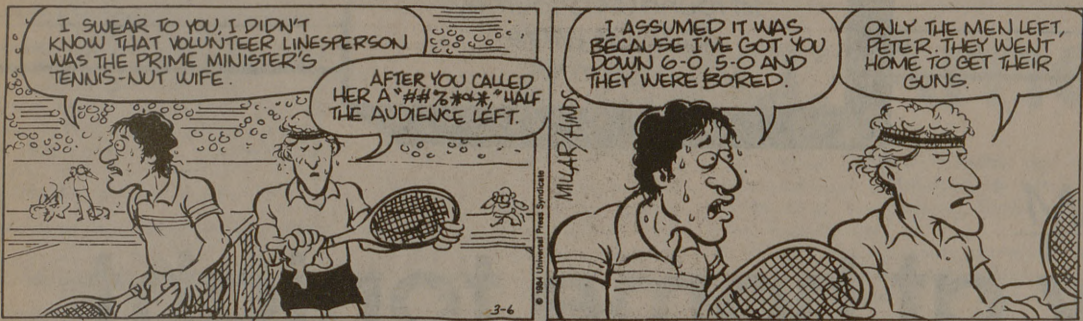


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**BYU's Young hits paydirt**

**United Press International**  
 BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. — The Los Angeles Express of the United States Football League, offering "the market price, not overpaying," Monday signed All-America quarterback Steve Young to a 4-year contract considered the richest pact in the history of professional sports. Financial terms were not disclosed at a news conference, but reports have indicated the Brigh-

am Young University quarterback's pact is worth up to \$40 million, including deferred payments and charitable donations. Young, who set more than a dozen NCAA records at BYU and was runnerup in the Heisman Trophy balloting behind Nebraska's Mike Rozier, signed with the USFL after rejecting an offer by the NFL's Cincinnati Bengals.

"You have to pay market value," Express owner Bill Oldenburg said. "He had a choice in America and he exercised that choice. It is a market price, not overpaying." The contract reportedly pays Young about \$2 million for each of the next four years. It also includes money for a 20-year scholarship fund at BYU and for Mormon missionary

work. Young is a great-grandson of a young, the Mormon triarch. "It was a tough decision followed my heart," said. "I'm excited about the challenge like in my life. This is not a decision. It's tough sight at 22."

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**Phillies' left-hander still an ace**

**Tug chugging along into 21st year**

**United Press International**  
 CLEARWATER, Fla. — Tug McGraw, for so many years the left-handed relief ace and resident wit and comedian of the Philadelphia Phillies, is taking part in what could be his final spring training. His awareness of that fact means he finds himself in a situation that seems all too familiar yet very strange and facing a challenge he wants very much to win out would, if necessary, lose with grace and without regrets. "I didn't think I was going to get the first 20 years in, so I'm grateful for anything that comes along now," said McGraw, whose boyish looks and playful demeanor belie his serious talk and the fact that he's 39. "I would like to continue to play. I feel real good," McGraw added. "But there's so many wonderful things to do when you retire from baseball that there's also that to look forward to." McGraw has pitched just 95 1-3 innings since undergoing complicated elbow surgery in November 1981 and did not make the Phillies' post-season play-

off roster last year. During the 1982 season, McGraw's lack of work stemmed primarily from the long rehabilitation he required to get back in shape. But he believes that last year his pitching in just 34 games totaling 55 2-3 innings had nothing to do with a lack of effectiveness on his part. "When I did have surgery, the ballclub had to prepare itself in the event I didn't come back," McGraw said. "And, in doing so, they picked up such quality that when I was ready to pitch there was really no spot for me." Apparently, despite his limited use of McGraw last year, Manager Paul Owens has not given up on him either, since he signed him in 1983 to a contract guaranteed through this season. But McGraw realizes he still has to prove that Owens' faith was justified by playing his way onto the team's 25-man roster during spring training. He believes the only area on the pitching staff open enough for him to do that is as a middle-innings reliever. The situation reminds him of his first

years in baseball, back in the mid 1960s — an experience he had forgotten long ago. "It's sort of like that (his early years with the New York Mets), where you have to have a good spring," McGraw said. "But since I established myself, say since 1970, I've never come to spring training with the attitude that this is a do-or-die situation. "Now I have to remember what it was like before then, when every spring was crucial, because during the last 10 years or 14 years or so I've always come in with the attitude 'let's just get in shape and work and have a good time.' You have the team made so you don't do anything but just get your work in during the ball games and stuff. If you need to work on a certain pitch, you're not trying to set up the hitters to any great degree in spring training. When asked who his competition was in middle relief, McGraw laughed. "Everybody except (starters Steve Carlton, and Jerry) Koonsman, (John) Denny, (Marty) Bystrom and Charlie Hudson," he said. "(Al) Holland doesn't

want it. (Willie) Hernandez is a middle guy (both left-handers) specialized in short relief, as McGraw did). So everybody on the staff that spot. There's only about what that spot." Actually, according to Phillies officials, about five players besides McGraw are competing for two or three middle-relief jobs. Until the team actually sees McGraw pitch in a game, his chances will be to assess, though observers say McGraw's statement that he is throwing well on the sidelines. Just as McGraw has never lost for words, he apparently has without things to do to look like he would make the team — or to look like he would where else. "The first thing I'd do is just pitch," he said. "I've got a lot of fire, and opportunities, and what I mainly want to do is get a year or two and trade for my wife and see what I've been doing these years ..."

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**Camacho: 'I'm no punk'**

**United Press International**  
 NEW YORK — Hector Camacho doesn't like to be portrayed as a "street punk" but his background makes that a little difficult. His charm and charisma, however, make it possible to shake that label. Camacho, the unbeaten World Boxing Council super featherweight champion also known as the "Macho Man" by his own urging, wants to retain his street "machismo" but doesn't like the light the media has cast him in. It is hard to get out from under that light, having served time for stealing cars and being expelled from several schools for fighting. The 21-year-old champion from Spanish Harlem in New York says that is all behind him. But as quick with words as he

is with his fists, Camacho rattles off why he should not be portrayed as a "street punk," something he abhors. "A street punk will bother you if he thinks he can get over on you," Camacho reasons. "If you stand up to him, he'll run. I never run from anything. I respect people." His example — in street logic. "A guy comes up to you, puts a gun to your chest and says, 'Gimme your money,'" he explains. "If you start shaking, they know they got you. If you pull out a gun and stick it in his chest and say, 'No, you give me your money,' he'll run away. That's a punk. I'm not anything like that. That's not what I'm about." Camacho doesn't want to be a candidate for any mom and

apple pie awards. "Mancini is the All-American white boy," said a friend of Camacho, who was born in Ponce, Puerto Rico. "Let that, that's cool. Call me Puerto Rican, but not American. I love to see money and this is the way to do it. And that makes him Macho Man", and he's content as a wolf in a hen's content and happy, in even when he was in a car theft, it was like a cheap lighter to him. "They stole my black lac," he said. "I couldn't put my head in my hands and my friends thought I couldn't stop crying. My name was on the boxing glove and they anyway."

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**Rice fight for respect**

**United Press International**  
 Cougars and Arkansas zorbbacks, the rest of the west Conference clubs grab their moments when they can. The Rice Owls have grabbed one this season, winning Arkansas last month. They will attempt to grab another one Tuesday night. Rice has already made advancement of sorts this year, although it was clear with that the Owls had a room for advancement. The Owls will host an ing-round Southwest Conference tournament game day evening for the first time in the event's nine-year history. Rice will be at home, Autry Court against the Horned Frogs in one of the contests that will start the season. Neither team has a record (both are 11-10 year), but one of them will advance to the Summit Tuesday night to face the winner of the game between Texas Tech (11) and Baylor (5-22). The other tournament opener finds Texas A&M (13) at home against the Longhorns (7-20). Of the nine SWC clubs is the only team to have won a conference tournament game. And even though the Owls still have a long way before being a highly competitive team, winning Tuesday night would at least be a step. "We're not where we want to be in the future," Rice coach Tommy Smith said. "Our team finished the season with a win at home, the last-place Baylor Bears." "But our players have had hard this year and they have accomplished something we team has (earning a home berth in the tournament).