

Dodger ace won't sign contract

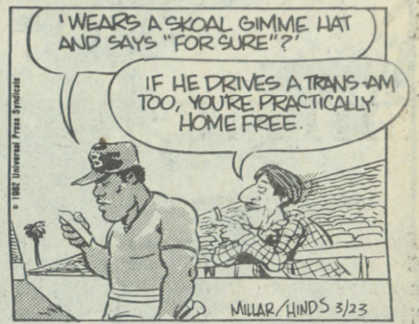
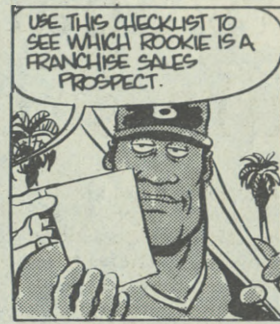
Valenzuela agrees to pitch

United Press International
Fernando Valenzuela will be pitching for the Dodgers after all — but he doesn't have to like it.
Valenzuela, last year's NL Cy Young Award-winner and Rookie of the Year, announced Monday that he will report to the Los Angeles Dodgers' spring training camp but will not sign a contract.
The left-handed Mexican screwball specialist, who previously refused to report to camp, appeared at a hastily arranged news conference.
He said he will report to the Dodgers' Vero Beach, Fla., camp today to begin working out, saying he felt an obligation to his teammates and his family. But he said he won't sign the Dodgers' contract.
In exhibition play Monday:
At Palm Springs, Calif., Gaylord Perry, 49, who signed with Seattle earlier this month in hopes of getting the three victories he needs to reach 300, gave up just two hits in five innings to lead the Mariners to a 4-1

victory over the California Angels.
At Fort Lauderdale, Fla., Andre Dawson, Gary Carter and Warren Cromartie drove in two runs apiece to lead the Expos to a 6-1 victory over the New York Yankees.
At Dunedin, Fla., the Detroit Tigers scored six runs in the ninth inning en route to a 9-2 victory over the Toronto Blue Jays in a split-squad game.
At Winter Haven, Fla., Tony Bernazard hit a three-run homer in the second inning and Harold Baines added a solo homer in the sixth to help the Chicago White Sox to an 8-4 victory over the Boston Red Sox, losers of six straight.
At West Palm Beach, Fla., Bump Willis singled home Lamar Johnson in the eighth inning to break a 1-1 tie and Frank Tanana and Mark Mercer combined on a seventh-inning homer to help the Texas Rangers to a 3-1 victory over the Atlanta Braves.
At St. Petersburg, Fla., Steve Mura became the first St. Louis pitcher to work six innings this spring in the Cardinals' 7-3 vic-

tory over the Cincinnati Reds.
At Orlando, Fla., home runs by rookie infielders Gary Gaetti and Ivan Mesa powered the Minnesota Twins past the Los Angeles Dodgers, 6-4.
At Clearwater, Fla., Willie Aikens hit a grand slam and drove in five runs to lead the Kansas City Royals to an 8-2 victory over the Philadelphia Phillies.
At Bradenton, Fla., Willie Upshaw, Barry Bonnell and Garth Iorg had run-scoring singles in the third inning, leading the Toronto Blue Jays to a 4-0 victory over the Pittsburgh Pirates in a split-squad game.
At Mesa, Ariz., Cleveland pitcher Tom Brennan helped himself to an 8-6 victory over the Chicago Cubs with a bases-loaded sixth-inning single that brought in three runs.
In other news, at Scottsdale, Ariz., San Francisco Giants reserve catcher Bob Brenly suffered a broken collarbone in an intrasquad game. He will be out six to eight weeks.

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Lewis remembers UH's Final Four experiences

United Press International
HOUSTON — The surprising late-season rise of the unranked Houston Cougars into the NCAA Tournament's Final Four has caused Coach Guy Lewis to be transported back in time.
Just like in the "good old days", Lewis' current team received a boisterous airport welcome after it beat Boston College 99-92 Sunday to win the NCAA Midwest Regional.
"It reminded me of the days when we had Elvin (Hayes) and his crowd," Lewis said Monday. "Back then, people met us at the airport all the time."
Somewhat painfully, however, the 60-year-old Lewis remembers that his two previous Cougars teams that made it to the Final Four were beaten by the UCLA Bruins and all-America center Lew Alcindor in the tournament semifinal round.
"Lew Alcindor cost me two national championships," Lewis said.
Had it not been for Alcindor — who changed his name to

Kareem Abdul Jabaar — Houston would have won the tournament in 1967 and 1968, Lewis said.
Jabbar now plays for the NBA Los Angeles Lakers while Hayes plays for the Houston Rockets.
There's no opponent like Jabbar on the horizon for the Cougars, 25-7, this time around.

But at mention of Houston's next opponent, the No. 1-ranked North Carolina Tar Heels, Lewis paid his respects.
"I really don't know that much about them," he said. "I know they have great players. They have great tradition. They have a great coach. They've been No. 1 most of the year. What more can you say?"

Man gets \$27,500 settlement in suit against hockey player

United Press International
PITTSBURGH (UPI) — A suburban Elizabeth Township man has reached a \$27,500 out-of-court settlement in a damage suit he filed against the New York Rangers hockey team and Greg Polis, one of its former players.
David Brown, 23, claimed he became epileptic after a Ranger, identified as Polis, clubbed him

on the head with a hockey stick following a game with the Pittsburgh Penguins at the Civic Arena in 1978.
Brown admitted he and other fans sitting at ringside for the game jeered Polis and Ranger Phil Esposito during the game; at one point the entire section was yelling "Porky Pig" at the players.
Brown said he began walking

away from his seat after the game, but spotted two or three Rangers heading his way.
"They all had their sticks up and were swearing all kinds of names," Brown said. "And I heard one of them say, 'Get that (guy) over there.'"
Brown said he was struck from behind and didn't see who it was, but a witness told him it was Polis.

Brown said he suffered nausea, lost consciousness and endured an epileptic seizure after the attack. His attorney, Peter King, said Brown still takes anti-seizure medicine.
A trial on the suit began Friday in Allegheny County Common Pleas Court, but the settlement was reached Monday. Polis, a former Penguin who has since retired from hockey, did not testify.

Former NFL coach Parker dies after surgery for ulcer

United Press International
KAUFMAN — Raymond "Buddy" Parker, former head coach of the Detroit Lions and Pittsburgh Steelers, died of complications following surgery for a ruptured ulcer, hospital officials said.
Parker, 68, died Monday in Presbyterian Hospital. He never regained consciousness after surgery March 7 and suffered kidney failure Monday, officials said.
Parker, who assumed the head coaching position with the Lions in 1950, was credited with developing quarterback Bobby Layne and bringing the two-minute offense to the National Football League.
He also played pro football with the Chicago Cardinals and served as head coach with that team in 1949.
Under Parker, the Lions won

the National Football Conference title in 1952, 1953 and 1957, and lost the championship game to Cleveland in 1954.
In 1957 Parker moved to Pittsburgh, guiding the Steelers to a 9-5 season and second place in their division in 1962. They were 7-4-3 in 1963.
He resigned as Steeler coach after losing three exhibition games before the 1965 season, saying that he could no longer control his players. His 1964 team was 5-9.
Upon retiring from coaching in 1965, Parker returned to

Kemp and worked in real estate development. He had lived in Kemp, 30 miles southeast of Dallas, as a youngster.
He attended Arlington College, Centenary College in Shreveport, La., and graduated from East Texas State Teachers College.
Survivors include his wife, Jane Parker of Kemp; one son, Bob Parker of Denver; his mother, Mrs. R.W. Parker Sr. of Kemp; one sister, Marie Legg of Austin, and one brother, R.W. Parker Jr. of Kemp.

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