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## Astros nip Padres, 2-1

United Press International SAN DIECO — Never give up. It's been said 10 million times, but no one ever made it harder to understand than Yogi Berra. "It ain't over 'til it's over," the

legendary New York Yankees catcher once proclaimed.

Well, the San Diego Padres found out Tuesday night that while Berra's English is somewhere between baby talk and sign language, his famous line holds a lot of truth.

Held to only one hit over the first eight innings by rookie Chris Welsh, the Houston Astros scored two runs in the ninth inning and defeated the Padres, 2-1, on a runscoring triple by Craig Reynolds.

"I had the opportunity to close the door," said a despondent Welch. "With the opportunity to win, I just didn't rise to the occasion. It's a game of highs and lows. I was high in the ninth inning but now I'm low.

The Astros had managed only a fourth inning single by Terry Puhl until Luis Pujols opened the ninth with a single off the third base bag, moved to second on a sacrifice and scored the tying run on a two-out single by Puhl. Reynolds followed with his National League-leading eighth triple to make a winner of reliever Frank LaCorte, 3-1, and tag Welsh with his fourth loss in six decisions. Joe Sambito pitched the ninth to record his sixth save.

"There are 27 outs in this game," Welch said, "and just because you get 26 of them easily it doesn't mean you're going to get the 27th.

San Diego took a 1-0 lead in the first inning off starter Bob Knepper on a walk to Juan Bonilla and a double by Luis Salazar, his seventh consecutive hit over a three-game stretch.

"It was a heartbreaker, really, said San Diego manager Frank Howard. "We got a great pitched game but we kind of ran ourselves

out of it in one inning. We had a some," Puhl said. "We can make chance to score a few runs early and put it on ice for our man (Welch). He deserved a better fate. Houston hit when they had to hit and they hit off a guy who pitched a helluva ballgame.

Puhl said Welch's strong eight innings might have been a combination of his talent and the Astros weak hitting.

least we made him look awe- cess with me all night.

some pitchers look that way. In the ninth I was just trying to see the ball. I wasn't looking for anything special since he has so many different pitches. He had a very good slider and he kept us off balance all night.

"On the winning hit, I think he tros weak hitting. was trying to get it away from me. 'Welch was awesome, or at That's where he had the most suc-

#### Rangers take Twins, 5-3

role in the Rangers' 5-3 win over the Minnesota Twins.

Stein, with 25 hits in 49 at-bats entering the game Tuesday night, went 0-for-4 against Twins left-hander Jerry Koosman. But it was 1-for-1 against catcher Butch Wynegar's pickoff throws.

Wynegar's attempt to catch Jim Sundberg off third base in the second inning met Stein's unwitting bat and rolled to the backstop,

allowing Sundberg to score. That gave the Rangers a 2-1 lead. "I didn't try to do it; I didn't even see it," Stein said. "The only thing I know is that something hit my bat, then my bat hit my helmet. Everybody thought I should get an RBI for it."

"He's in the midst of something, isn't he?" said Texas Manager Don Zimmer. "I don't think I ever saw anything like that before." John Ellis hit a home run in the fourth inning to put the Rangers up

3-1, but the Twins tied it in the fifth against Rangers starter Danny Darwin, 6-4. After Danny Goodwin walked, Pete Mackanin hit a triple and Hosken Powell scored Mackanin on a sacrifice fly.

Texas added two runs in the eighth after Koosman intentionally walked Stein with two out and Mark Wagner on third base. Al Oliver singled up the middle to drive in Wagner and Buddy Bell's single brought home Stein:

'It was just the best percentage to pitch around the right-hander and pitch to the left-hander," Koosman said. "In the situation we had tonight, I was having good luck against Oliver. And the way it worked out, we got a slow groundball up the middle that would have gotten us out of the inning if we had cut it off."

"I got behind too many hitters tonight," said Koosman, 3-7. "I wasn't getting to throw my pitch and that's dangerous with as many hitters as they have

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#### a preliminary injunction which could put on hold baseball's free-agency issue and a strike by ballowners' implementation of their United Press International ROCHESTER, N.Y. — Major league baseball players could call a strike if a U.S. District Court free-agent compensation proposal and the players' right to strike tions Commmittee tog over that proposal. players judge in Rochester rejects a Na-If Werker rejects the injunc-Werker, who is expected to tional Labor Relations Board petition, the players can call a strike hand down a decision within 48 tion for a preliminary injunction between 24 and 48 hours after his hours of the end of the hearing, during the past few we regarding the free-agency issue.

A hearing before Judge Henry F. Werker was scheduled at 10 a.m., EDT today on a National Labor Relations Board petition for

decision. If the preliminary injunction is granted by Werker, it would delay

for one year the provision of the basic agreement regarding the

has said the hearing could last several days.

Meanwhile, federal mediator Kenneth Moffett has said he also would try to get representatives of fusing to bargainingood

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## **Baseball hearing could dela** strike issues for another year major league owners'

# United Press International BLOOMINCTON — The bat of Texas Rangers utility infielder Bill Stein saw its 18-game hitting streak end, but it still played an integral

# THE CURE

She had no money. There was some, but it was pent now. Gone. Mostly to doctors. She was not the kind of person who wasted her money, but twelve years of consulting physicians had taken its toll. She went to all of them that she could, looking for hope, and all the time her life persis-tently ebbed, draining away just like her life savings. None of the doctors had been able to cure her hemorrhage, but they did take her money. And her life kept bleeding away (Mark 5:25-26).

A man was going through town at that time, a man that she had heard much about. Some called him a teacher (He did teach some things); others called him a prophet (He did a lot of prophesying); and there were some who said he was of the devil and who tried to kill him (they were mainly the religious leaders of the times). She didn't want teachings from anybody; philosophy and philosophers were useless to her; and religion had been of no help either. Nonetheless, unusual kind of hope rose up within her when she heard that he was passing through town.

Hope was something that had become foreign. A dozen years, empty promises, and wasted earn-ings had done this. It was a kind of unnatural cynicism - cynicism based upon dead-end expe riences. What could this man offer? Who should I believe concerning him? And who needs another religion, anyway?

But the hope was there. It wasn't based upon empty claims; it wasn't based upon rhetoric; it was just there. In Him. In His Person. "If only," she thought, "if I only touch his garments, then I shall get well" (Mark 5:28). She did it. There were a lot of people around him, and it was hard to get through, but she did it. She ignored the religious ones, and paid no attention to the stubborn ones who refused to believe; she touched

him — and she was healed (Mark 5:27-31). There are many of us that were like this woman: we were dying. We didn't know that that was what it was, but every day the life kept draining away. We did everything we could think of to rid ourselves of that growing spectre of emptiness and waste that haunted our thoughts and inward searchings.

"We're young!" we cried. But that made it worse; it seemed to be more of a crime to waste

our youth than anything else. So we went to the "physicians" (there are many of them these days) and they all told us "It's normal" and prescribed a stupendous array of drugs to ease the pain. Parties. Television. Girlfriends/Boyfriends. Degrees. The Future. Religion. All of them were to divert our attention from the problem, and some of them worked better than others. But they all wore off.

Then one day a man came by and hope surfaced within our being. Hope? We scoffed; we argued; we buried that hope, only to have it resurface in an even more definite way. Finally, we couldn't stand it any longer — we broke through the crowd and touched this Person. Jesus! We touched Him! He is a real, living, wonderful Person! Life was no longer draining away, it started flowing in. We had no idea life could be so full, so purposeful, and so enjoyable.

Through His crucifixion and resurrection, Jesus has made Himself available to you. He is nere and you can touch Him. As you turn your heart to Him and ask Him to come in, He will be real to you. "Everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved" (Acts 2:21); "for with the heart man believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation" (Romans 10:10).

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