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SERVICES FOR HALL OF FAME BROADCASTER

Funeral services for Hall of Fame broadcaster Mel Allen will be held Wednesday at Temple Beth El in Stamford, Connecticut.

Allen, the longtime voice of the New York Yankees and one-time host of "This Week in Baseball," died Sunday at his home in Greenwich, Connecticut. He was 83. The Yankees will honor Allen during the remainder of their current homestand. The flags at Yankee Stadium will fly at half mast through Wednesday and the Stadium's marquee will read "Mel Allen, 1913-1996." There will be a brief moment of silence before tonight's game against Minnesota as well as a brief video tribute.

GRAF WITHDRAWS FROM CHAMPIONSHIPS

Co-number one women's player Steffi Graf withdrew from the Direct Line Insurance Tennis Championships in Eastbourne with minor inflammation on the patella tendon in her left knee.

The injury is not considered serious, but the 26-year-old Graf opted to skip the event and rest for next week's Wimbledon Championships. She suffered the injury while practicing in Eastbourne last week and returned home for a consultation with her private physician before making her decision to withdraw.



Creative Multimedia and Sports Illustrated For Kids(r) magazine announced today the

release of Sports Illustrated For Kids Awesome Athletes!, an educational, interactive CD-ROM for children.

Developed for eight- to 14-year-olds as a follow-up title to Creative Multimedia and Sports Illustrated For Kids' successful Everything You Want to Know About Sports Encyclopedia CD-ROM, Awesome Athletes! offers in-depth knowledge of sports heroes past and present in a format that exercises reading, comprehension, and spelling skills.

Sports Illustrated For Kids Awesome Athletes! is available where CD ROMs are sold, for \$19.95.

EMOTIONAL JORDAN LEADS BULLS TO VICTORY

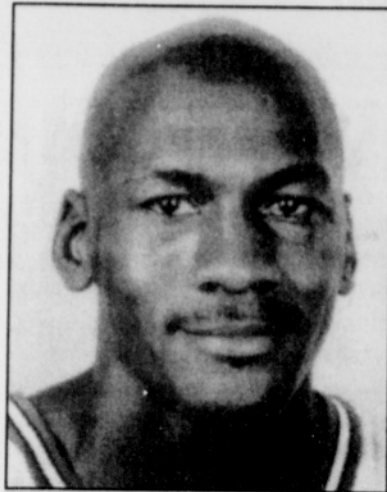
Michael Jordan said he was so flooded with Father's Day emotion, he needed his Chicago Bulls teammates to pull him through. They did, capping what he called a "blessed" season with their fourth NBA championship in six years.

Jordan, haunted by memories of his murdered father James Jordan, scored a hard-earned, team-high 22 points as the Bulls posted an 87-75 victory over the Seattle SuperSonics Sunday to win the NBA Finals four games to two.

"This is probably the hardest time for me to play the game of basketball," Jordan said of Father's Day. "I had a lot of things on my heart, on my mind."

Scottie Pippen added 17 points and Dennis Rodman pulled down 19 rebounds for the Bulls, both coming up big in the fourth quarter.

Jordan, who finished with nine rebounds, seven assists and two steals, tallied only two points in the final period. He shot just 5-of-19 for the



Michael Jordan

game against the tough Seattle defense.

Jordan became the first man to win the NBA Finals Most Valuable Player award four times (1991-93, 1996) and just the second to add it to MVP's for the regular season and the All-Star Game in a single season. The New York Knicks' Willis Reed achieved a triple MVP in 1970.

Jordan lay a long moment on the locker room floor hugging a basketball and sobbing before returning to the court for the post-game ceremonies.

"I can't even put it in words on Father's Day what it means to me. I know he's watching," said Jordan. "This is for daddy."

The Bulls won the best-of-seven series after taking the first two games at home and the first in Seattle, dropping the next two, and securing victory on their return to Chicago, where during a record 72-10 regular season they set an NBA record for consecutive home wins at 44.

"Who would have ever written this season?" asked Jordan.

The Bulls built a 17-point lead in the third quarter and equalled it in the fourth after a close first half.

In the final quarter, Rodman grabbed seven of his 19 rebounds, Pippen scored eight of his 17 points and Toni Kukoc six of his 10 for the Bulls and guard Ron Harper, whose

presence had been in question due to knee problems, scored 10 points in 38 minutes. He will undergo arthroscopic surgery Tuesday.

"Equal opportunity," said Bulls coach Phil Jackson of the way the contributions were spread around.

Chicago had a 15-3 playoff record for an .833 percentage bettered by only five teams ever. The Bulls' 87-13 combined regular-season and postseason mark for a .870 percentage is the best ever, exceeding the 1972 Los Angeles Lakers' 81-16 (.835) mark.

German Detlef Schrempf had a game-high 23 points for the Sonics, followed by Gary Payton's 19 and 18 for Shawn Kemp.

Kemp pulled down 14 rebounds, had three steals, and three assists. Payton had four rebounds, seven assists and two steals.

"They're a great basketball team," said the Seattle coach about the Bulls. "They've got to be in the top three or four (of all time).

Sandy Barr (left) Thad Spencer (right) brings boxing back to the Northwest, Friday June 21, 1996 - 8:00 p.m. At the Red Lion Quay, Centennial Bldg. - Vancouver, Wa. The main event is James "Quick" Tillis vs-Greg "Butterball" Payne. For more information call 283-6993.



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Health & SCIENCE



Support Of Safe Drinking Water Bill Urged

The American Public Health Association (APHA) commends the House Commerce Committee efforts in constructing a bipartisan safe drinking water bill which protects public health.

APHA believes that provisions incorporated in this bill will protect public health and promote sound science. The Association supports the House bill's requirements for updates for certain chemical contaminant standards, additional research on arsenic and sulfate, waterborne disease occurrence studies, and the community right to know provision which will provide the public with information regarding the content of drinking water.

"This bill, as written, will empower individuals, particularly those at risk for illness, with important

information that will allow them, along with their health care provider to make important decisions about the consumption of tap water," said APHA executive director, Dr. Fernando Trevino.

Other crucial public health provisions included in the House bill address improving water system operator competency, increasing state capacity to improve water systems, granting EPA authority to issue interim standards if there is an urgent threat to health, and implementing a national database on regulated and unregulated tap water contaminants.

"The Commerce Committee has taken a multifaceted approach to protecting the public from contaminants and hazards in the public water supply," continued Trevino.

The greatest public health advanc-

es have been achieved through broad population based programs, such as sanitation and safe drinking water. Ensuring the safety of drinking water provides significant health benefits to entire communities.

The American Public Health Association urges the full House to pass HR 3604 as reported by the Commerce Committee and for the House-Senate conference committee to adopt HR 3604 without any weakening amendments.

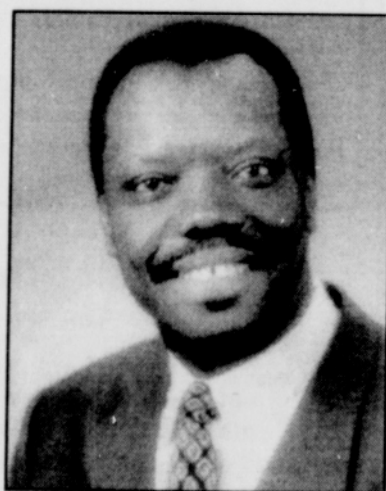
The American Public Health Association, the oldest and largest organization of public health professionals in the world, has been influencing policies and setting priorities in public health for over 120 years and has been in the forefront of numerous efforts to prevent disease and promote health.

Ronald Knox Named Vice President of Diversity

Ronald Knox, 49, health care management veteran and former Director of Equal Opportunity Programs for Kaiser Permanente, has been selected as the organization's new Vice President of Diversity.

In his new position, Knox will be responsible for development and execution of several nationwide diversity strategies and initiatives involving both the healthcare marketplace and the diversity and improvement of Kaiser Permanente's workforce. He will also be a key member of the organization's nationwide Diversity Council, a senior level group responsible for developing and guiding Kaiser's overall diversity strategy.

Before joining Kaiser Permanente in 1973, Knox held several management positions with the Charles Drew Medical Center, one of the country's



Ronald Knox

leading African-American medical facilities.

Knox started with Kaiser Permanente as Personnel Director of the Redwood City Medical Facility in Kaiser's Northern California re-

gion. As a leading advocate for diversity in the organization, he was later named Manager of EEO and most recently, Director of Equal Opportunity Programs.

Knox holds a B.S. degree in business administration from Phoenix University.

Kaiser Permanente is the nation's largest non-profit health maintenance organization (HMO). Founded in 1945, it is a group-practice with headquarters in Oakland, California. Kaiser Permanente serves the health care needs of 6.8 million voluntarily-enrolled members in 16 states and the District of Columbia. Today it encompasses Kaiser Foundation Health Plan, Inc.; Kaiser Foundation Hospitals; and the Permanente Medical Groups. Nationwide they include more physicians representing all specialties.

Optimistic HIV Forecast

Recent tests of existing and new treatments on tens of thousands of infected patients appear to have left them with no detectable signs of HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, the researchers say.

Some of the world's leading AIDS researchers and physicians have begun talking optimistically about the possibility of eliminating HIV from infected people.

"If you had asked me in January, 'Can you eradicate HIV infection?' I would have laughed in your face," Dr. Julio Montaner of the University of British Columbia was quoted as saying today in Newsday.

"But now we've been able to demonstrate that we can effectively suppress viral production. That is leading to a dramatic change in how we

think of this disease," he said.

The clinical trials were discussed Thursday in Washington, D.C., at a conference held by the medical journal Antiviral Therapy and the University of Amsterdam.

Scientists cited three factors for their optimism:

- The development of a new class of anti-HIV drugs, three of which were licensed by the government earlier this year.

- Successful tests to combine different families of HIV drugs in a "cocktail" that assaults the virus' ability to reproduce.

- Tests that allow doctors to measure precisely the amount of HIV present in a patient's blood.

Scientists believe treating patients early with the mixture of HIV drugs

may be reducing the virus to a level that a still-intact immune system can handle.

The Wall Street Journal reported today that even cautious physicians are astonished by recent developments.

"It now appears, at the very least, we may finally have the tools to turn (AIDS) into a long-term manageable and treatable disease, much like hypertension and diabetes," said Roy Gullick, research physician at New York University Medical School.

"Almost every one of my patients is doing significantly better."

Between 650,000 and 900,000 Americans are infected with HIV; almost 60,000 have been treated with the new drugs, none for more than two years.

Measles Update

A Mason County man suspected to have measles recently traveled to King, Pierce, Lewis, Kitsap and Thurston counties. Local health departments are on alert for potential measles cases.

The man, an auto parts delivery driver, traveled to Burien and Spanaway June 6; Centralia June 7, 8 and 10; Portland, Oregon June 9; Tacoma, Bremerton, Silverdale and Olympia June 10.

Early signs of measles include a cough, runny nose and sensitive, watery, red eyes. Within four days a fever of more than 101 degrees and a blotchy red rash develops. The rash typically starts on the face and spreads to the neck, chest, back, arms and legs. It lasts at least three days.

Measles is a highly contagious airborne disease that can spread rapidly from person to person.

When Hearing Aids Are Not Enough

Do you hear sound but not understand what people say, or have difficulty understanding the radio, television or telephone—even with the strongest or most advanced hearing aids? If so, you are not alone.

"Unfortunately, thousands of Americans are affected by severe-to-profound hearing loss every year," says Max S. Chartrand, Ph.D., national coordinator of the Cochlear Network of Audiologists and the Cochlear Associates Program. "In the past, there was little that could be done for these people, but now cochlear implant technology may be an option."

A new brochure, When Hearing Aids Are Not Enough, offers information about cochlear implants, surgically implanted devices that by-

pass damaged parts of the inner ear, which may enable recipients to receive sound information useful in understanding speech. Cochlear implants are proven medical option designed to help people communicate more easily, interact more comfortably with others and take advantage of educational, occupational and social opportunities that might otherwise be missed.

Previously available only for the profoundly deaf, the Nucleus 22 Channel Cochlear Implant was recently released for a broader range of people—adults with severe-to-profound hearing loss and limited benefit from hearing aids.

Could you or someone you know be a candidate for a cochlear implant? Call 800/458-4999.