

Gramm to keynote '92 GOP convention

HOUSTON (AP) — Sen. Phil Gramm will give the keynote address at the Republican National Convention next month, GOP Chairman Richard Bond said Thursday.

"Unlike Bill Clinton and the Democratic Party, we're not going to hide our leaders in Congress," Bond said at a news conference at the Houston Astrodome, where the party will hold its convention Aug. 16-20. "We're going to put them out front and center and proudly."

Bond said the Clinton-Gore ticket tried to distance itself from Democratic congressional leaders by ignoring them during the Democratic Convention earlier this month in New York City.

"Bill Clinton made the two leaders of his party non-persons," he said, referring to House Speaker Tom Foley and

Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell. "He buried them and buried the Democratic Congress."

Bond hailed Gramm, a two-term senator from Texas and a former professor at Texas A&M University, as "one of our nation's top authorities in economics."

"He has authored three landmark pieces of legislation that affect the federal budget and has done great work in trying to hold spending down by the Democrat-controlled Congress," Bond said.

He noted that Gramm was a Democrat until 1983, when he "saw the light and gave the Democratic Party the boot."

Gramm is a conservative stalwart and is considered one of the party's top speakers. He will speak on Aug. 18. Four years ago, Gramm nominated Bush.

Ross Perot to testify before Senate Select Committee

By JOHN SOLOMON
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Ross Perot has agreed to publicly testify about his knowledge of the fate of missing U.S. servicemen from the Vietnam War.

Perot in June backed out of an agreement to testify before the Senate Select Committee on POW/MIA Affairs, saying he feared his pending presidential candidacy would turn the event into a "political circus." The billionaire businessman from Texas considered running as an Independent.

Since then, the committee has acknowledged it has uncovered evidence that as many as 133 POWs may have been left behind alive in Vietnam and that the Pentagon deliberately misled families about their fate.

Perot decided during the Democratic National Convention not to enter the race for the White House and on Thursday accepted an offer from Sen. John Kerry, the committee chairman, to appear Aug. 11, committee spokeswoman Deborah DeYoung said.

"He was concerned about political concerns and we were concerned that what he had to say be aired in open session," DeYoung said. "He's more than willing and always has been very helpful."

Perot has suggested for years he has evidence that American POWs were left behind alive after the

Vietnam War and has criticized several administrations for not doing more to investigate.

Perot's interest in the issue dates to a humanitarian effort he organized that unsuccessfully tried to deliver gifts in 1969 to U.S. POWs in Vietnam.

He has kept close to the issue over the last two decades and is believed to have come into important classified information on the subject as a member of President Ronald Reagan's foreign advisory intelligence committee in the mid-1980s.

Committee members said Perot has been helpful throughout the last year, providing new information and previously unseen documents. He has talked several times with committee investigators and, though canceling his earlier public appearance, gave the committee a sworn deposition.

When he bowed out of an agreement to testify June 30 before the committee, Perot promised to make good on the offer after the election. His dropping from the race made that issue moot.

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Dallas postal worker wins million dollars

By KELLEY SHANNON
Associated Press Writer

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A 42-year-old postal supervisor from Dallas who bought one lottery ticket each payday became a million-dollar winner Thursday in the Texas lottery's sixth grand prize drawing.

Carolyn W. Moore, who appeared quiet and reserved leading up to the drawing, raised a clinched fist and tossed a cowboy hat into the air when she learned she had won.

"You just say 'Thank you.' You

just say 'Thank you,'" she said, describing her thoughts as she opened the safe that contained the million-dollar message at the Institute of Texan Cultures in San Antonio.

"I honestly plan to invest it and use it on my family, donate a little bit and be happy — buy all the little things I always wanted but couldn't afford," Ms. Moore said.

She added that her son, Ornate Black, turns 16 in October and wants a car. Ms. Moore smiled and said that doesn't necessarily mean he'll be getting one.

Ms. Moore, who lives with her son, sister and nephew, said she had bought four tickets since the Texas lottery began May 29 — one on each payday. She said her late father, George Hawkins, taught her that kind of restraint.

"And, I'm not a gambler," she said.

The first runnerup in Thursday's drawing was Vivian Fisher, 76, of Sweeny, who had her son Richard Fisher represent her. She won \$50,000.

Other finalists winning money were Daniel S. Pesina, 24, of San Antonio, \$25,000; James A. Smith, 31, of Killeen, \$15,000; Gilbert C. Rendon, 51, of Austin, \$15,000; Billy McCraw, 72, of Honey Grove, \$10,000; and Bill Winters, 33, of Fort Worth, \$10,000.

three months ago and the gods are looking down on us," Ms. Hawkins said, fighting back tears. "He was such an articulate person, and he would have been very proud of Carolyn and his children and everything like this."

Later, Ms. Hawkins could be heard using a pay telephone in the Institute of Texan Cultures calling long-distance relatives and shouting, "We're a millionaire, we're a millionaire!"

Ms. Moore said she rubbed a lucky necklace and prayed as the drawing began. She also said she had a dream Wednesday night in which she saw the drawing scene — the dress she was wearing, the dinner she had eaten beforehand and the winning safe she was opening.

Ms. Moore said she plans to keep working, at least for a while. "I don't know any other life. I really don't," she said.

And Ms. Moore said she'll keep buying Texas lottery tickets. "What was she thinking about? That my husband just passed

Lubbock hires three doctors to replace indicted pathologist

LUBBOCK (AP) — Three forensic pathologists are taking over the job of one doctor who has been arraigned on charges of falsifying the autopsy of a hit-and-run victim.

The trio of doctors hired by Lubbock County said Thursday they considered their new jobs a challenge.

"I think it's an opportunity to fix a system that has gone awry," said Dr. Sparks Veasey, who is a member of the team along with Patrick Besant-Matthews and Jody Nielsen. "Everybody wants the truth, and I think that we can provide that."

Dr. Ralph Erdmann, indicted in February by a Hockley County grand jury on charges he falsified the autopsy of a 41-year-old man, was arrested this month by Lubbock County Sheriff's deputies and arraigned on new Dickens County charges by Magistrate David Hazlewood of Lubbock.

The regional forensic pathologist service was enlisted after the investigation of Erdmann unfolded and

he resigned. Pathologist David Hoblit, who first proposed Forensic Pathologists Associates, brought in the three doctors.

Hoblit won a \$200,000 contract for the group to provide autopsy services to the county.

A former Air Force officer, Nielsen moved from San Antonio to take the job.

"It's exciting to be in on the ground floor of something," he said.

Besant-Matthews, formerly with the Dallas County medical examiner's office, said the group will avoid problems blamed on Erdmann.

"We're not on anybody's side. We document findings. It's up to the court and the jury and the district attorney and the other people to decide what it means," he said.

Defense attorneys have contended that Erdmann's findings were tailored to suit cases built by prosecutors.

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Big and Little trek to Grand Canyon



Dear Abby
Abigail Van Buren

By CHERYL BERZANSKIS
Lifestyles Editor

Devin Lemons didn't know where he was going until he was almost there. He'd ridden 17 long highway hours with stops at the Petrified Forest, Painted Desert and Meteor Crater until finally reaching the Grand Canyon of Arizona.

Lemons, his volunteer "Big Brother" Rodney Kline and Chris Miller, Kline's nephew of Patton, Pa. made a camping trip to the Arizona canyon country July 3-6.

Kline and Lemons, who have been paired for a year as "big" and "little" brothers in the Big Brothers/Big Sisters program, made this trek part of their time together.

"We got up there. It looked like a big picture somebody painted. It was kinda scary at first," Lemons said. He seemed a little awestruck by the sight.

"It was beautiful," Miller, 14, echoed.

The trio tried a 45-minute airplane ride over the canyon.

"First we went through a national forest. Then we got to the canyon. I thought it was a long

way down. I thought it was just beautiful," Lemons said.

From the air, the group could see branches of the Grand Canyon, the Colorado River, the Little Colorado River, rapids and rafters.

On July 5, Kline, Lemons and Miller hiked two and a half hours on a swichback trail into the Grand Canyon. Coming up was a four hour sweat, but, as Lemons said, they were faster than the mule train.

Kline decided to surprise 13 year old Lemons with their final destination. The pair planned for the trip for six months without Lemons knowing where they were going. It was okay by him.

To raise money for the trek, Kline and Lemons made and sold picnic tables. Together they estimated material costs, designed the method of construction, figured time needed for construction and developed marketing strategies.

"They're good tables. This was something fairly easy and I figured they would sell. It took a lot of thought to figure out something that would sell," Kline said.

He continued, "Another thing

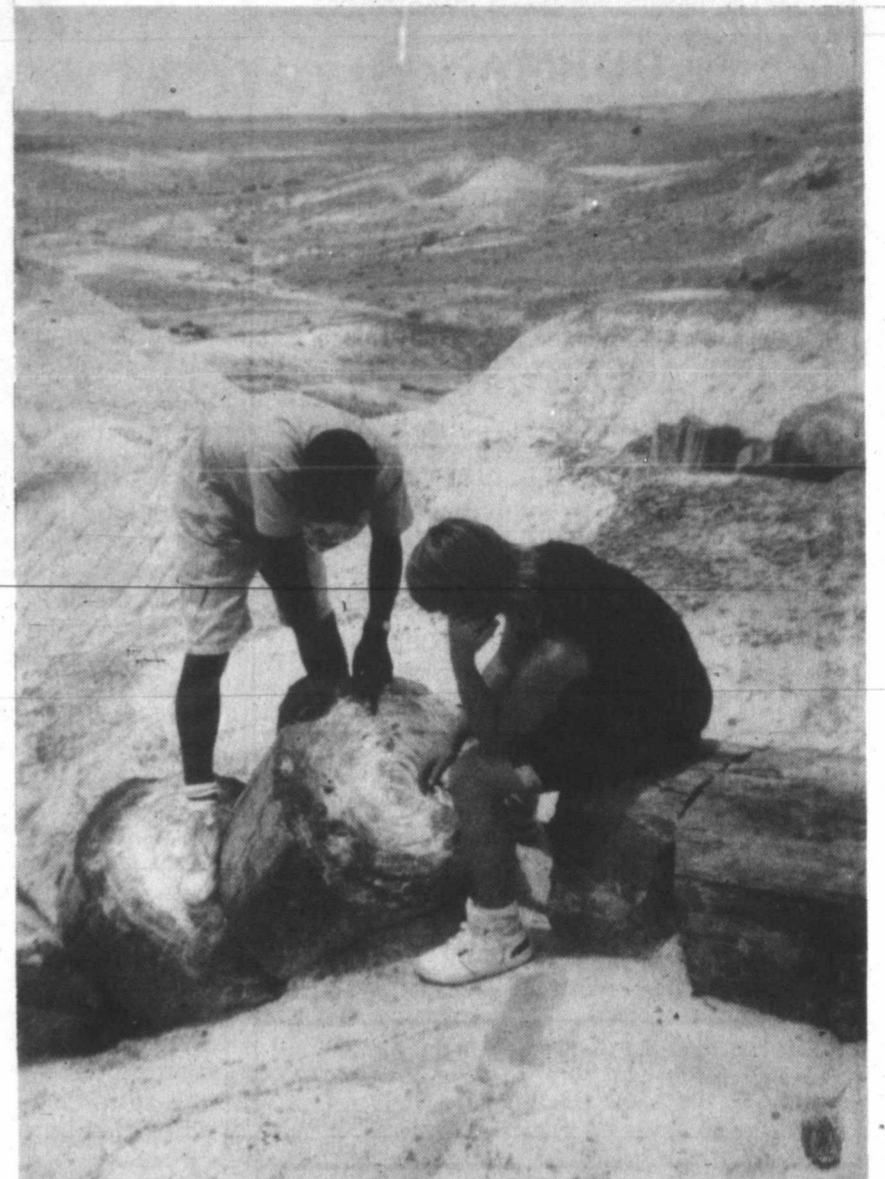
they tell you in Big Brothers is 'Don't be a Santa Claus. Don't just take your "little" and spend a lot of money on them.' So instead of spending money, we made a little money."

"I learned how to use more power tools safely. It takes time... You can't rush into building anything. You have to figure out how to take out of the price of each table enough for the next table and you have to have fun doing it, because if you're not having fun it's not gonna work out," Lemons said.

Kline has brought other family members into his big/little relationship with Lemons. Miller, who is spending two months with his uncle, has become friends with Lemons. They talk on the phone a lot, the boys said laughing. Lemons has introduced Miller to his friends.

The goal of the Big Brother/Big Sister program is to provide adult role models and companionship for children of single parent homes. Kline, an air traffic controller at Amarillo International Airport, has been paired with the eighth grade student for about a year.

"We get together more than normal for Big Brothers - we definitely get together more than is required. It's always more than three hours," Kline said. "For me, it's being able to spend some time with Devin. I'm an active person and I like to get out and do things," Kline explained. "Like this trip to the Grand Canyon - a lot of kids wouldn't appreciate it. I'm single and I like to use up my time somewhere and Devin



(Special photo) Devin Lemons, left, and Chris Miller investigate a petrified tree in the Petrified Forest.

is real easy to get along with."

Lemons, who loves sports, sings in the Pampa Middle School choir and is involved with the youth group of Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ, is enthusiastic

about his relationship with Kline. "I like it because I get a chance to do things I wouldn't get to do because of my mom's work hours. I meet new people. I'm making new friends from far away places," he said.

Bad breath may mean bad news elsewhere

DEAR ABBY: The letter signed "Halitosis," written by a woman who brushed her teeth, flossed and gargled daily, and still no one wanted to kiss her, prompts this letter: I, too, had this problem. I tried everything, plus chewing gum and breath mints, but nothing helped.

I later discovered that I had infected sinuses, and the constant drip down my throat caused me to have a chronic bad taste in my mouth. I was also told by a few kind friends that my breath was "strong." I finally took the hint and went to my dentist, who checked my teeth and sent me to a physician. Sign me ...

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DEAR GRATEFUL: You were indeed fortunate. Masking one's halitosis, which is often a symptom of a serious problem, only delays searching for the cause. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: Your reply to the woman who complained about chronic halitosis was right on the button. My dentist sent me to a specialist, who sent me to another specialist who dealt with stomach disorders. I was told, after numerous tests, I needed colon surgery. That operation confirmed that "something" was seriously wrong. It was cancer, which they said they caught in time. Praise the Lord! That was five years ago, and I'm still here. Please warn your readers.

LUCKY IN WACO, TEXAS

DEAR ABBY: I have been receiving all kinds of books, which I did not order, from a certain publishing house. This started about two years ago, after I had ordered two books for my grandchildren.

I have written to this publishing house telling it that I did not order any books, have no use for them, and to please stop sending me any more books - but the books continue to come. I have returned these books at my own expense, and I am getting sick of it! What are they? Morons?

These books come addressed to me at my home address, and a letter accompanying the books always begins, "Dear Member." Abby, I did not join a book club. This is getting ridiculous. What can I do?

OVERBOOKED

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(Special photo) Rodney Kline, left, and Devin Lemons take a break at the entrance of Grand Canyon National Park.

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John 3:16

Religion

Retreat a place to pray

By ARMANDO RIOS JR.
San Angelo Standard-Times

CHRISTOVAL (AP) — Mount Carmel Hermitage south of Christoval has seen many improvements in the year it has been in existence, evident by the work visible from the path visitors take from the parking area to the chapel.

In addition to all the work, the main purpose of the hermitage — prayer — still takes up the major portion of each day for the Rev. Fabian Rosette.

The hermitage's peace and quiet is quickly evident. Birds chirp, an occasional insect makes its presence known. Brother Andrew, Rosette's dog, announces every visitor.

The main purpose of the hermitage is "Holiness, to be holy," Rosette said. "The main purpose of the hermitage, more than anything, is to live the first commandment," he said.

"Have you ever heard people speaking of the first commandment. You should love your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind. That is the purpose of the hermitage: to glorify God. And, by glorifying God, a person also finds within self a place to come as close to God as he can."

Outside the chapel stands a small bell that visitors ring to alert Rosette that he has company. If he can't hear it, his dog lets him know someone is ringing it.

Last year about this time, only the small "cell" where Rosette lives had been completed. The chapel and guesthouse were nearing completion.

On July 1, 1991, Bishop Michael Pfeifer, leader of the Catholic Diocese of San Angelo, blessed the hermitage.

Now, a wall encloses most of the land except for the chapel and guesthouse. Behind the wooden wall are Rosette's cell and a small common hermitage, which will hold an office, kitchen, dining room and work areas.

The people of Christoval — a town 14 miles south of San Angelo — have been wonderful to him, Rosette said. In addition, people have come from all across West Texas to bring items and donations.

The hermitage, which he said was a place for prayer, has received considerable media attention.

Rosette can be found wearing his order's brown habit. For the same reason, he has shaved his head as many hermits and monks do — a sign of consecration to God as St. Paul demonstrated — Rosette said.

"Also it is very practical here, you don't have to worry about combing your hair and everytime you take your hood on and off you don't have to worry about your hair," he said. "The same thing with the beard, you are not wasting time shaving."

One remarkable gift has been the generosity of West Texans who have come from as far as Lubbock to see what they can do for him, Rosette said. A woman from the Abilene area came to see what she could do, and the next day workers arrived to build the fence, he said.

Another day, a San Angelo family arrived and built the sidewalk.

Rosette continues to plan the future of the hermitage. He gestures to where a parlor will be built — a parlor where he can greet visitors.

"I want the place to inspire," Rosette said. "I want the place to be something that is different."

Freedom Day proclaimed



President George Bush waves to the crowd in front of Three Saints Russian Orthodox Church in Garfield, N.J., this week. Bush was there to proclaim National Freedom Day. On podium at left is N.J. State Senate President Donald DiFrancesco.

First United Methodist sets revival

The First United Methodist Church of Pampa has scheduled a tent revival for Aug. 2-5 from 5 to 7:30 p.m. each evening on the church grounds at Foster and Ballard streets.

The Rev. James Martin will lead the revival and Johnny Ray Watson will lead the singing. Heath Whitehead will be the youth leader and Philip Putnam will lead the children's ministry.

The Rev. James Martin is pastor

of Tuscola United Methodist Church in Tuscola. Along with his pastoral duties in Tuscola, he is also a staff therapist at Pastoral Care and Counseling Center in Abilene.

Johnny Ray Watson is a native of Lorenzo and resides in Corona, Calif. He has been involved with the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, the Professional Athletes Outreach, Prison Fellowship, the America for Jesus rallies and

numerous churches and smaller organizations.

Whitehead is the youth director at First United Methodist Church in Slaton. He is involved in campus ministry at the Wesley Foundation at Texas Tech University in Lubbock.

Putnam will conduct the Bible-lympics for the children's ministry.

A nursery will be available. For more information, call the church office at 669-7411.

Religion roundup

DALLAS (AP) — Democratic presidential candidate Bill Clinton's religious faith "has deep roots" and he is strongly committed to family values, says his former pastor in Little Rock, Ark.

"It's inevitable that his faith will have some impact on the decisions he might make and the leadership he would give," says the Rev. Brian Harbour, pastor for five years of Little Rock's Immanuel Baptist Church, to which Clinton belongs.

Of Clinton's concern for education, Harbour, now pastor in a Dallas suburb, said: "He believed everybody should have the opportunity to develop to the greatest potential God has given them."

Both Clinton and his running mate Al Gore are Southern Baptists.

Gore's pastor at Mount Vernon Baptist Church in Crystal City, Va., until he

retired a year ago, the Rev. Jack Turner, said Gore is a "theologically based, spiritually oriented person."

"His concern for environmental and international issues comes from his spiritual concern for the human race."

EISENACH, Germany (AP) — Ira A. Lipman of Memphis, Tenn., chairman of a firm providing security services, Guardsmark, Inc., and long active in fostering interfaith understanding, was elected vice president of the board of the International Council of Christians and Jews at its annual meeting here.

He becomes the highest ranking American official of the organization which includes cooperating councils in 22 countries, including the United States.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The president of the Catholic Educational Association says the 1992 Demo-

Crossing borders extensive activity

By GEORGE W. CORNELL
AP Religion Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Jumping denominational borders has become a Christian habit, a sort of roundabout ecumenical blending process. Recent findings show a lot of it goes on nowadays.

About a fourth of present-day church members have switched denominations at least once from the denomination in which they were raised, says the Princeton Religion Research Center.

It also reports these other trends:

- A gradual increase to 58 percent in adults saying religion is "very important" to them, up from 53 percent in 1987. Another 29 percent term it "fairly important."

- A "religion index," a combined measurement of key attitudes and practices included to determine the overall vigor of religion in America, has halted a long-term decline and started edging upward.

- Christian religious preference, such as whether persons are Protestant or Roman Catholic, no longer seems to have much bearing on whether they're Democrats or Republicans.

- Catholics are only a tiny bit more likely to be Democrats and Protestants just a jot more likely to be Republicans.

- Biblical literalism — belief that the Bible is God's actual, word-for-word composition, to be taken literally as fact — has declined steeply over the last 25 years.

It used to be the predominant view of Americans, held by 65 percent of them as recently as 1963. But now only 32 percent regard the Bible as coming verbatim from God.

Nevertheless, most still hold the Bible conveys God's inspired truth, although the prevalent view is that not all accounts should be interpreted literally.

These and other religious tendencies, based on surveys by the Gallup organization, are summarized in recent issues of the research center's Emerging Trends.

On the denomination-hopping phenomena, a national sample of 1,002 adults surveyed in April found that 23 percent have switched from one denomination to another at least once.

The possible margin of error was plus or minus 3 percent.

Overall, the crisscrossing seems numerically to benefit Protestants, since 81 percent of those who switched ended up in Protestant churches, while only 9 percent had moved into Roman Catholic churches.

Another 10 percent had become Eastern Orthodox, Mormon, Jewish or mainly some "other," meaning a variety of movements that don't fit into the typical categories.

Among Protestants, the smaller, more conservative groups were the most likely to receive those who switched, followed by Methodists, Southern Baptists and Presbyterians.

First Free Will Baptist plans for special services

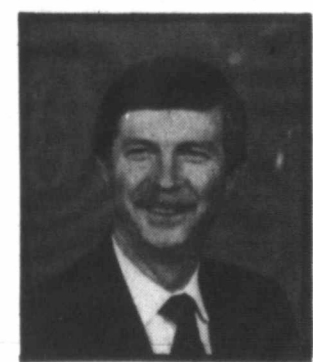
The Rev. Orille Thurman and the Rev. Jim Thurman from Arvin, Calif., plan to preach in revival services at the First Free Will Baptist Church beginning Sunday evening.

The services at the church, 731 Sloan St., are set to begin at 7 p.m. on Sunday through Tuesday.

Pastor L.C. Lynch and the congregation invite the public to attend the services.

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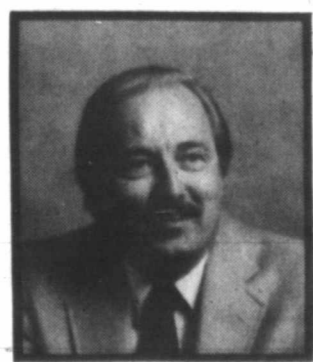
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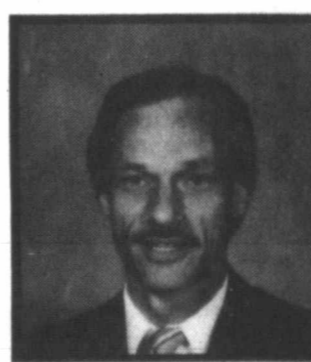
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WALNUT COVE

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LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) If a present involvement is predicated upon a purely materialistic motive, it might not live up to your expectations. It's best you re-examine the reason for your mode of behavior. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail \$2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Do not get into a finger-pointing contest with associates today regarding who is right or wrong regarding a matter that affects your career.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Political intrigues could cause you problems today in either a social setting or at work. Don't be jockeyed into a position where you feel you must participate.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) A change you've been hoping for might come about today. However, once it transpires, you may begin to wonder if it is what you really wanted.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Should you hear some unflattering things said about you today, check several sources for verification before lashing out. It might not have any basis in fact.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) An ambitious objective is likely to be unfulfilled today; you might wish for what you want rather than work for it. This is not a successful format.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) If you're involved in something today that requires a substantial output of cash, don't be too willing to believe everything you hear. Naivete could be expensive.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Someone you're counting on to help you conclude a complicated matter might prove to be unreliable at this time. Have a back-up plan ready, just in case.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) An assignment you've been neglecting might become a thorn in your side today. Don't waste more time making excuses. Do what needs doing as promptly and effectively as possible.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Usually, you're a good manager of your resources, but today your extravagant whims might dominate your prudent inclinations. Some form of loss is possible.

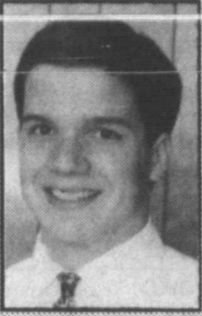
GEMINI (May 21-June 20) If you're not organized and persistent today, objectives you're anxious to achieve might not be realized. It's imperative you finish what you start.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Be careful what you say about others today, even those who may deserve a tongue-lashing. Your remarks could make you look bad instead of the wrongdoer.

Sports

Mark, my Words

By Mark Spencer



Cubs take faithful fans on big bandwagon ride

I have never claimed to be on the Chicago Cubs bandwagon. In fact, I'm hoping it will veer into a ditch, explode and burn like millions of \$1 bills.

It seems that's all the Cubs care about after they successfully blocked National League realignment yesterday in a Chicago courtroom. Boy am I glad I have never been swept up in Cubmania.

Unlike many, I never saw any common sense in buying \$50 jerseys, \$12 hats and \$100 satin jackets with a red C on them to support a yuppie-fad, perennial loser like Chicago.

You know the type that have succumbed. They've never seen Wrigley Field, but they know every player on the team and swear they can do the best Harry Caray imitation you've ever heard.

For me, there's no common sense in buying their merchandise and none in the organization either.

In case your unfamiliar with the situation, Fay Vincent ordered the realignment of the National League on July 6 for the 1993 season and the addition of two expansion clubs.

Under his plan, the Cubs, the St. Louis Cardinals and the Colorado Rockies would play in the National League West. The Atlanta Braves and the Cincinnati Reds would then join the expansion team Florida Marlins in the East.

Vincent argues, in essence, common sense. His plan would put teams in more geographically desirable positions in terms of travel and regional rivalries. It makes economic sense.

But the Baby Bears from the Windy City began to whine as soon as Vincent issued his order.

Cubs officials protested saying the move would destroy their traditional rivalries with the New York Mets, Philadelphia Phillies, Montreal Expos and Pittsburgh Pirates.

Never mind, I suppose, that Vincent kept the Cubs biggest rivalry with the St. Louis Cardinals in tact.

The Cubs filed their lawsuit challenging Vincent's "in the best interest of baseball" clause July 7, and the verdict supporting the Cubs' position was handed down yesterday.

"While the matter is not yet fully resolved, the action today was a good thing for Chicago, the Cubs, their fans and the game of baseball," the Cubs said in a statement.

"Cub hockey," I say in my statement.

This move by the Cubs seems done with tongue firmly planted in pocketbook.

The Cubs' brass in the front office say that to move the Cubs to the West would destroy several rivalries with teams in the East.

But it's almost nauseating how badly cloaked the intentions of the Cubs are. The only thing the Cubs are protecting is their own pocketbook.

The Mother Bear of the Cubs organization, as you probably know, is the Tribune Co. It owns the team and the team's network, superstition WGN.

The front office preaches security for baseball's traditions. The Tribune Co. decries the probable loss of revenue and ratings from later West Coast starting times.

The motivation for this lawsuit seems clear to me, and it's planted deep inside our aforementioned fanatical fans.

The Cubs preach love of game, play for love of money and tuck it all inside the love for the team by countless fans on the top row of the bandwagon.

If only the wagon's direction would make a 180-degree turn from its Eastbound thinking and head towards some sense. At least, the Cubs should stop trying to pawn their objections off as being for the good of baseball.

Go West young Cubs.

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SUMMER OLYMPICS



USA soccer kicks Games into action

BARCELONA, Spain (AP) — The Summer Olympics begin for American soccer players Friday as Barcelona braces for the arrival of the Dream Team, rambunctious, revved up and raring to go.

The United States was banking on experience, talent and a little Olympic-type courtesy from its powerful Italian opponents as it got the games' soccer tournament rolling one day before opening ceremonies.

"Hopefully, they'll be friendly with us because we really want to be friendly with them," U.S. coach Lothar Osiander said.

The U.S. basketball team was due into Barcelona on Friday night from Monte Carlo, where it beat the French 111-71, then tested itself in a contentious, trash-talkin' intrasquad game.

"It might be the only competition we get all summer," Michael Jordan said.

They're cocky, and more's the pity for poor Angola, the United States' first opponent on Sunday.

"I'm ready to play some serious basketball," Charles Barkley said.

IOC president Juan Antonio Samaranch said Thursday he's ready to seek re-election when his term expires next year. The surprise announcement came at the end of the International Olympic Committee session.

The members responded with a standing ovation for Samaranch, 72, who has been IOC president since 1980. He was re-elected by affirmation in 1989.

The Games are not without ominous political overtones. On Thursday, the IOC formally ratified a United Nations ban on Yugoslavia competing as a nation at Barcelona.

It may send athletes and they may compete as individuals, but there will be no Yugoslavian flag or anthem here. Yugoslavia is under U.N. sanctions for its part in a civil war in its former republic of Bosnia-Herzegovina.

"We were fighting for complete participation, but this is a half victory," Hungarian IOC executive board member Pal Schmitt said.

Also, the IOC said it will recognize a team from Bosnia-Herzegovina, and it would allow another Yugoslav republic, Macedonia, to compete without a flag or anthem. The IOC already recognized Croatia and Slovenia as independent teams.

Because of the decision limiting Yugoslavia's presence here, replacements had to be found in several team sports. Replacing Yugoslavia in water polo will be Czechoslovakia, in men's handball Iceland, in women's handball Norway, and in women's basketball Italy.

Its once powerful men's basketball team was not allowed to play in the Olympic qualifying tournament because of the U.N. sanctions.

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A giant mechanical Hercules is wheeled out during Thursday's rehearsal for Saturday's opening ceremony of the XXV Summer Olympic Games at the Olympic Stadium in Barcelona.

Astros sold for a reported \$100 million

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston Astros owner John McMullen has agreed to sell the team to Drayton McLane Jr., a Texas businessman.

"They've reached an agreement," Astros spokesman Tyler Barnes said Thursday.

No financial terms were disclosed, but a news conference was scheduled for 1:30 p.m. today at the Astrodome.

The sale must be approved by 75 percent of the National League owners and a majority of the American League club owners.

McLane is the second-largest stockholder in Arkansas-based Wal-Mart Corp. and president of McLane Co., a food distribution business.

McMullen, who attended a benefit hosted by the Astros' wives Thursday night, said the deal would close at the end of October.

"It's a sad moment, in a way, but I've done the right thing," he said. "After all, I spent 14 years building this place up, and it's beautiful, and I hate to leave."

Striking the deal "was very simple. Drayton McLane and I met privately, and while the two of us were together, we did the deal alone," McMullen said.

"My position was, 'Look, a person like McLane isn't going to come along every day, and I just felt that it was in the interest of the team ... and of Houston to have a first-class owner.'

Reports said McLane was willing to pay more than \$100 million for the team, the Astrodome lease and other assets. McMullen bought the team for about \$18 million in 1979.

"Did I get maximum dollars? The answer is no. Could I have made a lot more if I had stayed in here for another four or five years? The answer is yes," McMullen said.

Ethan Cartwright, a spokesman for the Houston Sports Association, said shareholders have agreed in principle to sell McLane the Astros ballclub and HSA's lease on the Harris County-owned Astrodome.

McMullen said although he also had wanted McLane to buy some of HSA's three hotels, they were not included in the deal, reportedly because McLane refused to buy them.

Astros manager Art Howe said he looks forward to meeting with McLane.

"Now we'll find out exactly what direction we're going to be going," Howe said.

"I have no problem with John (McMullen). He's done a good job, as far as I'm concerned. He's always tried to win. And we're going to miss him, believe it or not."

Christi Lucksinger, a spokeswoman for McLane Co. Inc., would not confirm or discuss the agreement except to say, "We'll talk about it tomorrow."

McLane was in his office but was unavailable for comment, she said.

Home runs boost Texas

BALTIMORE (AP) — Jeff Huson and Brian Downing homered, and Jose Guzman stopped his three-game losing streak Thursday night as the Texas Rangers beat the Baltimore Orioles 4-2.

Baltimore's first three batters produced a 2-0 lead, but Huson and Downing quickly wiped out that deficit to help the Rangers to only their third victory in nine games.

Both homers came off Ben McDonald (9-7), who pitched a two-hit shutout against Texas on Saturday. McDonald has given up a major league-high 25 homers.

Guzman (8-8) allowed two runs and eight hits in 5.1-3 innings for his first victory since June 27. Edwin Nunez pitched 2-3 scoreless innings, and Jeff Russell got three outs for his 24th save.

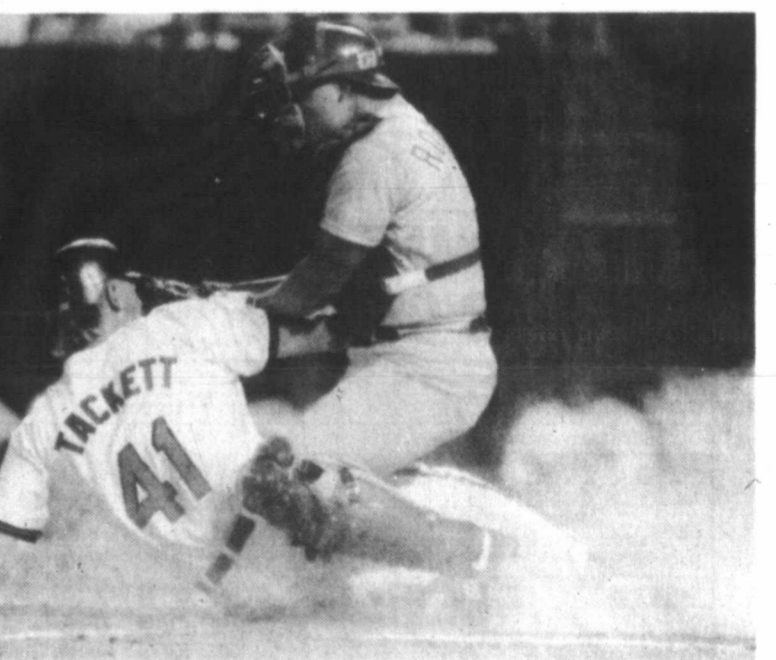
Baltimore, which has lost three straight, couldn't do anything after the first, when Brady Anderson doubled, Mike Devereaux tripled and Cal Ripken hit an RBI groundout.

Huson tied the score with a two-run homer in the second, and Downing put Texas ahead with a solo homer in the third, his fourth homer in his last six hits.

Baltimore loaded-the bases with no outs in the fourth, but Bill Ripken hit into a forceout at the plate and Jeff Tackett bounced into a double play.

Juan Gonzalez singled and scored on a double by Ivan Rodriguez in the sixth. Baltimore loaded the bases with one out in the bottom of the inning, but Nunez got Bill Ripken to hit into a double play.

The game was played hours after the Orioles learned that Sam Hulett, the 6-year-old son of utility infielder Tim Hulett, died from injuries sustained Wednesday when he was hit by a car.



Baltimore's Jeff Tackett tries to slide under Texas' Ivan Rodriguez Thursday in Baltimore.

Mavs make move up front

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas Mavericks took a huge step toward strengthening their front line Thursday, signing restricted free agent Stanley Roberts of the Orlando Magic to a five-year deal.

The offer sheet agreement, however, gives Orlando 15 days to match Dallas' terms for the 7-foot 295-pound center.

"We believe this will be a great opportunity for Stanley and our fans," Mavericks general manager Norm Sonju said. "We have acquired some nice young players, but we did have a need in the middle. We feel Stanley is one of the most promising young centers in the NBA."

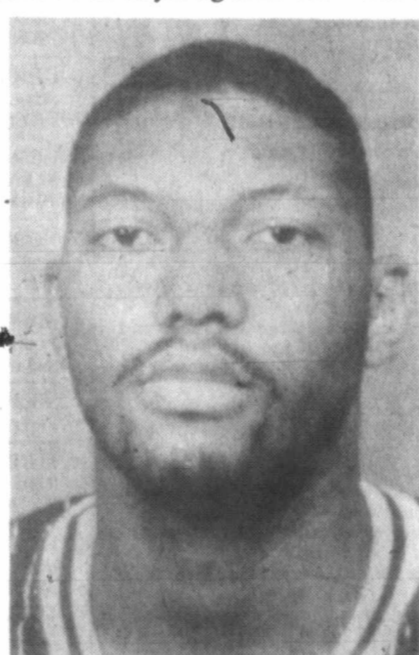
Financial terms of the offer, which includes a no-trade provision in the first year, were not disclosed. But Roberts was reportedly seeking a deal that would pay him about \$3 million a year.

The Mavericks were reportedly offering Roberts about \$2 million per season.

Orlando selected LSU center Shaquille O'Neal during the NBA draft last month, making the move for Roberts more feasible.

"Stanley played well last year, but he believes Shaquille is Orlando's center of the future," Sonju said. "That's why the fit of Stanley and the Mavericks makes so much sense."

Roberts, 22, was chosen to the NBA's All-Rookie second-team last season after averaging 10.4 points on .529 shooting. He averaged 6.1 rebounds and 1.5 blocked shots in 20.1 minutes for the Magic.



Stanley Roberts

Minister indicted for perjury in Tyson case

SHREVEPORT, La. (AP) — The head of the nation's largest black Baptist denomination was indicted Thursday for allegedly lying when he denied offering up to \$1 million to try to stop Mike Tyson's trial on a rape charge.

The Rev. T.J. Jemison of Baton Rouge, La., president of the National Baptist Convention U.S.A., was accused of one count of perjury.

The indictment said the head of the third-largest Protestant denomination in the nation lied when he testified June 18 in the trial of Edmund Reggie, the new father-in-law of Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass. Jemison was a character witness for Reggie, who was acquitted of bank fraud in the trial in Lafayette. He faces four more trials in the case.

During cross examination, Jemison testified about his role in the Tyson case. Tyson, 25, was convicted Feb. 10 of rape and criminal deviate conduct in an attack against Desiree Washington, 18, a contestant in the Miss Black America pageant. Tyson is serving a six-year sentence.

The indictment alleged Jemison denied offering up to \$1 million to Donald Washington, the contestant's father, if she agreed not to testify against Tyson.

The indictment said Jemison offered money to Washington on several occasions. It specifically cited a telephone conversation last Dec. 30, when Jemison allegedly told him his daughter should accept \$500,000 to \$900,000 and possibly \$1 million.

In the conversation, as quoted in the indictment, Jemison allegedly said:

"If I could be Desiree for a minute I, I'd be most happy to accept an offer of say, between five hundred, nine hundred thousand and get it over with and get my name clear."

At another point, Jemison says that if Tyson was found innocent, Washington wouldn't have any money.

"He could be set free like most men are when it comes to a matter of rape," Jemison said.

U.N. effort to reach besieged city of Gorazde falters

By JOHN DANISZEWSKI
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SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — A U.N. attempt to reach the besieged eastern city of Gorazde suffered a setback today when a small convoy set off a land mine and was ordered back to Sarajevo.

U.N. officials said a translator with the three-truck convoy was slightly wounded when an armored personnel carrier escorting the vehicles drove over the mine and it exploded.

The trucks carried some relief aid to Gorazde, but the mission

mainly was of symbolic importance — an attempt to show that the 80-day siege could be broken.

Gorazde, the last Bosnian government stronghold in the east, took in thousands of refugees before Serbs fighters surrounded it.

The Serbs oppose the republic's independence and have captured about two-thirds of Bosnia, mainly northern and eastern lands adjoining Serbia, Montenegro and Serb-held territory in eastern Croatia.

At least 7,500 people have died since Bosnia's Muslims and Croats voted on Feb. 29 for inde-

pendence. Some Bosnian officials speak of more than 40,000 dead. About 1.3 million of Bosnia's prewar population of 4.3 million have fled the fighting.

In Sarajevo, sporadic overnight small-arms fire died down by daybreak. The International Olympic Committee planned to send a plane later in the day to pick up the republic's team to the Barcelona games.

Thursday was generally quiet in the Bosnian capital. But there still was fighting and casualties.

Three people were reported killed Thursday and 20 wounded in a mortar attack on the Vogosca

neighborhood, the city ambulance service said. A French soldier was hurt when his armored personnel carrier struck a mine, said a U.N. official.

Margaret Moth, a camerawoman for Atlanta-based Cable News Network, who was shot in the jaw and seriously wounded by a sniper. CNN Rome bureau chief Mark Dulmage suffered slight wounds.

Maj. Dervo Harbinja of the Bosnian defense forces accused Serbs besieging the capital of unprovoked attacks that had no strategic goal.

"The main aim is to kill as

many non-Serbs as possible," he said, adding that fighting in Sarajevo also distracts attention from the Serb pounding of Gorazde, about 30 miles southeast of Sarajevo.

"They want to destroy it," he said. "They want to destroy everything that moves. It is hell."

On Wednesday and Thursday, Gorazde's defenders appealed to the world for food and medicine.

The U.N. convoy was dispatched by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. U.N. officials said it had reached Serb-held territory seven miles outside the city when the armored

vehicle set off the mine.

In Croatia, meanwhile, Bosnian refugees poured into the city of Karlovac in a dusty convoy of hundreds of cars and buses stretching for miles.

Croatian relief officials in Karlovac, about 30 miles southwest of Zagreb, said the convoy was made of 5,700 refugees from Bosanski Novi.

U.N. officials negotiated safe passage for the group through Serb-held territory in Bosnia and Croatia. Germany has agreed to take them in and was sending trains on the weekend to pick them up.

Honecker to leave Russia, official says

MOSCOW (AP) — Former East German Communist leader Erich Honecker will leave his diplomatic sanctuary in Russia soon, a Foreign Ministry spokesman said today.

"Honecker will leave Russia for sure," spokesman Sergei Yazstrzhembsky told a news briefing. He refused to give any more details.

Honecker, 79, is wanted in Germany on manslaughter charges that he issued shoot-to-kill orders to East German border guards. About 200 people died trying to flee the Communist state.

Honecker and his wife, Margot, sought refuge in the Chilean Embassy because Ambassador Clodomiro Almeyda was an old friend to whom Honecker had given asylum after the 1973 right-wing coup in Chile.

Russian authorities have been unable to force Honecker to leave the embassy because it is diplomatic property protected under international treaty.

In Madrid, Spain, Chilean Foreign Minister Enrique Silva said today that "a solution (to the Honecker case) is near" and indicated Honecker would be handed over to German authorities for trial.

Honecker sought refuge in the Chilean Embassy in Moscow in December 1991 to avoid expulsion from the Soviet Union. He was flown to Moscow in March 1991 for unspecified medical care.

James Holger, a special envoy of the Chilean president, has been holding talks with Russian officials in Moscow about Honecker's fate.

The Russian Foreign Ministry statement follows German Chancellor Helmut Kohl's statement Thursday that efforts to return Honecker to Germany for trial may be nearing a successful conclusion.

It remained unclear how or when Honecker would leave Moscow.

"It is up to the Chilean side to take the first step," said Enno Barker, press spokesman for the German Embassy in Moscow. "There are physical realities. Mr. Honecker has to leave the embassy."

Yazstrzhembsky said, "Sufficiently active consultations are continuing to find the final formula for the settlement of this issue."

"I cannot add anything else. ... What I can say, is that this is an issue of the nearest future," he said.

Honecker had sought permission to go to Chile, where his daughter lives. But the Chilean government, under pressure from Germany, refused.

Bombs strike pipeline west of Barcelona

VILAFRANCA DE PENEDES, Spain (AP) — Two small bombs damaged a gas pipeline 37 miles west of Barcelona this morning, one day before the opening of the Olympic Games, news reports said.

The blasts cut gas supplies to Vilafranca but caused no injuries.

A government official in Barcelona confirmed that two explosions hit the Enagas company's Martorell-Tarragona pipeline in Vilafranca de Penedes. But the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said there was no confirmation that bombs were responsible.

The private Europa Press news agency reported that bombs were involved, and that police were examining remnants of the devices. It said officials did not know who planted the bombs.

ETA, the Basque separatist group that has claimed responsibility for more than 700 killings since 1968, has threatened to attack the Olympics and the six-month Expo '92 under way in Seville.

GRAPO, a shadowy terrorist group with no articulated demands, has previously bombed gas pipelines.

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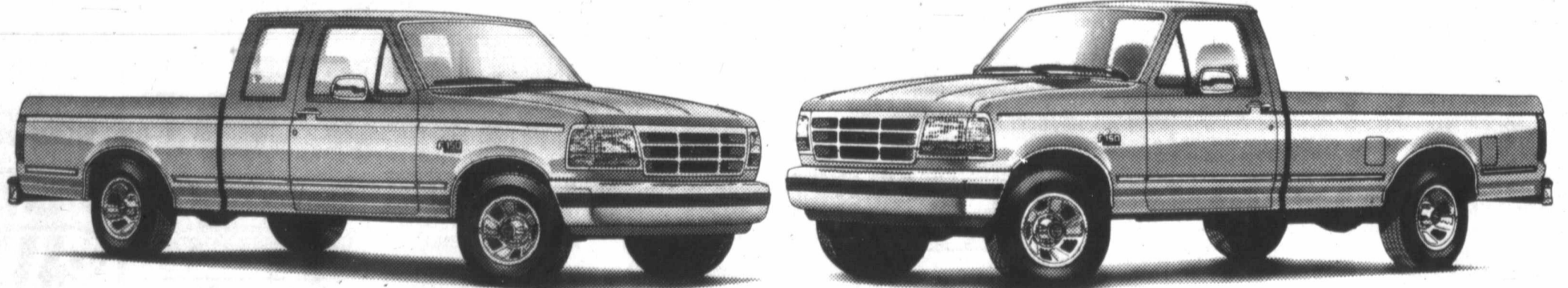
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