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# Wednes **Breaking the color barrier** Augusta admits first black member into golf club KO

WASHINGTON (AP) — Ron Townsend, president of Gannett Television Group, has become the first black accepted for membership in the prestigious Augusta National Golf Club, a company-owned station reported on Tuesday.

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The club, site of the annual Masters golf tournament, accepted a black member in this summer of ra-cial discontent in the golf world. But it refused to identify him.

WUSA, the Gannett station in Washington, reported that Towns-end had been accepted. An an-nouncement from Gannett said Townsend has direct responsibility for six of the company's television stations.

Townsend was not immediately available for comment.

The Augusta Chronicle earlier had quoted an unidentified Augusta member as saying the new member was from Texas.

The world of pro golf was thrown into turmoil earlier this summer over the exclusionary membership policies of Shoal Creek Country Club, the site of last month's PGA Championship. Commercial spon-sors threatened to withdraw their support from televising the tournament

The club admitted a black member following the controversy. Shoal Creek founder Hall

Thompson said Monday that his club may never host another major tournament because of the contro-

versy. Civil rights leaders in Georgia had

# Johnson tabs rookie Smith for Sunday start

IRVING (AP) — Rookie running back Emmitt Smith, who rushed twice for two yards in Sunday's 17-14 victory over San Diego, was el-evated to the first team on Tuesday by Dallas coach Jimmy Johnson.

Johnson also announced that he was moving Darryl Johnston from fullback to halfback as the Cowboys prepare for Sunday's meeting with the New York Giants in Texas Sta-

'We've seen enough of Emmitt to know he has a grasp of the offense," Johnson said. "He was with us in quarterback school and all of our mini-camps. It was inevitable that he

Baltimore Orioles at the end of last

The two teams play a pivotol three-game series in Boston at the

end of the month. It probably won't make much difference however, as the A's, who could have batting champions in both leagues in Rickey Henderson and McGee, will

undoubtedly make their third

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announced plans to protest next spring's Masters if Augusta National, all-white since its founding by golfing legend Bobby Jones in 1932, was not integrated. The New York Times reported

that Augusta National's new black member joined on Friday. As late as Monday night, officials of the cloistered club refused to confirm or

deny the story But Hardin said Monday that ber, "he should have a chance to be a member, rather than to be some Masters if the National remained passing wa white, said he was pleased where the club was desegregating. Vanderbi

siana Superdome's general manager

said Tuesday the stadium would bid to become the first indoor site ever for soccer's World Cup.

stadium, host to four Super Bowls and two NCAA Final Fours, proba-bly would bid for either the final, the

opening game or a semifinal in addi-tion to first-round matches.

The tournament, the first to be played in the United States, will be held in between eight and 12 cities in June and July 1994. Cities will be se-

lected next year by FIFA, soccer's

world governing body. "At this point our intentions are to

bid," Johnson said Tuesday before

meeting with officials of the New

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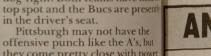
NEW YORK (AP) — The Loui-ana Superdome's general manager id Tuesday the stadium would bid become the first indoor site ever

'They've done indoor foot with natural grass," he said. " that's one night. Here you might a prelimary-round game and in you lay idle to the semifinal game The question is how do you main the grass without natural sun z being able to water extensively?"

The Superdome, opened in a gust 1975, originally did noting to bid for the World Cup. But organizing committee decided June that it would entertain prosals from domes.

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races are awaiting a clear-cut wing The Eastern division leading Pittsburgh Pirates and the New Yo Packer an ame stra Mets continue their summer long dog-fight. Both teams have held



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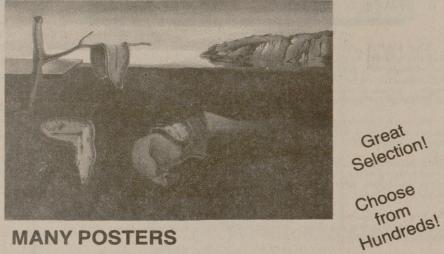
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The two teams close out the seas with a three-game series that co very well decide who will play! Cincinnati Reds in the playoffs.

Leading the division since day one, the Reds show no signs of letting the Los Angeles Dodger the San Francisco Giants, last ye National League champs, catch Cincinnati plays 17 of its last

games at home, including a serie with the Dodgers and Giants. T also have the benefit of playing series against the hapless Houst Astros and one with the cellardwelling Atlanta Braves. Aside from the heat of the

division races, there are other interesting stories in progress. In the National League, the

story is whether or not Philad outfielder Len Dykstra will be hold on to his slim lead for the batting title. As of Tuesday, Dy held a two-thousandth point le over McGee, who could win th and make preparations for the American League division play Should Dykstra hold on for

title, he would be the top Most Valueable Player candidate. However, there is no other clear-t leader for the award should he falter.

In the American League, the story of late is the father-son du Seattle with Ken Griffey Sr. and K

Griffey Jr. The elder Griffey, who retired from the Reds in August, was na the League's Player of the Week. went 12-for-19 for a .632 average with seven RBI's. He also three Kansas City's Bo Jackson trying stretch a single into a double. With all the bone-crushing go

on as football gets underway, don forget there's still plenty of good nail-biting going as the pennant

races heat up. Fearless Prediction — The A's six over anyone the National Leas serves up, more than likely the M Such a Series would be a repeat the 1973 classic and solidify the A as a dynasty.

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