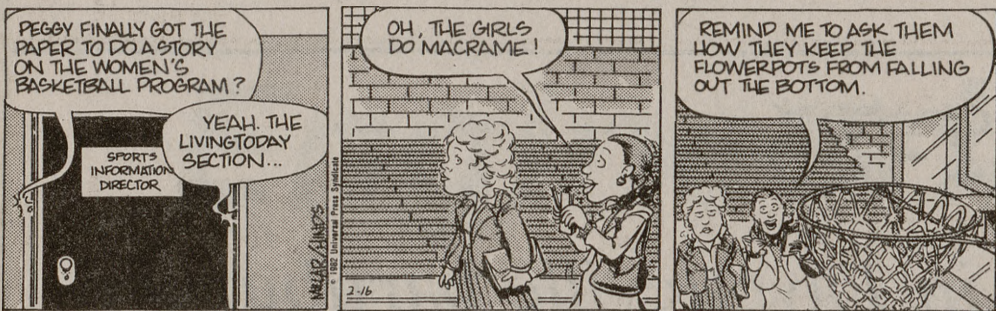


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by Jeff Millar & Bill Hinds



Dan Pastorini arrested after high-speed chase

United Press International
NEWPORT BEACH, Calif. — Los Angeles Rams quarterback Dan Pastorini was arrested early Monday for drunk driving after he was spotted driving a sports car along a windy coastal highway at 100 mph.

Pastorini, who had several brushes with the law during a

stormy career with the Oakland Raiders, was jailed in Newport Beach for several hours to give him time to sober up, police Lt. Jim Carson said.

Carson said the Rams' quarterback was seen about midnight speeding along the Pacific Coast Highway south of Los Angeles. "Following a brief chase, he was taken into custody," Carson

said. "Apparently there was some problem at the scene of the arrest, but there was no physical altercation or violence."

Pastorini was traded from Oakland to the Rams in the middle of last season after Los Angeles quarterbacks suffered a string of injuries.

Wagner made Cincinnati Reds the best in baseball

by Milton Richman
United Press International
NEW YORK — What's that man trying to do, destroy the Cincinnati Reds?

Every time I hear that question applied to Dick Wagner, it amuses me how completely oblivious some critics can be to a set of incontrovertible facts.

Fact No. 1 is, regardless of what George Steinbrenner has to say about his New York Yankees' dominance or what voluble Tommy Lasorda claims about his world champion Dodgers, the Reds own the best winning percentage of any team in baseball for the past 10 years. That's an absolute fact.

And here's another one. As the man who has called

many of the shots for the Reds during that time, Dick Wagner is more responsible for their success than anyone with them now. He has been president and chief executive officer of the Reds the last five years and for nine years before that, and he was the unseen but supremely efficient No. 2 man in their operation behind Bob Howsam.

The big difference between Wagner and so many other big league executives is that he doesn't become petrified over having to make what he knows will be an unpopular decision.

He freely answered some questions Monday like these:

Q. What was your general reasoning in disposing of George Foster, Ken Griffey,

Dave Collins and Ray Knight?

A. As you look at your ball club, you have to look at what I call 'obsolescence.' That's the time when a player reaches the stage physically where he doesn't perform so well. Without getting into specifics about Foster, Griffey or Collins, one of the Dodger coaches (Danny Ozark) publicly described our outfield as 'the worst in the National League.' We did feel we had to strengthen our outfield defense to remain viable contenders.

Q. Was that your only consideration for taking the course you did?

A. There were other considerations. Ken Griffey may play for 10 more years, but if you have too many no-trade and guaranteed contracts, you tie yourself in a knot as far as your roster goes.

Q. You insisted on getting Alex Trevino, the Mets' young catcher, in the Foster deal. Was there any particular reason?

A. Yes. We see more and more aggressive base running in the National League and that means we had to improve our

catching. We wanted a capable catcher who would allow us to bring Dave Valen along a little slower. There are one of three or four catchers aggressively sought to deal for.

Q. Knight is a Red Sox player. You certainly didn't lose him, did you?

A. We certainly didn't lose him, but you have to give credit to get some talent, every way to satisfy Al Rosen couldn't. That's when I decided to put Knight in the deal. Cedeno, Clint Hurdle, young Paul Householder, know our outfield will prove defensively and help our pitching.

Eddie Gilliland, who's been in the game, is the guy who gave Wagner his first ball job. Gilliland, 82, has said about the Reds' boss:

"There's no one in the world who does his homework as Dick Wagner. If there's an overriding characteristic of his, it's thoroughness."

"When I was put in the player development with Detroit Tigers in October 1946, I inherited a stack of applications anywhere from 10 to 15 inches high. Dick Wagner application stuck out from the rest.

"I wrote and told him my touch with me when he was in the Navy. He did the application in January and when he came to see me in Detroit, he looked you in the eye, and he was the kid.

"I gave him the job as manager of our Toledo club in the Georgia League and when I finally was able to get down there a month or so later, he took me down the street and introduced me to every merchant in the town. He knew every one of them.

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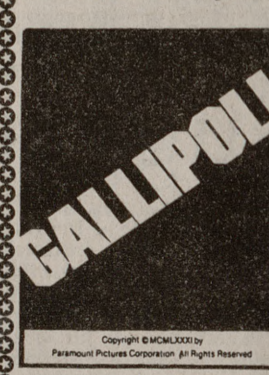
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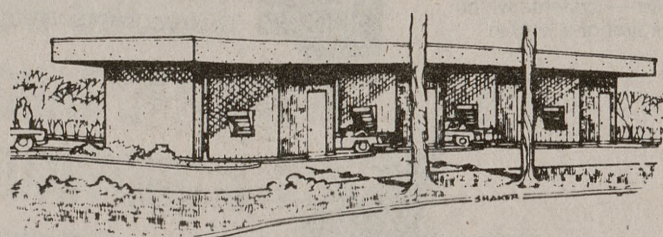
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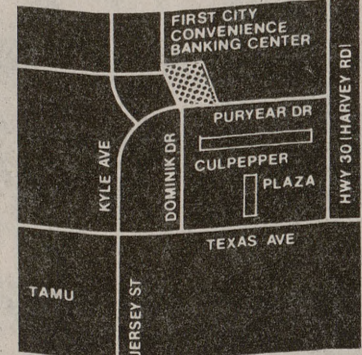
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