

Verdict: Tyson guilty of rape

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) - Boxer Mike Tyson stepped from a courtroom into a threatened future as a convicted rapist, found guilty of attacking a Miss Black America contestant he lured to his hotel room.

The conviction late Monday was Tyson's darkest moment in a troubled history with women, and it threatened to end the rags-to-riches career of the youngest heavyweight champion ever.

The 25-year-old boxer could get as many as 60 years in prison at sentencing March 6 but is likely to get far less under Indiana guidelines. He remained free on \$30,000 bail.

"We've seen so many times recently that it doesn't matter what a superstar does - it's OK," prosecutor Greg Garrison said. "He can brag about it in his books, he can demonstrate it in the public eye, and as long as it suits him, it's all right.

"And I think tonight, one time anyway, this kind of behavior's not been tolerated."

Tyson stared straight ahead. His

head jolted back but otherwise he showed no emotion as the verdict was read: Guilty on one count of rape and two counts of criminal deviate conduct. He had no comment as he left the courtroom.

Asked what his most effective evidence was, Garrison said, "That beautiful 18-year-old kid with a pure heart. She's a young person with a lot of courage."

Tyson's defense - that he was a crude womanizer whose accuser knew from the start that he wanted sex, and consented - didn't stand up to the victim's story and the physical evidence, jurors said.

"The accusing witness made a very convincing case. We looked at not only a moment in the bedroom but a chain of events that evening," said the jury's foreman, a 37-year-old IBM marketing representative and ex-Marine.

"It was an accumulation of evidence," said the foreman, who refused to give his name.

The victim wasn't in court when the verdicts were read. Deputy Prosecutor Barbara Trathen said the woman felt "just a sense of 'It's finished,' relief."

Tyson was scheduled to challenge Evander Holyfield in a bid to regain the title last November - after being indicted - but that bout was canceled when Tyson injured a rib. It was not rescheduled when the trial began Jan. 27.

Nothing in boxing regulations would automatically bar Tyson from fighting while free on appeal, but boxing's governing bodies and state boxing commissions could refuse to sanction a match. And no promoter would undertake such a fight under those circumstances.

Tyson's accuser testified that he had promised to take her sightseeing but instead went to his hotel on the pretext of making a phone call, pinned her to his bed, stripped her, raped her and laughed while she cried in pain and begged him to stop.

Other evidence included testimony from an emergency room doctor who said the woman suffered injuries consistent with rape, and a chauffeur who said the woman appeared shaken when she emerged from Tyson's hotel July 19.

Tyson won the heavyweight title in 1986 at age 20 by knocking out Trevor Berbick. He lost the title in Japan to Buster Douglas on Feb. 11, 1990 - nearly two years to the day of his conviction.

Tyson began life in poverty and crime, then was rescued and steered into the ring by a gruff, older trainer, Cus D'Amato. D'Amato died in 1985 when Tyson was 19 and well on his way to boxing stardom.

Tyson had a violent eight-month marriage to actress Robin Givens, and he has also been embroiled in numerous lawsuits, some filed by women who say he fondled them or roughed them up.



Player of the game
Monica Don Juan of Hereford's eighth grade White team steals the ball against Valleyview Monday at HJH. Later, Don Juan turned a tied game into a Hereford win with a steal and a layup with two seconds left in the game.

Blair gives U.S. first gold of '92

ALBERTVILLE, France (AP) - Bravo for Bonnie. But now what? America's medal prospects for the duration of the Winter Olympics don't all sparkle with the glint of gold. But Bonnie Blair's victory in the women's 500-meter speedskating helped erase the disappointment of some early letdowns and ensured that the U.S. team has a - hello, jinx - golden opportunity to surpass its 1988 total of six medals, including two gold.

What hometown hero Franck Piccard did for France with a silver in the men's downhill Sunday, Blair accomplished Monday for the United States when she became the first woman to defend her Olympic title at 500 meters.

"This is great for her and great for us," said Mike Moran, spokesman for the U.S. Olympic Committee, which retooled its Olympic training program

in embarrassment at the poor showing in Calgary four years ago.

Celebratory whoops were heard from Blair's hometown of Champaign, Ill., to Colorado Springs, Colo., home of the Olympic training center, where employees were holding their own flame-lighting ceremony when they got word of Blair's triumph.

"It lifted a lot of apprehension," Moran said. "We think we're on track now."

Eric Lindros, a National Hockey League superstar-in-waiting, flashed skating power of a different sort Monday night with two goals and an assist for unbeaten Canada in a 6-1 rout of Switzerland.

World Cup leader Paul Accola of Switzerland was positioned for a gold-medal run in today's slalom portion of the men's skiing combined competition. Accola was fifth in

Monday's downhill combined, .79 seconds behind leader Jan Einar Thorsen, but the Norwegian is not a good slalom skier and predicted he won't win.

Perhaps Blair should have "Who you gonna call?" emblazoned on her skating warmups after once again single-handedly busting the U.S. team out of a slump.

At Calgary, Americans earned only a single medal in the first week of Olympic competition - a bronze by Jill Watson and Peter Oppgaard in pairs skating. It was a week remembered more for Dan Jansen's tumbles on the speedskating rink and some other missed opportunities.

The Albertville Games also appeared to be slip-sliding away from U.S. Olympians in the early going.

That was the 5-foot-5 Blair's cue. Skating on a sun-slowed rink, she got

off to a blazing start and completed a nearly flawless race in 40.33 seconds. Ye Qiaobo of China also skated well but lost precious milliseconds in a crossover mixup with young Elena Tiochiakova of the Unified Team and finished .18 behind for the silver.

Afterward, Blair tearfully dedicated the race to her father, who died in December 1990.

Was her first medal in 1988 more special?

"They were each better in their own way," she responded. "In '88, I was happy to win a gold medal. Now I'm very proud that I'm the first woman to win the 500 back-to-back."

She'll take that pride into the 1,500 meters on Wednesday and the 1,000 meters on Friday, and is a top contender in the latter race.

Seminoles stake claim as member of ACC elite

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) - Florida State has proven to be a pretty good road team - and an especially good Tobacco Road team.

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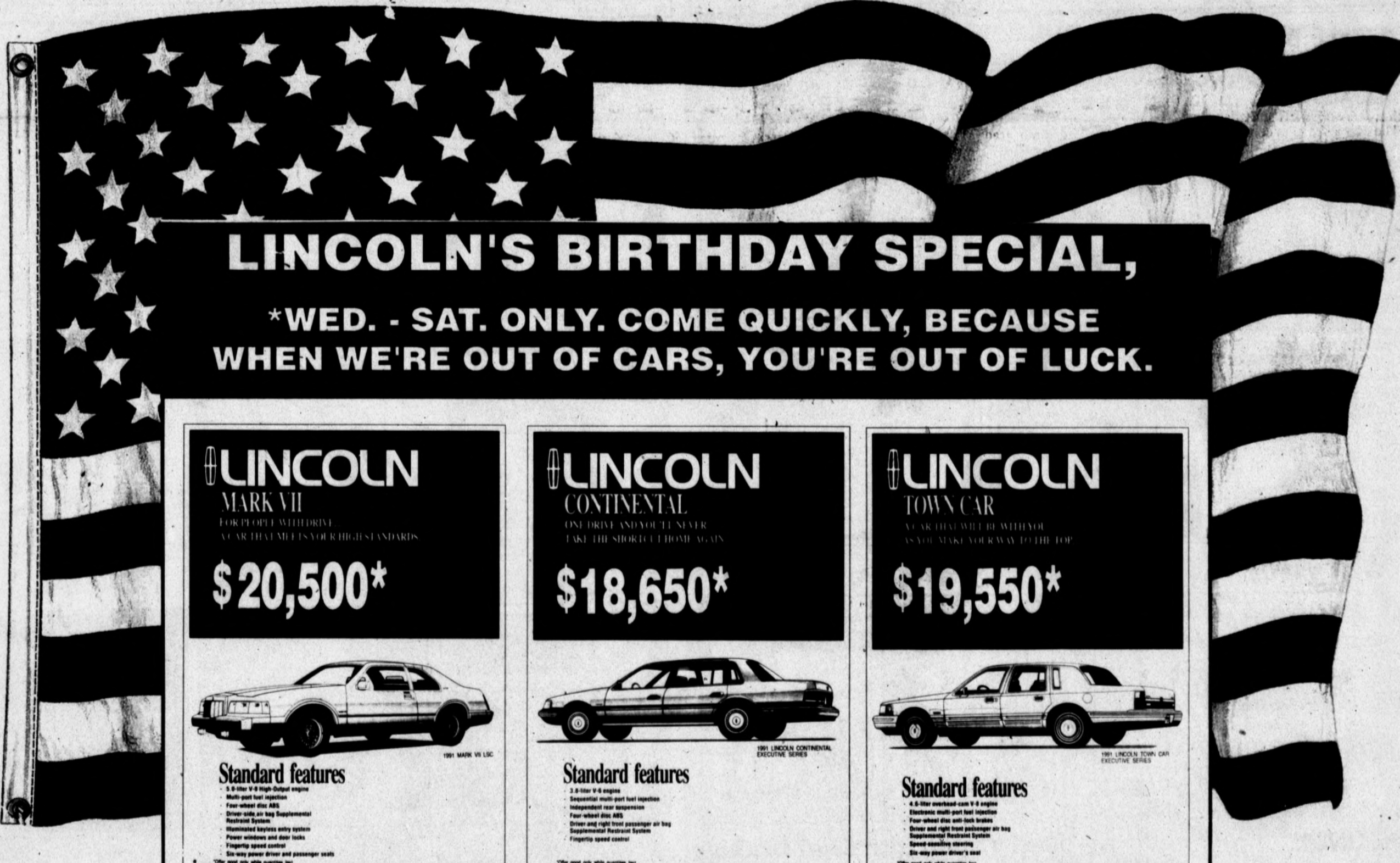
The No. 23 Seminoles survived a record-setting 3-point attack to defeat North Carolina State 87-79, it's third win over an ACC school in North Carolina this season and the only

game involving a ranked team on Monday night.

Coach Pat Kennedy, who figured eight conference wins would be a good showing in FSU's first year, has that many already - more than half of them on the road.

"I think the North Carolina game on the road set the tone for our whole season," said guard Bob Sura, who along with Douglas Edwards scored 25 points to lead the Seminoles over the Wolfpack.

For Sura, it was a career-high. Sam Cassell added 24 points for the Seminoles as North Carolina State lost its seventh straight game.



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February bit bleak for specials, variety

St. Valentine's Day will be the highlight of marketing specials during the month of February, a month that does not usually create excitement at the supermarket.

Cold weather is at a peak, there is little variety in the produce coming to market, and meal planners will be stretched to vary what otherwise could be a bland menu, said Dr. Dick Edwards, economist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

"The incoming produce probably won't set your salivary glands into a frenzy," Edwards said.

Damage caused by the whitefly seems to be concentrated in the Imperial Valley of southern California and Arizona. Head lettuce will be affected, but most other winter vegetables grown in the regions of California, Texas and Florida have yet to be impacted by this pest, he said.

Fresh February produce will include asparagus, avocados, broccoli, brussels sprouts, cabbage, celery, carrots, cucumbers, spinach, green peas and cauliflower. Fall crops with good storage characteristics, such as apples, pears, sweet potatoes and white potatoes, also will be featured.

Valentine specials will feature flowers.

"In the past, candy was the big attraction as a gift, but now it seems that fresh flowers have surpassed that," he said.

Most large food stores have a floral department, but flowers should be ordered early to ensure that requests are filled for the 14th, he said.

The best buy will be red roses, at prices around \$15 to \$18 per dozen, he said. Supermarkets, in keeping with their one-stop shopping status, also will have an ample supply of cards and candy for those wishing to go all out for their sweethearts, he said.

Domestically grown fruit that will be featured will be grapefruit, oranges and tangerines. Production in hot Florida and the California-Arizona region will be in full swing, Edwards said.

"The size of the crop is a bit larger than last year, so prices should be of par with those in 1991, with oranges selling for 59 cents per pound and grapefruit at 10 cents each," he said.

February also marks the peak volume of imported fruits, with the largest amount shipped from Chile. Promotion efforts will center on such soft fruit as peaches, grapes, plums and nectarines, Edwards said. Sale prices on peaches should be from 59 to 69 cents.

Other imported products in the produce section are tomatoes, onions, and squash from Mexico, and cantaloupes, honey dew melons, and pineapples from the Caribbean and Central America. Later in the month, fresh strawberries will be imported from Mexico, but prices will be more than \$1 per pint, he said.

The news from the meat counter is somewhat better -- the frozen prices that occurred last fall should continue through February.

Beef specials for the month will focus on cuts used in soups, stews and casseroles, but the best buys will be chuck roasts that will be priced at about \$1.25 per pound. Shoulder roasts will be offered at prices ranging from \$1.59 to \$1.79 per pound.

Ground beef, packed in chubs, will still be priced at less than \$1 per pound. Other featured cuts will be round and sirloin steaks, he said.

For those who enjoy premium beef and have the extra cash, top sirloin that can be cut into strip steaks will be offered for less than \$3 per pound. But the entire cut of beef usually must be purchased, costing from \$40 to \$50, he said.

Pork prices also should remain at current low levels during the month. Pork chops, roasts, stuffed sausage, pan sausage, and bacon will be the most frequently advertised specials, Edwards said.

After the marketing blitz in turkeys during November and December, there will be few poultry specials during February. Prices for whole broilers will still be as low as 39 cents per pound. Bone-in breast prices near \$1 per pound will be common, as will the leg-thigh cut at 29 cents per pound in bulk packs of 10 pounds.

Specials in the sea food department will be sluggish. Medium sized shrimp priced at \$3.50 per pound will be one of the best buys. Another will be orange roughy at 44 per pound. Trout could be featured at \$2.29 per pound, whole catfish at \$1.99 per pound, and ocean perch at \$1.49 per pound.

Grocery items for hot breakfasts and soups for cold weather menus will be discounted the most. Oatmeal and other hot cereals lead the discount list. Pancake and waffle mixes, as well as those that are frozen and ready-to-eat, also will be discounted.

Not only will canned soups and dry mixes be on sale, but any item that can be turned into soup, such as canned and frozen vegetables, will be on special. Prices of beef and chicken stock also will be reduced, he said.

Coffee, which has been at reasonable prices for two years, will still be priced at \$1.25 for 13-ounce containers. Hot chocolate also will be marked down.

In the nonfoods section, the best buys will be on vitamins and diet aids. The cold and flu season always increase sales of vitamins, and merchandise will encourage consumers to stock up at prices discounted up to 20 percent. A large coupon blitz will drop the prices even lower on some name brand items.

"Diet aid sales will be spurred by thoughts of spring approaching and a feeling of discomfort as you button certain garments that were a bit looser before the Christmas holidays," Edwards said.

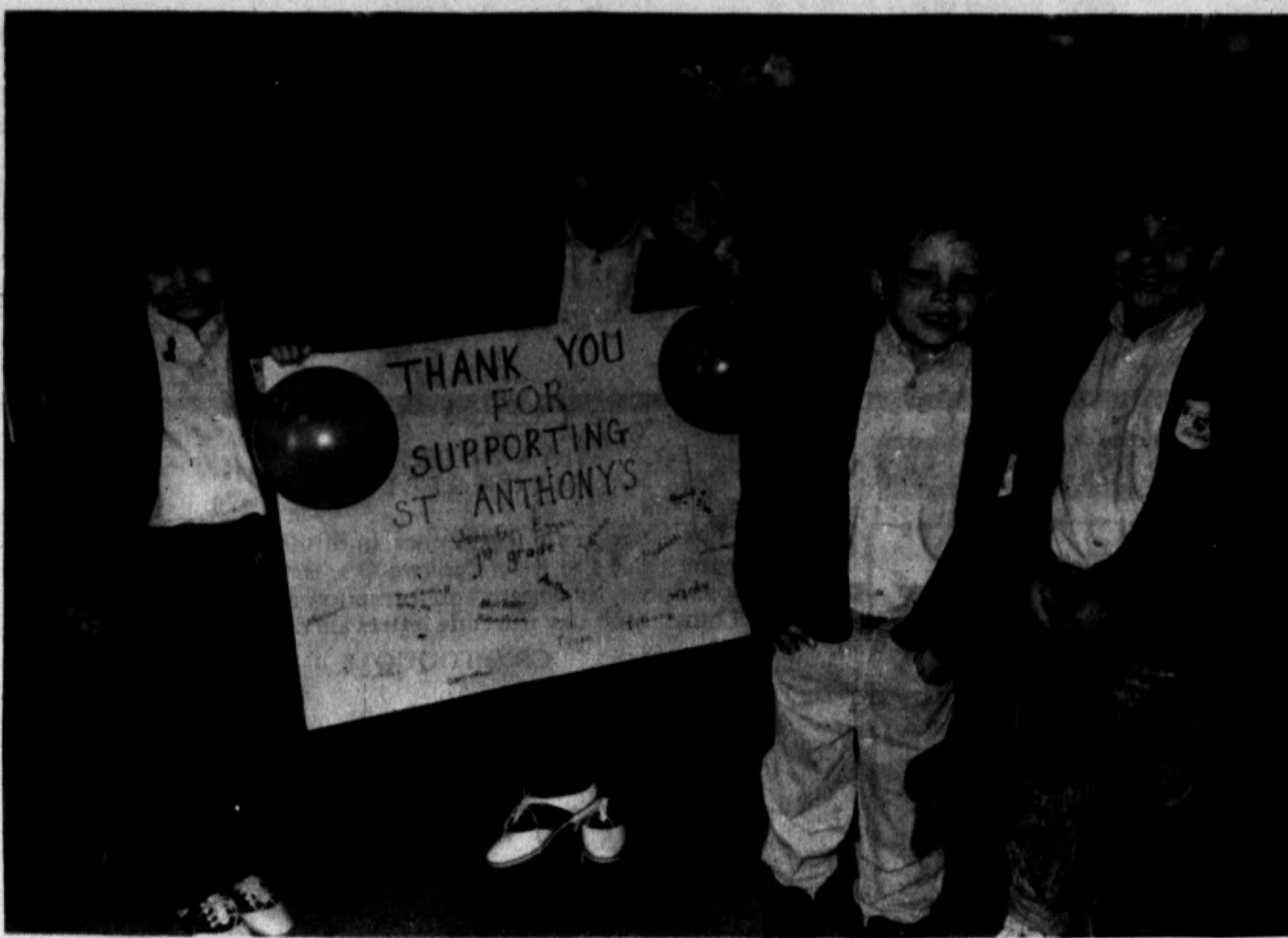
President's Day promotions will include apple and cherry pie. Other promotions will include canned goods that are priced in multiples: for example, canned tomatoes at two for \$1.

ROCHESTER, N.Y. (AP) - How well roommates get along depends partly on each person's skill at interpreting non-verbal behavior, according to a study by two psychologists at the University of Rochester.

After rating the students on their ability to judge non-verbal cues accurately, the psychologists asked the students to describe interactions with roommates.

The psychologists found that when both roommates were sharp observers, they had more revealing interchanges and felt more trust and support in each other's company.

In short, they were more "tuned in" to one another.



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