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Clinton backs Mitchell plan, GOP blasts reform package

By NITA LELYVELD
Associated Press Writer
WASHINGTON (AP) - President Clinton said in a published report today that he won't accept anything less than the universal coverage called for in Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell's health reform plan.

In a telephone interview Wednesday with The New York Times, Clinton said he couldn't imagine any approach other than Mitchell's that would work at this stage.

"Everybody sat around here breaking their brains over what other alternatives were available," he said. "None emerged before he put his bill in."

Republicans have spent the week tarring the Mitchell proposal with the brush of bloated bureaucracy and higher taxes. They have attacked it relentlessly, counting its pages (1,410), weighing it (14 pounds - 2.3 pounds of taxes) and characterizing it as Clinton in disguise.

On Wednesday, a group of Senate

Republicans handed out an 81-page "primer" on the Mitchell bill's "new bureaucracies, new mandates and new federal powers."

"We have identified already in our analysis of the Mitchell bill 50 overall new bureaucracies, 83 new responsibilities for the secretary of labor, 815 for secretary of health and human services, and 175 new responsibilities imposed on the states," Sen. Dan Coats, R-Ind., said in a news conference with a half-dozen other Republicans.

Clinton told the Times he accepted Mitchell's premise that making employers help buy health care for workers and their families might be avoided if the current 85 percent rate of insurance coverage rises dramatically over the next six years.

"If you can get 95 percent by the year 2000, that's evidence you can get to universal coverage without a mandate," Clinton told the newspaper. But he added, "You have to have some sort of backup mechanism in

case that fails."

Coats is among 39 of the 44 Republican senators who support Senate Minority Leader Bob Dole's health bill. That 641-page bill provides \$100 billion in subsidies for poor Americans, makes health insurance portable and bars discrimination for pre-existing conditions. It includes no new taxes or requirements on employers to provide coverage for their workers.

Other Republicans complained that the Mitchell bill and its House counterpart were still being rewritten constantly behind closed doors.

House Minority Whip Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., said after a meeting with Senate Republican leaders that House and Senate Democratic leaders were still rewriting their bills, "playing midnight games with exhausted legislative drafters."

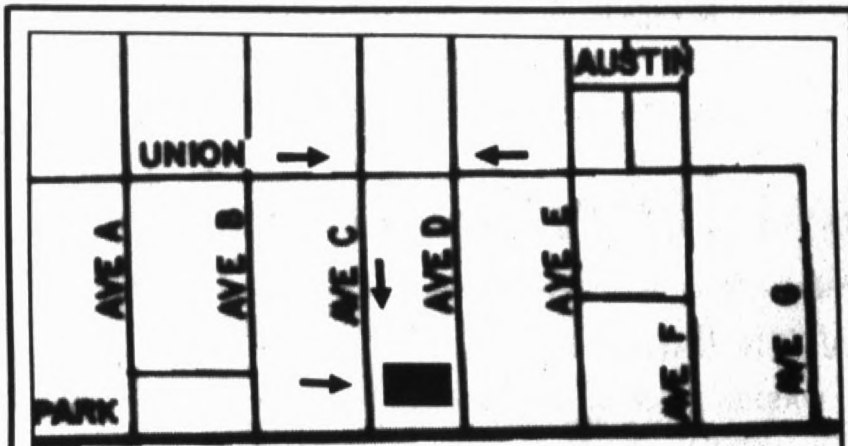
Merits aside, talk of backroom deals and huge bills no one understands plays effectively on Americans' distrust of government

and wariness of its efforts to find meaningful solutions.

In the House, a bipartisan group of lawmakers led by Reps. Jim Cooper, D-Tenn., J. Roy Rowland, D-Ga., and Mike Bilirakis, R-Fla., submitted another health bill late Wednesday. It would seek to cover more than 90 percent of Americans without taxes or employer mandates.

The bill would phase in over 10 years subsidies for people with incomes of up to 200 percent of poverty - or up to 240 percent for children and pregnant women - and would include a host of insurance reforms to increase coverage, Cooper confirmed.

The bill does not include long-term care



Directions for voting

People who plan to vote in Saturday's special half-cent sales tax election, but who do not want to fight traffic around the Town and Country Jubilee at Dameron Park, are urged to take the above route to the polling place at the west end of the Community Center. Drive south on Avenue C from Union Avenue and park in the specially-designated spaces at the Community Center. The west parking spaces will be reserved for voters. Those going to the Jubilee are also encouraged to walk across the street and vote.

Morales refuses to return controversial \$75,000 gift

By PEGGY FIKAC
Associated Press Writer
AUSTIN (AP) - Attorney General Dan Morales has rejected calls from public interest groups to return \$75,000 donated by a businessman who has shown interest in opening a casino in Texas, a spokeswoman says.

The campaign contributor is James McIngvale, known to Houston-area television viewers as "Mattress Mac" because of the mattress costume he wears in commercials for his furniture store.

The Democratic attorney general has defended accepting the contribution, which comes while his office deliberates how difficult it should be to legalize slot machines in Texas.

However, Morales won't return the donation from McIngvale and his wife, said Morales' campaign director Mary Elizabeth Jackson.

"This is not casino interest money," Ms. Jackson said.

"As we have said before, James and Linda McIngvale are two exemplary citizens of this state who

are business owners of a furniture company in Houston and who support children's projects, criminal justice projects and helping citizens who need help," she said.

The McIngvales support Morales because of his record, particularly on criminal justice issues, she said.

The attorney general's office is deciding whether a constitutional amendment is needed to legalize slot-machine gambling.

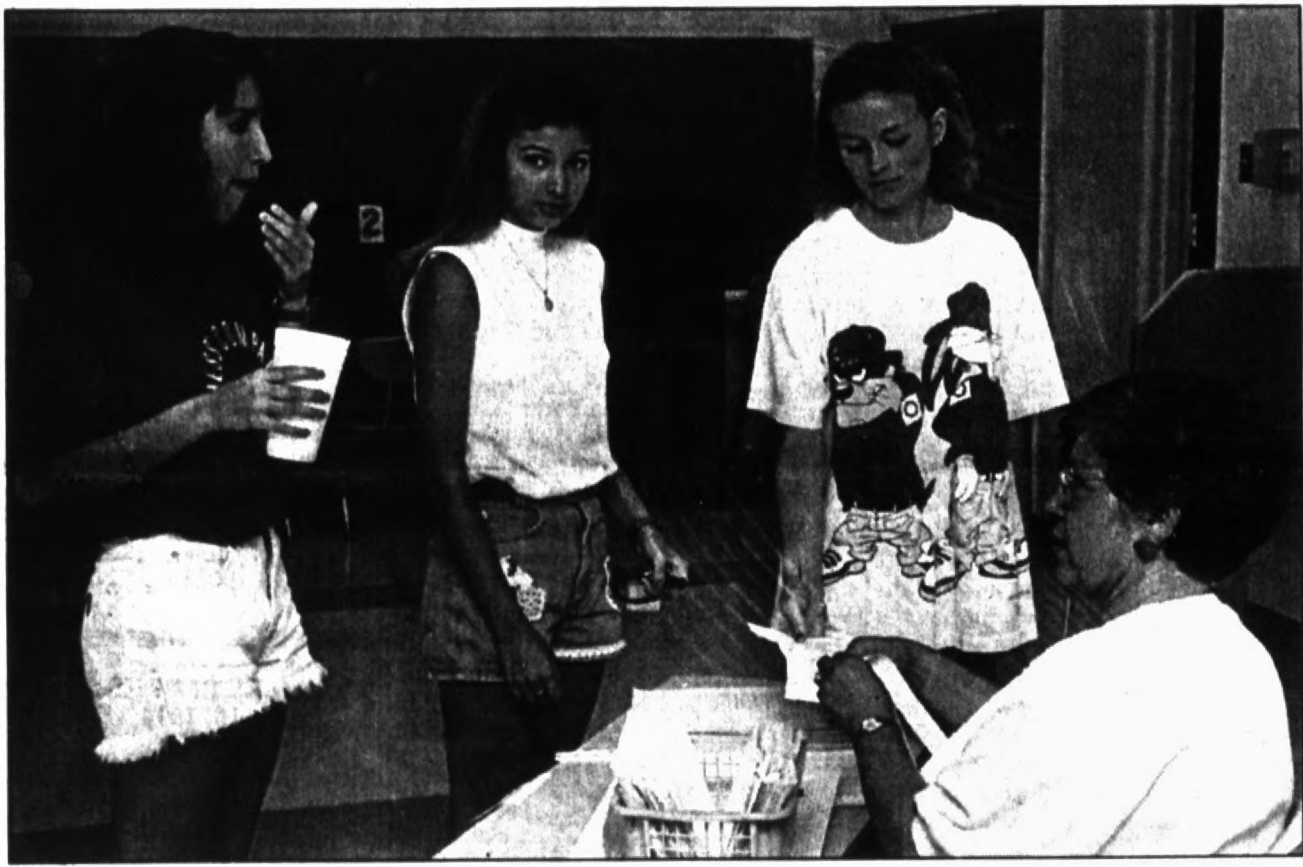
If so, it would require a two-thirds vote of the House and Senate and approval by voters statewide.

Simpson rushed to hospital

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Jailed double-murder defendant O.J. Simpson fell ill today and was rushed to a hospital reportedly for treatment of stomach pains, authorities said.

Simpson left the downtown Men's Central Jail at 4:05 a.m. and was expected to return to his cell later in the day, said sheriff's Deputy Bill Martin. No details were offered.

"Mr. Simpson was removed from County Jail this morning pursuant to a court order. He is undergoing medical treatment at a local hospital and is in the constant company of sheriff's security personnel," said



Ready for school to start

Hereford High School sophomores, from left, Lisa Chavez, Amanda Guzman and Jamie Harrison talk with school aide Aurora Ramirez as she picked up their schedules on Wednesday. Class schedules, along with other instructions for high school students are being distributed this week in Rooms 101 and 103 of the school. Students who have not pre-registered must go to the school office. All fines must be paid before schedules are given out.

Crime bill backers predict narrow win in U.S. House

By CAROLYN SKORNECK
Associated Press Writer
WASHINGTON (AP) - Supporters of a \$33.2 billion crime bill are predicting narrow victory in the House after pushing the legislation toward a final vote even though they needed a few more converts to ensure passage.

"I guess there's a feeling ... that somehow the members won't let this bill go down," said Rep. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., chairman of the House Judiciary Committee's crime panel.

Rep. Bill Richardson of New

Mexico, the Democrats' deputy whip, said, "It'll be a squeaker, but we'll win it. We're within five votes and we've got momentum."

The legislation would put 100,000 more police on the street and provide billions for prisons and crime prevention. It also would make more than 50 additional crimes subject to the death penalty, mandate life sentences for some third-time felons and ban many assault-style firearms.

The Rules Committee worked until late Wednesday before voting on party lines, 6-4, to send the package designed by House and Senate conferees to the House floor for a vote.

Schumer cautioned against further delay on the measure, saying it could help the National Rifle Association and the Republican leadership muster more opposition.

"You have to figure when you're at your high-water mark and roll the dice, even if you're not sure of where exactly the votes are, and that's about the point we're at," Schumer said.

GOP leaders, meanwhile, put pressure on Republicans who had strayed from the party line.

The Republican National Committee on Wednesday distributed to all 38 GOP members who supported the assault-style weapons ban in May a copy of a resolution of condemnation from the Alaskan Republican Party.

The crucial House vote will be the first one - on the "rule" that restricts amendments and sets time limits for debate. The rule must be approved before the bill can be considered.

On the main stage will be several acts between 11:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

In addition, there will be more than 50 booths offering a variety of food and games for the entire family.

The day will begin with the Jubilee Parade, which starts at Hereford High School at 10 a.m. and winds its way downtown.

The following is the list of performers:

- 11:30 a.m. to noon -- The Walkers from Hereford.
- 12:10 p.m. to 12:35 p.m. -- Connie Walker and the Texas Drivers, from Hereford.
- 12:35 p.m. to 12:55 p.m. -- The Right Combination, from Hereford.
- 12:55 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. -- Okie Bill Ross, from Tulia.
- 1:40 p.m. to 2:10 p.m. -- The Garretts, from Littlefield.
- 2:20 p.m. to 2:50 p.m. -- Anamacion, from Hereford.
- 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. -- Texas Country, from Hereford.

Also, beginning Friday, the annual Town and Country Jubilee Sidewalk Sales will begin around Hereford.

Numerous local merchants will celebrate the Jubilee by offering special values and specials -- just in time for Back to School.

Meanwhile, 30 members of the Hereford Beautification Alliance turned out this past weekend to clean up the city's main thoroughfares in anticipation of Jubilee activities.

Three HBA teams, as well as a crew from the Deaf Smith County Youth Home, cut down weeds and cleaned trash from on U.S. 385 from 15th Street to U.S. 60 and along Park Avenue.

One main purpose of HBA is to motivate local residents to mow lawns and trim yards and street areas, thus making the community more attractive to visitors to town.

PPI shows 0.5 percent inflation jump in July

WASHINGTON (AP) - Wholesale prices rose more rapidly in July than they have in 15 months, led by advances in energy and coffee costs, the government said today.

The Labor Department reported that its Producer Price Index, which measures inflation pressures before they reach the consumer, rose 0.5 percent last month - matching the gain of April 1993. The largest previous jump was 1.1 percent in October 1990.

But for the first seven months of this year the index climbed a moderate 2.2 percent at an annual rate and was up a mere 0.6 percent for the past 12 months.

The inflation performance was a little higher than the predictions of most analysts. They said even a moderate acceleration increases the likelihood the Federal Reserve will raise short-term interest rates next week, the fifth boost since February.

"I think the prices are going to come in on the higher side," said economist Robert Dederick of the Northern Trust Co. in Chicago in advance of today's report. "That will give them the support they need for the pre-emptive actions they are seeking."

In another report, the government said retail sales slipped 0.1 percent in July, held back largely by a drop in automobile purchases, the government said today. The Commerce Department said sales totaled a seasonally adjusted \$184.8 billion, down from a revised \$184.9 billion in June. The June figure originally was estimated to be \$183.8 billion.

And the Labor Department said the number of Americans seeking state unemployment benefits rose moderately last week after dropping the previous two weeks. The department said initial jobless claims totaled a seasonally adjusted 321,000 in the week ended Aug. 6.

Jubilee Junction to feature afternoon of entertainment

A full slate of musical entertainment has been announced for this Saturday's Jubilee Junction, which is the culmination of the week-long Town and Country Jubilee.

People coming to town -- or those who already live here -- who attend the Jubilee Junction all day Saturday at Dameron Park will have a variety of musical entertainment from which to choose.

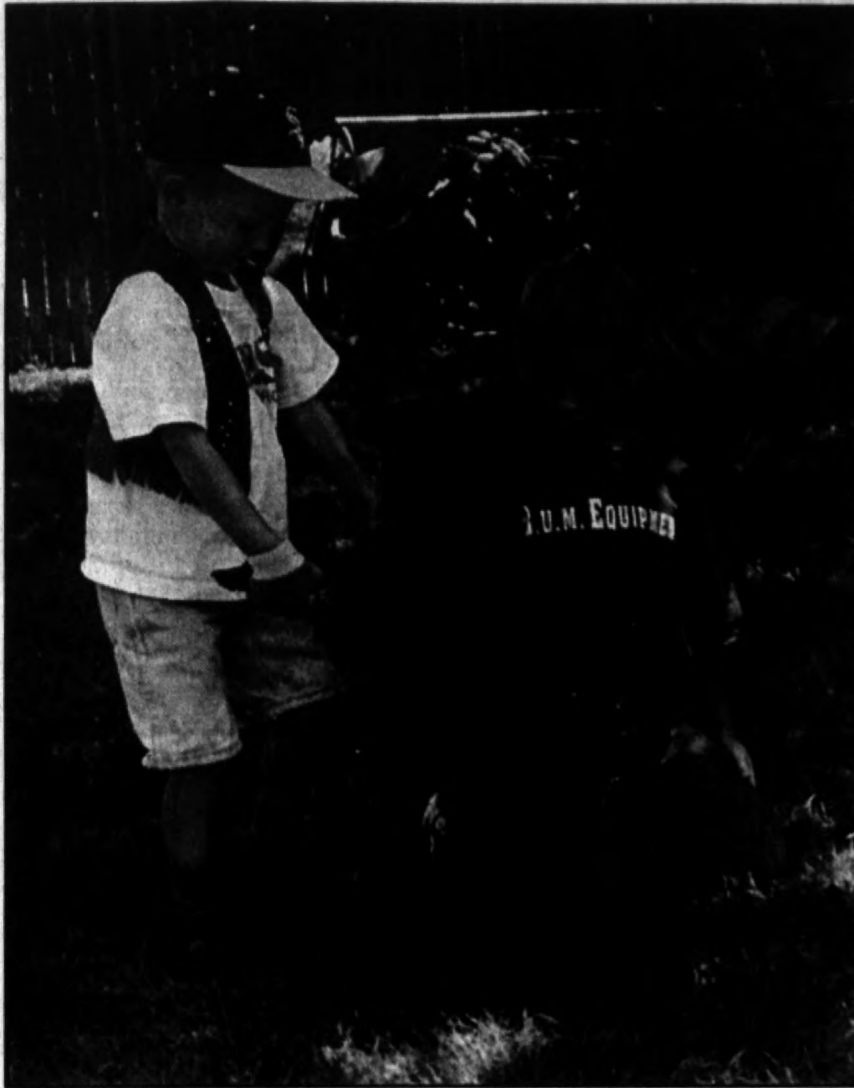
1994 Town and Country Jubilee Schedule of Events

- Aug. 7-14 -- Back to school sales and events at local merchants.
- Aug. 12 -- Jubilee Jackpot Buckle Roping. Sponsored by Hereford Riders Club. Hereford Riders Arena. Books open 6:30 p.m., roping begins 7 p.m.
- Aug. 12 -- Twilight Sidewalk Sale, 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. at various locations around town.
- Aug. 12-14 -- Fifth annual Jubilee Softball Classic. Open to Class D teams. Nazarene Softball Complex, La Plata Street.
- Aug. 12 -- Jubilee Home Run Hitting Contest. Noon to 1:30 p.m., Nazarene Church Softball Field.
- Aug. 12, 13 -- Jubilee of Arts. Sponsored by Pilot Club. Community Center, noon to 6 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.
- Aug. 13 -- Greg Black 10K, 2 Mile Fun Run and 2 Mile Walk. Sponsored by YMCA and Hereford Cablevision. Races begin at 8 a.m. at the YMCA.
- Aug. 13 -- Jubilee Parade. Sponsored by Whiteface Kiwanis Club. Begins at 10:30 a.m. at Hereford High School.
- Aug. 13 -- Jubilee Junction. At Dameron Park immediately following the parade. A full day of activities, including food booths, games and activities, Petting Zoo, Pet Parade, kids game section, horseshoes, washer pitching, volleyball, plus entertainment on stage.
- Aug. 13 -- Quilt Show. Sponsored by the Hereford Senior Citizens. Registration from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Aug. 12. Quilts will be displayed at Hereford Community Center from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Aug. 12-14 -- Hereford High School class reunions.
- Aug. 13 -- Jubilee Street Dance. Sponsored by St. Anthony's Catholic Church. On the St. Anthony's parking lot, 9 p.m. until whenever.

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Lifestyles

Ann Landers



Showing his stuff

"Niggie" the poodle puts his best "paws" forward for his pals Brant and Hadley Bunch. The boys will be entering the dog in the Women's Division's Annual Pet Show at 2 p.m. Saturday in Dameron Park. Entry forms are available at the Chamber of Commerce office, 701 N. Main St. Entry fee per animal is \$2. For additional information, call 364-3333.



Gearing up for celebration

Jill Savoini and Judy Barrett, members of the Tourjours Amis Study Club, are getting ready to sell the club's ice cream crepes and other refreshments during the Jubilee of Arts. The event, sponsored by the Hereford Pilot Club, is planned from noon until 6 p.m. Friday and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday at the Hereford Community Center.

The last Presidential inauguration to take place in March was the first inauguration of Franklin D. Roosevelt: March 4, 1933. Under Amendment 20 to the Constitution, all later inaugurations have been held in January.

DEAR ANN LANDERS: I have an important medical tale for your readers, especially the women. Please print it.

About eight months, I started having pain in one of my breasts. After two weeks, I went to my ob-gyn group to have it checked out. The specially trained nurse practitioner did a breast exam and found a "tiny cyst" that I could not detect my self-examination. She told me not to worry about it because "if it's painful, it's not cancer."

Although the pain continued, I ignored it, confident that it wasn't a problem. I had my annual checkup last April, and by then, I could feel the lump. I was again told, "If it's painful, it's not cancer," and "Since you can move it around, it's nothing to worry about." They tried to aspirate fluid from the lump, assuming it was a cyst. When they couldn't get any fluid, they said it must be a solid cyst or a benign tumor.

I went to a surgeon to have it removed, and guess what—it WAS cancer. Right now, I'm facing, at the age of 38, a minimum of a lumpectomy and radiation. Please tell your readers that it CAN be cancer if it's painful. The only way to be sure is with a biopsy, because even the mammogram I had four days before the surgery didn't pinpoint the problem. No name, please. Just—Manchester, Conn.

DEAR CONN.: Thank you for writing. Yours is an extremely important letter. I received a similar one in October of 1991. Here was my reply:

I checked with three outstanding cancer specialists, and this is what they said:

Dr. Jordan Gutterman, M.D., Anderson Cancer Center in Houston: "Any mass should be investigated. While it is true that most malignant masses do not produce pain, it must never be assumed that a painful lump is harmless."

Dr. James F. Holland, Mt. Sinai Medical Center in New York: "Please emphasize the value of a meticulous self-examination every month—pre-menopausal women at the end of a period and post-menopausal women at the first of every month."

Dr. Bernard Fisher, University of Pittsburgh and chairman of the National Surgical Adjuvant Breast and Bowel Project: "Women should become well-acquainted with their breasts. An annual mammogram is very important, but mammograms are not 100 percent accurate. All irregularities should be looked into. Cancerous lumps are more often painless, but one must never assume that a painful lump is 'nothing to worry about.'"

DEAR ANN LANDERS: I live in South Korea and am the mother of two daughters. I am annoyed by older women who keep asking, "Why don't

you have a son?" When I talk to my husband, he says he doesn't mind that we don't have a son and it's up to me. His indifferent attitude makes me angry. I don't need a son now, but I'm afraid when I am old I will regret that I didn't have one.

I am in a confused state. If you were in my shoes, what would you do?—Confused Mother in Korea

DEAR MOTHER: I would tell the women who ask such rude questions to mind their own business. The decision to have more children should be made by you and your husband, and there is no guarantee that you would have a son.

Do you have questions about sex, but no one to talk to? Ann Landers' booklet, "Sex and the Teenager," is frank and to the point. Send a self-addressed, long, business-size envelope and a check or money order for \$3.65 (this includes postage and

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Hospice volunteers, staff thanked during meeting

Maria Teresa Escobal was the guest speaker when members of the Hereford Chapter of the Crown of Texas Hospice met recently in the Fellowship of Believers Church.

The chapter's volunteers and staff heard Mrs. Escobal tell of the excellent care her late husband received as a hospice patient. She also expressed her appreciation to the Crown of Texas Hospice nurses and social worker for the loving care her family received. She related wonderful experiences of Hospice and how much her family was helped while her husband was ill with cancer.

The meeting was called to order by Mona Romero. There was a discussion held concerning the new patients and recent deaths in the Hospice program.

Members present were Kathryn Acton, Rita Burges, Merle Clark, Al Daniels, Amy Gililand, Ann Meyer,

Irene Reinart, Mona Romero and Emily Suggs.

The next meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. Sept. 6 in the Fellowship of Believers Church. All volunteers are asked to be present to meet with the staff.

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LOS ANGELES (AP) - David Caruso will return to "NYPD Blue," but it's not clear if he's getting more green.

Caruso - the redheaded actor who plays the sensitive, occasionally nude Detective John Kelly - reportedly was holding out for \$100,000 per episode.

ABC said Monday that Caruso had resolved his contract dispute with producers and would be back at work today.

A network spokeswoman would not elaborate. A spokesman for Caruso wouldn't say if the actor would remain with the series through the 1994-95 season, which begins Oct. 11.

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Sports

Town and Country Jubilee features three sports events

This weekend features three sporting events to be held in conjunction with the Hereford Town and Country Jubilee.

The Jubilee Jackpot Buckle Roping will be held Friday at the Hereford Riders Arena. Books open at 6:30 p.m. and roping starts at 7.

The Greg Black Memorial 10-K Run will be run Saturday, starting at 8 a.m. in front of the Hereford YMCA building on 15th Street.

The event also includes a two-mile fun run and a two-mile walk. Anyone can sign up for one of the races in advance at the YMCA or on the day

of the race from 7-7:45 a.m. The entry fees are \$8 in advance or \$10 the day of the race.

The 10-K has six age divisions for both men and women. For more information, call the Y at 364-6990.

The Fifth Annual Hereford Jubilee Softball Classic will be played Friday, Saturday and Sunday at the Church of the Nazarene softball field. Although it's too late to get a team in, anyone can still participate in the home run hitting contest, which will be held from noon-1:30 p.m. Saturday.

Stevens takes Playday title

Hereford's Linda Stevens took medalist of the field honors with a round of 78 Wednesday in a Playday held by the Hi-Plains Women's Golf Association. This Playday was held at Pitman Municipal Golf Course in Hereford.

Jeanetta Precure of Muleshoe had the lowest net score at 69.

Stevens tied with Pat Goforth of

Hereford for low-putt honors in the championship flight, with 27 putts.

In the first flight, Rhea Scott of Hereford tied for low gross at 85 and won low putts with 28.

In the fourth flight, Hereford women took low gross and low net honors: Norma Coffey had the low gross at 99, and Brenda Elliott had the low net at 73.



Tennis champs

Hereford girls Jennifer Jones (left) and Paige Robbins captured two titles at the Canyon Open tennis tournament held Saturday and Sunday in Canyon. The pair won the girls' 16 and 18 age group doubles title, and Robbins won the girls' 16 singles.

Herd plans scrimmage

Hereford High School football players will scrimmage each other at 6 p.m. Friday on the field south of the fieldhouse.

It will be the second intrasquad scrimmage since practice began Aug. 3. They also scrimmaged on Monday, the first day of wearing pads.

Hereford coach Danny Haney said it was a productive scrimmage.

"They had worked out hard Monday morning...and after going through two-a-days with shorts, the kids were a little tired," Haney said. "But the execution was good, and the effort was great. I thought we had a great session."

The Whitefaces have 12 returning lettermen among the 77 juniors and seniors in practice. In addition, there are 56 sophomores and 74 freshmen

in practice, with more freshmen expected once school starts.

The Herd will scrimmage against other schools starting next week. The dates and sites have been decided, but times haven't been.

Aug. 18--Freshmen and sophomores at Plainview.

Aug. 19--Juniors and seniors against Plainview here.

Aug. 25--Freshmen, sophomores and junior varsity at Amarillo High.

Aug. 26--Varsity against Amarillo High here.

Strangely, Hereford opens the season with two Thursday road games, both in Amarillo: Sept. 1 against Tascosa and Sept. 8 against Palo Duro. The home opener is the next week: Friday, Sept. 16 against Lubbock Coronado.

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Strike to start after tonight's games

By RONALD BLUM

AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK (AP) - Baseball's most exciting season in years will almost certainly come to a halt after tonight's games.

Talks between players and owners broke off Wednesday and no further meetings were scheduled before Friday's strike deadline.

Management negotiator Richard Ravitch still insists on a salary cap, and union head Donald Fehr says players never will accept one.

"We will continue to hope that maybe, as Don put it in the meeting, that lightning will strike and one of us will have a good idea that can bridge this gap in the next day-and-a-half," Ravitch said after a 2-1/2-hour meeting. "I'm not optimistic."

Fehr, saying the atmosphere reminds him of the 50-day strike of 1981, was even more gloomy.

"At this point, I see no reason to believe anything of significance will occur today or any time soon," Fehr said. "Nothing else is scheduled."

Even before Wednesday night's games, Cincinnati Reds players already were wearing T-shirts that

said: "On Strike."

A walkout would imperil the final 52 days and 668 games of the regular season. And it would threaten the World Series, which has been played annually since 1905.

"Of course the situation is distressing, no question about it," executive council chairman Bud Selig said in Milwaukee. "I'm still very much a fan at heart. But we are where we are because we have economic problems that should have been resolved long ago but were ignored or repressed."

Both sides spoke as if baseball's eighth work stoppage since 1972 already had begun, but neither was willing to predict when talks would resume or when the \$1.8 billion-a-year industry would restart.

"A strike isn't the end of the process - it's the midpoint," Ravitch said.

Fehr said there wasn't any necessity to have additional negotiations right now.

"There's no reason to have a meeting just to say you had a meeting," he said.

With no progress at the table,

players made plans to go home Friday in what would be the first midseason interruption of baseball since a two-day strike in 1985. Some clubs that are off today said they wouldn't travel to the sites of Friday's games.

Dodgers manager Tommy Lasorda gave his end-of-season speech after Los Angeles beat Cincinnati 6-3 Wednesday night.

"He just thanked us for putting him in the position he's in, manager of the first-place club in the West," Dodgers first baseman Eric Karros said. "Hopefully, we'll hear another farewell speech this year."

The Reds moved up the timetable for their team picture by several weeks, snapping it Wednesday. Player representatives told teammates not to work out during a strike.

"The best thing to do is just to get away and realistically not prepare to play," California Angels pitcher Mark Langston said.

Teams prepared, too. The Texas Rangers said their 150 full-time employees would have their pay cut 10 percent starting Sept. 1 if the strike is still on. The cuts could rise to 15

percent, team spokesman John Blake said.

Nothing new was said during the bargaining session, attended by a dozen players from the Baltimore Orioles, New York Yankees and Philadelphia Phillies. Lawyers involved in the talks said Yankees pitcher Steve Howe and Phillies pitcher Curt Schilling got into the most heated exchanges, challenging management lawyers who insist the industry is losing money.

Players dispute management's contention that a minimum of 12-to-14 teams are losing money.

"Make no mistake, this is primarily a dispute between the owners," Fehr said. "The large-market owners and small-market owners could not agree on how to change their agreements, so they agreed to take it from the players."

Foreigners favored to win PGA

TULSA, Okla. (AP) - Coming into the PGA Championship, much was made of the possibility of an unprecedented non-American sweep of golf's Big Four events.

Not by the players, though. At least, not by the American players.

"The only time we wear a flag on our shoulder is in the Ryder Cup,"

veteran Lanny Wadkins said. "The rest of the time we're trying to win it for ourselves."

Fred Couples, who returned from an injury absence to break a 17-month non-winning string last week, was equally unconcerned.

"If I don't win or my best buddy doesn't win, I don't care who wins," Couples said on the eve of the tournament that got underway today on the Southern Hills Country Club course.

And John Daly indicated speculation about a continuation of the foreign domination of golf's majors is premature.

"I really think an American is going to win this week," he said.

Daly chose one of the over-40

veterans, his close friend Fuzzy Zoeller, to be a likely candidate to break the foreign winning streak that began with Jose Maria Olazabal of Spain in the Masters, and continued with Ernie Els of South Africa in the U.S. Open and Nick Price of Zimbabwe in the British Open.

Those three, along with German Bernhard Langer and Australian ace Greg Norman, rank as the most likely to succeed in this event and produce the first non-American sweep of the majors since the inauguration of the Masters in 1934.

Such an occurrence, Norman insisted, "would be good for world golf" and might even be good for American golf. "Maybe it would wake them up," he said.

Irvin returns in fine style

AUSTIN (AP) - Dallas Cowboys receiver Michael Irvin made an immediate impression during Wednesday practice with two touchdown catches from Troy Aikman, one a leaping grab in the back of the end zone.

The All-Pro receiver returned to practice only a day earlier after surgery for a dislocated shoulder.

"Michael Irvin elevates the play of everyone," coach Barry Switzer said.

Irvin said the defense was vocal in covering him Tuesday during his first practice session.

"So when I catch my balls, I'll be talking back," Irvin said. "They know that."

The return of Irvin and fellow starting receiver Alvin Harper also affected Aikman's play. During a blitz drill, Aikman completed five of his six attempts. The lone incompletion was stripped out of Irvin's hands.

The Cowboys got a scare during the practice session when running back Emmitt Smith left after his right foot was stepped on. However, the injury turned out to be minor.

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ChiSox, Tribe in good shape; Rangers eye A's

By MIKE FLAM
Associated Press Writer
If the regular season does not resume after a players' strike, the Chicago White Sox probably won't mind. The same goes for the Cleveland Indians.
The Texas Rangers may not be quite so happy.
Both the White Sox and Indians won Wednesday to ensure themselves of spots in the expanded playoffs, should the remainder of the regular season be canceled.
Chicago's 2-1 win over Oakland gave the White Sox a one-game lead over Cleveland in the AL Central, a margin that can't be closed before a strike because both teams have today off.
Texas, meanwhile, lost a chance to "clinch" the AL West when Seattle beat the Rangers 3-2 in 10 innings. Texas is only one-half game ahead of the Oakland Athletics, who play Seattle tonight in the last game before the players' planned walkout.
A victory would put the Athletics in a tie with Texas, which also is off today.
"We knew Cleveland won, and we

knew we had to win," Chicago's Jason Bere said. "We knew Oakland was going to play us tough because they're in a race with Texas. We knew what was at stake."
Though Chicago's win locked the Indians in second place, they clinched the wild-card spot with a 5-3 victory over Toronto.
"We played like it was the last game of the season," said Cleveland's Dennis Martinez, Friday's scheduled starter. "But I'm going to keep in shape in case we come back."
In other AL action, Detroit beat Milwaukee 4-0; Baltimore routed New York 8-1; Minnesota crushed Boston 17-7; and California nipped Kansas City 2-1.
Indians 5, Blue Jays 3
At Toronto, Jason Grimsley (5-2) won for the fourth time in five starts, allowing seven hits and two runs over six innings.
Jim Thome had three hits, Omar Vizquel scored twice and Kenny Lofton stole his 59th and 60th bases for Cleveland.
Juan Guzman (12-11) fell to 0-3

against the Indians this season after going 6-0 against them in his first three seasons.
Mariners 3, Rangers 2, 10 innings
At Arlington, Mike Blowers homered in the top of the 10th on a 2-0 pitch from Tom Henke (3-6). It was his ninth homer of the year.
Bill Risley (9-6) pitched 1 1-3 innings of scoreless relief and Bobby Ayala pitched the 10th for his 18th save.
White Sox 2, Athletics 1
At Oakland, Julio Franco drove in Chicago's first run and scored the go-ahead run on a wild pitch from Steve Ontiveros in the fourth inning.
Bere (12-2), who hasn't lost since June 18, went 5 2-3 innings, pitching with runners on base in every inning but the first.
Ontiveros (6-4) pitched a five-hitter, but continued to suffer from lack of run support. In his six starts since the All-Star break, Oakland has scored just 17 runs.
Tigers 4, Brewers 0
At Detroit, David Wells (5-7)

pitched a three-hitter for his first career shutout and fifth complete game this season, and Cecil Fielder drove in two runs.
Wells' previous low-hit game was a five-hitter. He set a team high with eight strikeouts and retired 15 straight batters at one point until Greg Vaughn hit a two-out single in the ninth inning.
Milwaukee's Ricky Bones (10-9) is 0-3 in three starts at Tiger Stadium.
Orioles 8, Yankees 1
At New York, Rafael Palmeiro drove in five runs with four hits as Baltimore routed Jimmy Key (17-4).
Palmeiro had two singles, a two-run double and a three-run homer while Ben McDonald (14-7) held New York to five hits. He struck out two and didn't walk a batter in 7 1-3 innings before leaving with a mild cramp in his right forearm.
Twins 17, Red Sox 7
At Minneapolis, Kirby Puckett drove in seven runs with a grand slam and a three-run homer.
Puckett tagged Scott Bankhead (3-2)

for his sixth career grand slam to stake Jim Deshaies (6-12) to a big lead. Rich Rowland homered twice for Boston.
Angels 2, Royals 1
At Anaheim, Calif., Gary DiSarcina drove in both California runs, including the game-winner with a single in the ninth.
Tim Salmon beat out an infield single to open the ninth off Tom Gordon (11-7) and Bo Jackson singled. Both runners advanced on Gordon's wild pickoff throw and J.T. Snow was

intentionally walked.
Billy Brewer came on to strike out pinch-hitter Rex Hudler before DiSarcina greeted Rusty Meacham with his third hit of the game.
Chuck Finley (10-10) scattered eight hits in his seventh complete game.

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Astros gain ground, lose Bagwell

By TOM WITHERS
Associated Press Writer
If there's such a thing as a well-timed injury, Jeff Bagwell's got one.
Bagwell, the NL's leading MVP candidate, broke a bone in his left hand when he was hit by a pitch Wednesday night in the Houston Astros' 3-1 win over San Diego.
Bagwell, who broke the same hand last season, will be sidelined three to five weeks - just in time for the players' strike.
"I hope the sucker lasts three to five weeks, at least," Houston manager Terry Collins said.
Bagwell, the majors' RBI leader, was struck by a pitch from Andy Benes in the third inning. He left in the fifth inning after taking a called third strike, and was taken to a hospital for X-rays.
When he got back to the Astrodome, his hand was in a split to protect a fracture in the fourth metacarpal bone. Last year, he fractured the fifth metacarpal bone in the same hand.

"I can't believe this happened to me two years in a row," said Bagwell. "I'm going for all 10 fingers and a couple of toes."
Steve Finley homered and Darryl Kile (9-6) pitched six strong innings to lead the Astros within one-half game of first-place Cincinnati in the NL Central. The Reds lost 6-3 to Los Angeles.
Benes (6-14), who hit Bagwell with a fastball, was upset to hear of the severity of the injury.
Tony Gwynn went 1-for-4 with a single for San Diego and is batting .391.
Finley, who missed Tuesday's game with the flu, broke a 1-1 tie in the fifth with his 12th homer.
Elsewhere in the National League, it was: San Francisco 5, Chicago 2; St. Louis 12, Florida 4; New York 6, Philadelphia 2; Montreal 4, Pittsburgh 0; Los Angeles 6, Chicago 3; and Colorado 1, Atlanta 0 in a rain-shortened game.

Olivares (3-4), who had a 10.54 ERA in his past four outings, allowed nine hits and four runs, three earned.
Ray Lankford had three of the Cardinals' 14 hits, including a bases-loaded triple. Ozzie Smith added four hits and two RBIs.
Mets 6, Phillies 2
At Philadelphia, Joe Orsulak singled in the go-ahead run in a three-run eighth-inning rally to lead Bret Saberhagen and the Mets.
Saberhagen (14-4) allowed one run and six hits in 7 1-3 innings. John Franco pitched the final 1 2-3 innings for his NL-leading 30th save.
The Mets rallied in the eighth with a two-out rally off David West (4-10).
Expos 4, Pirates 0
At Pittsburgh, Pedro Martinez beat Pittsburgh quickly and quietly, pitching six-hit ball over 8 2-3 innings.
Marquis Grissom homered to start a three-run third inning.
Martinez (11-5), involved in two previous brushback incidents against Pittsburgh, benefited from three double plays in the first five innings to win his fifth consecutive start.
Moises Alou went 4-for-5 and drove in two runs for the Expos.
Denny Neagle (9-10) gave up eight hits and three runs in five innings.
Dodgers 6, Reds 3
At Cincinnati, Eric Karros' leadoff homer sparked a four-run ninth inning rally that ended Cincinnati's late-inning invincibility.
The Dodgers rallied after Cincinnati took a 3-2 lead in the bottom of the eighth on Thomas Howard's single off Ismael Valdes (3-1). The Reds were 50-0 when they led after eight innings.
Karros hit his 14th homer off Jeff Brantley (6-6), and Raul Mondesi

followed with a triple. Dave Hanson's pinch-single off Chuck McElroy put the Dodgers ahead, and Los Angeles pulled away on Brett Butler's RBI double and Delino DeShields' run-scoring single.
Todd Worrell pitched the ninth for his 11th save.
Rockies 1, Braves 0, 6 innings, rain
At Denver, Kevin Ritz and Steve Reed combined to shut out Atlanta through six innings and the Rockies earned their first home win ever against the Braves.
Dante Bichette doubled in the game's only run off Tom Glavine (13-9).
Despite struggling, Ritz (5-6) blanked Atlanta for 5 2-3 innings, allowing six hits with five walks and six strikeouts.

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T-L League to accept Astros, Rangers tickets

DALLAS (AP) - The upstart Texas-Louisiana League is offering a deal for ticketholders to major league baseball games that aren't played because of the upcoming strike.
Officials with the league, an independent organization that bills itself as playing at Class AA-caliber, say the tickets to Texas Rangers and Houston Astros games will be accepted as admission to their games.
"We expect people to do it," said Jack Lazorko, the Dallas-based league's director of baseball operations. "Tyler is only an hour and a half away from Arlington and Beaumont is only an hour from Houston."
Other cities in the league are Texas cities Rio Grande Valley (Harlingen), Amarillo, Corpus Christi and San Antonio; plus Alexandria, La.; and Mobile, Ala.
The eight-team league is owned solely by a partnership group that includes league founders Byron Pierce and U.S. Rep. John Bryant, D-Dallas.
Lazorko said cumulative attendance for the season is nearing 500,000 at all eight stadiums. The 84-game split-season runs through Labor Day.

Giants 5, Cubs 2
At Chicago, Matt Williams, whose chase of Roger Maris' home run record is jeopardized by the pending strike, hit No. 43 and added a two-run double for the Giants.
Williams, ending a 1-for-12 slump, drove a pitch from Willie Banks (8-12) over the wall in right-center leading off the second.
William VanLandingham (8-2) won his fifth decision in six outings.
Cardinals 12, Marlins 4
At Miami, Omar Olivares pitched seven innings and hit his third career homer.
Tom Pagnozzi hit a two-run homer and Olivares followed with a solo homer in the sixth inning to knock out Dave Weathers (8-12).

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Granberry got off light, say crime victims

WACO, Texas (AP) - Crime victims' rights groups are complaining that a sentence of six months in a halfway house for the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles' former chairman is too lenient.

James Granberry was sentenced Wednesday after pleading guilty in April to a perjury charge. He admitted to lying to authorities during an investigation of parole consultants.

U.S. District Judge Walter Smith ordered Granberry to spend nights and weekends in the Smith County Rehabilitation Center in Tyler during the next six months. Granberry may leave the center from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays to seek work and perform 150 hours of community service, according to Smith's ruling. He also received five years' probation.

"I was disappointed and angry with myself, then and now, for placing my character on the shelf," Granberry told Smith. "There is no one to blame for this but the man who stands before you today."

Several crime victims' rights groups blame Granberry for voting to uphold the parole recommendation that led to the release in 1989 of convicted murderer Kenneth McDuff.

They gathered at the federal courthouse in Waco and expressed outrage over the sentence. Granberry could have faced up to one year in prison and a fine.

"He should have gotten the maximum," said Matt Harnest, founder and director of the Coalition for a Safer Society.

Granberry is "indirectly responsible for the murders of countless victims," Harnest said.

After his release, McDuff was convicted of killing Colleen Reed, who was abducted from an Austin car wash in late 1991, and Melissa Northrup, a pregnant Waco convenience store clerk who was kidnapped and killed in 1992. McDuff now is back on Texas death row.

Randy Gilbert, Granberry's attorney, said his client was "not convicted or accused of anything related to Kenneth McDuff."

Cattle truck wreck causes havoc in Dallas

DALLAS (AP) - A truck carrying cattle overturned today on a busy freeway interchange, turning scores of animals loose and wreaking havoc on rush hour traffic, police said.

The truck overturned around 2:45 a.m., closing Interstate 35 near the Interstate 635 interchange through the morning rush hour as officers struggled to round up the cattle.

Two of the animals made their way into the neighboring city of Farmers Branch, causing two more accidents, police said. Dallas County deputies on horseback aided Dallas officers in patrol cars for the roundup. A temporary corral was set up near the highway.

The driver escaped uninjured.

Candidate defends contribution

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) - Republican Tex Lezar says there's no connection between a \$1,000 campaign contribution he received from the new lead Whitewater investigator and a series of radio ads Lezar has been using to attack President Clinton.

Lezar, a candidate for lieutenant governor, has been running the Clinton attack ads since March, focusing on Clinton. Only one of the ads has mentioned Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock, his opponent.

The contribution from independent counsel Kenneth Starr, appointed to head the investigation last week, has drawn fire from Democrats who contend that Starr is too partisan for the politically sensitive job. The critics include Democratic consultant James Carville, who has called on Starr to resign.

Lezar Wednesday released the text of a new radio ad criticizing Carville. The ad, expected to be on the air by Friday, is part of series that seeks to tie Bullock to Clinton.

A draft of Lezar's upcoming radio ad says: "Obviously, Carville and Clinton think that if they attack Ken Starr first, they won't have to answer tough questions." It's a "clever cover-up," Lezar says, to divert attention from Whitewater, the failed Arkansas development in which Clinton and his wife, Hillary Rodham Clinton, invested.

Starr's contribution and Lezar's ads provide increasing evidence that Starr is too partisan for the Whitewater job, Carville said.

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Bride-elect is honored

Susie Blackburn was feted with a bridal shower Aug. 6 in the home of Dorothea Prowell. The honoree and Gary Jones plan to marry Aug. 20. Welcoming guests were, from left, Stella Wester, paternal grandmother; Susie Blackburn, the honoree; Elane Jones, the prospective bridegroom's mother; Martha Wagoner, maternal grandmother; and Dorothea Prowell, hostess.

Susie Blackburn is honored with shower

A bridal shower was held for Susie Blackburn Saturday morning, Aug. 6, in the home of Dorothea Prowell, 336 Douglas St. The honoree and Gary Jones plan to wed Aug. 20.

Minchew, Bera Boyd, Debbie White, Janet Mercer, Bertha Zepeda, Carolyn Fry and Kee Ruland.

Greeting guests with the honoree were Elane Jones, the prospective bridegroom's mother; Martha Wagoner, maternal grandmother; and Stella Wester, paternal grandmother.

Bertha Zepeda invited guests to register and refreshments of punch, cookies and coffee were served by Sandi Blevins and Janet Mercer.

The table was covered with a handmade crochet cloth and a rose underlay. Crystal and silver appointments were used.

Miss Blackburn was presented with a card table and chairs by the hostesses: Sandi Blevins, Carlynn De Lozier, Dorothea Prowell, Kaye Hansard, Betty Mercer, Linda

BUDAPEST, Hungary (AP) - Most people receive presents when they get married. Michael Jackson and Lisa Marie Presley handed one out.

The newlyweds said Monday they'll pay for a \$120,000 liver transplant for a 4-year-old Hungarian boy.

Jackson and Presley posed with the boy, Bela Farkas, on a second-floor balcony of the Reform Church Bethesda Children's Hospital. They appeared later before reporters, but said nothing.

Jackson, wearing sunglasses and a wide-brimmed hat, held his wife's hand as he flashed a "V" with his left hand and smiled. Presley, dressed in a floor-length black sheath gown, smiled and appeared relaxed. An aide shielded her from the sun with a gray parasol.



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DEAR DR. DONOHUE: If you are a borderline diabetic, will the sugars in such fruits as pears, apples and grapes be bad for you? Also, how about starch? Is it true that foods such as potatoes, corn and bread are highly recommended for control? — C.G.

ANSWER: Fruits and starchy vegetables are all right for people with diabetes. In fact, those foods should be a major part of the diabetes diet. Fruit sugar takes longer to get into the blood than table sugar. The fiber in fruit helps slow down its absorption.

You must, I want to stress, adhere to the food-group portions specified in your diet.

You use the term "borderline diabetic." I think I know what people mean when they say that, but I am never certain. I'm curious. Do you mean that you had only a slightly abnormal reading from your glucose tolerance test?

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: Is it harmful for a person on insulin for diabetes to drink beer? — J.B.

ANSWER: Alcohol and diabetes do not mix, whether you're on insulin control or not. Alcohol's useless calories add up quickly and throw a delicate sugar balance out of whack. If alcohol is used, it should be sparing and with the doctor's guidelines.

For a copy of a Health Letter report on diabetes, write Dr. Donohue — No. 89, Box 5539, Riverton, NJ 08077-5539. Enclose \$3 and a self-addressed, stamped (52 cents) No. 10 envelope.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: My 7-year-old has night terrors. I am told she will outgrow it, but we are concerned. There is no regular schedule, sometimes once a week or so. It is becoming stressful for me and my husband. He feels something terrible is happening to her at these times, which can last several minutes. I repeatedly tell her, "I'm here." I've tried questioning her, but she doesn't respond. Eventually, she comes around. Do you have any suggestions or some light to shed on this? — Mrs. W.W.

ANSWER: Many parents have dealt with night terrors which, while admittedly disconcerting, are usually harmless events in the life of a healthy child.

I second your doctor's view of the situation. Most children rid themselves of night terrors by adolescence at the latest, most much sooner.

Don't imagine that something terrible or psychologically scarring is happening.

In night terrors, the sleeping child awakens and screams out, appearing terrified. The heart races, and breathing is rapid. The child recalls nothing of the episode the next morning, and nothing is gained by interrogations.

Remain calm. Your anxiety is easily transferred to the child. Your "I'm here" approach is about all that's needed. Gently readjust the bed covers and leave the room.

You and your husband need your own calm assurance. Worry instead about real physical hazards associated with any such unconscious nighttime awakening. Some children thrash around, and some get up out of bed. Protect the child from harmful objects or falls.

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you overweight. You are not, so the niacin therapy is a sensible option.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: What is the most likely cause of a huge increase in cholesterol over a six-week period. My count went from 245 to 326 in that time period. I am 60, not too active, but now have started moderate exercise at my doctor's advice. I swim regularly. My main diet is fresh vegetables, fruits, bread and some boiled or baked fish or chicken. I also eat the low-fat frozen dishes. I hardly ever eat red meat. I use low-fat milk and yogurt. — E.G.

ANSWER: That diet certainly is not responsible for your sudden cholesterol rise. I cannot speculate on why a cholesterol count would jump so dramatically in six weeks.

You must understand that about 80 percent of blood cholesterol is what the body manufactures on its own. The other 20 percent comes from dietary sources. Considering your diet, my guess is that your body makes too much cholesterol independently.

Certainly, a person's cholesterol levels vary, but not that wildly.

In any case, the numbers you report are intolerable. I don't know what subsequent tests will show, but if your exercise program fails to move the number downward and keep it there, you should ask your doctor about cholesterol-lowering drugs.

My cholesterol report discusses the problem generally. Readers can order a copy by writing: Dr. Donohue — No. 5, Box 5539, Riverton, NJ 08077-5539. Enclose \$3 and a self-addressed, stamped (52 cents) No. 10 envelope.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: Could you please give me some information on a blood disease called mastocytosis? My son has it, and the doctors tell him they can't do much for him. I would be grateful for any help or information. — B.C.

ANSWER: The condition involves what are called mast cells, mastocytosis being an abnormal accumulation of those cells.

The most common form runs a fairly benign course and does not affect life expectancy.

A reddish-brown rash, itchy skin, heart palpitations, abdominal pain, headache and diarrhea might be signs of troublesome mast-cell proliferation. The cells contain various chemicals, including histamine, that cause many of the symptoms.

We have no specific treatment for most mastocytosis, and so are left with the option of using medicine to control troublesome symptoms as they appear. For the rare aggressive form, chemotherapy is used.

Peptic ulcers might be part of the mastocytosis picture, and that is something you should watch for.

Mexican stack dinner planned

The public is invited to attend the Immanuel Lutheran Church's Mexican stack dinner planned from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 13, at the church located across from Dameron Park.

Tickets are priced at \$3.50 for adults and \$2 for children 10 years of age and under and may be purchased at the door. Carry-out orders will be available upon request.

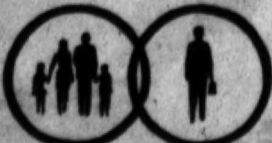
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County Judge Tom Simons, left, watches as Wes Klett, chairman of the 1994 United Way of Deaf Smith County fundraising drive, peels a cloth-covered board frame from Simons' Velcro suit. The suit will be a fundraising game for the United Way at this weekend's Jubilee Junction in Dameron Park. For a donation to the United Way, anyone can strap themselves into the Velcro suit and leap off a mini-trampoline onto the fabric-covered wall, where they will stick until pulled free.

Texas to be compensated for failed collider project

WASHINGTON (AP) - Senate approval and President Clinton's signature are the only steps remaining before Texas and the federal government reach final settlement over the death of the superconducting super collider.

Energy Secretary Hazel O'Leary pledged to complete the shutdown and pay off the Texas claim without coming back to Congress for more money.

Texas officials predicted Wednesday that both objectives would be easily achieved.

Their comments came as the House endorsed a settlement agreement giving Texas \$720 million in assets and cash to compensate the state for its \$539 million investment in the failed project.

"The House vote today virtually assures us that Texas will settle the superconducting super collider project on the best terms available," said Gov. Ann Richards.

The pact, hammered out over months by attorneys for Texas and the Energy Department, was included in an energy and water development appropriations conference report that was approved 393-34.

One of the collider's most persistent opponents, Rep. Sherwood Boehlert, took to the floor Wednesday to outline his reluctant approval of the agreement.

"Much about this settlement disturbs me," the New York Republican said. "I think it is generous and somewhat unrealistic, but I think it needs to go forward. ... There is a benefit to be gained simply in putting this entire episode behind us."

Rep. Jim Chapman, who annually fought for collider funding, disagreed.

"I might take issue with some of his conclusions about it being overly generous," the Sulphur Springs Democrat said.

He noted that over the next 35 years, Texas taxpayers will be paying off \$500 million in bonds taken out by the state for its share of the collider's construction.

When Congress pulled the plug on the \$11 billion atom smasher last year, some \$2 billion had already been spent - half a billion dollars from the Texas treasury.

The Energy Department received \$640 million this year to shut down the project near Waxahachie, and had \$95 million more in unspent funds from the year before, for a total of \$735 million.

In a letter Monday to Boehlert,

Rain sweeps across Texas, but too little, late for most dryland crops

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) - As rain sweeps across Texas, many producers feel the rain is too little too late, the Texas Agricultural Extension Service reports.

Robert Roark, Extension agent for Andrews County, said this summer it is so hot and dry that recent rains were not enough to improve growing conditions.

"Most of the county has dryland crops that depend solely on rain," Roark said. "The cotton crop is really suffering, and the vegetable producers are praying."

"The rain came a bit too late to make a substantial difference," he said.

Edmund Koliba, Extension director in Uvalde, said many of the field crops in the region west of San Antonio had already been harvested, so the rain was little benefit.

"Corn and sorghum have already been harvested," he said. "The cotton harvest is coming up, but rain will not help at this point."

Larry Nickel, Extension agent for Fayette county, said even though the rain came a bit too late, it is always a welcomed occurrence.

"The rain was much needed since we have been under drought stress for a couple of months," he said. "It slowed down corn production, but there was not much of an impact since corn is almost 100 percent harvested."

Although rainfall wasn't able to help summer crops, it may give fall planting a boost. Brad Pierce, Extension agent for Travis County, said he hopes it will help get the fields ready for fall planting.

"There was no soil moisture to start planting small grain crops around the first of September," he said, "so this rain may help get the

fields in better shape for grain planting."

Koliba said the rain will help livestock producers by improving the pastures.

"The rain was needed to increase hay production and improve the conditions of the pastures," he said. "Whatever rain we get will benefit everything from lawns to pastures."

Jon Zeitler, meteorologist at the National Weather Service Agricultural Service Center in College Station, said a low pressure system over the Texas Gulf Coast has produced the recent rain in Texas.

"This minor disturbance in the low levels of the atmosphere is producing showers and thunderstorms in the Coastal Plains, South Central Texas and lower Rio Grande Valley," he said. "Otherwise, there has been little or no rain forecast across northern and western parts of the state throughout the end of the week."

Zeitler said a high pressure ridge will chase the rain out of the state beginning Wednesday.

"This dome of warm, dry air will bring above normal temperatures and dry conditions through the middle of next week," he said. "High temperatures will increase into the mid-90s to low 100s, and low temperatures will be in the low to mid-70s across most of the state."

The following specific livestock, crop and weather conditions were reported by district Extension directors:

PANHANDLE: Soil moisture adequate to short. Rain improved pastures, ranges. Corn, sorghum progressing. Spraying for cotton pests. Harvesting cabbages, onions, potatoes, carrots. Cattle in good condition.

SOUTH PLAINS: Soil moisture short to very short. Pastures, ranges in fair condition. Sorghum heading. Cotton setting bolls. Dryland crops showing drought stress. Harvesting onions. Corn denting. Cattle in good condition.

ROLLING PLAINS: Soil moisture short to very short. Pastures, ranges need rain. Cotton showing drought stress; spraying for pests. Irrigated peanuts progressing. Livestock in good to excellent condition.

NORTH TEXAS: Soil moisture surplus to adequate. Pastures, ranges in good condition. Cotton squaring, setting bolls. Corn denting. Baling hay. Melon, cantaloupe harvest continues. Pecan crops poor. Cattle in good condition.

EAST TEXAS: Soil moisture short to adequate. Dry conditions damaged pastures, ranges. Corn, cotton, sorghum progressing. Harvesting watermelons, peaches, hay. Livestock in good condition.

FAR WEST TEXAS: Soil moisture very short to adequate. Pastures, ranges poor to fair. Spraying for cotton pests. Harvesting green chiles, peaches. Apples progressing. Cutting, baling hay. Cattle in good condition.

WEST CENTRAL TEXAS: Soil moisture very short. Pastures, ranges fair. Cotton needs moisture. Peanuts, vegetables showing drought stress.

Peach harvest almost complete. Pecans good to excellent. Livestock fair to good.


CENTRAL TEXAS: Soil moisture short to very short. Pastures, ranges need moisture. Corn, grain sorghum harvest almost complete. Pecan pests causing problems. Livestock in fair condition.

SOUTHEAST TEXAS: Soil moisture adequate to short. Pastures, ranges showing drought stress. Harvesting corn, rice, sorghum. Defoliating cotton; preparing for harvest. Limited garden production. Cattle fair.

SOUTHWEST TEXAS: Soil moisture short. Corn harvest almost complete; excellent yields. Irrigated cotton progressing. Sesame progressing. Fields ready for fall crops. Livestock supplemental feeding continues.

SOUTH TEXAS: Soil moisture short. Pastures and ranges fair. Corn in excellent condition. Cotton in good condition with 99 percent open bolls and 65 percent harvested. Sorghum in good condition with 100 percent harvested.

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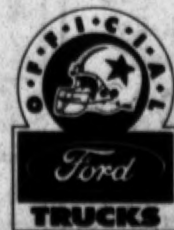
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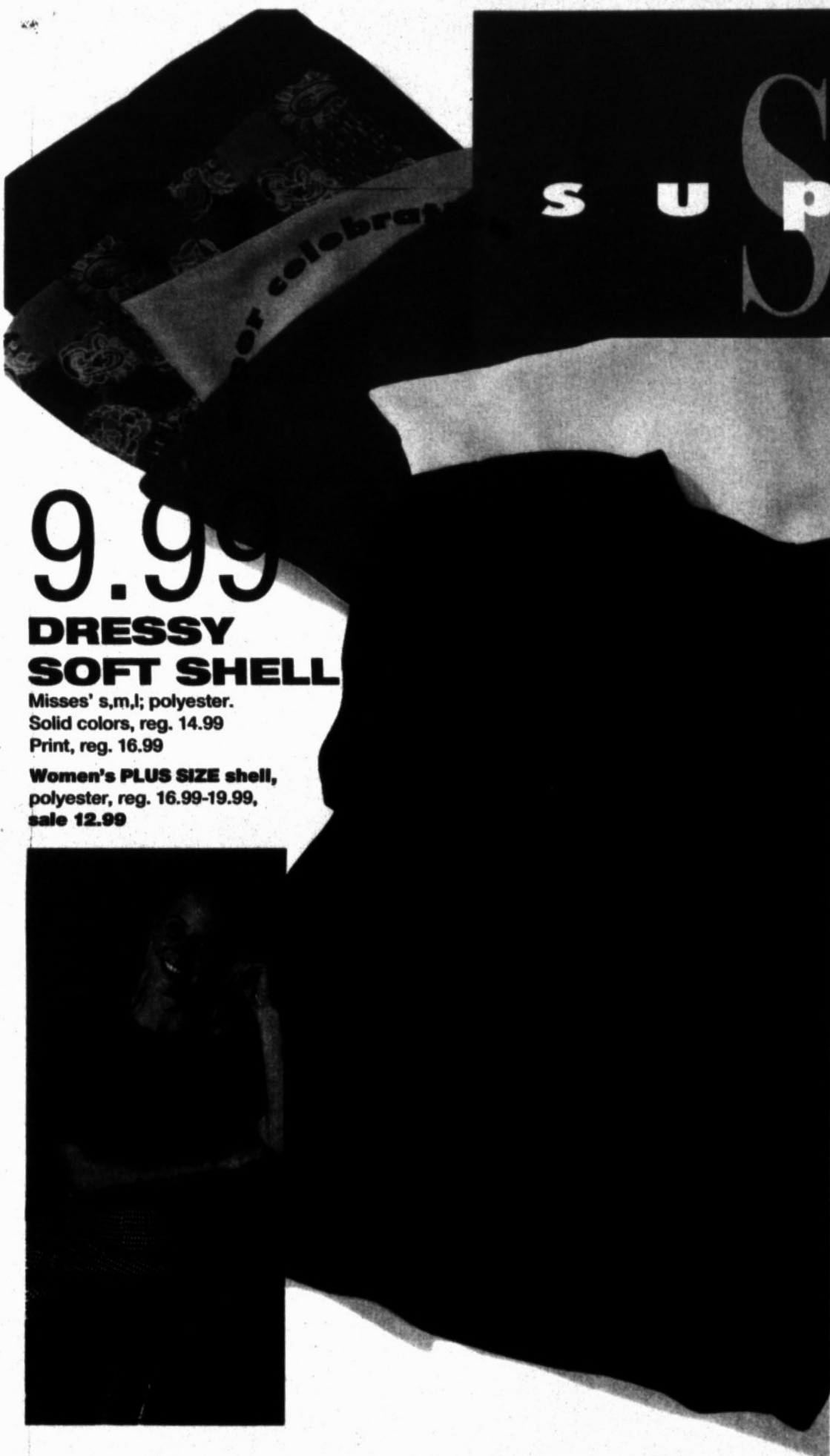
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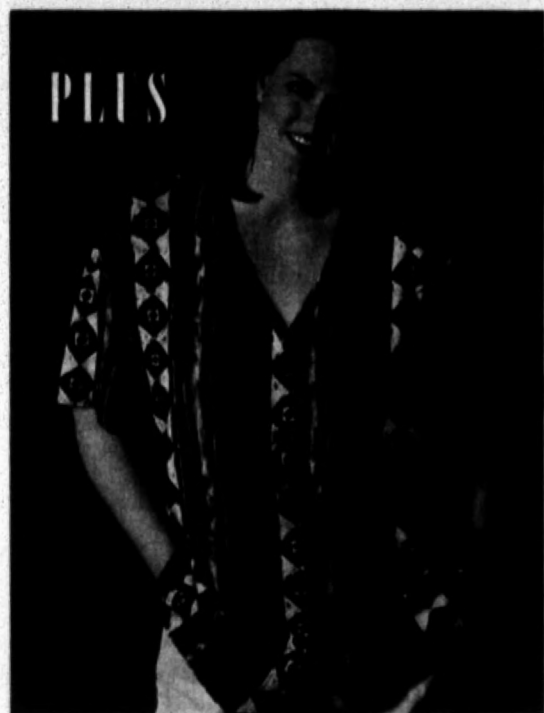
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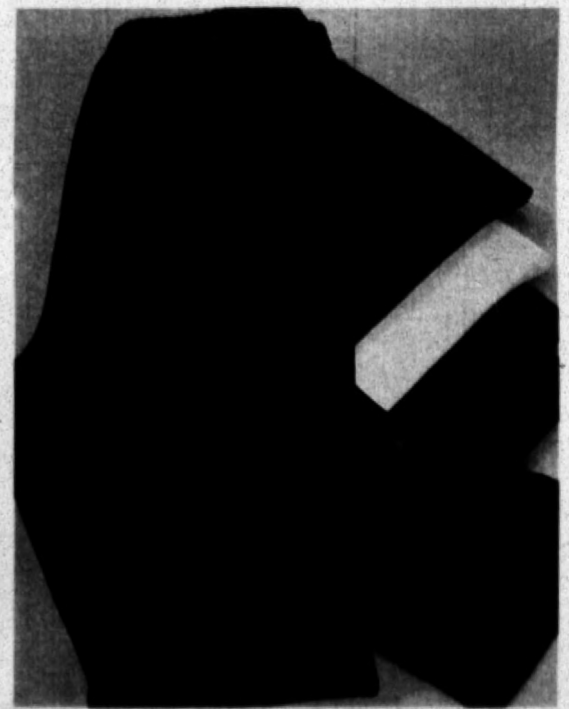
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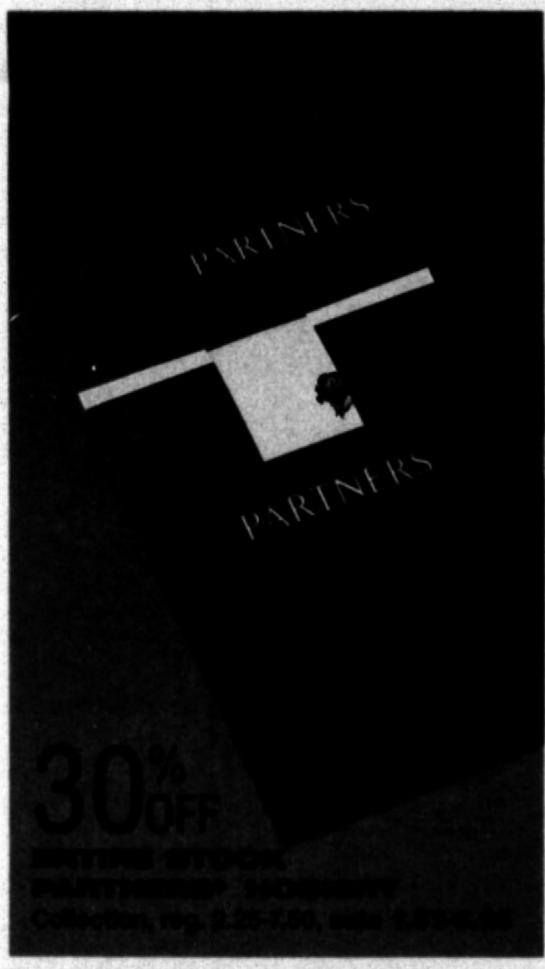
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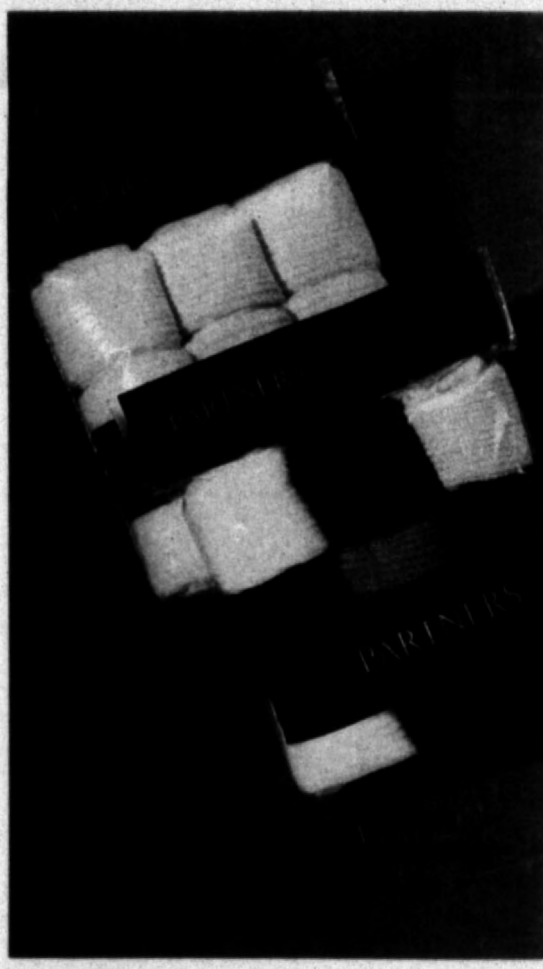
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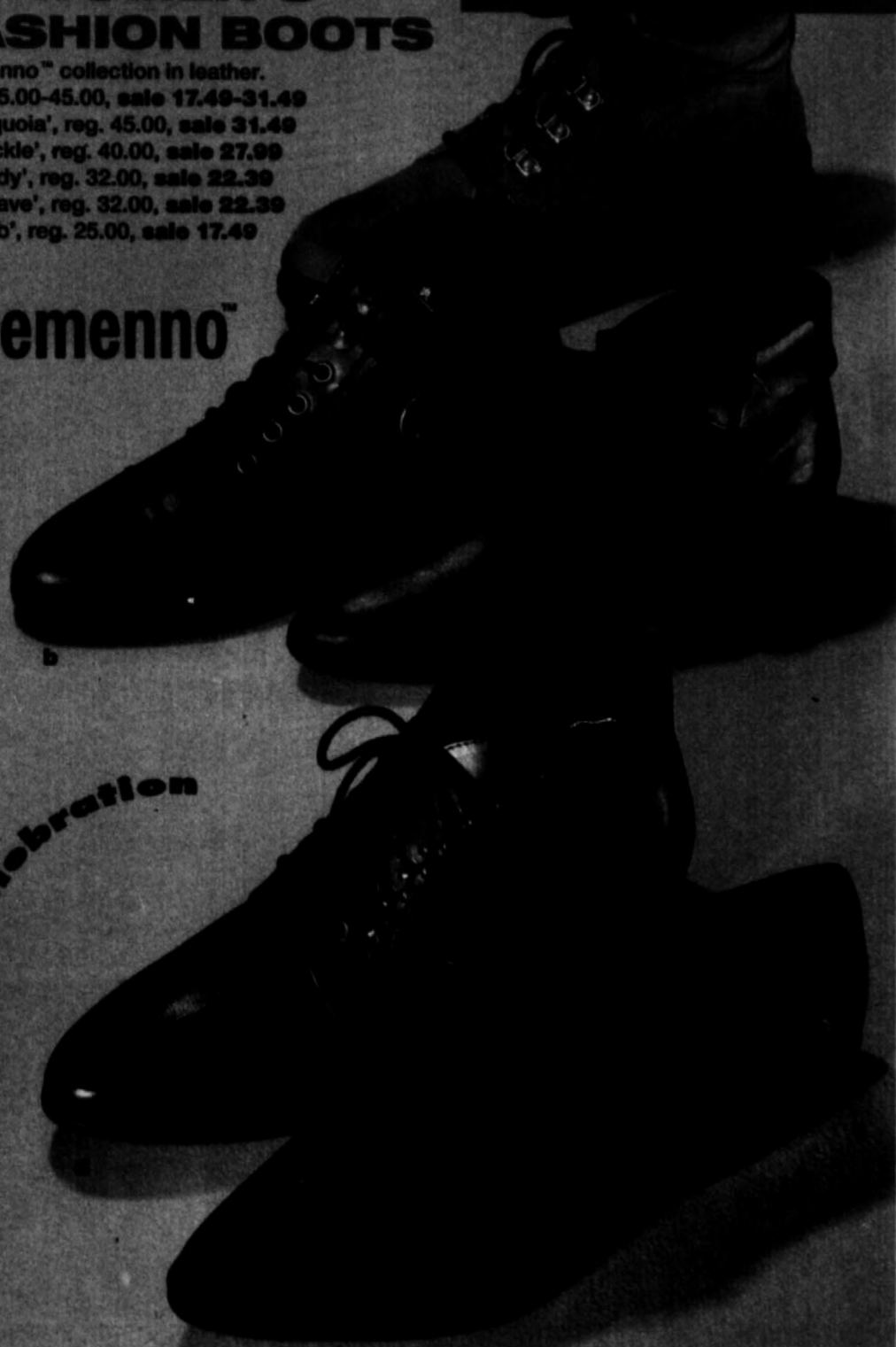


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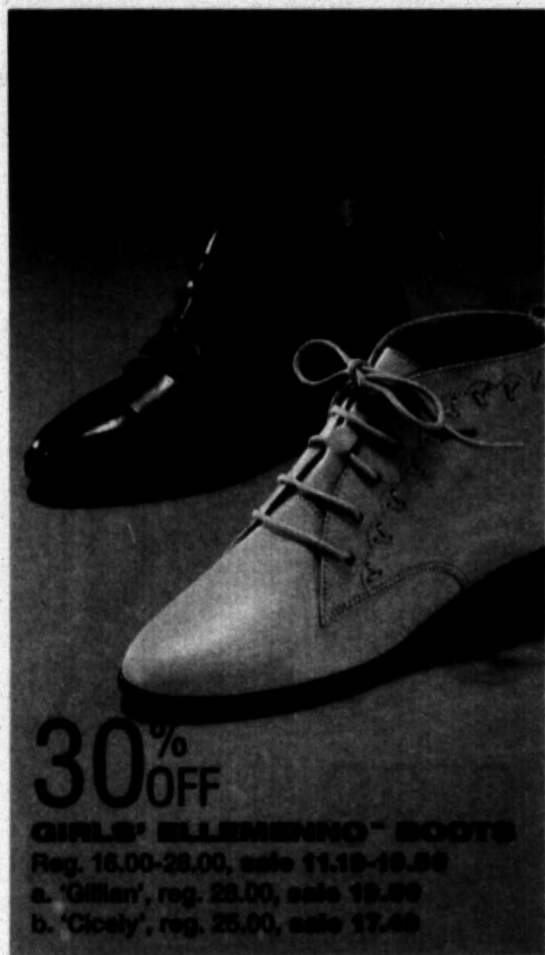
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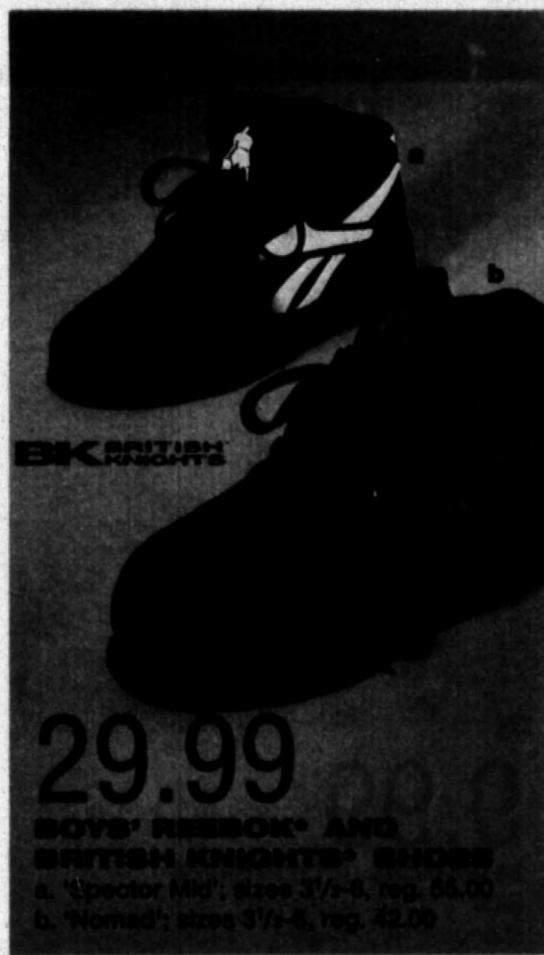
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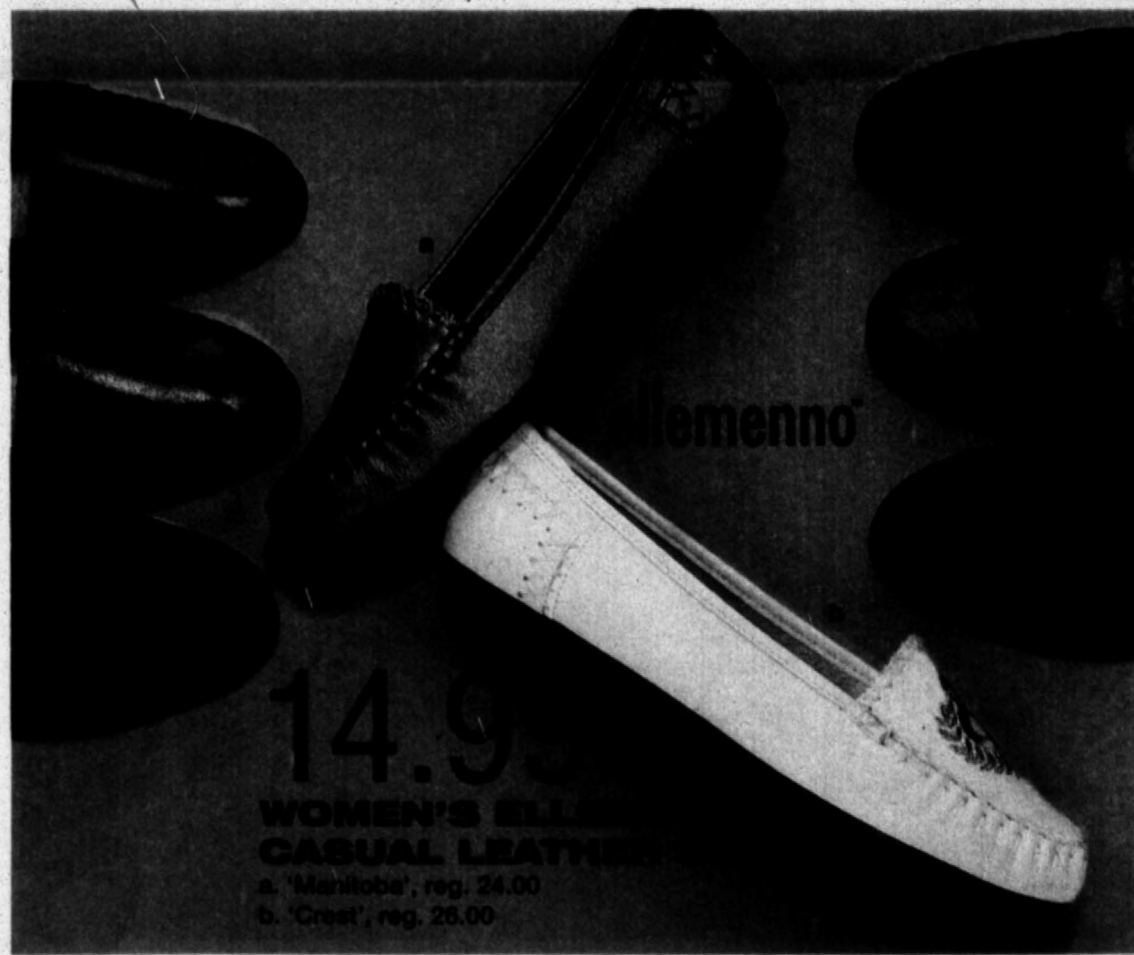
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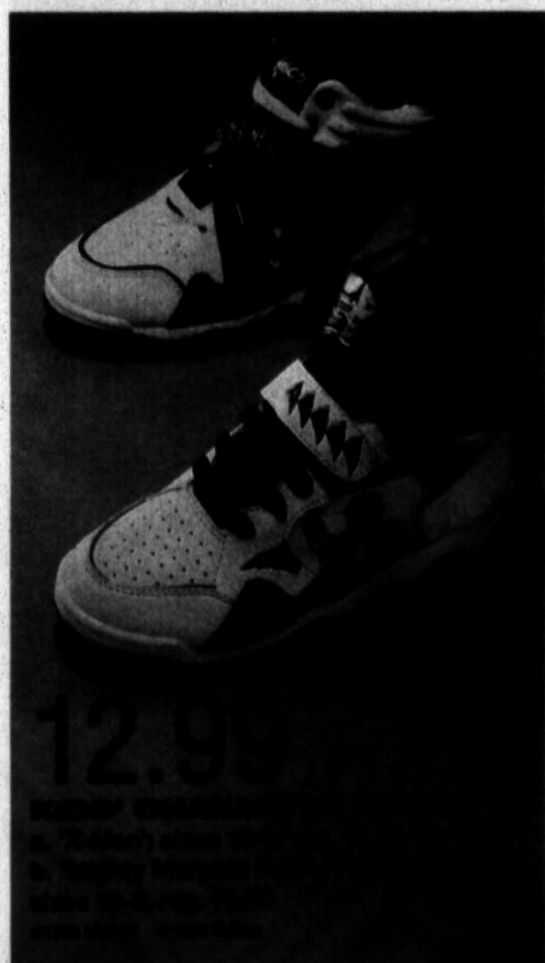
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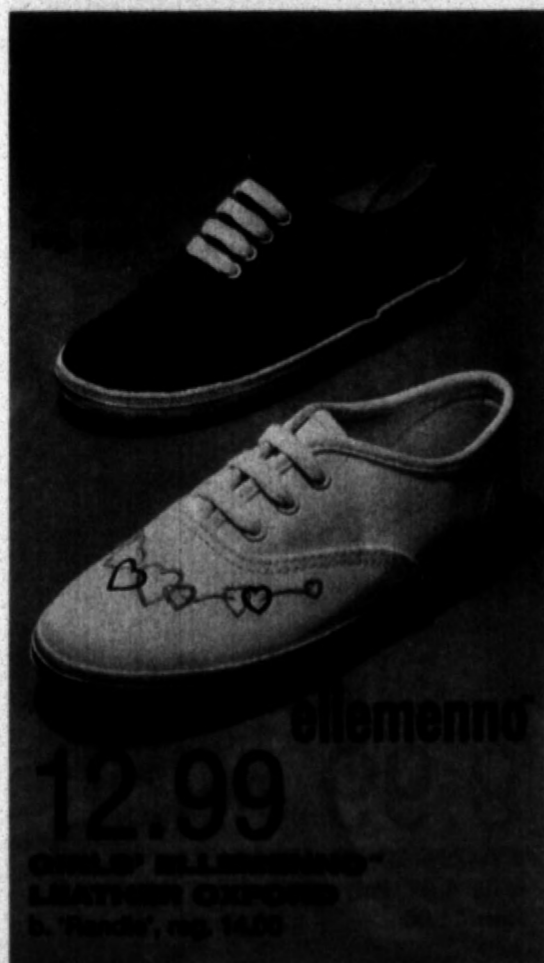
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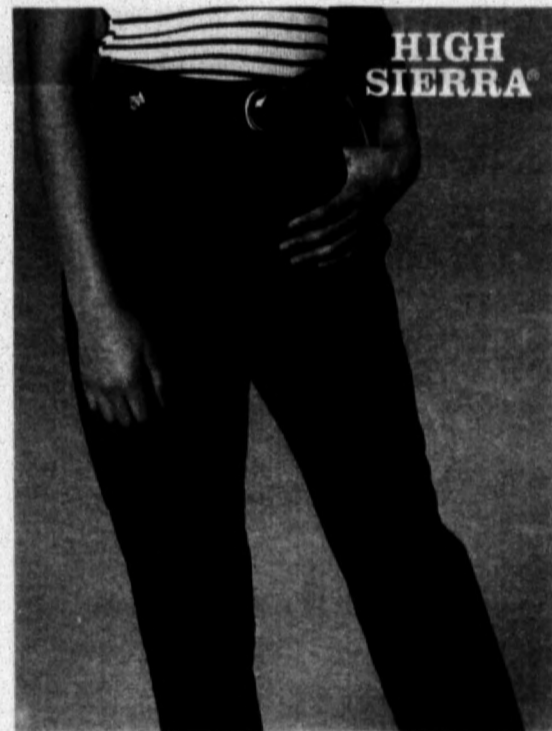


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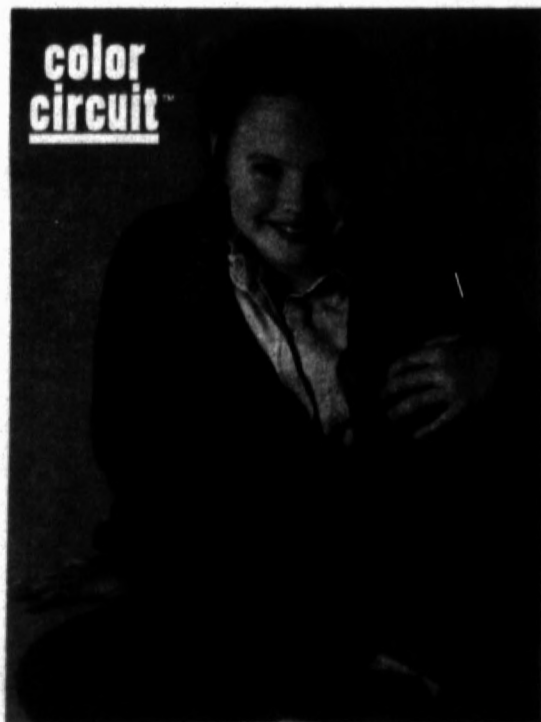
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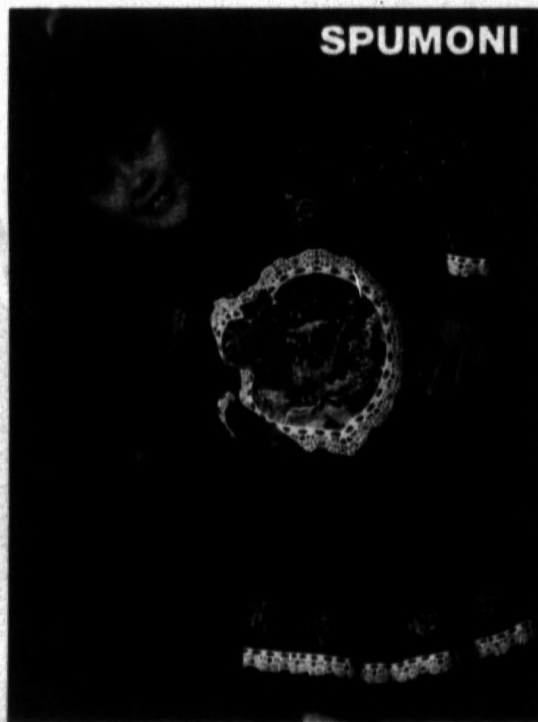
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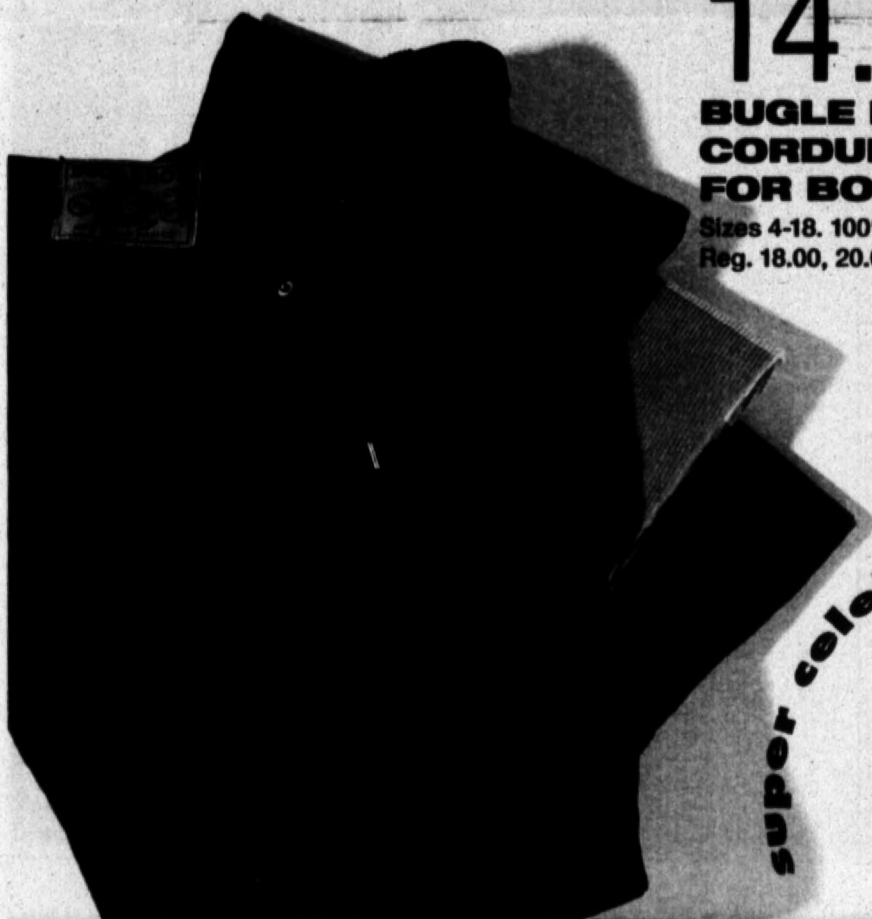
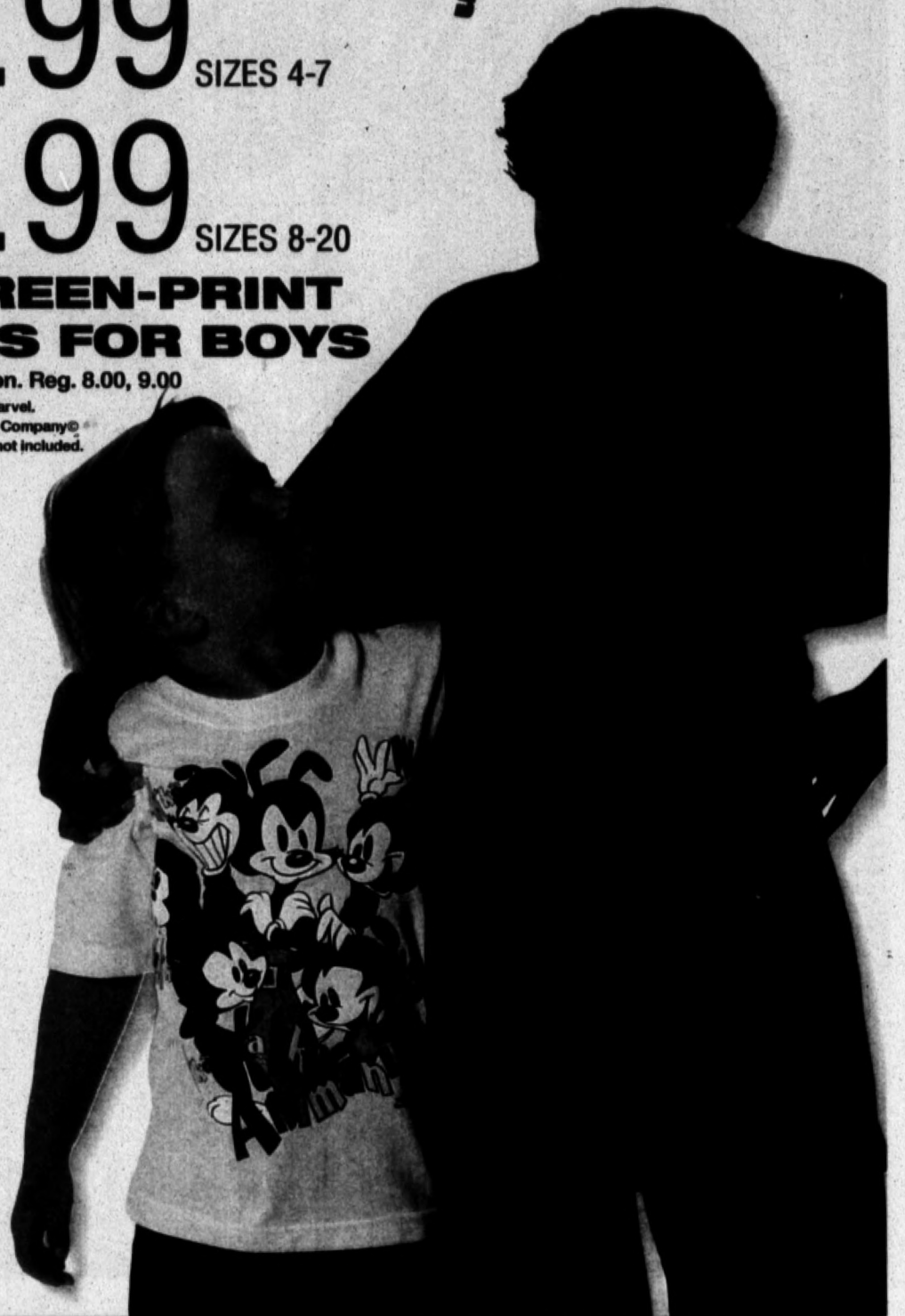


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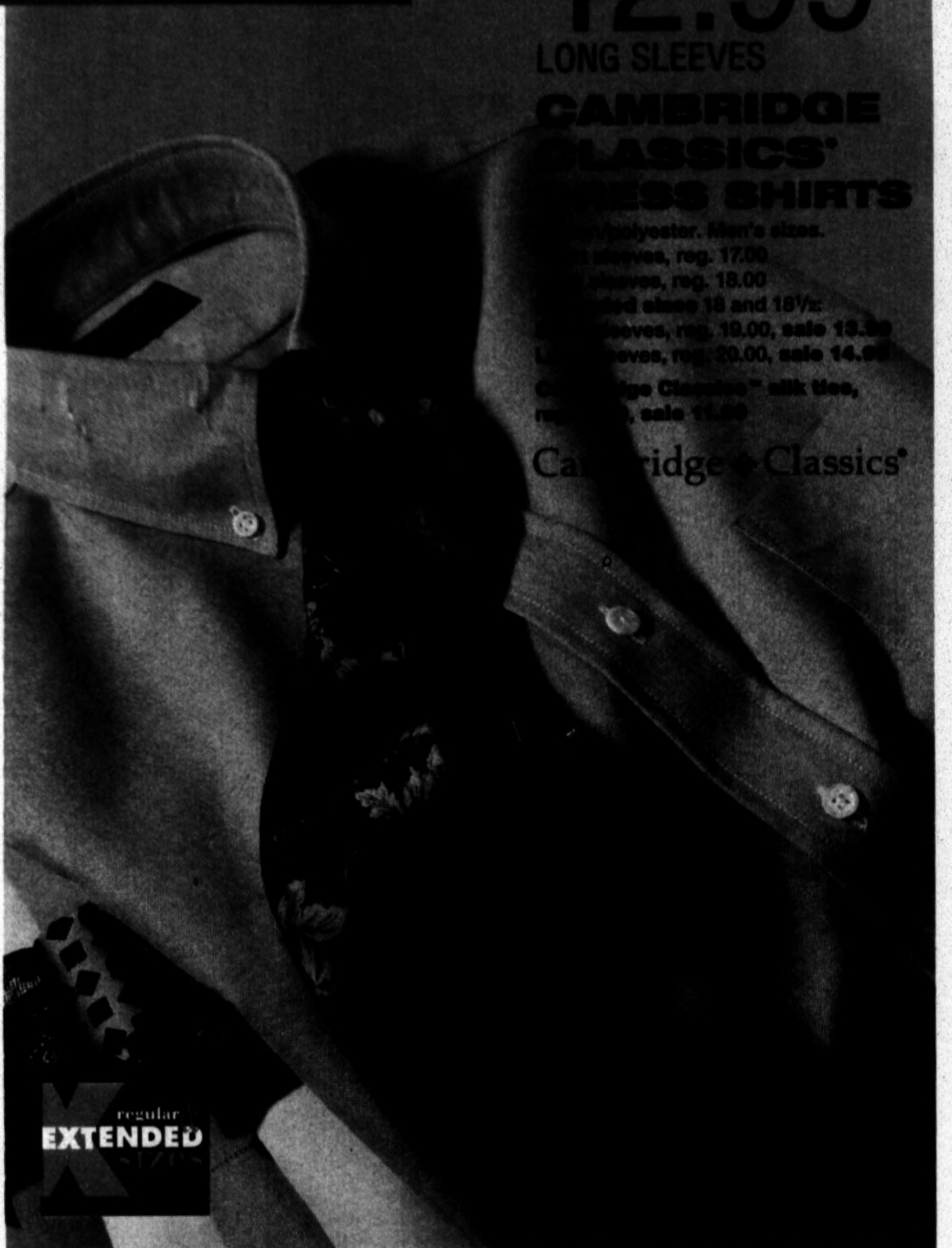
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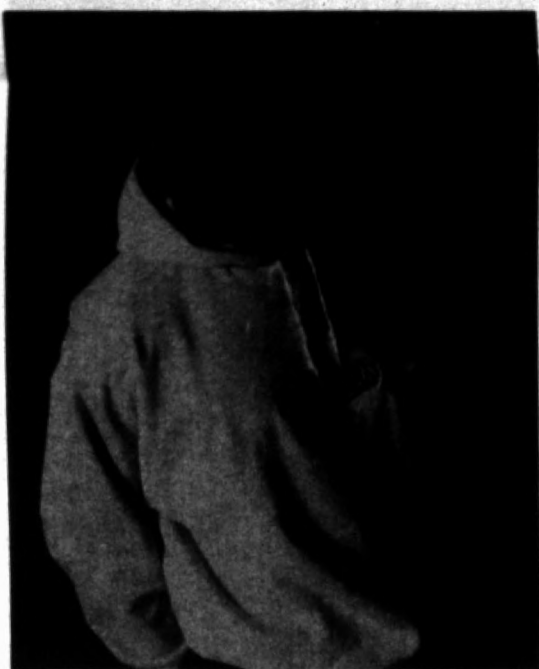
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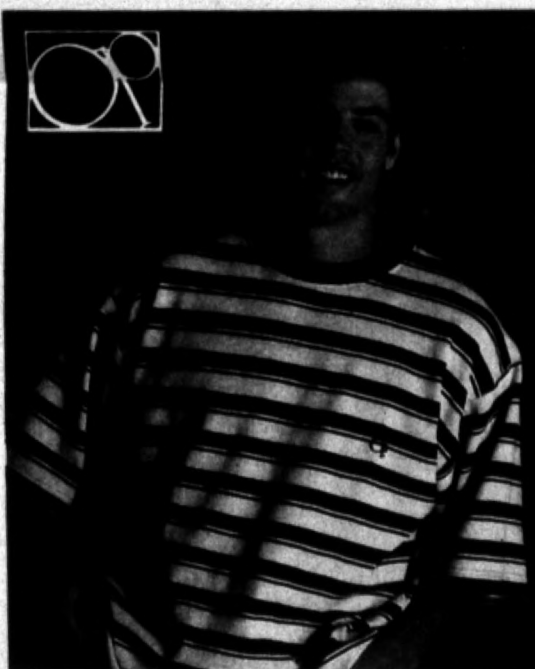
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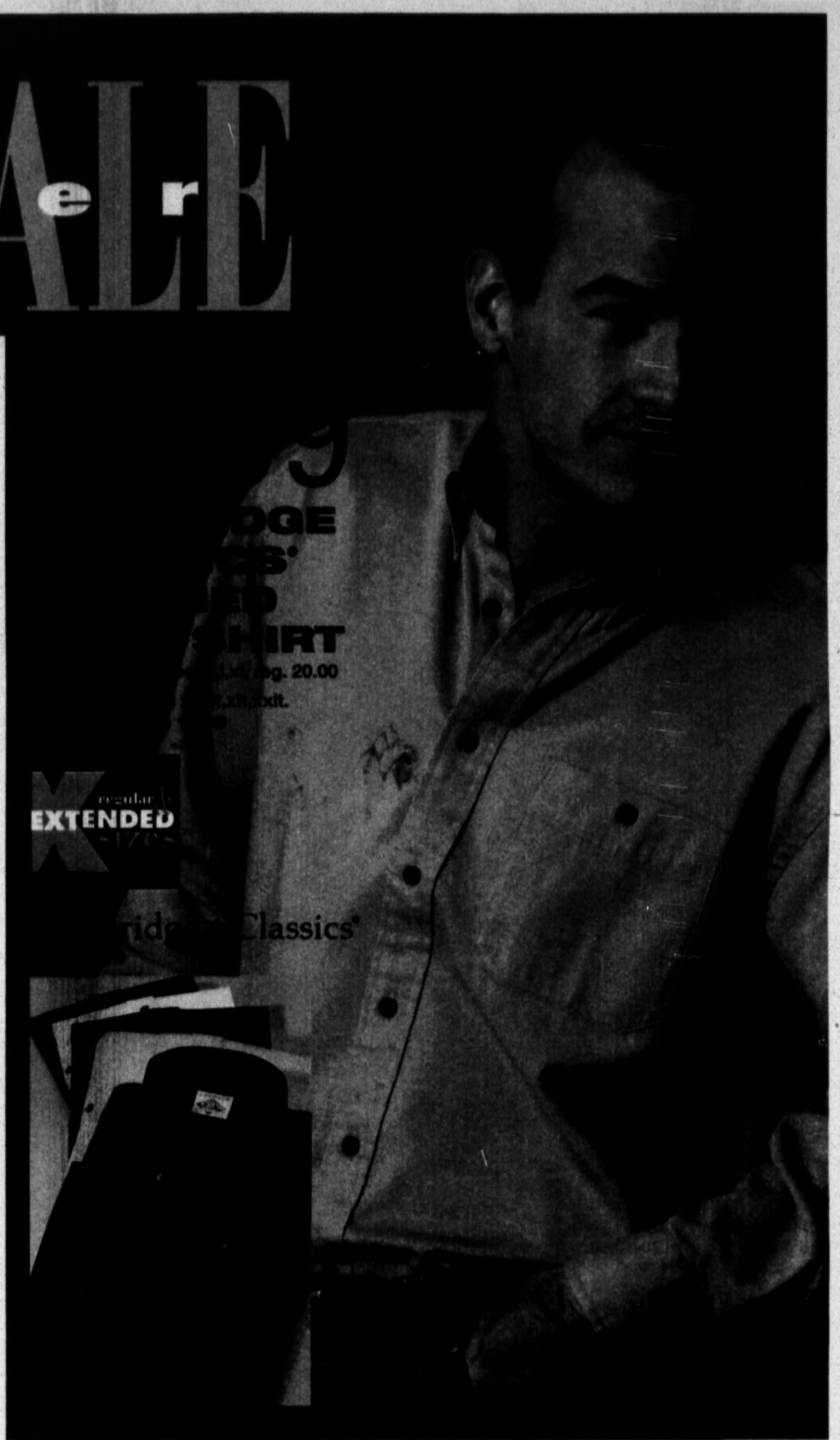
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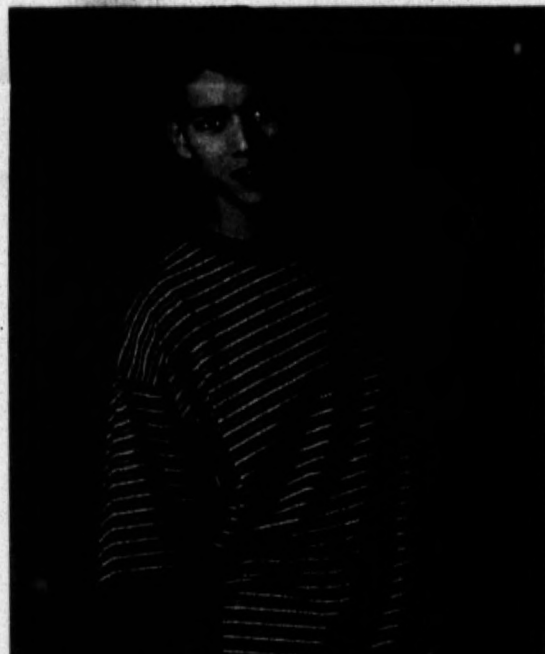
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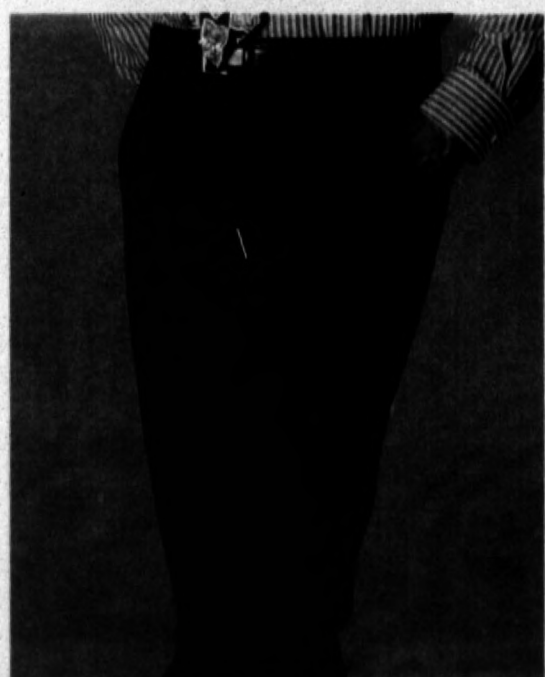
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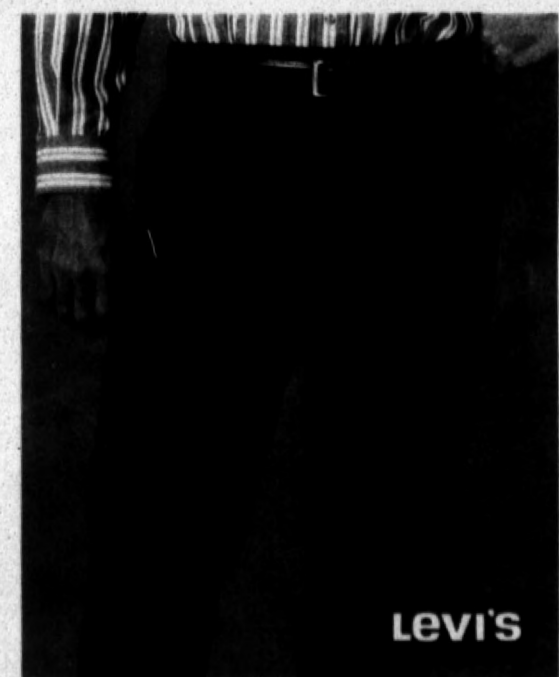
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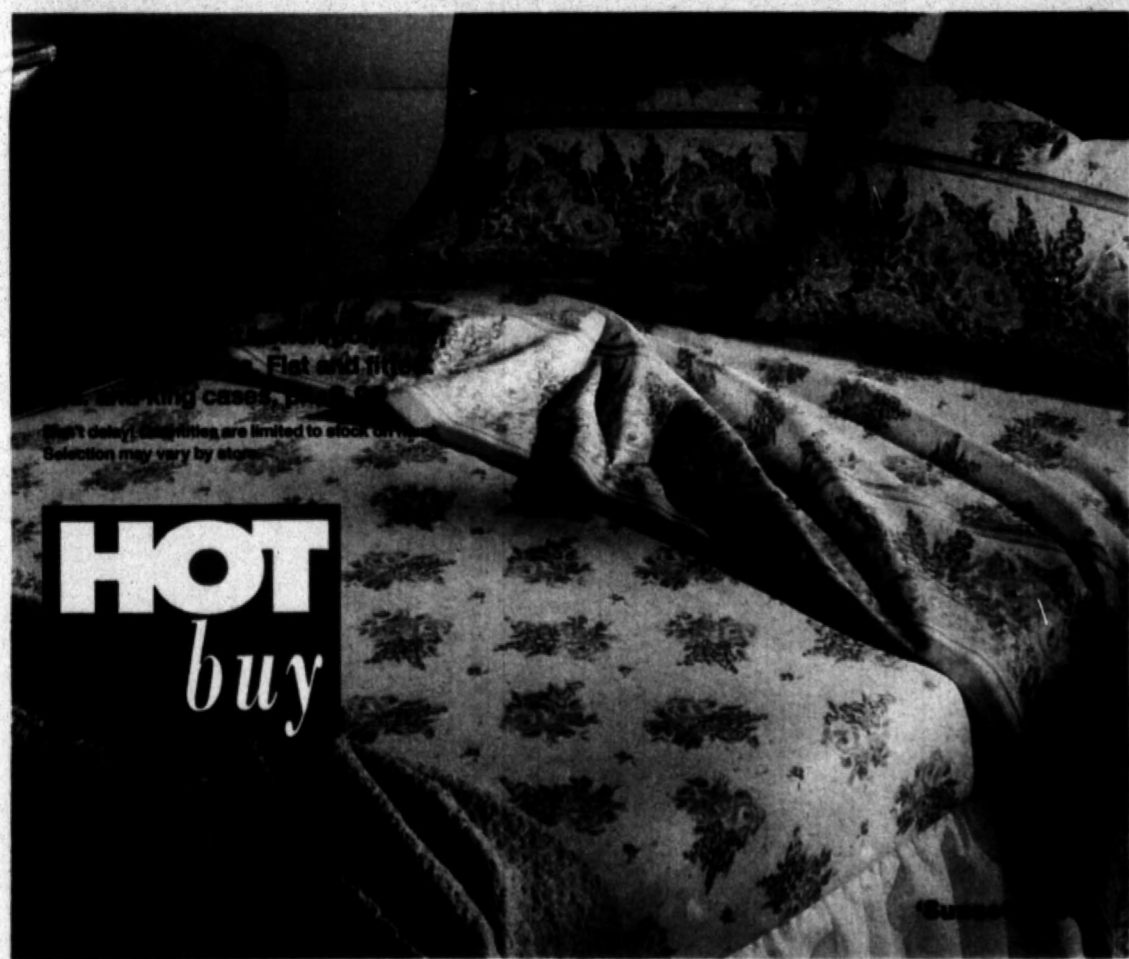
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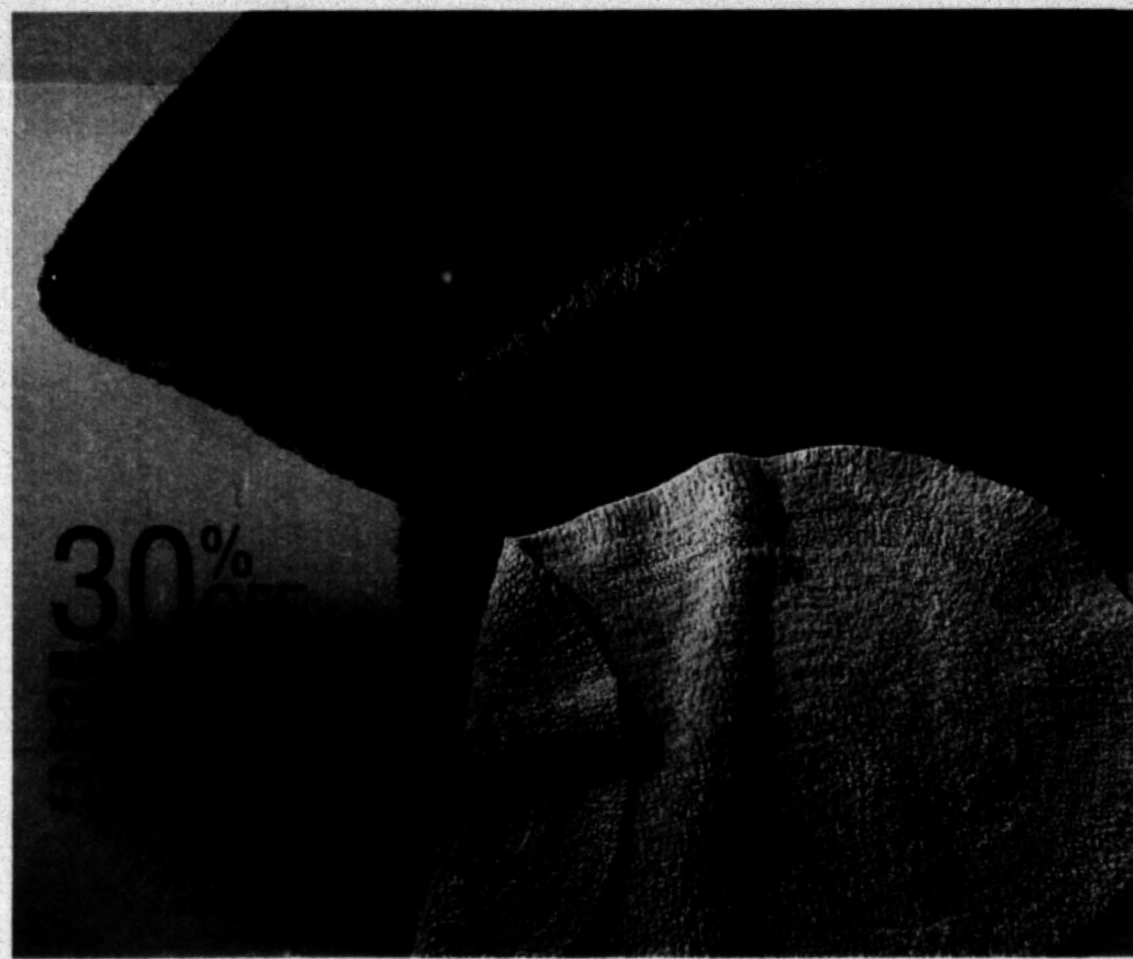
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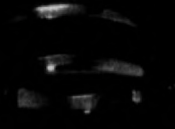
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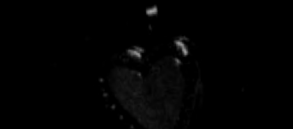


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