Independent Investigation:

SPECIAL OLYMPICS FIXED
Many ‘Winners’ Found to Have Lost Badly

Scandal rocked the sports world yester-
day when a secret investigation revealed that the Special Olympics, one of the nation’s premier athletic
competitions, is fixed.

According to the undercover probe, over the years hundreds and possibly
thousands of participating athletes have been declared “winners,” despite losing
their respective contests, often by wide-
margins.

“I don’t think there’s anything ‘win-
nning’ or ‘special’ about finishing in
eighth or ninth place,” chief investiga-
tor Harlan Brundage said. “Do these
kids think they’re winners just because
they tried? Just because they gave it
their all? Well, let me tell you, trying
doesn’t make you a winner. Coming in
first does.”

An estimated 35,000 athletes partici-

Catholic Church Allows Gays
to Serve as Altar Boys

VATICAN CITY—In a radical
break from centuries of strict church
dogma, the Pope approved a mea-
sure yesterday that would allow gay
men and boys to be provisionally
accepted into the Catholic Church.

According to the pontiff’s new
plan, gays will be allowed to serve as
altar boys to public and private
church functions.

“It is high time the Catholic
Church moved forward on the issue
of homosexuality,” said Cardinal
John Valento, speaking on behalf of
the new plan. “We must accept gays
into our ranks.”

The new altar boys’ duties include
assisting with Holy Communion,
lighting candles and helping clergy
with bathing and dressing.

Nuclear Threat Still ‘Very Real,’
Says Muhammad Ali

LOUISVILLE, KY—Former world
heavyweight boxing champ Muham-
mad Ali spoke out Monday against
what he called “the ever-growing
threat of thermonuclear war between
the United States and the Soviet
Union.”

Ali, speaking from his Louisville
home, made a personal appeal to
Ronald Reagan and Mikhail
Gorbachev to settle their differences
at the discussion table, not on the field
of battle.

“Things have gotten completely out
of control,” Ali said. “If we don’t stop
this Cold War now, tomorrow there
may not be any planet left for the chil-
dren.”

Ali added that yellow is his favorite
color. “It is a very pretty color,” he said.

Loveless Union
Ends in Baby

ROCKFORD, IL—A loveless union
resulted Monday in the birth of a baby
who, according to area love experts, will
almost certainly never receive the
warm, nurturing love it needs to devel-

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Rural Nebraskan Not Sure He Could Handle Frantic Pace Of Omaha

NORTH PLATTE, NE—Lifelong North Platte resident Fred Linder, 46, revealed Monday that he doesn’t think he could cope with the fast-paced hustle and bustle of Omaha, the Cornhusker State’s largest city.

“Oh, sure, I bet it’d be exciting at first, going to see 9 p.m. showings of movies, shopping at those big department stores, and maybe even eating at one of those fancy restaurants that doesn’t use iceberg lettuce in their salads,” Linder said. “But I just don’t think I could put up with all that hub-bub for more than a day or two.”

Added Linder: “And parking’s a nightmare there.”

Linder expressed doubts about Omaha’s “hectic pace” while having dinner at the home of Pastor Bob Egan, the long-time spiritual leader of North Platte’s Holy Christ Almighty Church.

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Denny’s Introduces ‘Just A Humongous Bucket Of Eggs And Meat’

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Date With Proctologist Ends Predictably

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Chinese Guy Still Insisting It Was Him In Front Of That Tank

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How Did We Celebrate MLK Day?

16% Let freedom ring in lieu of alarm clock
21% Woke up to Good Morning America
32% Realized that Cordell Bank was a pretty good game show
9% Wondered why bank was closed on a Monday
7% Gosh darn empty

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