Ticket prices soar before Olympics

Scalers strike gold by hoaxing tickets for exorbitant profit

BARCELONA, Spain (UPI) — Tickets for prime Olympic events are already changing hands in Barcelona for more than 10 times face value.

The lure of quick profits from the resale of tickets for events such as the basketball final and the opening and closing ceremonies even has brought in ticket traders from abroad.

The British company used to making its money out of tickets for Wimbledon and major soccer games has set up offices in the city and placed advertisements in local papers offering to pay premium rates.

Contacted at his Barcelona office a spokesman for London-based Westminster Tickets, who refused to give his name, said: "I’ll pay 80,000 pesetas ($800) for a basketball final ticket. Obviously I sell them for more than that.

"I’ve got a lot of orders in England that need filling."

The tickets have a face value of between 6,500 and 9,000 pesetas ($65 and $90).

Local papers report that tickets for the basketball final, in which the U.S. "Dream Team" is expected to play, are going for up to 250,000 pesetas ($2,500).

Ramon Ferrero, of the Barcelona City Police, said: "It is certainly illegal to sell on the street."

"I don’t know if it is illegal to have organized resale by a company. It would be up to the Olympic organizers to complain to the courts."

Oriol Serra, head of ticketing for Olympic organizers COOB 92, said: "This kind of resale is illegal. Of course it is very hard to control, but tomorrow we will be putting advertisements in the press reminding people that we can cancel tickets if we believe they have been resold. Each ticket carries the name of the purchaser or the agent so it is not difficult to do this."

"We have already taken one person to court for this and have got back their tickets. We don’t mind people selling tickets to friends but we really want to prevent resale at higher prices."

Dream Team ready for action in 1992 games

MONTE CARLO, Monaco (UPI) — It’s hard to believe that the U.S. Dream Team will be anything less than a nightmare for the rest of the field in the Barcelona Olympics basketball competition.

The U.S. team, made up mostly of NBA players, breezed through the Olympic qualifying tournament barely working up a sweat.

Why should it be any different at the Olympics? Weren’t the U.S. team destroyers the opposition again?

"Oh no, no," said Karl Malone of the Utah Jazz. "We realize it is an entirely different atmosphere over there. The teams in Portland seemed excited to play us, the teams in Barcelona are coming out to beat us, so it’s going to be entirely different. These guys in Barcelona are going to be out to beat us, they’re not going to be out to get autographs and we’re adjusting accordingly."

Michael Jordan, the NBA’s Most Valuable Player, also is expecting the competition to be much tougher.

"I haven’t seen any of the teams, but I know they have some great talents on their teams," said the Chicago Bulls star. "Some guys play in our league so I’m pretty sure there’s going to be some very good competition."

The U.S. team resumed practice Sunday after a 10-day layoff and Coach Chuck Daly thought the rest was just what his team needed to get them primed for Barcelona.

"Sometimes the first day back is a high-energy day and that’s the way they were Sunday," Daly said. "It was a little more physical and we needed that."

Daly even had his team practice a zone defense, something most of the players had not worked on since their last game.

Walking workout

Ray Gedaminski of Gorham exercises at the Egyptian Sports Center in Carbondale. Gedaminski walked Tuesday morning as part of his five day a week workout.

Environmental access

Adventure Resource Center helps public with outdoor plans

By Jay Reed

Sports Writer

The Adventure Resource Center offers SIUC students and Intramural-Recreation Sports members the chance to discover the outdoor recreation in Southern Illinois free of cost.

The ARC offers free camp sites, bike routes, fishing, hiking trails, caving and rock climbing information.

Elizabeth Buck, ARC coordinator, says that a goal of the ARC is to provide information and advice on appropriate camping places and outdoor activities that will suit the individual and the environment.

"My concern lies with the land and the environment," she said. "We do not want to send people places that are environmentally primitive."

Buck recommends the Joyce high school or younger will cost $20 for the six home games. Reserves tickets for children cost $4 per game.

"We hope the package deal will encourage people to come on out for all six home games while attending one for free with the deal of buying one for the price of five," said Susan Smith, ticket manager of the ARC.

Prices vary for general admission tickets bought for each home game. The adult general admission ticket cost is $6, $3 for children and $2 for SIUC students.

"Usually students will buy the student athletic pass for $20 which is good for each home game for football, men’s and women’s basketball and volleyball," Smith said.

The deadline to buy football season tickets is Aug. 1.
Cutbacks, tuition hike hit School of Medicine

By Jeremy Finley
Administration Writer

The SIU School of Medicine in Springfield already has put into effect some of the recommendations in a document suggesting cutbacks and reallocations at all SIU campuses. The productivity, qualities and priorities document is a suggested plan of program cuts, job eliminations and department mergers that include college and department on each campus.

As the result of a 1990 medical school task force plan, the school already has made 11 of the 24 layoffs recommended in the POP working document.

A nation increase of 17 percent also was put into effect this summer.

The POP document also tentatively calls for the restructuring of instructional units, academic support, administrative functions and clinical practice support at the medical school, resulting in the reallocation of $5,884,000.

The working document also recommends reduced contract agreements with the three instructional units of anesthesiology, radiology and pathology that help train students.

If contracts are reduced, fiscal year 1993 savings will be $471,000.

John Rache, assistant director of the college of business and administration, said: "The college now has a solid relationship with many businesses."

Guttridge said he is looking forward to returning to the urban area. The different mix of programs offered under his new position in Connecticut will start the academic year, he said.

Guttridge originally came to SIUC from the State University of New York in Buffalo where he held several positions, including associate dean and director of the Regional Economic Assistance Center in the School of Management.

"When I came here in 1983 our relationship with external businesses was moribund," he said.

The college now has a solid relationship with many businesses, Guttridge said.

Until a permanent replacement is found, an interim dean will be selected from within COBA.

Israel, Egypt to forge treaty in conference

CAIRO, Egypt (UPI) - Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin traveled to Egypt Tuesday for his six-hour summit meeting with President Hosni Mubarak where he will help resurface a treasured relationship with the only Arab country that has signed a peace treaty with Israel.

The trip followed a frenzied first week for Rabin, 70, who took over as prime minister from Yitzhak Shamir July 30, and was immediately confronted by a crisis with Palestinians at a West Bank meeting that was hosted to a visit by Secretary of State James Baker.

But Rabin made it clear from the first day he took office that he hopes to bolster Israel's frayed relations with Cairo and solicit Mubarak's help in making peace with the other Arab states.

"We wish to bring all upon the aid of Egypt, whose late leader, President Anwar Sadat, exhibited such courage and was able to bequest us his people - and to us - the first peace agreement," Rabin told members of the Knesset, Israel's Parliament, last week.

The government will seek further ways of improving neighborly relations and of strengthening ties with its president, Hani Mubarak," he said.

Rabin is the first Israeli prime minister to travel to Egypt in six years. Mubarak consistently refused to meet Shamir, a hardliner, but did meet several times with members of his government.

The Egyptian president said Rabin's decision to suspend all housing construction in the occupied West Bank and Gaza would single us out as his major opponent.

Bush, Clinton focus on education

PHILADELPHIA (UPI) - President Bush, in an attempt to revive his sagging credentials as the self-proclaimed "education president," Tuesday pledged to fight for his school choice initiative that Democrats contend would further erode inner city schools.

Bush, who made his comments in the friendly environs of the Catholic Archbishop Ryan High School, also tried to cast Democratic presidential nominee Bill Clinton as a tool of the National Education Association.

"The NEA, it seems to be an arm of the opposition party," Bush said. "They are not thinking anew. They are fighting us out of school choice."

He added, "Here is an issue upon which I have a distinct difference with my opponent. And I will be making that case, not in the negative," he said.

NEA President Keith Geiger told members two weeks ago that he expected to become a target of the administration's attacks. On Tuesday, NEA spokesman Bill Martin said, "Now we see that coming true. We predicted it and it's not surprising at all that he would single us out as his major opponent."

Bush's attack against the nation's largest teacher's union, with 2.1 million members, evoked a play he used in 1988 by successfully tagging challenger Michael Dukakis as an agent of the American Civil Liberties Union and beholden to special interests.

Clinton campaigns in the Heartland; pledges to aid education, health care

EVANSVILLE, Ind. (UPI) - Democratic presidential nominee Bill Clinton headed further into the nation's heartland Tuesday, bringing home his idea on health care and education, and pledging to make his administration reflect the nation as a whole.

Clinton and running mate Albert Gore wound up an appearance in Louisville, Ky., Tuesday morning before heading for the southern edge of Indiana and south-central Illinois.

Indiana Gov. Evan Bayh and his wife Susan planned to join the campaign en route to Evansville and attend the various functions, including an afternoon rally in Highland Park.

Clinton, running about an hour behind schedule, delivered a speech at Seneca High School before taking his show back on the road.

see CLINTON, page 5

The president has reminded audiences in recent days that he would not directly attack Clinton until after the Republican National Convention in four weeks and that he would "keep on the issues." Nonetheless, in several appearances on Monday and at see BUSH, page 5

Moving on

COBA dean leaves SIUC for new position in Connecticut

By Rebecca Campbell
General Assignment Writer

Thomas Guttridge, dean of the College of Business and Administration, will be leaving SIUC the end of August for a position at the University of Connecticut.

Guttridge has submitted his resignation and will start his job at the University of Connecticut in Storrs as dean of the School of Business Administration Sept. 1.

"I was looking out for the Summit Concerts..."
GEDMENY TO TAKE IN 5,000 BOSNIAN REFUGEES

—Germany will take in 5,000 refugees from war-torn Bosnia-Hercegovina. Interior Minister Rudolf Seidt said the government would immediately begin issuing 600 visas a day mainly to Bosnian women and children and would take in total of 5,000 refugees. Some 30,000 people from the former Yugoslavia had come to Germany since May and 80,000 more Yugoslav citizens had applied for political asylum in Germany.

U.N. HUMANITARIAN AID RESUMES IN SARAJEVO

—Fighting eased enough to allow a U.N. humanitarian aid airflight to resume Tuesday—with a brief midday interruption—as an EC mediator late Peter Carrington pressed Serbian leaders for an end to the conflict in Bosnia-Hercegovina. A U.N. spokesman said the Sarajevo airport was reopened for the aid flights Tuesday morning after a daylong suspension forced by the worst fighting in the city in weeks.

ANMESTY: SYRIA STILL TORTURES PRISONERS

—Thousands of prisoners in Syrian prisons are tortured and deprived of proper medical care, the Amnesty International branch in Syria said. The London-based human rights group said despite the recent release of 2,000 prisoners, there does not appear to be a new era for justice in Syria. The international group said the torture of prisoners without trial proves human rights are not a priority in Syria.

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GREENSPAN PREDICTS ECONOMIC EXPANSION

—Federal Reserve Board Chairman Alan Greenspan told Senate Banking Committee members Tuesday he expects the economy will begin expanding faster, but lawmakers lashed out and charged that Americans are dissatisifed with the rate of growth. Greenspan testified before the committee to deliver the Federal Reserve System’s Board of Governors semi-annual report on monetary policy to Congress.

JUDGE FREES ‘DR. DEATH’ OF MURDER CHARGE

—A judge Tuesday dismissed murder charges against Dr. Jack Kevorkian, the euthanasia advocate known as “Dr. Death,” ruling that physician-assisted suicide is not a crime under Michigan law. Circuit Court Judge David Breck said District Judge James P. Sheehy erred Feb. 28 in ordering Kevorkian, 62, to stand trial for murder in the deaths of Marjorie Wantz, 58, of Sodus, and Sherry Miller, 43, of Roseville.

PENTAGON BAFFLED BY OSPREY CRASH—A

Pentagon spokesman said officials don’t have any idea what caused a controversial experimental military aircraft to crash after undergoing “a full flight test,” killing all seven aboard. Search-and-rescue teams resumed searching for the bodies of the seven who died when the V-22 Osprey stalled and plunged into the Potomac River, and the Pentagon ordered a precautionary grounding of the plane pending an investigation.

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FBI: ‘BEARDED BANDIT’ HAD HANDCUFF KEY—The alleged “bearded bandit” bank robber who wrested a gun from one of his guards, killed two marshals and then himself used a key to free one of his hands from his manacles, the FBI confirmed. Yelling, “I’m going to take everybody with me,” Jeffery Erickson grabbed a gun when being led from the Dickson Federal building Monday and began shooting. He ran up the ramp from a parking area, put a gun to his chin and pulled the trigger.

SENATE APPROVES ARCH PARK EXPANSION—The Senate has approved legislation to extend the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial, which includes the Arch on the St. Louis riverfront, to the Illinois side of the Mississippi River. The bill approved Monday by the Senate includes a Bill on a voice vote with no objections is nearly identical to legislation passed by the House in March. Supporters of the project said the House was expected to accept the Senate-passed version soon.

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Fairfield to aid businesses with $280,000 federal grant
By William Ragan
Police Writer

LeAnn Manufacturing, Inc. in Fairfield will receive more than $280,000 from the city, enabling the clothing company to create 20 full-time jobs in Southern Illinois, said Rep. Larry Hicks (D-Mt. Vernon).

The money comes from a grant given by the Community Development Assistance Program, a federal program administered in Illinois by the Department of Commerce and Community Affairs.

The new jobs will mean increased development for the company and the town of Fairfield, which has a population of 5,000.

In addition, the company will be able to retain 50 employees, Hicks said.

"Any time an industry in Southern Illinois can expand, it means good news for our local economy," Hicks said.

"With the unemployment rate skyrocketing, getting grants like this for our existing businesses is of paramount importance to communities trying to pull out of the recession," Hicks said.

"In order to expand, it is important that LeAnn Manufacturing improve their infrastructure," Hicks said. "Without this grant they would have been unable to do that." According to Fairfield City Administrator Ron Anderson, LeAnn will use the $286,667 grant in CDFD funds to extend public water and sewer lines, as well as for roadway improvements.

The grant money was sent to Fairfield originally.

The money was then loaned to LeAnn for infrastructural improvements.

LeAnn will pay the grant back through a low-interest loan which will be used for economic development in Fairfield, said Department of Commerce spokeswoman Lynn Morford.

Meister denies forgery accusation during testimony in oil waste trial
By John McCadd
Police Writer

Former SIUC pollution control director John Meister claimed during testimony Tuesday that he had no knowledge of the whereabouts of waste which was dumped illegally until Illinois state police began an investigation.

Meister was indicted in November, 1988 on two counts of theft by deception and 12 counts of forgery in connection with his alleged illegal dumping of waste in the Jackson County landfill and crude-oil contaminated waste in his business partner's land.

Testimony Tuesday focused in part on the extent to which Meister witnessed daily operations of the transactions and waste transportation that resulted in alleged illegal dumping of waste.

Meister said when he was the foreman at the facility, he checked over old copies of manifests with former business partner Charles Fitzpatrick and the documents all seemed to be in place.

He said Fitzpatrick also had no indication that the loads of waste had been missing.

The transaction to which Meister referred stemmed from a 1988 crude-oil contaminated waste shipment where several loads of waste were not taken to the Perry County landfill, and instead turned up on his business partner's farm.

Meister said hypothetically that if waste were dumped illegally, profits would be sent to the Lake of Egypt Waste disposal company resulting from a savings of landfill fees.

However, during cross-examination he acknowledged that, being the consultant, he would eventually receive profits from the transaction if waste were dumped illegally.

Regarding forgery allegations, Meister acknowledged signing several lines on manifests after seeing several copies of manifests in the office of trucking company owner Norman Fred which were not signed by the landfill operators.

Dairy king
Joe Waicukauski of Carbondale prepares chocolate and strawberry for sundae at Dairy Queen on S. Illinois Street. Waicukauski and his son have run the shop for 11 years. His son is the manager of the shop. Waicukauski was preparing the sauces at the shop Tuesday.

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Politicians tested on TV talk shows

Whenever a blockbuster movie is being released, television viewers get used to hearing about the latest flick, but rather health-care programs and budget-balancing maneuvers. Yes, the presidential campaign train is now making mandatory stops at late-night talk shows. Understandably, this phenomenon has raised eyebrows across the nation. After all, what place do politicians have in these spectacles of shrillness type and fake personalities?

They’ll probably fit in quite nicely.

Seriously, putting candidates on talk shows is a welcome addition to American presidential campaigning, which has relied on the 30-second advertisement for far too long. Now, candidates are being tested in environments that they do not control. Ronald Reagan was president for eight years and was never tested in this manner. Handling unexpected pressure situations is one of Americans have already seen candidates taken aback by some questions from talk show audience.

Being able to directly address candidates allows citizens to affect the agenda of a major political candidate, if only for a few minutes. Politicians have shown that most people consider candidates to allow for discussion of issues instead of personalities, which belongs to every channel. You see them gabbing with Katie Couric, cooking with Regis and Kathie Lee, joking with Jay Leno. But now, these ubiquitous chatterers aren't pushing the latest flick, but rather health-care programs and budget-balancing maneuvers.

The only possible losers in this arrangement are plastic movie stars and witnesses of alien landings who have to find other ways to talk to the American people. They shouldn’t worry, though. After a president is elected, the nation’s problems should keep him quite busy.

Radar detector ban would violate rights

If Gov. Jim Edgar signs a bill banning radar detectors from buses and trucks, he might be unwittingly jeopardizing the right Illinois residents have to free access to receive communication through the air.

While the limitation has been adopted in other states, it is an infringement on First Amendment liberties.

Advocates of detector laws claim that legislation will stop drivers who speed recklessly. Unfortunately, drivers speed whether they have detectors or not.

States that are effective at catching speeders use other methods to monitor speeders than radar traps. Technology now allows state police departments to use helicopters and cameras to catch speeding drivers. And the only possible losers in this arrangement are plastic movie stars and witnesses of alien landings who have to find other ways to talk to the American people. They shouldn’t worry, though. After a president is elected, the nation’s problems should keep him quite busy.

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Commentary

Slats Grobnik: Politicians should shut up

"I see where a lot of those Boss Perot people say they ain't going to quit," said Slats Grobnik. "But they ain't got reason to be so discouraged, I got a lot of spare time, so I'll volunteer to be their guy."

"Not to be disrespectful, but I don't see why Perot has always been so enthusiastic. Why not? I'm skinny, I got big ears and beady eyes, and my wife can usually get them to do anything she likes."

It's not your appearance, although there is a resemblance. But they were attracted to Perot because he possesses, for something. He promised action, solutions, decisiveness.

"So I can be decisive. When I put up my mind to do something, I either do it or I don't. One or the other. That way it's sure to be done or not done, so you know where you stand."

"Sure, that's the only form of decisiveness, one we have become familiar with in the George Bush era."

But Perot's supporters would want to know what your programs are. Some specifics.

"You want a specific? OK, how about this. Campaign slogan. Everybody shut up. Everybody shut up."

"Right. That would be my campaign slogan. Everybody shut up."

"What does that mean?"

"Just what it says. It means we talk too much. This country used to be the strong, silent type."

"Look at the old Western movies. A guy rode up on a horse and went into a saloon. Somebody said, 'howdy, stranger.' He said, 'howdy.' That was it. If somebody asked him where he was from, he shot the busybody. That's when this country got great. No portable phones, no fax machines, no radio talk shows, no sound bites on TV."

And you think that's what's hurting this country? In '84 we were falling behind. If we're falling all the time, how can we get anything done?"

"You see, it's simple math. Every time someone is blabbing, that means somebody else is listening, even when they don't want to, which they usually don't. So that means that the blabber wastes his own time, and he wastes the listener's time. It's a two-for-one deal. If we shut up the blabbers, we got a 200 percent improvement.

What kind of political platform is that? You just can't tell the country to shut up."

"I don't mean everybody has got to shut up like they're in church or a library. Only people who talk when they ain't got nothing to say. And I figure that's about 85 percent of all the blabber."

And just how would you enforce this?

"With different taxes. We'd have a whiner tax. You got to buy a coupon book.

"So every time you whine about something, you got to take out your book and give a coupon to the person you're whining to."

Once it's torn out of the book, it's not valid no more. We charge maybe a dollar a whine. So some math. We got about 200 million adults in this country. Most of them whine about something at least once a day. We'd take in about $200 million a day just in whiner taxes. That'd be almost $70 billion a year just from one tax."

Ah, but what about people who whine on the phone? How do you get a coupon from them?

"You don't. But they got to pay the whiner tax."

"A blather tax."

"That means everybody gets only three phone calls a day. Nobody needs to talk on the phone any more than that. After three, there's a tax on every call, except when you call your mother or the cops or the fire department. And if the cops come and it's just some booby couple having a fight, they are charged two or three dollars. They are a big revenue raiser, the stupid tax."
BUSH, from page 1
Tuesday's session in Pennsylvania, a critical state for both candidates, Bush attacked Clinton's positions, while avoiding his name.

On Monday, he accused Clinton of being a liberal, stealing his line to change America and made veiled attacks on Arkansas governor's character.

With the quality of the nation's schools becoming a major campaign issue, Bush reiterated his pitch that his administration would give low-income families $1,000 in credits to send their children to a school of their choice. The $500 million program before Congress would provide 500,000 scholarships of $1,000 each to low-income families.

"It would enhance and strengthen the public school system as well as the Catholic schools," Bush said. "I support all the issues you fight for. It will make all the schools better."

A survey by Temple University political scientist showed that 55.9 percent of Philadelphians support a choice school consideration by the Pennsylvania legislature, which is similar to the Bush plan.

But Democrats and the NEA contend the measure would only further the existing gap in education quality because the level of funding would not adequately assist poor students and would not improve inner-city schools.

Rep. Thomas Foglietta, D-Pa., hoping to get the Philadelphia members of the president's staff, told reporters before Bush's arrival that the administration plans to create a ghettoized inner-city school system trapped by and condemned to poverty.

Foglietta added that Bush had flunked as the nation's education president.

Bush was joined at the school by Edinburgh's Lamont, Alexander and Philadelphia Archbishop Anthony Bevilacqua. Bush has raised questions from some of the 500 parents and students in the audience, Bush sat down on a bench and asked a turkey sandwich, potato chips, an apple and a Coke.

After lunch, Bush flew to New Jersey to appeal for votes in the Garden State.

Bush derided the NEA as an organization that had failed to keep pace with progress and revealed in the status quo that he is trying to change.

"This NEA crowd is fighting any kind of change because they just like the way it's been," Bush said. "I think it's been a good way; it's been good; and I want to help those public school systems get better and I want to see families have a choice to send their kids to the schools they want them to go to."

Foglietta, a graduate of the city's parochial school system, said Bush's school plan is an election year play "which cheats our public school children."
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The other members of the eight member band include Jimmy Carter, Tim Butler, George Scott, Curtis Foster, Jerome Monk and Johnny Fields. The Blind Boys are on the road around 250 days a year. Fountain said the band likes to keep busy.

"The more the merrier," Fountain said. "Nothing else to do and it's good to remember.

The Blind Boys songs reflect their deep religious beliefs. "We Love What God Can Do," "What's the Matter With Jesus (He's All Right)" and "I'm Changed" all speak of the power of the God to change a person's life.

"If you're with God and the Lord is in you and you are in the Lord, you'll be speaking to someone," Fountain said. "There is more need in gospel music because you are calling on a higher power than your own. And you will feel it.

Gospel music is appreciated more than in America because they have less access to it, Fountain said.

"You can hear it over here anywhere you want to," he said. "They can't get it when they want it, so they appreciate it more."

Future plans for the Blind Boys may involve movie roles.

"If the new album goes well, we can call our own shots," Fountain said. "I want to be in a couple of movies singing. I'd like it if someone would come along with a gospel movie. We're on our way to better things."

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The Du Quoin State Fair Bar-B-Q contest is a much higher scale competition, Roach said. Contestants for the competition will be judged on preparation and showmanship of pork shoulder, ribs and whole hog.

Roger Bagley, of Carbondale, will be competing with the Carbondale Eagles team in all three categories of the Du Quoin State Fair Bar-B-Q. This will be his third year competing in this cook-off.

The Carbondale Eagles have been cooking together for about fifteen years, Bagley said. "We first started in competitions five years ago, and since have competed in Kentucky, Arkansas, Missouri and in Murphyboro, along with the one in Du Quoin. "We started competing for the fun of it, but it is pretty serious now," said Bagley, who is also in charge of the sauce for the pork. "The team is starting to get into the showmanship aspect of the competition so that will be a larger part of our efforts this year," he said.

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Gospel Boys sound highlight fourth Sunset Concert

By Ronn Byrd Entertainment Writer

Coming into the home stretch, the fourth week of the Sunset Concert Series features the gospel sounds of The Blind Boys of Alabama.

With roots deep in Southern black spirituals, the Blind Boys' history began when front man Clarence Fountain was 14 and a student at the Talladega Institute for the Deaf and Blind in Alabama. He and his friends, all blind, had formed the amateur gospel group called the Happyland Singers and were quickly signed to do professional church and radio engagements. Back then they only were playing for crowds of 60 to 75 people.

Fountain said the band's efforts toward success were difficult.

"Gospel music is a different type of music and it's something you have to get established," he said. "Back then it was the time for rock and roll and it was difficult. But we were going good and we knew our time would come."

After several years as the Happyland Singers, the group received an unexpected name change at a music contest.

"It was thrust upon us," Fountain said. "The contest was billed as play off between the Blind Boys of Mississippi and the Blind Boys of Alabama. The name went so good that we decided to keep it."

After recording on a few small labels, the Blind Boys' career accelerated with the success of their first hit record, "I Can See Everybody's Face."

After their near overnight success, the Blind Boys received an offer from Ray Charles' management to go on tour. They would have been performing songs ranging from rock to pop music, singing everything but gospel. Fountain refused to go pop and although the rest of the band wanted to, he held them back.

"It was in 1965," Fountain remembered. "They wanted some competition for Ray and they figured we could give it to him. We were offered $1500 dollars a week to be Ray Charles' Shadow. We wanted to go rock and roll and make some money. But it just made my determination more to stick to gospel. Anything else felt like it was turned around from God."

The Blind Boys stuck to their gospel roots, gradually becoming cult favorites.

"As a Fountain has said, the band's audiences the hard way, night after night, town after town, from one side of the country to the other."

The Blind Boys of Alabama have recorded more than 25 albums in their 35-year history, and have played dates from California to Maine, and internationally from Germany to Australia.

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Fountain said that in 1983 avant-garde theater director Lois Schreiner and composer Bob Telson came up with the idea of a stage musical that expressed Greek tragedy using gospel music. They contacted Fountain to see if the Blind Boys would want to perform it.

"I didn't like it," Fountain said. "because I was scared and didn't know what it was about. I had been a singer all my life and for me to get into something like this was scary. But once I got into it, I was like candy to a baby."

"Gospel At Colonus" was a musical that told the story of the final days of Oedipus, who was redeemed for his incestuous sins. Like Fountain, Oedipus was blinded, so he justified with the role.

"I seen that way all my life, so that was the easy part to play," he said. "I really got used to it."

The musical was launched at Minnesota's Walker Art Center in 1983 in a one-act show that eventually grew into a full evening show that toured across America. It closed Aug. 15, 1990 and according to Fountain, "made millions in every city."
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Agassi captures doubles win
in 1st round of Players tourney

TORONTO (UPI) — Andre Agassi and Mike McEnroe began to awake from their post-Wimbledon hangovers Sunday with a first-round doubles victory at the $1.295 million Players International tennis championships.

Agassi and McEnroe posted their first win since claiming their Wimbledon titles, defeating unheralded Daniel Nestor and Sebastian Lareau of Canada 7-5, 6-4.

Since winning the Wimbledon doubles crown, tennis’s most coveted prize, Agassi and McEnroe were reluctant to get back down to business of losing his opening match at the National Bank Classic in Washington D.C. last week to Kevin Curren in a walkover.

Although he’s won three Wimbledon titles, McEnroe admitted he has had trouble focusing his energies on the doubles title with partner Michael Stich in a memorable match that stretched over two days.

Like Agassi, McEnroe made a hasty exit from the Nations Bank Classic losing in straight sets to Jimmy Bums of Great Britain.

“Imagining the play the NBA finals that started the regular season again the next week, that’s what it’s like,” said Agassi.

Still savoring his first ever Grand Slam title, Agassi said he’s still not entirely deal with the every-day grind of the ATP tour.

“There was a huge letdown after Wimbledon,” admitted Agassi.

Agassi, who hadn’t even feel like tennis match out there tonight.

“Of course, I’m glad I wasn’t playing singles tonight or it would have been the last one,” Agassi said of his victory this year.

Roche wins 16th stage of Tour de France

LA BOUROUFE, France (UPI) — cere Roche of France won his 16th Tour de France stage since 1981 when he won the second stage of this year’s Tour on Tuesday.

The 32-year-old Roche burst clear of St. Etienne to La Bouroufe by 46 seconds ahead of Vilschers-Ekinon of the CIS.

Vilschers-Ekinon of the team was third, just a few seconds ahead of the main pack led by Italy’s Claudio Chiappucci.

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collegiate days. Zone defenses are not legal in professional basketball. “We’re going to look to do a little more trapping out of the zone,” Daly said. “We wanted to get the basics of it, so we got into four trouble and have a problem with a particular player, but we’re getting another option. I think we can come up with a lot more steals from the zone because of our athleticism. The other coaches are trying to talk me into using the zone. I’m big on individual coverage.”

“But there might be a time where we’ll use it. I like the fact of our athleticism, our aggressiveness, our quickness defensively in certain situations. We can come up with a lot of steals.”

Daly said he is not certain how much Larry Bird of the Boston Celtics is going to be able to contribute to the team.

Bird has been nursing a sore back for quite some time and missed most of the qualifying tournament. He returned to practice Sunday but was used sparingly by Daly.

“He got a little bit of work and

Barcelona, Spain — Early arrivals at the Summer Olympics Tuesday couldn’t decide what was more oppressive — the heat or the bugs.

Temperatures climbed into the 90s as thousands of people, including 21 Olympic delegations, poured into this coastal city to be part of the XXV Olympiad.

They did discover that their money was going to burn faster than their skin.

The Spanish government is taking a "command" on every bit of foreign exchange for pesetas and this command often runs as high as 250 percent.

On top of that, hotel rooms have risen price: 30 percent in most sectors of the city and dining out can be a real eye opener - a restaurant charging between $40 and $50 for a moderate meal.

"Barcelona is one of the most expensive cities in Europe," said one restaurant manager, "who has been living in city for several months."

"Because it’s so small in area, everything is close together and the land values soar. That forces people to pay in excess of everything else."

Price gouging is at its worst

when it comes to selling tickets to Olympic events.

Tickets to some events are being sold by scalpers for $200 to $3,500.

One British company used to making its money out of tickets for Wimbledon and major soccer games has set up offices in the city and placed advertisements in local papers offering to pay premium rates.

"This kind of resale is illegal," said Oriol Serra, head of ticketing for Olympics organizers.

Heat, high prices await fans

Small Asian nations ready to battle against world's best

United Press International

Some are discussing nations dismissed ambitions of gold medals even before the Olympics started.

"Because since the last Games was extinguished in Seoul, South Korea, four years ago, participants from developing countries longing for the first accolade were convinced the Barcelona Games offer them their best chance."

Refusing to be cowed by the largest gathering of world-class athletes in history, Third World teams from overpopulated, impoverished countries have gathered along the Mediterranean coast drawn by the lure of the ultimate laurel.

Reckoning the everchanging political arena, North Korea is back for the first time in 12 years with a 108-member delegation anxious to display superiority in gymnastics, table tennis, and the lighter divisions of weight lifting.

Allison to race in 500 despite broken wrist

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (UPI) — NASCAR driver Davey Allison, who suffered a broken wrist in the worst wreck of his career Sunday, nevertheless will start in next Sunday’s Diehl 500 Winston Cup race at Talladega Superspeedway.

Allison underwent surgery for the broken wrist on Monday and was released Sunday’s race at Pocono International Raceway. His car will be driven by Darrell Waltrip.

Yates and crew chief Larry McReynolds were both in the pits when the wreck occurred on the backstretch of the 2.5-mile speedway, but after seeing a leaded replay of the crash, they believe Allison is lucky to be alive.

"We would probably have a hard time explaining how we lucked the way he did by watching the replay to even talk about the future is something that we did not expect," McReynolds said.

"I pretty good in practice said Bird, "and hopefully I can stay that way for a while."

"Right now this back is so uncomfortable, I don’t know if it’s going to let me do what I want to do. I’m just trying to stay healthy enough to get to Barcelona and do the things and games and have fun."
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