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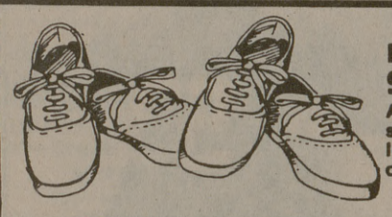

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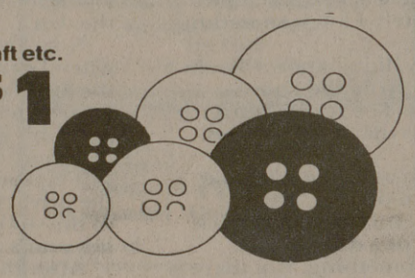

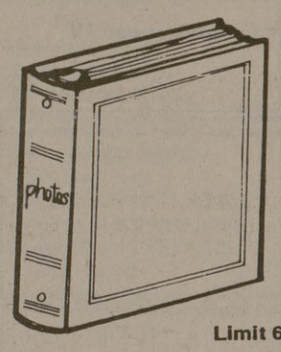

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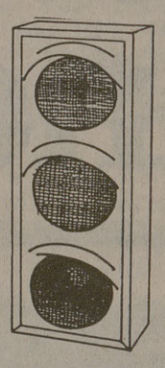

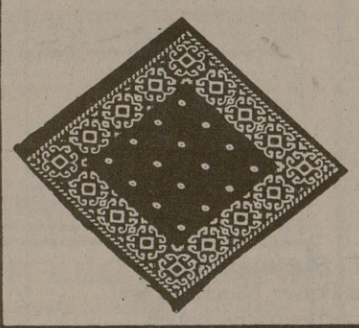

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Olajuwon injures KHOU-TV worker

HOUSTON (AP) — A television cameraman suffered a cut to his head Tuesday when Houston Rockets star Akeem Olajuwon grabbed his video equipment after a reporter questioned him about a lawsuit filed against him by his former girlfriend.

KHOU-TV cameraman Jim Shipley was treated at a local hospital and releasedfor the small cut to his forehead and was doing fine, said Marc Watts, a sports reporter at the television station. He did not need any stitches, Watts said.

The incident began when Watts and Shipley went to Olajuwon's house at about 11 a.m. to get comment from him about a lawsuit filed late Friday by Lita Spencer, who claims the 6-11 center deserted her because he wanted a taller woman to bear his sons.

Spencer is asking for $9 million in damages on grounds that Olajuwon refused to marry her after she became pregnant in an attempt to prove to him that she could bear children.

Watts said Olajuwon became angry when he opened the door and realized a cameraman was with the reporter.

"He started shouting at us and told us to get away," Watts said, adding that the two started to leave the house.

But Olajuwon ran after the cameraman and grabbed his video equipment, causing it to hit Shipley's forehead, Watts said.

Olajuwon went back into his house, and the photographer went to the hospital. Watts waited outside until some of Olajuwon's friends came outside and returned the equipment — minus the cassette tape, he said.

Watts waited a while longer to try to get the tape, but Olajuwon told him he had destroyed it and then left in his car. The reporter said Olajuwon's behavior was uncharacteristic.

"Something just snapped," Watts said. "I've never seen him that upset off the (basketball) court."

Olajuwon told Watts he didn't want to comment about the lawsuit yet and that when he did he would call a press conference. Olajuwon could not be reached for comment.

The lawsuit asks a federal judge to bar Olajuwon from leaving the United States, claiming that he had threatened to play basketball in Italy and take his assets with him.

Steroid use estimates reach up to 30 percent

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — An off-season program begun last spring by the National Collegiate Athletic Association at 25 schools found nearly one-third of football players at some colleges tested positive for steroids.

"The range we saw was from zero to up to 30 percent positive at some schools," Frank Uryasz, director of sports sciences for the NCAA, told The Kansas City Star. He told The Associated Press that the overall average of players who tested positive was between 3 and 4 percent.

Steroids, synthetic versions of the male sex hormone testosterone, have been linked to increased sports injuries and serious health risks.

NCAA officials said the findings, to be released in greater detail this fall, suggest the current policy of testing players only prior to NCAA championship events and bowl games may deter steroid abuse, but has not ended it.

Last fall, only 1.3 percent of 1,589 athletes tested positive for drugs before NCAA championships and bowl games. Only seven athletes tested postive for steroids.

Uryasz said the off-season testing confirmed suspicions that college athletes are switching from oil- to water-based steroids to avoid detection. Some experts say water-based steroids usually wash out of most athletes within 14 days, so players preparing for bowl games have time to clean their systems of the drugs.

Major League Baseball

Andujar, Astros beat Cubs

HOUSTON (AP) — Pinch hitter Denny Walling singled home the tiebreaking run in the sixth inning Tuesday night as the Houston Astros went on to beat the Chicago Cubs 7-4.

Trailing 3-2, Kevin Bass led off the sixth with a single and Alan Ashby double. Rafael Ramirez had a sacrifice fly and Walling singled, his first hit in 15 pinch-hitting tries this season.

Joaquin Andujar, 2-5, won his first game since July 18. He gave up three runs on six hits in six innings and Dave Smith went 1⅔ innings for his 23rd save.

Calvin Schiraldi, 8-9, allowed four runs on seven hits in 5⅓ innings, ending his four-game winning streak.

Bass hit an RBI double and Ashby had a sacrifice fly in the seventh for a 6-3 lead. Ryne Sandberg hit his 15th homer in the Chicago eighth, but Houston scored in its eighth on triples by Bill Doran and Billy Hatcher.

Chicago took a 2-0 lead in the first. Darrin Jackson doubled, Sandberg hit an RBI single and Andre Dawson had a run-scoring groundout. Dawson singled home a run in the third.

The Astros cut the deficit to 3-2 in the third. Gerald Young doubled, Doran walked and Hatcher singled to load the bases for Buddy Bell, who blooped a two-run single.

Ojeda, Mets blank Padres 2nd game in a row

NEW YORK (AP) — Bob Ojeda pitched a six-hitter and Gary Garter singled home a seventh-inning run Tuesday night as the New York Mets beat San Diego 1-0 for their second straight shutout against the Padres.

Left fielder Kevin McReynolds, who threw out runners at the plate and second base, hit a lead-off double in the seventh and scored when Gary Carter followed with a single to center. New York won for the seventh time in eight games.

Ojeda, 9-12, pitched the Mets' 19th shutout of the season. The left-hander struck out six and walked one in his fourth shutout this year and 11th of his career.

Dennis Rasmussen, 12-8, took the loss.

Hershiser lifts Dodgers over Montreal 4-2

MONTREAL (AP) — Orel Hershiser pitched a six-hitter for his 18th victory and Alfredo Griffin had two hits and scored twice as the Los Angeles Dodgers beat the Montreal Expos 4-2 Tuesday night.

Hershiser, 18-8, struck out nine and walked one in his third straight complete game. He also hit a two-run double as the Dodgers defeated Montreal for the sixth consecutive time this season.

Brian Holman, 2-6, making his first start in two weeks, took the loss despite a career-high 10 strikeouts in seven innings. He gave up five hits and four runs.

Fisk leads Chisox, Tigers drop 4th straight

CHICAGO (AP) — Carlton Fisk had three hits while Harold Baines scored the go-ahead run and drove in another as the Chicago White Sox beat Detroit 4-1 Tuesday night to send the Tigers to their fourth straight defeat.

Jeff Bittiger, 2-4, yielded one run and five hits in 5 1-3 innings to gain only Chicago's third victory in 11 games with Detroit this season. Barry Jones pitched two innings for his first save.

Walt Terrell, 7-11, starting for the first time this season with only three-days rest, allowed 12 hits and four runs en route to his 10th complete game.

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