steadily to those towns from central Negev areas where their tribes had roamed for centuries . Many left after the authorities had confiscated their herds of goats . Some set out for the towns but got no farther than squalid shanties on the outskirts of Beersheba , where some experts detect a rise in Islamic fundamentalism and militancy as despair grows . But the Azazme and a scattering of other families have refused to leave , demanding instead that the government recognize their claims to lands around Revivim , in nearby Ashalim and , somewhat farther south , at Sde Boqer . They will settle , they say , for a few hundred acres , just enough to maintain a semblance of traditional life even as the tide of modernism threatens to overwhelm them . It is not asking too much , says Dahilala Abu Gardoud , an Azazme leader . “ The Bedouins , ” he said over cups of coffee in a tent of goat hair , “ were here before the state . They became citizens , and they were very loyal . ” Clinton Bailey , an Israeli anthropologist who teaches Bedouin culture at Tel Aviv University , says the government manages somehow to bring basic services to Jews in remote areas , without forcing them to cluster into a few central towns .

Why not do the same , he says , with the Bedouins ?

“ The government says that it ’s increased budgets for the seven towns by many times , ” Bailey said . “ I ’m sure that ’s true . But these people do n’t want to be in those towns . They want to be in smaller places that suit their way of life . ” To reinforce their demands for a homestead , the Bedouins have become squatters , defying court orders to move .

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What excites Shinn is not the profundity of the string quartet -LRB- “ There is n’t a Shinn string quartet and there probably wo n’t be one , ” says he -RRB- or the concision of sonata form . It is the sprawl and color and conflict of opera . “ Some people are seeking tranquility and order . I got plenty of that . I need excitement , which is why I like the

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Why write ?

I did n’t have an easy answer . I could n’t say it was for money . We had income from Carol ’s art and my position at ASU . I could n’t say it was for fame . One thing about being a classical composer is , no matter how famous you become , you still wo n’t be recognized in the street . ”

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And how often the best catcher in baseball is in the World Series . A pennant winner must be strong everywhere , and this strength starts behind the plate . ” On college sports : “ If building character is part of a college education , then you should put the boy in professional athletics and keep him honest rather than professionalize him , as in reality

you do on your college team . Having a degree does n't mean anything . It 's the man who finds interest and zest in his work that counts . It is n't catching the fox ; it 's running him down . It 's having your ability approach your capacity . ” On racial integration : “ They call you an extremist if you want integration now , which is the only morally defensible position . To advise moderation is like going to a stickup man and saying to him , ‘ Do n't use a gun . That 's violent .

Why not be a pickpocket instead ? ’

A moderate is a moral pickpocket . ” On preparation : “ Things worthwhile generally just do n't happen . Luck is a fact , but should not be a factor . Good luck is what is left over after intelligence and effort have combined at their best . Luck is the residue of design . ”

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“ The answer is ‘ no . ’ ” He said past speakers at the ARCO dinner have included former Presidents Carter , Reagan and Bush , former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger , former senator and 1996 GOP presidential candidate Bob Dole and retired Gen. Colin Powell . All but Dole were out of office when they attended the London dinner , also held at Claridge 's , Greenstein said . And limits on gifts had yet to be instituted when Dole made his speech to the oil company executives . ARCO 's political action committee gave Republican candidates for the House , Senate and presidency \$ 159,250 in the 1995-96 election cycle . Democrats received \$ 23,400 , according to Federal Election Commission records . In the first six months of 1997 , the PAC gave Republicans \$ 23,104 and Democrats \$ 6,000 . For clients of the New York Times News Service dangerous man in the world , an evil and irrational murderer with weapons of mass destruction at his fingertips . Why wait for his next act of madness ?

Why not assassinate Saddam Hussein now ?

Those questions are being asked more seriously these days as Saddam plays games with United Nations inspectors while sitting on a stockpile of chemical and biological weapons and working on nuclear ones . Thomas Friedman , a well-respected “ New York Times ” columnist , has called for taking him out , as has George Stephanopoulos , the former White House adviser . They make a “ greater good ” argument , contending that assassination is warranted because of his heinous crimes , the frightening threat he poses and other lives he 's likely to take . Saddam , writes Friedman , has “ absolutely no redeeming features . He has gone to war against five different countries : Israel , Kuwait , Iran , Saudi Arabia and the U.S. He tried to assassinate former President George Bush .

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She worked very hard at a variety of jobs , even after she married the second time , but she had a lot of fun , too , glorying in her son 's college successes , his service in naval aviation and later his newspaper work . And as far as I know , she has never in her life been scared except for that time when Jack was co-owner of a small plane and wanted to take his mother flying over the Mississippi . He had to return to earth when he heard her rosary beads rattling , he always said . I 'm going to be with her for whatever time

it takes and whatever help I can be , if any , but I wo n't pretend I 'm not scared . -LRB- Celestine Sibley is a columnist for The Atlanta Journal-Constitution . -RRB- Ever since the Three Mile Island debacle in 1979 , not a single new order has been placed for a nuclear power plant in the United States . Naturally , were a plant to go up , it would soon be plugged into the nation 's energy grid . That 's not the case , however , in neighboring North Korea , whose nuclear program raises anxiety levels here . U.S. spy cameras show that the North 's still incomplete reactors ca n't be plugged into anything electrical . That means the program is aimed at making nuclear weapons .

Why worry ?

Because if the work starts anew , the South Koreans and the Japanese could opt to go nuclear too . In both countries , the technology that would enable them to do so already sits on the shelf . Unless the unglued deal with the North gets glued again , President Clinton will seek economic sanctions and will beef up U.S. troop levels here . The option to knock out the reactors also remains open . Few people know what 's really going on in Pyongyang , which would be a 40-minute flight from here if planes ever flew the route .

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The words themselves , while damaging -LRB- “ What incident ? ” he says . Swear to God -RRB- , are n't the key . What matters are the audio and visual aspects . Wilfredo Cordero did n't just deny that he had ever struck his wife , which is insulting enough to anyone 's intelligence . He did so in a flip , arrogant , and defiant manner , accompanied by a sneer . It 's a chilling , Travis Bickle-like performance . As a matter of fact , Wilfredo , yeah , we are talking to you . If all Cordero was doing was heeding his lawyer 's wishes by denying any attack on legal grounds , he could have done so in a far more conciliatory manner . But let me ask the \$ 64,000 question one more time .

Why go on camera at all if you are going to utter what everyone who follows the case knows is a lie ?

And it is , unless Cambridge police officer Sean Tierney is himself the liar , which I rather doubt . Let 's refresh our memories , shall we ? When Officer Tierney arrived at the Cambridge , Mass. apartment in question early on the morning of June 11 , he encountered a sobbing woman , clad only in her underwear , nursing a bloody nose . Officer Tierney was responding to a 911 call . At that time , Cordero admitted that he had indeed struck his wife .

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He is is one of his party 's leading figures . He shows no shyness in asserting himself in the House , in committee , or in the media . He has never faced a credible reelection challenge . Granted , Frank does not rejoice at having been reprimanded by his colleagues . But it did n't put even a dent in his political fortunes . It turned out to be , to quote his own words , “ symbolism over substance . ” What Clinton deserves and what the country needs is not a symbolic rebuke from which he will bounce back unscratched . There is only a momentary sting in being censured ; impeachment will sting through history .

Clinton has lied and deceived throughout his political climb . It is fitting that his lies and deceit be the cause , finally , of his fall .

Why impeach ?

Let a Democratic source provide the answer : “ Implicit in -LRB- the presidential -RRB- oath is the obligation that the president set an example of high moral standards and conduct himself in a manner that fosters respect for the truth . A president who violates the people ’s trust and dishonors his office commits high crimes and misdemeanors and forfeits his right to the White House . The words are those of the Democrats ’ proposed resolution of censure . But they sum up perfectly the case for impeachment .