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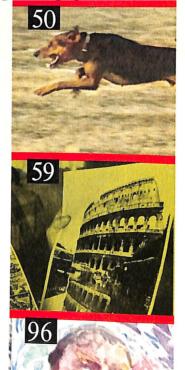
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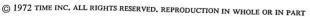
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LEAPING FOR JOY in a cheerless land is Olympic hurdle champion John Akii-Bua. An account of an extraordinary visit to Uganda's hero by fellow Olympian Kenny Moore.

THE NEW SHOWPLACES of the sports world are snowplaces. An early-season look at ski areas all across the country, particularly a high-flying Utah resort called Snowbird.





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