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Past hero does it again, saves boy, 7, from burning car

By Steve Meisner

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Jose Marquez has a habit of rushing through flames to try to rescue people.
In April 1986, the facilities technician for U.S. West hosed himself down with a garden hose, wrapped a wet towel over his head and pushed his way into a burning trailer in an unsuccessful attempt to rescue a man who was trapped.

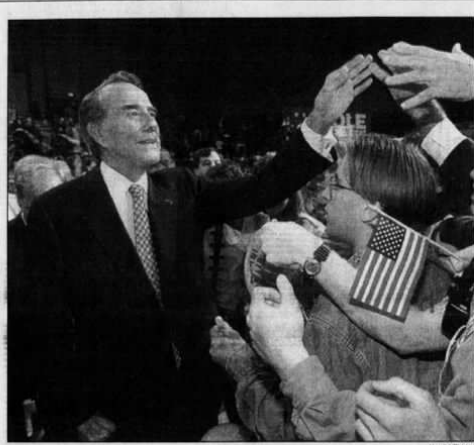
Marquez escaped injury nine years ago, but he wasn't as lucky Saturday.
He was in a guarded but stable condition at St. Mary's Hospital last night with burns over much of his upper body, hospital officials said. Some of his burns were third-degree, the most serious.
Marquez is in line for some awards, but he's already received effusive thanks from Joan Purcell, 35, Mathew's mom.

probably would have burned to death — and I probably would have died trying to go back into the car to get him," Purcell said.
Marquez had filled in for a supervisor Saturday and was heading home from work when he got stuck in a chronic traffic jam on Grant just east of I-10.
Police gave the following account of the ensuing accident:
A car being driven by a 25-year-old man identified as Daniel D. Smith came speeding down Grant and struck a car being driven by Robert Marsch, 28.
Marsch's vehicle struck the next car in line, which was being driven by Rosa Padilla, 24. Her

car hurtled through the air over three other vehicles.
Padilla was ejected. Her passenger, a resident of Sonora, was trapped and later died. The driver's name was being withheld yesterday by police, pending notification of relatives.
Smith's vehicle, meanwhile, continued moving and struck Purcell's vehicle, which burst into flames. Several other vehicles, including one driven by Marquez, got caught up in the continuing chain reaction of collisions.
As soon as the cars stopped moving, Marquez jumped from his car and ran to Purcell's vehicle.
"I managed to pull Marcus into the front seat

Lab errors blamed in two deaths
Jury recommends homicide charges

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Honoring Karin Smith's dying wish, a Wisconsin jury is recommending homicide charges against those who misread the Pap smears that could have saved her life and that of another woman.
The district attorney is expected to decide this week whether to file charges against the laboratory, a technician and the doctor in charge of the lab in the case of Smith and Dolores Geary, both of whom died of cervical cancer.
District Attorney E. Michael McCann charged that the women were victims of indifference and blatant errors. An expert testified at the inquest that the laboratory missed unmistakable signs of cancer.
It is extremely rare for criminal charges to be filed against doctors, laboratory technicians or mistakes.
McCann said the inquest jury of six laymen was the first in Wisconsin to consider criminal charges for a fatal misdiagnosis.
Lawsuits and other civil actions are the usual course of action in cases of negligence and errors.
Smith died March 8 at age 39 after asking McCann to launch the investigation. She testified before a congressional committee a year ago that she was dying.



Dole enters election fray

Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole formally kicks off his presidential campaign, affirming his commitment to small government and taking a no-tax-increase pledge. Dole yesterday addressed supporters in Topeka, Kan., above, and later in New Hampshire. Story, Page 3A.

PLO police raid Gaza extremists

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — Yasser Arafat cracked down on Islamic militants yesterday after suicide bombings killed seven Israelis and an American college student.
The move could push Palestinians closer to civil war.
Gunfire broke out as some 300 Palestinian police stormed Gaza City's Zaytoon neighborhood early today.
More than 100 followers of Hamas and the smaller Islamic Jihad have been arrested since deadly back-to-back bombings Sunday near two Jewish settlements in the PLO-ruled Gaza Strip.
Sheikh Ramadan Sassi, a leading fundamentalist preacher, called The Associated Press to report the raid and said police were trying to detain him and five brothers and had already seized two. Gunfire and women wailing and shouting, "Please don't beat me!" were heard in the background.
Angry Islamic militant leaders raised the specter of civil war, apparently trying to force Arafat to back down.
"If he (Arafat) practices this behavior, we will defend ourselves by all means," warned Mahmood Zahar, a leader of Hamas, the most powerful group opposing the faltering Israeli-PLO accord.
Despite the tensions and anger, Israeli Prime

Slain U.S. student leaves vital gifts

BEESHEBA, Israel (AP) — After doctors pronounced Alisa Flatow brain dead, her father consulted rabbis and agonized for hours at her bedside — crying and holding her hand.
In the end, Stephen Flatow authorized doctors to remove his daughter's organs for donation yesterday, to "the people of Israel," whose struggle with Palestinian militants cost the 23-year-old American her life.
The Brandeis University junior from West Orange, N.J., had taken a semester off to study at a Jerusalem seminary.
"She believed she was safe in Israel and no one could dissuade her," Stephen Flatow said in a statement released through the U.S. Embassy. "Her lasting contribution to the people of Israel is that her organs were donated for the saving of lives in Israel."
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Gusts churned up unhealthy dust reading

By Keith Bagwell
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Sunday's high winds kicked up so much dust and soot that Tucson's air exceeded the federal particulate limit for the first time in six years.
A Pima County air pollution monitor atop the Tucson Convention Center downtown recorded an "unhealthy" particulate level, exceeding the federal limit by 40 percent, according to the county's air-pollution data.
County officials plan no immediate action. "What do you do, tell people they shouldn't have gone outside yesterday?" asked Martha Salvato, the county Department of Environmental Quality's top air-pollution official.
The monitor traps tiny particles of matter, small enough to get past a body's defenses and set-

tle deep in human lungs.
The tiny particles are not only that — they also can be soot, hydrocarbons, nitrogen, sulfur oxides and other chemicals and metals, many of which impair lung function and some of which cause cancer and gene defects.
The monitor collected airborne particles between midnight Saturday and midnight Sunday, Salvato said. It operates only every seventh day, she said.
Gary Neuhals, an Arizona Department of Environmental Quality air pollution official in Phoenix, said the Environmental Protection Agency could count Sunday's reading as exceeding the standard six times because of the monitor's operation schedule.
"If it does, that would be a big deal — it could classify Tucson as a particulate non-attainment (violation) area," he said.

WEATHER

Sunny and warmer, Tuesday is expected to be mostly sunny and warmer. Look for a high in the upper 70s and an overnight low from the upper 50s to low 60s. Yesterday's high was 70, and the low was 41. Details on Page 7A.

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'They've taken my son' in 10-year struggle, mom says



Cynthia Mendat, with Justin in hospital, wants her boy home

MIAMI (AP) — Justin Bates was a baby when he was rushed to a hospital with an asthma attack 10 years ago. He has been there ever since, unable to see, speak or walk.
A brain-stem battle that has grown from the courts to the Statehouse has kept the semi-conscious boy, now 11, institutionalized while his family tries to bring him home.
Justin's case has been cited as an example of how laws that try to protect taxpayers by limiting the liability of government agencies can backfire against the neediest people.
"They've taken my son, and they don't want to give him back," Cynthia Mendat said last week from her Coral Springs home. "They're spending money to fight me from having him."
Mendat has tried for years to get the money needed for home care for her son, who suffered severe brain damage in 1985 when his oxygen supply was cut off because of an improperly inserted ventilator tube.
A jury in 1990 found Broward General Medical Center at fault and awarded Justin \$6.3 million.

But the hospital is run by the North Broward Hospital District, a county agency. And Florida law says government entities cannot be held responsible for more than \$200,000 without legislative approval.
The agency, which has been paying for Justin's care, said its other patients would suffer if it had to make the full payment for the boy.
In the past two years, the agency has beaten attempts in court and in the Legislature to make it pay. A legislative committee will vote today on a bill to give Justin and his family at least part of the jury award.
Two previous claim bills have been killed.
"There's no amount of money that could compensate her for losing her child, essentially," said House Claims Committee member Steve Ferrin. "This dealing with taxpayer dollars, we have to try to come up with something that's fair and reasonable to provide for the child and mother."
Justin needs 24-hour medical attention. His mother has no insurance, and without the jury award,
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