



Hungarian athletes show their colors Friday evening at Hayward Field during the opening ceremony of the eighth World Veterans' Championships while a Uruguayan competitor exchanges greetings with a local track fan

Veterans welcomed in 'Hayward style'

Ceremony officially opens championship meet

By HARRY ESTEVE
The Register-Guard

Eugene-Springfield track fans welcomed the World Veterans' Championships athletes Friday in the fashion that made Hayward Field famous — a raucous how-do-you-do that appeared to flabbergast many of the several thousand competitors.

Spectators filled the University of Oregon stadium — which can hold 14,000 people — to about three-quarters capacity. They kept up an unbroken stream of applause for more than 10 minutes as the athletes marched into the stadium, grouped by age.

By all accounts, the opening ceremony of the eighth World Veterans' Championships was a huge success — introducing the athletes and the spirit of the games to the community and showing off in turn the community's ability to electrify track and field.

"This is absolutely awesome," veteran 800-meter runner George Cohen said as he walked in front of the packed west grandstand, Lebanon, of Los Angeles. Said he has competed in several previous veterans' championships but had never seen such a large turnout of spectators.

"Nothing nothing compares to this," he said.

The ceremony began with the "grand march" of the athletes, who were led onto the UO track by the Pearl Street Pipers, a Eugene bagpipe



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- Finnish competitor receives emotional greeting from countrymen after his win in the men's-65 division decathlon/1C
- Rex Harvey didn't mind running late Friday night/3C

troupe, and by members of the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and Camp Fire youth, who carried flags and placards of the 58 nations represented in the games.

The championships, limited to women older than 35 and men older than 40, began Thursday and continue through Aug. 6.

As the competitors passed each grandstand, the crowd rose in unison, setting up a cheer that didn't stop until the last athlete, a man in his 90s, entered the field.

The athletes waved and applauded the crowd. Some twirled the flags of their countries — the Union Jack, the white cross of Switzerland, Japan's rising sun and an unofficial yellow kangaroo flag for Australia, among others.

The crowd rose to its feet once more when Kenyan distance runner Kip Keino ran into the stadium bearing an Olympic style "friendship torch." He made his way through a

narrow corridor of the veteran competitors who wanted to get a close look at, and maybe get a high-five from one of their heroes.

Keino's run ended on an elevated platform, where he stood holding the torch aloft as volunteers on the infield released hundreds of colored balloons.

"Track and field and running is a part of our fabric," Eugene Mayor Jeff Miller said during a number of brief welcoming speeches. "We want you to leave knowing that you have truly been in and competed in the track capital of the world."

Cesare Beccali, the international president of the world veterans' games, officially declared the games open after commending the Eugene-Springfield community for its warm embrace of the championships.

"Eugene is famous all over the world for being the city of athletics," Beccali said. "You could be named also the city of hospitality."



Staff photo by Andy Nelson

OSU study ties caffeine to syndrome

By JAMES THALMAN
The Register-Guard

Evidence that women who drink even small amounts of coffee, tea or colas are more susceptible to premenstrual syndrome has been strengthened by results from a new study of Chinese women.

Annette Rossignol, an Oregon State University assistant professor of public health, said Friday that her latest study, which involved rural women in China who drink nothing but tea or water, supports recent research among American women that linked caffeine and PMS.

PMS symptoms, which can include moderate to severe depression, fatigue, irritability, anxiety and headaches, affect women in different ways. Some cases are quite mild, with cravings for salty or sweet foods. But PMS can be so severe that it has been used as a defense in murder cases with women pleading temporary insanity, Rossignol said.

Some women can be debilitated by PMS, and it can cause marital problems because it can last as long as two to three weeks each month. The prevalence and severity tend to increase with age, she said.

The latest research shows that women who drink as little as one-half cup to four cups of tea per day are twice as likely to experience PMS than those who don't drink tea, Rossignol said. Among those who drink 1 1/2 to eight cups per day, the incidence of PMS is 10 times higher, she said.

Tea used in the study contained 1/2 to 1/3 caffeine, Page 4A



Israelis abduct pro-Iran leader

By JOEL BRINKLEY
The New York Times

JERUSALEM — Israeli commandos abducted a leader of the Party of God, a pro-Iranian leader, Sheikh Abdul Karim Obeid, might be used in a hostage trade for three Israeli soldiers who were held in southern Lebanon, apparently by the Party of God, since 1986.

The 12 commandos, arriving on helicopters and carrying pistols equipped with silencers, fatally shot a neighbor in the head when he looked out his door as the group left. Israel said no one else was killed or wounded in the operation, although Israeli forces were reported to have exchanged fire with bodyguards.

In Beirut, a spokesman for the Party of God confirmed the abduction.

There was widespread speculation that the pro-Iranian leader, Sheikh Abdul Karim Obeid, might be used in a hostage trade for three Israeli soldiers who were held in southern Lebanon, apparently by the Party of God, since 1986.

But an Israeli army statement said only that Obeid, who is described as the spiritual chief in Lebanon of the Party of God, a Shiite Muslim group, had been "arrested" as a "preacher, lecturer," and, at times, "a planner of attacks against Israel."

The Israelis did not say where they are holding him, whether they intend to exchange him or to charge and try him, or whether Obeid should now be regarded as a hostage. Obeid is believed to have been involved in the kidnapping of Lt. Col. William Higgins of the U.S. Marines, who was captured near Tyre, Lebanon, in February 1988, while serving with the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization. There have been reports from Lebanon that Higgins was held briefly in Obeid's apartment last year.

Preaching to worshippers last year, Obeid justified

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Some workers back on job

By ANN PORTAL
The Register-Guard

OKRIDGE — Bald Knob Lumber and Timber Co. already has begun rehiring a few of the workers laid off earlier this year when the Portland company bought the former Pope & Talbot Inc. sawmill and veneer plant in Okridge.

Although Bald Knob President George Walker was out of town Friday and unavailable for comment, an employee of the company and an Okridge union official said Bald Knob has rehired more than a dozen workers in the mill's log processing, powerhouse and maintenance operations.

Bald Knob on Wednesday closed the deal on the sale of the 40-year-old plant and immediately laid off about 120 sawmill employees. About 70 loggers employed by the plant had been terminated the Friday before, Okridge City Administrator Wes Hare said.

About 50 Pope & Talbot workers

Bald Knob plans additional hirings

were kept on in the planing mill to finish processing the final batches of lumber, which is expected to take up to two months.

Several sources Friday supported earlier statements by Bald Knob officials that the company plans to rehiring many of the former Pope & Talbot workers, though probably without union representation. Most of the workers at the sawmill had been represented by the Lumber and Sawmill Workers union.

"Some of the people who were working last year for Pope & Talbot are working for Bald Knob today," said Rob Peirle, who helps process logs for the veneer plant, which has been leased by Bald Knob since 1986.

John Chasen, assistant director of the Southern Willamette Private Industry Council, said Bald Knob officials

held her they have a "strong commitment" to getting these people back to work.

Knowing that she would meet with the laid-off workers to assist in job counseling and searching, the officials asked her to "please reassure people" that they are eager to hire the former Pope & Talbot workers and that they understand the importance of the mill to the Okridge economy. Chasen said it is the largest employer in this community of 3,500, which is surrounded by federal forest land.

"It did sound to me as if they plan to hire as many of those people as possible as soon as they're up and running," she said.

Cecil Jones, president of the Lumber and Sawmill Workers local in Okridge, said the employees hired by Bald Knob so far apparently are being paid wages "close to what they were getting before."

Jones said he expects most of the Turn to WORKERS, Page 4A

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THE WORLD TODAY

Beirut shelling kills 13

BEIRUT, Lebanon — Warring Syrian and Christian forces battered Beirut with 50,000 shells and rockets overnight, killing 13 people in a random bombardment that one radio station called "a night of insane terror." The eight-hour barrage sparked fires that raged out of control Friday and gutted scores of warehouses, shops and apartment buildings. Orange flames blazed against the night sky as residents covered in basements and bomb shelters.

India resumes Sri Lanka pullout

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka — India decided Friday to resume withdrawing its peacekeeping force. State TV said 74 people died in one of the island nation's worst days of ethnic violence. The decision to start pulling out more troops today averted a showdown with Sri Lankan President Ranasinghe Premadasa, who had called the continued Indian presence a threat to his nation's independence. State TV said most of those who died were killed by Sri Lankan forces in areas where the Indians are not deployed.

Some Canadians return home

WINNIPEG, Manitoba — Hundreds of evacuees fled forest fires begun returning to their homes Friday, but thousands more awaited rains to dampen fires that still burned in central Canada. Firefighters said they had brought some fires under control, allowing 1,400 more people to begin the journey to homes in northern Manitoba and Ontario. On Thursday, more than 4,000 evacuees from those provinces and Saskatchewan were allowed to return to their remote northern communities. Canada's worst forest fire season in memory kept 19,000 people in makeshift accommodations Friday, however, most of them in Manitoba.

Koreans waded through flood in Pusan

Typhoon socks South Korea

SEOUL, South Korea — Typhoon Judy lashed the flood-stricken southern coast with more rain and 78 mph winds Friday, uprooting trees and stranding thousands of ships, weather officials said. Judy is the third typhoon in two weeks in Asia, where storms and flooding have killed at least 2,500 people and left hundreds of thousands of people homeless since mid-June. In Korea, its high winds uprooted trees along streets, blew away commercial signboards and shattered hundreds of windows in Yulu and other ports on the southern coast.

Landings system blamed for crash

TRIPOLI, Libya — Libya's civil aviation director said Friday the instrument landing system at Tripoli airport was not working when a Korean Air DC-10 crashed short of the fog-shrouded runway, killing at least 77 people. The system gives the pilot an automatic indication of the center of the runway, but it had not worked for several months, said the official, Mohamed Abuhares. The DC-10 crashed Thursday at least a half-mile short of the runway. Most of those killed were South Koreans returning from vacation to jobs on engineering or construction projects.

DC-10 loses wheel, lands OK

TORONTO — A Canadian Airlines DC-10 landed safely at Pearson International Airport Friday after it lost a wheel on takeoff in Brazil, airport officials said. None of the 24 people on board was injured. Airport spokesman Bruce Reid said the flight crew was aware of the problem and the aircraft circled the control tower to confirm the wheel was missing. He said fire crews and ambulances were dispatched before the pilot was allowed to land at 7:30 a.m.

American slain in Kenya

NAIROBI, Kenya — Gunmen attacked a group of American tourists viewing wildlife in southern Kenya and killed a woman, wounded a man and robbed others of money, a source said Friday. The attack Thursday, the second on tourists in Kenya this month, took place as 19 tourists were riding in three vans along the 40-mile road between the Amboseli and Tsavo national parks, the source said. State Department spokeswoman Frances Jones said Marie Esther Ferraro, age unknown, of New Haven, Conn., was shot and killed and another American was slightly wounded. She did not give the wounded person's name.

Rockets kill 10 in Kabul

KABUL, Afghanistan — Muslim guerrillas fired rockets into Kabul on Friday, killing 10 people, and Foreign Minister Abdul Wakil accused the United States and Pakistan of preparing a major offensive to oust his government. Bakhtar state news agency reported 17 surface-to-air rockets hit residential areas of the Afghan capital, killing 10 people and injuring 19. Wakil told reporters the United States and Pakistan are talking peace but preparing for war against his Soviet-backed government. He urged the two countries to stop arming Afghan rebels "and take some effective, practical steps toward a political solution."

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Seine swim comes to end in California

From news service reports

David Horning started his day with a swim in Paris and ended it splashing in San Francisco Bay in a marathon dip marking his 41st birthday and the 200th anniversary of the French Revolution.

In between he found the best of times and the worst of times, most of the latter coming on dry land.

"Is this San Francisco?" the sports promoter laughed as he emerged from the bay Thursday night after swimming 1 1/4 miles from Alcatraz Island to Aquatic Park near Fisherman's Wharf.

The swim down the Seine in Paris was "wonderful," he said, but the final leg in San Francisco took 45 minutes, a bit longer than anticipated.

"The ebb tide was stronger than I expected," the swimmer said as he walked out of the water. He estimated the water's temperature at "around 59 degrees."

Horning failed to complete his initial plan, which included an additional swim from the Statue of Liberty in New York to Battery Park. Airplane connection problems scuttled that effort.

"I'm a little disappointed," he said of the jetted New York segment. "But there was no way I could have done it and completed the San Francisco swim."

"The swims are the easy part," said Horning. "It's catching the planes that can be tricky."

Any way, he did manage to swim to one Statue of Liberty.

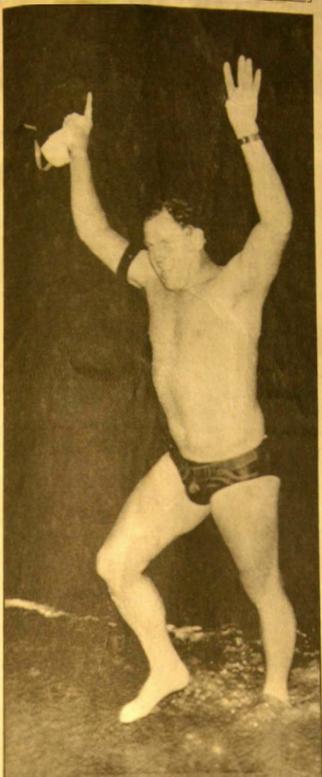
He swam through Paris from the Bastille to the lighthouse of the Statue of Liberty, on an island in the Seine down river from the Eiffel Tower. The statue is a reduced-scale version of the one in New York Harbor. Americans gave it to France in thanks for France's gift of the original to the United States.

The swim in France took 1 hour and 15 minutes, making his total time in the water Thursday two hours. Such ventures are not unusual for Horning. Last year he marked his 40th birthday by swimming under 40 bridges in Moscow, New York and San Francisco. Horning got his wet quest going on his 35th birthday when he decided to swim under the Bay, Richmond and Golden Gate bridges.

Why does he do it?

"I'm an epileptic and I hope this gives others confidence to do what they want to do," he said shortly after getting out of the water to the applause of a small crowd of friends, relatives and reporters.

Bobby Brown's fans may be singing "Don't Be Cruel" after the singer canceled the 20 concerts in the final leg of his U.S. tour. "The reasons are very nebulous and the fair interprets this as a lack of concern for Brown's fans and the public in general," said Maynard Potter, general manager of the California Middle State Fair in Paso Robles, who had booked Brown for Aug. 13. Brown's "Don't Be Cruel" album has sold nearly 5 million copies and spawned four straight Top 5 singles. Richard Hofstetter, Brown's New York-based attorney, said the singer wants to take some time to begin work on his



David Horning emerges from San Francisco Bay.

next album. "He had to make a choice here," Hofstetter said. "He could have made a lot more money staying on the road. But there's a lot of pressure on him for the next album. He wants to make it right."

Audrey Hepburn, the Academy Award-winning actress, plans to add "Always" to her movie credits. Hepburn has signed on to take part in the Steven Spielberg film — the story of a romance that grows while many of the characters are fighting forest fires. She will join a cast that already includes Richard Dreyfuss, Holly Hunter, John Goodman and Brad Johnson.

Brights

Sears' rocker hulls customer, but loses sale

WILMINGTON, Del. — No one noticed Dr. Olan Allen II as he drifted off to sleep in a rocking chair in the furniture section of a Sears department store.

When the store closed, Allen was still slumbering. His nap lasted four hours.

When he awoke at 1 a.m. Wednesday, sensors inside the store set off alarms at his first movement, and security guards and city police surrounded the building.

"I was standing there trying to figure out how to use the store phone when a security guard and a police officer came in," said Allen, 64, who thinks the Chinese food he had for dinner contributed to his languor.

"I heard them say, 'We have our robber.' I said, 'You don't have a robber. I just want to get out of the store.'"

Police and security believed Allen, a radiologist, and did not press charges.

Allen called the security office later to thank guards and police for their courtesy — and for not shooting him.

"He was grateful," said Dick Russell, head of security for the store. "I tried to tell him the chair, but he wasn't buying."

No. 1 commuter

OAK RIDGE, Tenn. — Richard Johnson goes to great lengths to get to work. Really.

From Lebanon to Oak Ridge — 281 miles and five hours a day on the road. Seventy-thousand miles a year just to get to work and back.

He does this because his wife is a nursing supervisor in Lebanon and the drive "is easier on me than turning her career."

Johnson, a tooling engineer at Pic-Air Co. in Oak Ridge, recently was picked from among 200 entrants to win the title of "No. 1 Commuter in the USA" in a contest sponsored by Kraco, a California automotive electronics company.

Johnson leaves his house in Lebanon at 3:30 a.m. Central time, loses an hour on the way to Oak Ridge, which is in the Eastern time zone, then picks it back up to arrive home about 6 p.m.

Johnson's year-old Chevrolet replaced a 1985 Renault with 175,000 miles on it.

"I retired the Renault," he said. "Well, not retired. It just doesn't want to go forward or backward."

From news service reports

THE WEATHER REPORT

Cloudy and cooler today

Eugene-Springfield, Siuslaw River tides, Stage of rivers

High	Low
11:09 a.m. 51 F	4:37 a.m. 41.1 F
10:07 p.m. 74.6 F	4:02 p.m. 30.0 F

Statistics

(Readings at National Weather Service, Mahan Sweet Airport, as of 10 p.m. Friday)

Friday High	86
Friday Low	48
Rain Friday	none
Thursday High	79
Thursday Low	57
Rain Thursday	none
July thru Thursday	0.39 inch
July normal	0.27 inch
1989 total through July 27	28.05 inches
Normal through July 27	24.83 inches

Air pollution index

City	Level	Quality	Particulate
Eugene	49	good	good
Portland	48	good	good
Medford	41	good	good
Venation for Eugene	46	good	good
CO carbon monoxide PM particulate matter			

Visibility

(At Mahan Sweet Airport)
2-hour average 16 miles, exact 10 miles, poor 4 miles, less than 1 mile, poor
Min at 8 a.m. Friday 1 mile, poor
Max at 9 p.m. Friday 30 miles, exact

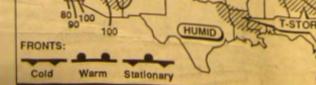
Pollen-mold count

The following represents the average number of pollen grains and mold spores counted from the monitoring station on the fifth story floor at 677 E. 12th Avenue. Data is reported each Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday, and published each Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday, when possible.

Tree	Yard	Particulate per cubic yard
Grass	17	
Wind	0	
Total Pollen	17	
Mold Spores	1,580	
High Pollen — 200 per cubic yard or more		
High Mold Spores — 1,500 per cubic yard or more		

The sun

Today	5:57 a.m.	8:41 p.m.
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Weather information

A forecast for Lane County and the Oregon Coast is broadcast 24 hours daily on 162.4 megahertz. Recorded weather forecasts are available in Eugene-Springfield by calling 484-1200. Forecasts on this page are prepared in cooperation with the National Weather Service and The Associated Press.

TEMPERATURES

The skies were clear over Oregon at 2:15 p.m. Friday

Eugene	Midnight Thursday - 57	2 a.m. - 55	4 a.m. - 49	8 a.m. - 56	10 a.m. - 54	1 p.m. - 57	2 p.m. - 60	4 p.m. - 63	6 p.m. - 65	8 p.m. - 64	10 p.m. - 64
Cleveland	77	73	67	62	61	60	59	58	57	56	55
Chicago, Ill.	80	76	70	65	64	63	62	61	60	59	58
Dallas	86	82	76	71	70	69	68	67	66	65	64
Denver	70	66	60	55	54	53	52	51	50	49	48
Des Moines	79	75	69	64	63	62	61	60	59	58	57
El Paso	88	84	78	73	72	71	70	69	68	67	66
Ft. Worth	85	81	75	70	69	68	67	66	65	64	63
Houston	82	78	72	67	66	65	64	63	62	61	60
Indianapolis	80	76	70	65	64	63	62	61	60	59	58
Jackson, Miss.	82	78	72	67	66	65	64	63	62	61	60
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San Francisco	64	60	54	49	48	47	46	45	44	43	42
Seattle	64	60	54	49	48	47	46	45	44	43	42
St. Louis	80	76	70	65	64	63	62	61	60	59	58
Washington, D.C.	80	76	70	65	64	63	62	61	60	59	58
Wichita	80	76	70	65	64	63	62	61	60	59	58

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THOMAS BOSWELL



Being the goat isn't a failure

THIS IS FOR Bill Buckner, Ralph Branca, John McLamarn, Tom Seaver, Don Denkinger, Johnny Pesky and Gene Mauch. It's for the '64 Phillies, '78 Red Sox, '87 Blue Jays and every Cub since World War II. In particular, it's for former California Angel Donnie Moore, who shot his wife, then committed suicide last week.

You, and countless others who get branded as "goats" in sports, didn't do anything wrong. The world knows it, though we almost never say it. Just once, let's put it in words. The reason we don't forgive you is because there's nothing to forgive in the first place. You tried your best and failed. In baseball games, there's a law that says some team has to lose.

Many of us wish that, just once, we could be in your shoes and have a chance to fail so grandly. Although, if we really had to live the experience and its aftermath, which sometimes lasts a lifetime, maybe we would not.

We've had our share of sad stories in sports recently. But none approaches Donnie Moore. Numerous other athletes who're in trouble — taking beat, answering tough questions, hearing cat calls — got themselves in hot water by doing what they knew was wrong. All Moore did was pitch despite a sore arm, throw a nice, nasty knee-high forkball and watch it sail over the left-field fence.

Nobody will ever be able to prove that the haunting memory of giving up Dave Henderson's home run in the 1986 American League playoffs led Moore to commit suicide. Maybe, someday, we'll learn about some other possible cause. But, right now, what some people are saying, and many are thinking, is that this "goat" business isn't funny anymore.

Moore was a good little pitcher, a batter, a student of the game, a tough guy with a sensitive inside who was one of Gene Mauch's favorite players. That tells a lot, because Mauch respects Joe DiMaggio and about two other people.

For two seasons, late in his 12-year career, Moore became a star. He came within one foul tick of pitching the California Angels into their only World Series. But Henderson, off-balance, barely tipped the two-strike pitch. With the next swing, Henderson made history. He kept the Red Sox alive so that they could go to the World Series in the Angels' place — and endure miseries.

"Ever since he gave up the home run . . . he was never himself again," said Dave Pinter, Moore's agent for 12 years. "He blamed himself for the Angels not going to the World Series. He constantly talked about the Henderson home run. I tried to get him to go to a psychiatrist, but he said, 'I don't need it. I'll get over it. . . . That home run killed him.'"

Moore's wife Tonya, who was in critical condition but has since improved and is now alive, has said that, after the Pitch, Moore would often come home after games at Anaheim Stadium, where he was booed, and burst into tears.

One of the powerful appeals of sports is its artificially created fairness. Every precaution is taken to insure a level playing field. In a sense, sports is purely democratic. Almost nothing about you, except the way you play the game, is inspected or judged.

That's why sports are, in a sense, an escape. All the moral ambiguities of daily life are suspended. Somebody wins and is happy. Somebody loses but gets to play again.

Duane Thomas once said, "If the Super Bowl is the 'ultimate game,' why do they play it again next year?" The answer is, so somebody else can win it. And so whoever loses this year doesn't feel too bad.

Some people get over losing their "ultimate game." Perhaps no manager ever made a bigger blunder than Tommy Lasorda, when he had Nidenfuehrer pitch to Jack Clark with first base open and the Dodgers just one out from reaching the World Series. Clark hit a three-run homer and St. Louis went to the Series — which they lost because . . . no, we're not going to blame Denkinger today.

Lasorda wept in the clubhouse, went to players to apologize, then went on with his life. At the moment, he manages the reigning world champs. Maybe Lasorda is so well because he'd already gone to three Series and won one.

THE FLAW in our attitude — perhaps it is even an American predisposition with Puritan roots — is to equate defeat with sin. The unspoken assumption is that those who lose must do so because of some moral flaw.

Sports, especially pro sports, is not a morality play, much as it suits our national appetite to act as if it were.

If you work hard enough, sacrifice enough, then you will win. That's what many coaches teach. Or should we say preach? It might be more honest, and healthier, to say that if you work very hard you will become excellent and, because of that excellence, you may do great deeds and win great prizes.

Unless, of course, you don't. Because, sometimes, the other player is better or luckier. In which case, you simply have to be satisfied with your excellence and the dignity of your effort.

Thomas Boswell is a columnist for the Washington Post.

First win a kick to the Finnish

Veterans excited after triumphing in multi-events

By DAVE KAYFES
The Register-Guard

Just because the World Veterans' Games are for older people doesn't mean they can't act like kids or show their national pride at times.

The delegation from Finland did just that to highlight the second day of the World Veterans' Championships at Hayward Field on Friday.

Six Finnish men decked out in blue sweatshirts cheered for their countryman Pekka Penttila as he passed the West grand-

'We always do that to the first one to win a world championship'

stand with each lap of the 1,500 meters, the final event in the men's 65 division decathlon.

When Penttila finished, assuring himself of a gold medal for his age group, the Finns rushed on to the track and lifted the weary veteran to their shoulders. From there, they chanted and repeatedly tossed the retired airline engineer in the air like a stuffed doll.

"We always do that to the first one to win a world championship," one Finn said through an interpreter.

Thank goodness there wasn't a snow bank nearby; he might have gone in there next.

It was an emotional response that gave an ethnic flavor and a touch of excitement to the world track and field championships for women 35-and-over and men 40-and-over.

The heptathlon and decathlon wound up Friday, just before the official opening ceremonies. West German women won three of the six gold medals in the heptathlon, and the United States took three of the eight gold medals in the decathlon.

Open track and field events begin today with heats in the 100 meters for men at Hayward Field and for women at Silke Field. Finals in the 10,000 meters start as early as 7 o'clock this morning, and there are selected age-group finals in the pole vault and long jump.

Penttila's finish was a surprise to veteran age-group track observers.

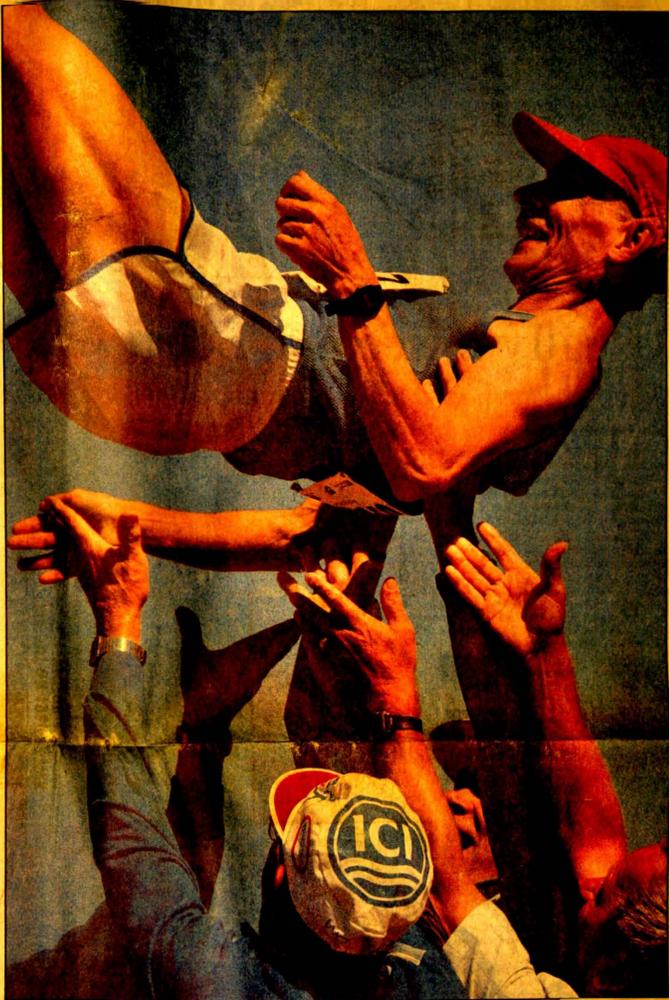
"We had no information on him," said Boo Morcom, the United States' national decathlon champion and holder of many world age-group records. "That happens (in age-group tracks)."

After 32 years away from competition, Penttila joined a Finnish veterans' club three years ago and started training. This was his first world championship event.

"We'll see what happens when he comes to the next one," said Morcom, who wound up second in the Finn in the 65 age-group. Penttila had 7,628 points to 7,965 for Morcom and 7,924 for Fred O'Connor, the Australian national champion.

Phil Mulkey, who made the 1968 U.S. Olympic team in qualifying at Eugene, was not as surprised by another Finn, Ippo Sopanen, who came out of the woodwork to edge Mulkey in the men's 55 division.

"I had seen a few of his marks from



Finland's victorious Pekka Penttila was sent airborne by his countrymen after completing the 1,500 meters to win decathlon.

meets in Europe, and they showed he'd be tough," Mulkey said. "I was mediocre. Considering my performance, it (second place) was all I deserved."

Like Morcom, though, Mulkey relishes the idea of a rematch.

"That's the beauty of age-group track and field," Mulkey said. "We never graduate. We just move up in age division together."

Sopanen's winning point total of 7,682 ranked third for the day, behind only Gary Miller of Glendale, Calif., who finished in first place in the men's 50 division with 8,058 points, and Rex Harvey, who won the men's 40 division with 7,724 points, based on age factoring.

Decathlon points in each event are multiplied by various age factors so that scores can be compared to marks by open competi-

tors and those in different age groups. For example, the points in each event for a 50-year-old man are multiplied by 1.475, meaning that a 4-8 high jump for a 60-year-old man is of equal value to a 5-8 high jump by a 70-year-old man.

"That makes Miller's mark a truly outstanding performance," said Frank Zarnowski, the meet's multi-event announcer.

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Shrine tilt to feature prep stars

From Register-Guard
and see service reports

Both sides will be looking for strong games from their quarterbacks when high school stars from around the state line up tonight for the 42nd annual North-South Shrine football game at Portland's Civic Stadium.

North Coach Bill Dressel of defending state champion Benson will have Class AAA offensive player of the year Ian Shields of Oregon City and Joe Bushman, who quarterbacked Benson to the state title.

South Coach Thurman Bell of state runner-up Roseburg has Joe Abbas of Redmond, Scott Chadick of Ashland and Brent Barry of South Medford ready to go.

District SAAA co-champions Thurston and Marshfield and third-place Churchill will be represented by two players each on the South team — running back Damon Schaefer and defensive lineman Lane King of the Colts, running back Jim Kellar and offensive lineman Rich Ziebler of the Pirates, and defensive backs Shawn Mohr and Kael Yriarte of the Lancers.

The other players from District SAAA are offensive linemen Paul Van Buskirk of Springfield and tight end Dave Grenade of North Bend.



Coach says N.C. State Coach Jim Valvano helped fix grades

Drugs, grade cheats alleged at N.C. State

Notorious book: Valvano involved

By The Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C. — Chris Washburn played 10 basketball games at North Carolina State while high on cocaine and once used a friend's urine sample to pass a drug test last at the school, according to a new book.

"Wash would play games on coke," an unidentified teammate is quoted as saying. "The first half, he'd play great, and then the coke would wear off, and in the second half he wouldn't do a thing."

"Personal Fouls" by Peter Golenbock, also claims that N.C. State Coach Jim Valvano allowed Washburn to play even though he was flunking most of his courses.

"Valvano did things for Chris . . . you wouldn't believe," an unidentified source says in the book.

"I've gets you through school if he wasn't to. I believe that ever since Chris got to State, I would be surprised if we ever passed a class. And he still

The book claims that Washburn once submitted a friend's urine sample to pass a drug test at N.C. State. Another time, the book says, Washburn sprayed cologne into his own urine sample before submitting it for testing.

"Personal Fouls," which also alleges grade changes and racism at N.C. State, went on sale Friday in Raleigh. Publication was delayed following threats of legal action by state officials.

N.C. State Vice Chancellor Albert Lanier called the book a "work of fiction" and said the "university does not find any reason to further address the book point-by-point or in general."

Valvano could not be reached Friday. His attorney, Art Kaminsky, said neither he nor Valvano could comment until after they read the book.

When some of allegations were reported earlier this year in a Raleigh newspaper, Valvano denied them.

Simon & Schuster originally planned to publish the book, but changed its mind after state officials threatened to sue. Golenbock eventually turned to N.C. STATE, Page 3C

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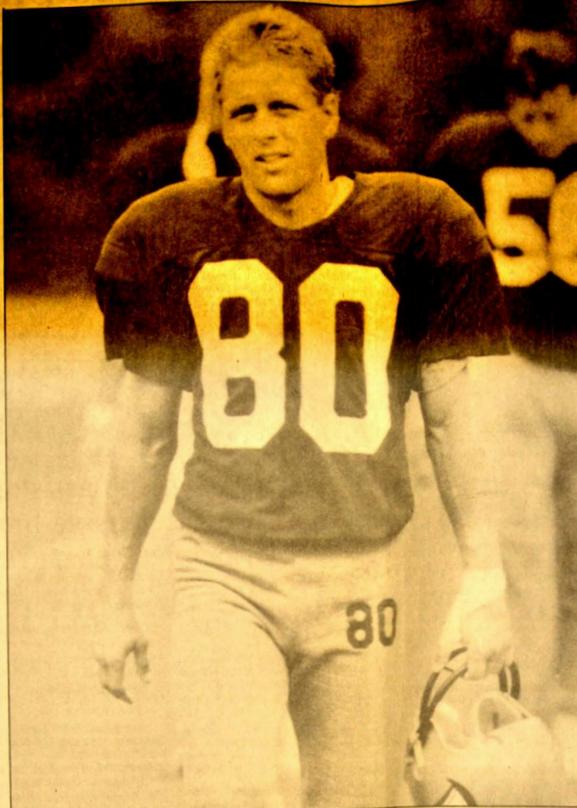
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Largent's back for one last shot

By The Associated Press

KIRKLAND, Wash. — Record-setting pass-catcher Steve Largent of the Seattle Seahawks says he never gave injuries a thought in making his decision to come back for a 14th — and final — NFL season.

"Last year was just a series of freak deals," Largent said. "I got poked in the eye. I got knocked out. I tore a ligament in my thumb. Those things can happen to anybody."

Largent, who will be 35 on Sept. 28, had a relatively injury-free career until last season.

But the sight of Largent in pain made some of his fans grimace. They wrote him letters pleading with him not to come back. They expressed fear about his health.

"I got a lot of letters when I was going through the process of whether I was going to play or not," Largent said in an interview at the Seahawks training camp. "They said, 'Don't play.' They said, 'We love you.' They said, 'We've enjoyed your career.' They said, 'It's been a good one.'"

Largent disregarded the advice. He decided to return for one more season after having one of his most unproductive years in 1988.

For the first time in his 13-year Seahawks career, he did not lead the team in receiving. He caught 38 passes for 645 yards and two touchdowns in 15 games, down from 58 receptions for 912 yards and eight touchdowns in 13 games in 1987.

In Seattle's regular-season opener in Denver in September, he suffered a concussion, a chipped tooth and a knee sprain in a violent collision with Broncos safety Mike Harden. Largent's face mask was bent by the force

of the blow. Harden was fined \$3,000 for the hit.

In Game 3 in San Diego, Largent was poked in the eye by Chargers cornerback Elvis Patterson. For many weeks afterward, Largent looked as if he had been mangled with heavyweight champ Mike Tyson.

In Seattle's AFC divisional playoff game in Cincinnati on New Year's Eve, he suffered a back injury that kept him on the sidelines in the second half. After the game, which the Seahawks lost, he couldn't straighten up.

At the end of the season, he underwent foot and thumb surgery.

Despite the litany of injuries, Largent decided to play another season, although he conceded that in his mid-30s, he doesn't recover from injuries as quickly as he did in his mid-20s.

"I think the injuries would have happened if I was 24 or 34," Largent said.

Brian Blades, Seattle's other starting wide receiver, said he's glad Largent's coming back, not just because of what he can do for the team, but that what Blades can learn from the man who holds virtually all of pro football's pass catching records.

"Being a receiver can be dangerous," Blades said. "Injuries do happen. You pray to God that it doesn't happen to anyone. And I know a lot of people are concerned about Steve's health."

"But I'm not worried about him getting hurt. He worked very hard before he came into training camp. He's in great condition."

Largent will get \$1.8 million this season. He's the highest paid receiver in NFL history and the highest paid player in the Seahawks' 14-year history.

Money, he says, didn't influence his decision.

Redskins QB hospitalized with bad back

From news service reports

Washington Redskins quarterback Doug Williams was hospitalized Friday with a nerve root irritation in his lower back and will remain in traction for a minimum of five days.

Though Williams entered training camp as the incumbent starter, Coach Joe Gibbs said Mark Rypien will start the team's first preseason game against Buffalo on Aug. 5 at Canton, Ohio. It's possible Williams — who turns 34 in 11 days — could miss the majority of the preseason, which would leave Rypien and blossoming Stan Humphries, 24, battling for the No. 1 job.

At Williams' request, team physician Charles Jackson declined comment, but several orthopedists said Friday that nerve-related back injuries normally imply less damage. However, an earlier CAT scan on Williams discovered no herniated discs, no numbers and no atrophy.

Trainer Bubba Tyler, who has consulted with Jackson, said the quarter back's ailment is "like sciatica," largely because pain has resonated toward

his left hip, buttock, hamstring and calf. In the next week, Williams will be bed-ridden and given ultrasonography and relaxant medications. If all that time there is minimal improvement, the team will re-evaluate and could always recommend surgery, though Tyler would not speculate on that.

Of course, sometimes you have surgery with those things," Tyler said, "but we'll take it at this step now and be optimistic." If all goes well, Tyler added, the quarter back could return in a week.

In other training camps, Cowboys — The Dallas Cowboys came to terms with holdout quarterback Steve Walsh for a total package of \$4.1 million spread over four years, coach Jimmy Johnson said.

Walsh, who decided to pass up his senior year at the University of Miami to enter the NFL's supplemental draft, will fly to the Cowboys' camp today to sign his contract and begin workouts.

The Cowboys already have Troy Aikman, the No. 1 overall pick in the regular draft, in camp and published reports have indicated that Walsh could be traded.

But Johnson said the Cowboys' plans include Walsh.

"We're not considering a trade for Steve at this time," Johnson said. "We plan for him to be here and competing for the job."

Buccaneers — The Tampa Bay Buccaneers stopped talking to the media in what players described as a show of support for running back James Wilder's legal fight against a midsmeanor drug charge.

Wilder's teammates specifically objected to coverage of the case, which included stories this week on a decision by prosecutors to charge him with possession of marijuana more than two months after his arrest in Missouri.

Oilers — Running back Curtis Pinkett and wide receiver Curtis Duncan made Friday's deadline for reporting to the Houston camp when they agreed to terms.

Pinkett, who is entering his fourth year with the Oilers, finished second on the team in rushing during the 1988 season with 122 carries for 513 yards.

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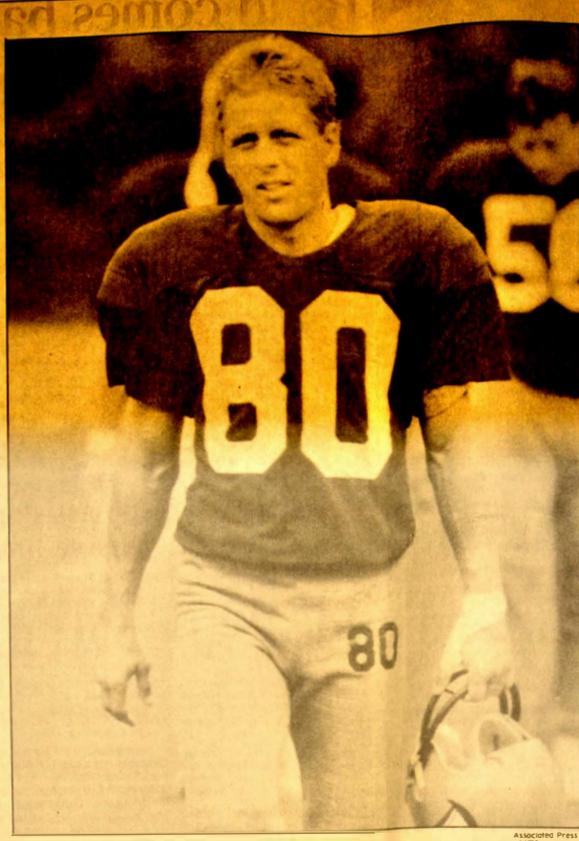
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Largent's back for one last shot

By The Associated Press

KIRKLAND, Wash. — Record-setting pass-catcher Steve Largent of the Seattle Seahawks says he never gave injuries a thought in making his decision to come back for a 14th — and final — NFL season.

"Last year was just a series of freak deals," Largent said. "I got poked in the eye. I got knocked out. I tore a ligament in my thumb. Those things can happen to anybody."

Largent, who will be 35 on Sept. 28, had a relatively injury-free career until last season.

But the sight of Largent in pain made some of his fans grimace. They wrote him letters pleading with him not to come back. They expressed fear about his health.

"I got a lot of letters when I was going through the process of whether I was going to play or not," Largent said in an interview at the Seahawks training camp. "They said, 'Don't play.' They said, 'We love you.' They said, 'We've enjoyed your career.' They said, 'It's been a good one.'"

Largent disregarded the advice. He decided to return for one more season after having one of his most unproductive years in 1988.

For the first time in his 13-year Seahawks career, he did not lead the team in receiving. He caught 39 passes for 640 yards and two touchdowns in 15 games, down from 58 receptions for 912 yards and eight touchdowns in 13 games in 1987.

In Seattle's regular-season opener in Denver in September, he suffered a concussion, a chipped tooth and a knee sprain in a violent collision with Broncos safety Mike Harden. Largent's face mask was bent by the force

of the blow. Harden was fined \$5,000 for the hit.

In Game 3 in San Diego, Largent was poked in the eye by Chargers cornerback Steve Patterson. For many weeks afterward, Largent looked as if he had been matched with heavyweight champ Mike Tyson.

In Seattle's AFC divisional playoff game in Cincinnati on New Year's Eve, he suffered a back injury that kept him out of the sidelines in the second half. After the game, which the Seahawks lost, he couldn't straighten up.

At the end of the season, he underwent foot and thumb surgery.

Despite the litany of injuries, Largent decided to play another season, although he conceded that in his mid-30s, he doesn't recover from injuries as quickly as he did in his mid-20s.

"I think the injuries would have happened if I was 24 or 34," Largent said.

Brian Blades, Seattle's other starting wide receiver, said he's glad Largent's coming back, not just because of what he can do for the team, but for what Blades can learn from the man who holds virtually all of pro football's pass catching records.

"Being a receiver can be dangerous," Blades said. "Injuries do happen. You pray to God that it doesn't happen to anyone. And I know a lot of people are concerned about Steve's health."

"But I'm not worried about him getting hurt. He worked very hard before he came into training camp. He's in great condition."

Largent will get \$1.35 million this season. He's the highest paid receiver in NFL history and the Seahawks' 14-year history.

Money, he says, didn't influence his decision.

Redskins QB hospitalized with bad back

Washington Redskins quarterback Doug Williams was hospitalized Friday with a nerve root irritation in his lower back and will remain in traction for a minimum of five days.

Though Williams entered training camp as the incumbent starter, Coach Joe Gibbs said Mark Rypien will start the team's first preseason game, against Buffalo on Aug. 5 at Canton, Ohio. It's possible Williams — who turns 34 in 11 days — could miss the majority of the preseason, which would leave Rypien and blossoming Stan Humphries, 24, battling for the No. 1 job.

At Williams' request, team physician Charles Jackson declined comment, but several orthopedists said Friday that nerve-related back injuries normally imply disc damage. However, an earlier CAT scan on Williams discovered no herniated disc, no numbness and no atrophy.

Trainer Bubba Tyer, who has consorted with Jackson, said the quarterback's ailment is "like sciatica," largely because pain has resonated toward

his left hip, buttock, hamstring and calf. In the next week, Williams will be bed-ridden and given ultrasound therapy and relaxant medications. If at that time there is minimal improvement, the team will re-evaluate and could always recommend surgery, though Tyer would not speculate on that.

"Of course, sometimes you have surgery with those things," Tyer said. "But we'll take it at this step now and be optimistic. If all goes well, Tyer added, the quarterback could return in a week.

In other trading camps, Cowboys — The Dallas Cowboys came to terms with holdout quarterback Steve Walsh for a total package of \$4.1 million spread over four years, coach Jimmy Johnson said.

Walsh, who decided to pass up his senior year at the University of Miami to enter the NFL's supplemental draft, will fly to the Cowboys' camp today to sign his contract and begin workouts.

The Cowboys already have Troy Aikman, the No. 1 overall pick in the regular draft, in camp and published reports have indicated that Walsh could be traded.

But Johnson said the Cowboys plans include Walsh.

"We're not considering a trade for Steve at this time," Johnson said. "We plan for him to believe and competing for the job."

Buccaners — The Tampa Bay Buccaneers stopped talking to the media in what players described as a show of support for running back James Wilder's legal fight against a misdemeanor drug charge.

Oilers — Running back Allen Pinkett and wide receiver Curtis Duncan made Friday's deadline for reporting to the Houston camp when they agreed to terms.

Pinkett, who is entering his fourth year on the Oilers, finished second season with 122 carries for 313 yards

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