

A special tribute to a special man

SINCE THE third Saturday in May, I have been carrying \$4 that belongs to Karl Hyslop, hoping to bump into him somewhere along the strip because this is what he won on the place horse, Ferdinand, in a Preakness pool I sort of sponsored. But no luck.

What the book claimed was his phone number brought a voice that said they'd never heard of the guy. There was no response at his supposed address. But I kept hoping, because I knew Karl had been sick and would reach me when he could.

To be honest with you, "sick" is an understatement. The problem really is that this teddy bear-looking man has terminal leukemia. Last January, doctors told Hyslop bluntly, "There's no cure," and gave him nine months to a year to live.

From the Texas Medical Center at Houston I received a postcard last week that said, "Still hanging in there. Removed my spleen last week. Finally, Arizona State vs. U of M. I knew it would happen. I'll get there somehow. Got to cheer for both sides."

Maybe I should start at the beginning. In two of the last few college football seasons prior to '86, I joshed occasionally with Karl about how the Big Ten representative would mop up on his alma mater, Arizona State, if the latter made it to the Rose Bowl. Both times the Sun Devils blew it.

CAME '86 when ASU finally did win the Pac-10 title and the right to face Michigan at Pasadena on New Year's Day, my line of communication with Hyslop seemed to have disappeared.

A Detroit native who grew up in Port Huron and played high school ball there, Karl went on to Arizona State as a mechanical engineering major graduating in 1958. He starred as a linebacker under Coach Dan Devine when the Sun Devils, then in the old Border Conference, went through three seasons with only three defeats. He happens to be the only Arizona State graduate I know personally.

We first got acquainted when he was vice president of operations for a steel company in the area, having gotten into



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the steel business following four years as an Air Force pilot. In August 1984, working as general manager of a steel firm in Novi, he went to a physician for a physical exam and leukemia was discovered. If he lives, he'll be 50 in February.

His football playing weight in college was 185. Then he ballooned well over 200, but had shrunk 50 pounds when we last talked in May.

"MY BONES are deteriorating, the fingers won't bend, elbows are getting stiff, and no longer is there strength even to grip a golf club. I used to be a seven-handicapper. I feel like I'm coming apart at the seams," I recall his saying.

"There's always someone who has things worse," he added. As a case in point he mentioned the Special Olympics program in which he had become greatly involved while he was able through our mutual friend, Ron Kramer.

"I don't dwell on it, nor will I," he said of his own disease. "I try to put it in the back of my mind. I had a strong Catholic upbringing and what hurts most is that I won't see my son and daughter grow up."

There was a pause, then what passed for a laugh, and finally a true competitor's philosophical conclusion, "Maybe the research they're doing on me will help someone else a long way down the road."

Just as Christmas itself is special, so does Christmas bring special happenings. That postcard from Houston was like the sound of sleigh bells, or adding another light to the tree. If God has kept Karl around this long, maybe He'll grant that dream of actually getting to Pasadena. I have \$4 that says Karl makes it.

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Merchant shows Christmas spirit

To the editor:

The Farmington Area Jaycees owe a lot to one area businessman, Sam Cheena, owner of Farmington Hills Market, not only donated his property to the Jaycees for their Christmas tree sales project, but late Saturday night, after three weeks of intensive sales, Sam brought all the remaining trees on the lot.

I requested that the trees be distributed to needy families in the area. A portion of the project proceeds were used to supply food and clothing to needy families in the area.

Taking a Christmas tree along brought even more joy to the faces of the families involved. We thank Mr. Cheena for his continued support of the Jaycee effort.

Louise Coleman, president
Farmington Area Jaycees

Broomfield wants to grant immunity

To the editor:

The United States cannot afford governmental paralysis when it sorts out the events of the Iran initiative.

The president and the Congress must move expeditiously to get the facts and take corrective action, which should include clearing the decks of the national security policy officials who gave the president poor advice. The president and the Congress should make all future decisions about the Iran initiative investigative proceedings with a single, paramount national objective in mind: to restore the confidence of the American people in the integrity of their government as quickly as possible.

As a result of the president's directive to executive agencies to come forth with what they know, and the investigative efforts of the Congress and the media, a good record now exists on the flow of arms to Iran from the United States and from a third country with the approval or knowledge of the United States. However, the record is by no

means adequate on the flow of funds from Iran to pay for the arms.

Somebody made lots of money with arms made available by the United States. The Congress, the president and the American people want to know.

It appears that one person holds the key to the lock on information about disposition of funds paid by Iranians for U.S. arms: Lt. Col. Oliver North. The Attorney General said on Nov. 24, 1986 that Col. North was the only person in the United States government who knew precisely about funds from the Iran arms transfers being transferred to the Contras.

Col. North testified under oath: "I share your desire to put this issue to rest quickly and fully; and to further that end, I want to be able to provide a full exposition of the facts as I know them on this matter." He then invoked the Fifth Amendment right every American possesses to decline to give self-incriminating testimony.

Either of the two special investigations committees that the House and the Senate have established can, by two-thirds vote, approve an application to U.S. district court for an order that requires Col. North to testify, but which will protect him against use of that testimony and information derived from it in any subsequent criminal prosecution of him.

The special investigating committees should make the decision to seek such a court order their first priority. Assuming that the Attorney General (or the independent counsel in his place) does not exercise statutory authority to delay by 20 days issuance of the court order granting immunity, the congressional initiative to obtain immunity for Col. North would guarantee that the American people would have the full story by the end of the next month.

Without that grant of immunity, proceedings may drag on for a year or more and the American people may never get the full story.

If the Congress does not move as quickly as possible to get the full story by getting Col. North's testimony, paralysis of American government may set in.

The U.S. Government cannot function effectively if the American people perceive that they do not know the truth. Foreign countries will not deal

with a U.S. government that they perceive to be weakened by a drawn out domestic political crisis.

William Broomfield
U.S. representative

Here's to Hills: a job well done

To the editor:

I would like to take a moment to salute the Farmington Hills Planning Commission for a job well done.

A well-balanced city is developing east of Haggerty Road — a city where any individual can find a place and maintain that particular lifestyle that best suits him.

It is a city where ordinances force landlords to maintain their properties, to prevent them from becoming the "slums of the future." It is a city that fosters the growth of business and industry to provide a deferred tax base.

It is a city that plans for the future employment of its children and a city that welcomes their attempts at independence at an earlier age with lower-income housing, rather than driving them away to less-costly areas.

It doesn't matter if apartment life is a necessity, an individual can find a place. It doesn't matter if that person finds joy in a close, well lit, well maintained neighborhood or in the rolling hills where there is room to breathe — there is a place for him.

One thing that a well-balanced community provides is that sense of commonality, that oneness, that spirit that allows an individual to freely move from one subdivision to another without worry about who lives in the estate on the hill or if the road is a private one.

Other more youthful cities should cast their eyes toward the people of Farmington Hills and the way they live. The city planners have met the call to provide what's best for all of its people. They have not passed the buck when asked to provide essential services without wild variations in taxes, and they have promoted that community spirit as they have refused to pander to those elitist elements that would seek to divide it.

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