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Marines unexpectedly return to Persian Gulf

by NEIL MACFARQUHAR
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KUWAIT — Nearly 2,000 Marines prepared to come ashore Tuesday, some of them surprised to find themselves in the desert again hearing increasingly bellicose statements from Iraqi President Saddam Hussein.

The Marines were the first of thousands expected to land this week for joint maneuvers meant to show the United States is ready to defend the oil-rich emirate against Iraqi attack.

"If you told me two years ago that I would be back I would have said no way. But training is training," said Lt. Kevin McMerney, 27, of Orlando, Fla.

The lieutenant led an advance team setting up camouflage nets at the container port of Shuwaik, where some 1,900 Marines were to land in three waves of amphibious assault vehicles and hovercraft starting just after dawn Tuesday.

In all, more than 5,000 U.S. troops from all branches of the military are to take part in at least two weeks of exercises with the Kuwaitis.

American troops were dispatched to the Gulf as Saddam escalated his rhetorical claims to Kuwait. Baghdad trumpeted these claims to justify invading the emirate on Aug. 2, 1990 and has unnerved Kuwait by reasserting them two years later.

McMerney said the troops weren't concerned by Saddam's pugnaciousness: "We just came for training. No worries."

Some Kuwaitis say they are heartened by the sight of the military muscle. They drive repeatedly past the Marine ships and eight Patriot missile launchers deployed last month to knock Iraqi Scud missiles out of the sky.

"When you have a bully in the

neighborhood and you are weak, you like having a tough guy standing next to you. It's reassuring," said Fuad al-Ghanim, a Kuwaiti businessman whose windows overlook the Gulf.

Defense Minister Sheik Ali al-Sabah has made training on high-tech weaponry, and defense pacts with the United States, Britain and soon France the twin pillars of rebuilding Kuwait's army. The military is never expected to be more than a temporarily blocking force.

The United States decided to double the number of soldiers participating in the scheduled exercise after Saddam resisted U.N. weapons inspections. Inspections were part of the truce agreement Baghdad signed at the end of the 1991 Gulf War that drove Iraq from Kuwait, but Saddam held inspectors at bay three weeks before relenting.

In Iraq, the official news agency quoted Information Minister Hammed Youssef Hammadi as saying the "mother of all battles," as the Gulf war was called, would continue as long as U.N. sanctions were in force against Iraq.

Foreign diplomats and Kuwaiti military officers, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Saddam had two armored divisions in Basra, 30 miles north of the Kuwaiti border. Without the U.S. troops, the divisions probably could roll through the emirate as others did in 1990, but Saddam seems too preoccupied fighting Shiite rebels in southern Iraq, the sources said.

Most of Kuwait's military equipment was stolen during the war and its facilities were wrecked.

The emirate's pre-invasion ground forces consisted of about 17,000 stateless Arabs, who switched their loyalty to Iraq in droves.



THE UNIVERSITY DAILY: STEVEN LIME

Working for a living

Jerry Garry, a painter employed by Haden Signs, places the letter "S" back onto the Double T scoreboard. The scoreboard has been repainted about every five years for the past 15 years. Re-

painting the sign costs the athletic department about \$2,500. The painting project began Thursday and was completed Monday. Haden Signs is responsible for many of the signs in Lubbock.

'Moter voter' bill not out of gas

by RACHELLE CAMERON
THE UNIVERSITY DAILY

The "moter voter" bill, recently vetoed by President Bush, is scheduled for an override vote in September.

If passed, the bill would require all states to offer automatic voter registration to people when they apply for or renew their drivers license. It would also allow people to register by mail and would offer registration at a vari-

ety of government agencies such as welfare and unemployment offices and agencies that serve the disabled.

Supporters say the bill would clear away obstacles to registration and boost voter turnout.

"The intent of the bill was to make certain that all people who wanted to register to vote had good access to places that would be suitable for their needs and schedules," said Gladys Maynard of Lubbock's League of Women Voters.

Proponents of the bill estimate it would increase voter registration to 91 percent, up from the current level of 64 percent.

Maynard said that opponents of the bill claim it would lead to fraud and widespread abuse by registering underage drivers, non-citizens, non-residents, felons and other persons not qualified to vote. They also say the legislation would cost the states too

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Senate saves super collider funding

by MICHELLE MITTELSTADT
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The Senate breathed new life into the superconducting super collider Monday, fending off an attempt to follow the House and kill the \$8.25 billion giant atom smasher.

On a 62-32 vote, the Senate rejected an amendment by Sen. Dale Bumpers to eliminate funding for the super collider.

The House voted two months ago to kill the project, which would be the world's largest scientific instrument. Had the Senate followed course, it

would have meant almost certain death for the super collider.

"There was reason to worry after the House vote that the superconducting super collider would become extinct, but the Senate today took this important basic research project off the endangered species list," said Sen. Lloyd Bentsen.

Gov. Ann Richards said the vote was gratifying.

"The superconducting super collider project insures that the United States will be preeminent in science into the next century," she said.

The Senate Appropriations Committee allocated \$550 million for the

super collider in the fiscal year beginning Oct. 1. That amount is \$100 million less than the Bush administration is seeking.

A similar amendment offered by Bumpers last year failed on a 62-37 vote. Bumpers predicted he would garner more support this year and that growing opposition eventually would force the project's cancellation.

Bumpers argued Monday that halting the collider would be a step toward reducing the federal budget deficit.

"This nation is on the cutting edge of bankruptcy and nobody can ever seem to find a place to bring this thing under control," he said.

INSIDE

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KTXT-TV, channel 5, is allowing Lubbockites to peek into the traditions and lifestyles of Hispanics every Saturday evening this summer. please see LIFE, page 6

Weather

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RU in the mood for love? Abortion pill stirs controversy in politics, medicine



ANNA QUINDLEN

From time to time you hear complaints from people of apparent good will about how much national attention is being focused on AIDS. What about cancer? say cancer survivors. What about heart disease? And in these complaints there is usually a touch of envy. Many of us whose lives were mangled by mortal illnesses suffered privately, confident that doctors and researchers and the purveyors of government grants were doing their level best to eradicate the scourge. We waited. And waited. And waited.

Then the AIDS activists disrupted hearings and marched down city streets and agitated, agitated, agitated for better drugs, for speedier approvals, for more research money. Some people think they are too militant. If I could help give someone I loved a second chance, or even an extra year, what people think would not worry me a bit.

It's certain we women can learn from this, after all these years of waiting politely for a male medical and governmental establishment to be nice to us. When the president pandered yet again to the anti-abortion lobby by vetoing a measure that would pay for research on women's health issues because it also lifted the ban on fetal tissue research, it was clear we'd been polite too long.

And then there's RU-486, a pill that causes early abortion. Comparisons are odious, but imagine if doctors discovered a method of vasectomy that required only a handful of capsules and a drink of water. It'd be approved so fast it would make your head spin.

A pregnant social worker named Leona Benteen was stopped at Kennedy Airport when she flew from Europe carrying a duly prescribed dose of RU-486. The drug is on a special import alert list, although some Food and Drug Administration officials say that this has nothing to do with safety. It didn't go on the list at the behest of serious scientists, but at the request of conservative members of

Congress, thereby making the FDA an arm of the right-to-life lobby.

But RU-486 is not just a drug that induces abortion.

Some doctors think the drug could prove useful in treating adult diabetes, hypertension and other cancers.

There is evidence that it may help fight breast cancer, a disease that leads to the death of 44,000 American women a year. Some doctors think the drug could prove useful in treating adult diabetes, hypertension and other cancers. But they — and you, if you suffer from any of those conditions — are stymied here in the United States by the unhappy alliance of politics, medicine and corporate caution.

The pharmaceutical company

that manufactures RU-486, Roussel Uclaf, has acted as businesses tend to do. It pulled the drug off the market in its native France after protests, putting it back on only after the French government ordered it to do so. The company has not even sought approval for RU-486 in this country, where poses of men illustrate their respect for life by thrusting fetal remains at candidates and clinic escorts. In several European countries, where there is less fetus-throwing, RU-486 is being used with success and safety.

There is a kind of resonance to all this for anyone who has read Ellen Chesler's marvelous biography of Margaret Sanger. One legal challenge described in the book is entitled — truly — *United States v. One Package Containing 120, more or less, Rubber Pessaries to Prevent Conception*. The offending devices were sent to Mrs. Sanger by a Japanese doctor, then confiscated by customs. This was not an uncommon problem; after Mrs. Sanger married the inventor of 3-In-One oil, he smuggled diaphragms in the product's containers. It all

seems rather quaint, as Leona Benteen's difficulties someday will, which is cold comfort to her today.

Ms. Benteen brought the ban on RU-486 to the public's attention. Sadly, the attendant fuss may also have reinforced Roussel Uclaf's dedication to conflict avoidance in the United States.

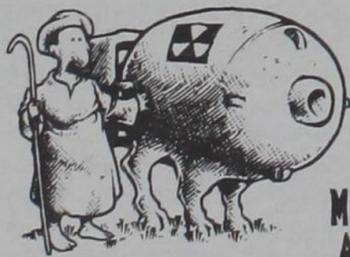
But contained in this episode are the seeds of a powerful lobby: women who want abortions to be performed as early and as safely as possible; women who have lost mothers to breast cancer and are at risk themselves; women who believe that health care should be separate from a political agenda.

Oh, and women who vote. Those familiar with the politics of RU-486 believe that it could be licensed in short order if the political atmosphere changed. Not in the time for Leona Benteen, but not a moment too soon for millions of other women who must be less patient and more militant about health care.

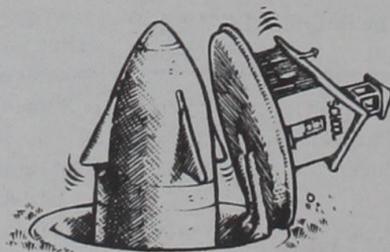
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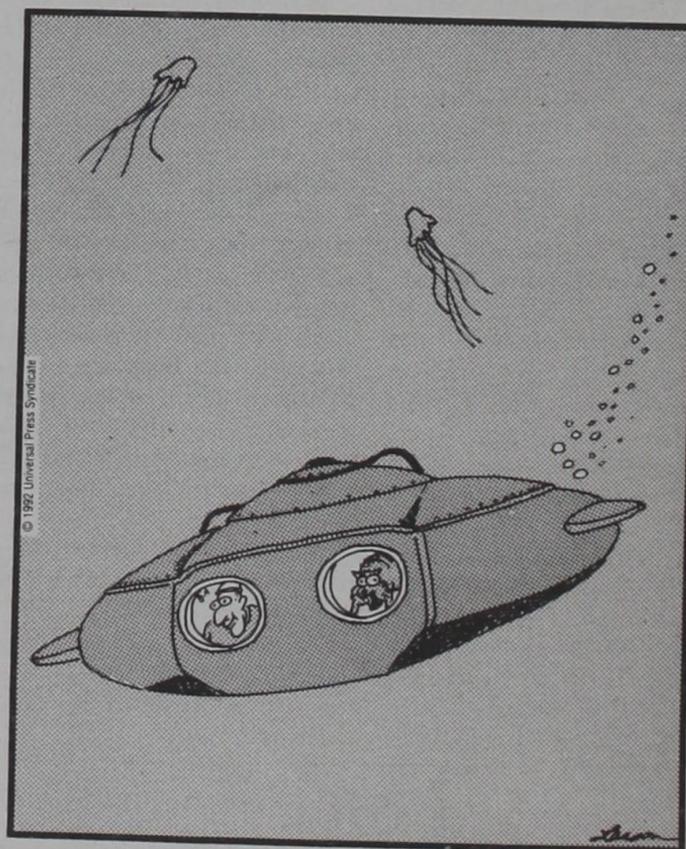
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By GARY LARSON



The living hell of Maurice, Jacques Cousteau's cat

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Prof elected to Lung Association board

by LYDIA GUAJARDO
THE UNIVERSITY DAILY

Texas Tech associate professor of health, physical education and recreation Tina Fields was elected first vice-chair on the board of the American Lung Association of Texas in July.

Fields has served on the association for six years and carried out several duties ranging from the board of directors to committee member and now the vice-chair.

"When I first got involved, it was because another professor recommended me to the board. I started out on the occupational health committee," Fields said.

During her time with the association, Fields has aided in creating several educational programs for students and professionals. She has gathered grants for young professionals to help them start physician programs.

Fields said she enjoys her work

with the association because it offers the opportunity to work with a diverse group of people.

The Lung Association and the Cancer Association, working in close conjunction with the Heart Association, have taken part in the educational program, "Smoke Free Class of 2000."

"We give the teachers the tools to inform students to stay away from smoking and follow them through the elementary years," Fields said.

Texas has committed funds and supplies to sending the educational packages to all first grade teachers, not just a select few.

"Texas has supplied all the teachers with the tools and recruited two professors to teach and train elementary teachers to pass this information on to their students," Fields said.

"We have gotten a lot of visibility and are seeing a lot of long-term activities."

In addition to working with the

Lung Association, Fields has taught classes in the health department for seven years at Texas Tech.

"For the most part I enjoy my job, some days I don't and some days I do like it," Fields said.

"As for students, I tend to like them, but there are always a couple who challenge me and cause me to get out of shape."

However, Fields said she enjoys a challenge and has decided to further her career by attending medical school.

After medical school, Fields said she hopes to go into family practice and take her practice into the Indian reservations of New Mexico.

"I have a real empathy for the native Americans and an appreciation for their idea of life," she said.

Fields said she will face discrimination on the reservations, but she said that it's all part of the challenge.

"I never knew I could do half the things I could do until I went out and did them," Fields said.

Campus briefs

TTUHSC offering EMS courses

Three courses for Emergency Medical Services personnel will be offered by the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.

The courses for Emergency Medical Technicians will begin today at Reese Air Force Base, Aug. 24 in Denver City and Aug. 26 at Wolfforth.

Cost for the course is \$260 plus books and completion of the course will result in certification as an EMT.

For additional information, call the TTUHSC Emergency Medical Programs office at 743-3218.

Parking spaces available Saturday

Reserved parking spaces for Texas Tech research and teaching assistants will be sold at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Traffic and Parking Office. Assistants must be working at least 20 hours each week and must bring a letter from the department or a copy of their contract to verify employment.

All spaces will be sold on a first-come, first-serve basis and are expected to be sold out by early afternoon.

Home economics professor receives award

Associate Dean of the College of Home Economics Ruth Martin has been presented with 1992 Professional Achievement Award in Family and Consumer Sciences by the Iowa State University Alumni Association in recognition of superior professional achievement.

Martin joined the faculty at Texas Tech in 1986 and was named associate dean in 1988.

Prior to coming to Tech, Martin taught at North Dakota State University and Washington State University.



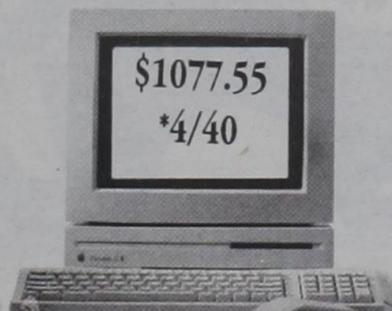
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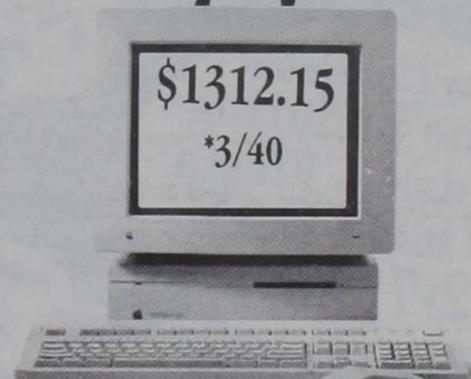
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Bill receives backing from both parties

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much money in requiring computerized registration lists.

The Democratic-sponsored bill received a number of Republican backers in both the House and the Senate, but other Republican congressmen have charged that the legislation was an attempt by the Democrats to gain additional supporters, Maynard said.

"There is an idea that a large percentage of the unemployed and disabled are Democrats, but there has never been a study that proved this theory," she said.

Maynard said it is unlikely Congress will muster the two-thirds majority needed in each chamber to override the veto.

Various forms of the "motor voter" legislation have been introduced to Congress since February 1988.

The bill is an extension of the Voters Right Act that was passed in 1965 and prevented such registra-

tion barriers as poll taxes and literacy tests, Maynard said.

The act, which is up for renewal, also mandates that all voting material be printed in secondary languages in counties with over 10,000 minorities, and is expected to receive Bush's signature.

"It is important to note that this bill is part of an ongoing process of registration reform and improvement that started back in 1965," she said.

"It's a little discouraging that Bush vetoed the 'motor voter' bill after all this work, but we'll stick with it, and eventually it will become a law."

Texas is one of 30 states that has adopted its own version of the "motor voter" bill.

Texans can receive voter registration forms at any Department of Public Safety Office as well as other government agencies, but the registration is not automatically implemented or computerized.

Mail-in registration is also available in Texas.

Oil industry execs ask President Bush...

What have you done for me lately?

by LAURA TOLLEY
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

HOUSTON — The Republican National Convention is expected to provide a shot in the arm to Houston's oil-dominated economy, and many are crediting President Bush for bringing his party to town.

This is, after all, his adopted hometown.

Bush did tap Houston as the site for the 1990 Economic Summit, brushing aside suggestions to hold the prestigious event in San Antonio. The Alamo City is considered far more picturesque, but Houston got the presidential nod.

Many are quick to praise Bush for bringing the two high-profile and lucrative events to town, but others are wondering what else he has done for Houston.

"There's really nothing beyond those two things," Rice University

sociologist Stephen Klineberg says. "There's been a lot of disappointment with Bush. The oil companies are upset by his failure to address this country's dependence on foreign oil."

"A lot of people in the industry are wandering around in circles as to who to support (for president)," says Paul Taylor, a vice president at Anadarko Petroleum Corp., a Houston-based independent oil and gas exploration and production company. "There are a lot of my friends who are mad as hell at George Bush. But there are a lot of them who totally distrust the Democratic Party."

Houston officials see the GOP Convention as a tool to attract new business to the city. Houston has been trying to extricate itself from the energy industry's grip ever since the economy took a near-fatal nose dive when oil prices collapsed in the mid-1980s.

Diversification efforts have focused on the Johnson Space Center, the Texas Medical Center and the Port of Houston, but the energy industry still accounts for 60 percent of the local economy.

And times are bad in the oil patch. "The petroleum industry in the United States is in one of the most deplorable conditions I've ever seen," said Michel Halbouty, an independent oilman who has been in the business for 63 years.

"Wildcat drilling in the United States is practically non-existent and

for that reason it has devastated the independent segment of the industry. There are very, very few independents left. I'm one of them," the 83-year-old Houstonian says.

Bush was once part of the industry, and many feel he has a good understanding of it.

However, they disagree on whether he has helped the industry as president.

"At least administratively, he hasn't been able to positively affect the industry," says John Walker, president of Enervest Inc., a Houston company that acquires oil producing property for institutional investors.

But Halbouty, who says he is a lifetime Republican, doesn't blame Bush.

"I blame Washington as a whole. I blame the Congress more than anybody," he says.

"I worked with (former President) Reagan, I've worked with Bush and know that they have been very strong in their efforts to strengthen the industry. But each time they run into the Democratic Congress that pushes the other way."

Overall, the industry has lost some 400,000 jobs since 1986.

Domestic exploration drilling hit several record lows this year.

Oil and natural gas prices remain weak.

"There's no question the industry has suffered in the last 10 years under Republican administrations," says Anadarko's Taylor.

"I just don't see a clear, most popular candidate at this point. Four years ago, it was George Bush, no question about. At this point, I see some wavering, some deep concern, some defections and a lot of hurt companies who would like some help somewhere."

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UC Activities Office bringing big names to '92-93 Nitelife Series

by LYDIA GUAJARDO
THE UNIVERSITY DAILY

The Nitelife Series presented by the University Center Activities Office for the 1992-93 school year has been released and tickets for the events will go on sale Aug. 31 at the UC.

Among some of the big names headed for the Hub City are former president Jimmy Carter, political col-

umnist William F. Buckley and entertainer Mandy Patinkin. This season's list includes 14 different names and four types of presentations.

"We are pretty excited about the events planned," said Mary Donahue of the University Center Activities Office. "This year we are able to do some things we were unable to do in the past."

She said the activities office also

has tried to add diversity to the season.

"So many times we have been noted as having a real liberal selection of speakers, so this year the student committees and our office have added Buckley as a conservative speaker."

For students in the arts department, the UC office wants to offer a wide spectrum of artists and their work. This year's season also will offer a variety of performances to students such as modern dance to political lectures.

"We are looking to make sure the students have a well rounded experience made available to them," she said.

In the schedule of events, there is only one repeat from the year before. Second City will be presented for the fourth year.

Ticket prices for events range from no admission charge to \$14 per ticket for students.

Some of the events are scheduled as follows:

- Mandy Patinkin, 8 p.m., Oct. 16

in the UC Allen Theatre. Patinkin will perform a dance and music concert titled "Dress Casual."

- ISO Dance Theatre, 8 p.m., Oct. 29, UC Allen Theatre. Together since 1986, the group will dance while mixing drama, mystery, comedy and poetry in its performance.

- The Mysteries and What's So Funny?, 8 p.m., Nov. 8, UC Allen Theatre. A play about life and its puzzling questions.

- Li Lu, 8 p.m. Nov. 14, UC Allen Theatre.

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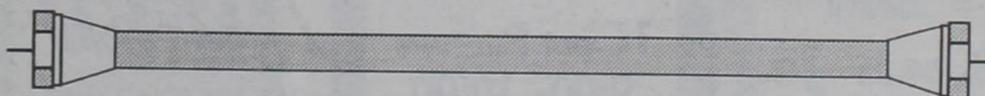
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KTXT-TV offering unique look at West Texas Hispanic culture and traditions

by RACHELLE CAMERON
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Lubbockites have a chance to experience the beauty and mystic of Hispanic culture and traditions every Saturday evening as Texas Tech's

KTXT-TV, channel 5, broadcasts a 13-part series titled "West Tejano Lifestyles."

The series, scheduled to air until Oct. 24, looks into the history of Hispanic culture on the South Plains and examines the importance that early

Hispanic citizens had in the development of the Lubbock community and surrounding areas.

"I produced the series because I wanted to help educate the community about the traditions of the Hispanic culture and to remind people

about the important role it has played in the development of Lubbock and West Texas communities," said Armando Rodriguez, director and producer of the series.

Rodriguez said he hoped the series would help develop an understanding

and respect for cultural differences among Lubbock residents. The educational series will provide a look at such Hispanic traditions as Cinco de Mayo. Hispanic artists and their works will be presented and discussed as the program focuses on the importance of self expression through art.

The history and development of Tejano music will be explored over two segments of the series and viewers will be able to hear the different style changes that have taken place in the music as it has evolved.



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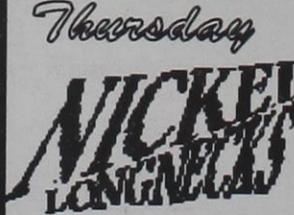
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Conley jumps to gold in Barcelona

by JOHN NELSON
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BARCELONA, Spain — Danell Nicholson ran into one rough Cuban heavyweight Monday at the Summer Olympics, where Americans were running into a lot of tough customers. Maybe that's why Mike Conley decided to hop, skip and jump.

Nicholson led after two rounds of his quarterfinal bout but couldn't withstand a third-round barrage by world amateur champion Felix Savon, who hasn't lost in four years.

"I thought I pulled it out," Nicholson said. "I'm not a judge, but I thought I won."

Conley shattered the Olympic record and crushed the opposition with the second-longest triple jump ever.

Walking off the awards stand later, he kissed his medal and said to the nearest TV camera: "This is for you, America."

Two other American boxers, Chris

Byrd and Oscar De La Hoya, and tennis players Mary Joe Fernandez and Jennifer Capriati clinched bronze medals, and moved to the semifinals.

Byrd takes on Chris Johnson, a Canadian thunder puncher, in the 165-pound class, and De La Hoya fights brawling South Korean Hong Sung Sik at 132 pounds on Thursday.

Fernandez faces the tournament's No. 1 seed, Steffi Graf, who has lost just 11 games in winning four matches, and Capriati meets No. 2 seed Arantxa Sanchez Vicario in her homeland on Wednesday. The U.S. baseball team faces a crew of clobberin' Cubans Tuesday night in the semifinals.

"Let me tell you something. If this ballclub dumped Cuba, it would be bigger than the hockey team," said U.S. baseball coach Ron Fraser, who gave his team a 40-minute inspirational talk in the dugout Monday.

With all 16 of the day's medal events over, the Unified Team led with 78 total, 32 gold. The United

States had 66 medals, 20 gold, and Germany was third with 48 medals, 16 gold.

With the crowd thundering its approval, Nicholson, of Chicago, took an 8-6 lead over Savon through two rounds. A sharp right by Savon forced Nicholson into a standing 8 count, and the third round later had to be stopped when Savon knocked out Nicholson's mouthpiece. Savon wound up winning 13-11. Byrd, of Flint, Mich., clobbered Ahmed Dine of Algeria 21-2, and De La Hoya, of Los Angeles, scored a 16-7 decision over Dimitrov Tontchev of Bulgaria.

Byrd's semifinal opponent, Johnson, stopped Stefan Trendafilov of Bulgaria when he floored him in the first round.

America still has six boxers left in the tournament, the Cubans 11.

Conley won the gold with a leap of 59 feet, 7 1/2 inches, nearly two feet farther than silver medalist Charlie Simpkins of Murfreesboro, Tenn.

Sports briefs

Parke becomes new women's track coach

Elizabeth A. Parke, who coached 34 All-Americans the last two years at Odessa College and directed that school to a pair of Top Four finishes in both indoor and outdoor track, was named Texas Tech's women's track and field coach Monday.

Parke replaces former coach Louise Ritter, who resigned after the 1992 Southwest Conference Outdoor Track and Field Championships. Ritter served one year as head coach.

Parke was named Coach of the Year in the Indoor National Junior College Athletic Association in 1992, while her teams finished third and second in the nation in 1991 and 1992, respectively, in the indoor competition.

"I'm excited about being at Texas Tech," Parke said. "I feel the Tech program has been underestimated for a long time. My goal is to bring it back to the level it deserves to be (at). Everything else (in women's sports at Tech) seems to be flourishing. It's time for track and field to do that."

New volleyball graduate assistant hired

The Texas Tech women's volleyball team hired Frances Williams Blackburn as a new graduate assistant coach, Monday.

A graduate of the Levelland High School, Blackburn received her bachelor's degree from Angelo State University. Blackburn was the head coach at Bowie State University in Bowie, Md., the past two seasons, while also serving as the senior women's athletic coordinator at Bowie.

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