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# What mother means to me

Where would we be without  
our mothers?

First of all, we wouldn't be here. But beyond the obvious, moms serve many useful purposes.

Take mine, for instance. Despite the miles and years that have piled up since we last lived under the same roof, I haven't forgotten how my life has been touched by her.

Among the memories are:

•How she urged one of my brothers and I to stop tossing around the basketball in the house. The thought of the television set suddenly going dark because of an errant behind-the-back pass was utmost in her mind.

• How she allowed those same sons to turn her backyard into a baseball diamond, complete with basepaths worn into the once-green lawn.

•How she convinced us to sell those thousands of baseball cards because they were taking up too much room in the closet. It was years later that I realized what a bad move that was.

•How she didn't squak when we decided to make it an automatic grand slam when a baseball was hit through the garage window. Incidentally, the glass was never replaced after the inaugural blast.

- How she told me to take my APBA table-top baseball game into another part of the house because the dice shaking was driving her crazy.

- How she paid weekly visits to my Little League baseball games, following the exploits of kids who made a practice of finishing last in their league.

•How she wouldn't allow us to keep the St. Louis Cardinals baseball game on television during supper because it interfered with our digestion process.

•How she didn't complain when she discovered turn-of-the-century sweat socks under the bed, when they should have been placed in the laundry basket long ago.

•How during a Quincy (Ill.) College basketball tournament she informed a rather tall West Texas State University player that her son's wife was a graduate of the school. His reply was something on the order of, "That's nice."

•How she sent her newest grandson a miniature St. Louis Cardinals baseball outfit. She knew how big of a smile that would put on my face.

For all of these reasons and more, my mother continues to be a special part of my life.

So, mom, have a happy Mother's Day. And, by the way, do you think you could track down the boy from across the street and buy back those baseball cards?

# Scott, Astros

MONTREAL (AP) — Anybody who doubts that Mike Scott is the toughest right-hander in the National League hasn't talked to the Montreal Expos lately.

"He's definitely the toughest to hit," Montreal second baseman Vance Law said after Scott and the Houston Astros beat the Expos 3-0 Friday night. "He was almost unhittable tonight."

Scott, 4-2, allowed only two hits and struck out 12 as Houston won its third straight game.

"You can't pitch much better than he did tonight," Expos Manager Buck Rodgers said. "He was dominating."

The complete game was the second this season for the Houston right-hander, while the

12 strikeouts matched his career high and raised his season leading total to 62.

"My forkball was definitely better than it was all year," Scott said. "I was using it on all pitches quite a few times, but I threw it six or seven times in a row during a stretch in the middle of the game."

Scoll had a no-hitter going into the sixth inning until Case's single broke the streak. Case's single hit a two-out triple off the glove of fielder Kevin Bass' glove.

"I wasn't even thinking of a no-hitter at the time because we were still in a 1-0 game," said Scott, who also allowed a single to John Stefero in the eighth. "All I wanted to do was get the next hitter out and get them off the scoreboard."



CHRIS CROOMS of Robert E. Lee remains hard at work in preparation for the state track and field meet in Austin.

(Sun staff photo by Alfred V.

## Questions will linger

By MIKE SIMMONS

Gaylard Fenley had hoped to have many of the questions concerning the Ross S. Sterling football team answered by the time summer vacation rolled around. Instead, those questions will dog him until August.

The Rangers' plans to conduct three weeks of spring football workouts were canceled in the aftermath of the fire at Robert E. Lee. Because both campuses are housed at Sterling on half-day schedules, Fenley said spring training had to be sacrificed.

Sterling wasn't alone when it dropped spring football. The seven other District 23-5A football squads also made the decision, opting to add a week of practice and another scrimmage to the fall schedule.

If Fenley had his way, spring football would not be dead this spring in 23-5A, but the matter was out of his hands.

"Our decision in these circumstances regarding the grapes involves a lot of grapes over spilled milk in the world."

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