

Thirty Years Later—Peter, Paul, Mary & Cesar's Union

By Arturo S. Rodriguez

Peter, Paul & Mary performed their first fund-raising concert for Cesar Chavez at Carnegie Hall in 1968 during a crucial time for the United Farm Workers. It was the third year of a bitter strike against Delano, Calif., grape growers, called

prove the lives of California strawberry workers.

Little has changed in their relationship.

Peter, Paul & Mary are as committed as ever to the belief that music has the power not only to entertain, but also to educate and inspire. This commitment is at the heart of their remarkable 37-year ca-

camp, and will break into song at a rally with berry workers, supporters and UFW organizers. The trio will also sing "Nosotros Venceremos" ("We Shall Overcome").

Another song with a long farm labor tradition that they will perform is "Plane Wreck at Los Gatos" by famed songwriter activist Woody Guthrie.

The Jan. 28, 1948, crash of a twin-engine DC3C in western Fresno County's Los Gatos Canyon killed 32 people, including 28 Mexican workers who were being deported. Eyewitnesses saw at least nine people leap to their deaths; 12 farm workers were never identified.

The press reported that hundreds from "Fresno's Mexican colony" -- the local Latino community -- wept during Catholic services at a mass burial.

Woody Guthrie learned of the disaster on the radio. The announcers said, "It's not such a tragedy since they were just deportees." Guthrie was so angry he wrote a beautiful song:

Farewell to my Juan, farewell Angelina

Adios mis amigos, Jesus y Maria.

You won't have your names when you ride the big airplane,

All they will call you will be "deportees"....

Also hearing of the tragedy -- and the song -- was a 20-year-old farmworker then picking cotton near Delano. As a teenager, he had met Guthrie when the songwriter visited dusty Central Valley farm labor camps. By 1948, the young man was reading labor history and Pappal Cyclical on the rights of workers. Four years later he began his organizing career with a Latino civil rights group. Fourteen years later he founded what would become the first successful farmworkers union in American history. His name was Cesar Chavez.

(Veteran United Farm Workers organizer Arturo S. Rodriguez became UFW president after Cesar Chavez's death in 1993.)

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Treinta Años Despues—Peter, Paul, Mary Y El Sindicato De Cesar Chavez

Por Arturo S. Rodriguez

Peter, Paul y Mary ejecutaron su primer concierto a fin de recaudar fondos para César Chávez en el Carnegie Hall en 1968, durante una época crítica para los Trabajadores Agrícolas Unidos (UFW en inglés).

Era el tercer año de una huelga amarga contra los cultivadores de uvas de Delano, California, declarada para protestar contra las circunstancias miserables de paga y trabajo. Chávez había terminado un ayuno de 25 días para volver a comprometer a su sindicato con la no violencia. Aunque un boicot lanzado recientemente contra las uvas de mesa de California llevaría a los cultivadores a la mesa de las negociaciones en 1970, el invierno con hambre de 1968 fue un punto bajo del movimiento de los trabajadores agrícolas.

Tanto Chávez como el trío de música popular ganarían una situación de leyenda durante los tres decenios siguientes. Los miembros individuales del grupo continuaron apareciendo en los acontecimientos del UFW. Pero Peter, Paul y Mary nunca estarían más cerca del sindicato fundado por Chávez que en aquel escenario de Nueva York hace 30 años.

Es decir, hasta este año, cuando el trío actúe el 19 de marzo en Santa Cruz, California, a favor de la campaña actual del UFW para mejorar las vidas de los trabajadores de las fresas en California.

Poco ha cambiado en sus relaciones.

Peter, Paul y Mary continúan estando tan dedicados como siempre a la creencia de que la música tiene poder, no sólo para divertir, sino tam-

bién para enseñar e inspirar. Este compromiso se halla en el corazón de su carrera notable de 37 años, que ha abrazado a los movimientos de los derechos civiles, anti-bélico y a favor del ambiente.

El sindicato continuó avanzando después de la muerte de Chávez en 1993. El UFW ya ganado ahora 15 votaciones secretas consecutivas entre los trabajadores agrícolas y ha firmado 17 contratos nuevos con los cultivadores, desde una campaña importante de organización en 1994.

Y la mayoría de los trabajadores agrícolas sufren aún de los abusos de la paga insuficiente y de muchos otros.

El trío está uniéndose nuevamente a "La Causa", la causa de los trabajadores agrícolas, en un momento en el que el UFW se enfrenta a una resistencia rígida por parte de la industria de las fresas de California, que tiene un volumen de producción de \$650 millones anuales. Los recogedores de bayas que trabajan para los cultivadores que contratan con Driscoll, la mayor empresa de fresas del mundo, se enfrentan a los campos de baja paga, tratados con insecticidas y a las amenazas de despido por procurar una vida mejor con el UFW.

Antes de su concierto en Santa Cruz el 19 de marzo, Peter Yarrow, Noel Paul Stookey y Mary Travers están pasando una parte del día alrededor de la cercana Watsonville. Ellos visitarán a los recogedores de fresas en los campos y a un campamento de trabajo destartalado, y cantarán en una asamblea con los trabajadores agrícolas, los partidarios y los organizadores del UFW. El trío cantará también la canción titu-

lada "Venceremos".

Otra canción que tiene una larga tradición con los trabajadores agrícolas, y que ellos interpretarán, es "El Desastre del Avión en Los Gatos", escrita por el famoso compositor y activista Woody Guthrie.

El estrellamiento en enero 28 de 1948 de un DC3C de dos motores en el Cañon de Los Gatos, al oeste del Condado de Fresno, mató a 32 personas, incluyendo a 28 trabajadores mexicanos que estaban siendo deportados. Los testigos presenciales vieron por lo menos a nueve personas que se precipitaron hacia sus muertes: 12 trabajadores agrícolas nunca fueron identificados.

La prensa informó que cientos de miembros de la "colonia mexicana de Fresno" -- la comunidad latina local -- lloraron durante los servicios fúnebres en un entierro católico colectivo.

Woody Guthrie se enteró del desastre por radio. Los locutores dijeron: "No es tal tragedia, porque ellos eran sólo deportados". Guthrie se enojó tanto que escribió una bella canción:

"Adiós a mi Juan; adiós a Angelina;

"Adiós mis amigos, Jesús y María;

"Ustedes no llevarán sus nombres

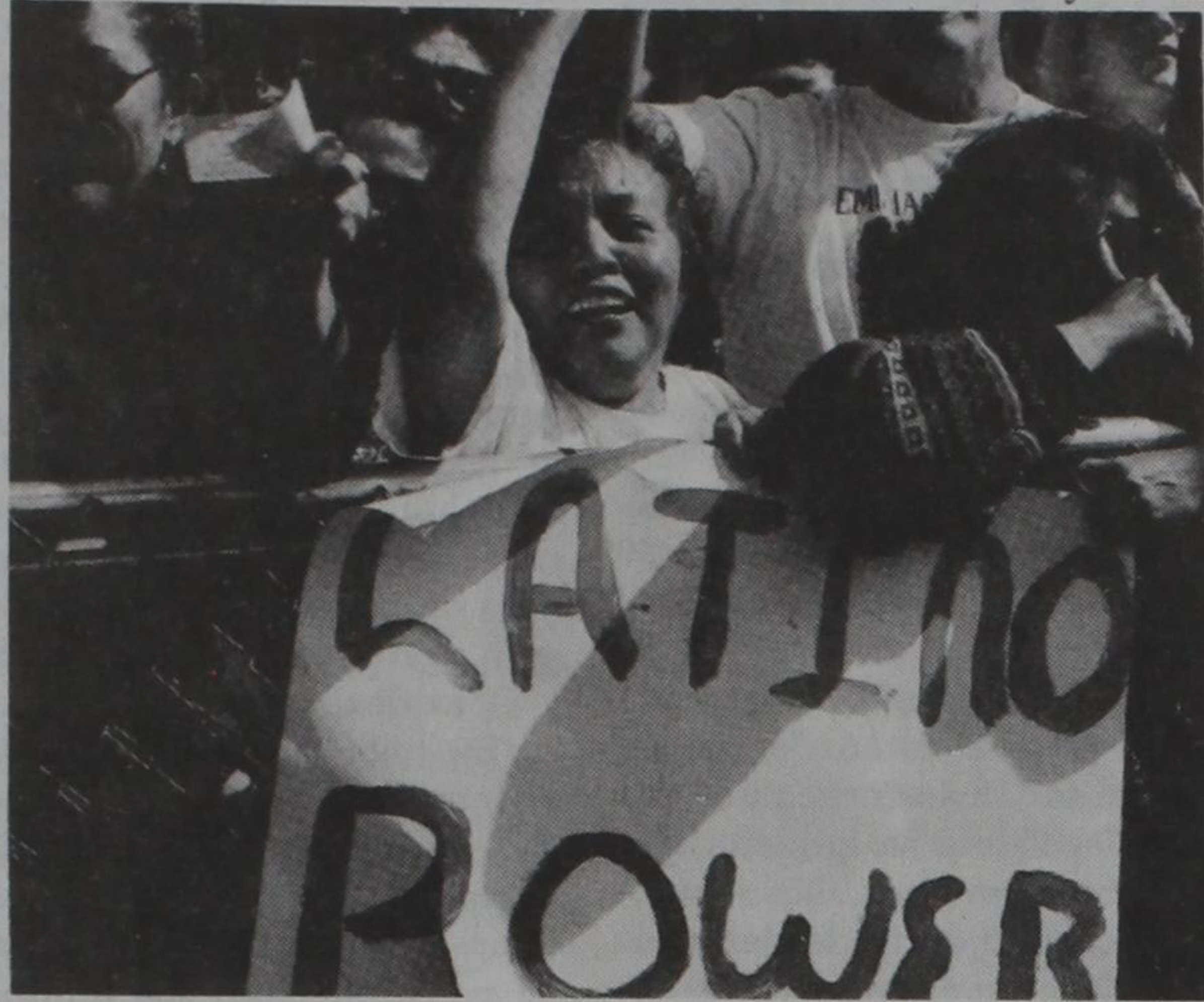
"Cuando viajen en el gran avión,

"Todo lo que ellos les llamarán será "deportados".

También oyó de la tragedia -- y la canción -- un trabajador agrícola de 20 años de edad, que entonces recogía algodón cerca de Delano. Cuando era un adolescente, él había conocido a Guthrie cuando el compositor visitó a los campos polvorientos de los trabajadores agrícolas en el Valle Central. Para 1948, el joven estaba leyendo la historia del sindicalismo y las encíclicas papales sobre los derechos de los trabajadores. Cuatro años después, él empezó su carrera de organizador con un grupo latino de los derechos civiles. Catorce años más tarde, él fundó lo que se convertiría en el primer sindicato de trabajadores agrícolas con éxito en la historia estadounidense. Su nombre era César Chávez.

(Arturo S. Rodriguez, organizador veterano de los Trabajadores Agrícolas Unidos, llegó a ser presidente del UFW después de la muerte de César Chávez en 1993.)

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to protest miserable pay and working conditions. Chavez had completed a 25-day fast to recommit his union to non-violence. Although a recently launched boycott of California table grapes would bring growers to the bargaining table in 1970, the hungry winter of 1968 was a low point in the farm workers' movement.

Both Chavez and the folk music trio would earn legendary status over the next three decades. Individual members of the group continued appearing at UFW events. But Peter, Paul & Mary would never be closer to the Chavez-founded union than on that New York stage 30 years ago.

That is until this year, when the trio performs March 19 in Santa Cruz, Calif., for the UFW's current drive to im-

reer that has embraced the civil rights, anti-war and environment movements.

The union continued moving forward following Chavez's death in 1993. The UFW now has won 15 straight secret-ballot votes among farmworkers and signed 17 new contracts with growers since a major organizing campaign in 1994.

And most farmworkers still endure poor pay and many abuses.

The trio is once more rallying to *La Causa*, the farmworkers' cause, at a time when the UFW faces stiff resistance from California's \$650 million-a-year strawberry industry. Berry pickers laboring for growers contracting with Driscoll, the world's largest strawberry corporation, face low pay, pesticide-treated fields and threats or firing for seeking a better life with the UFW.

Before their March 19 Santa Cruz concert, Peter Yarrow, Noel Paul Stookey and Mary Travers are spending part of the day around nearby Watsonville. They will visit strawberry pickers in the fields and a run-down labor

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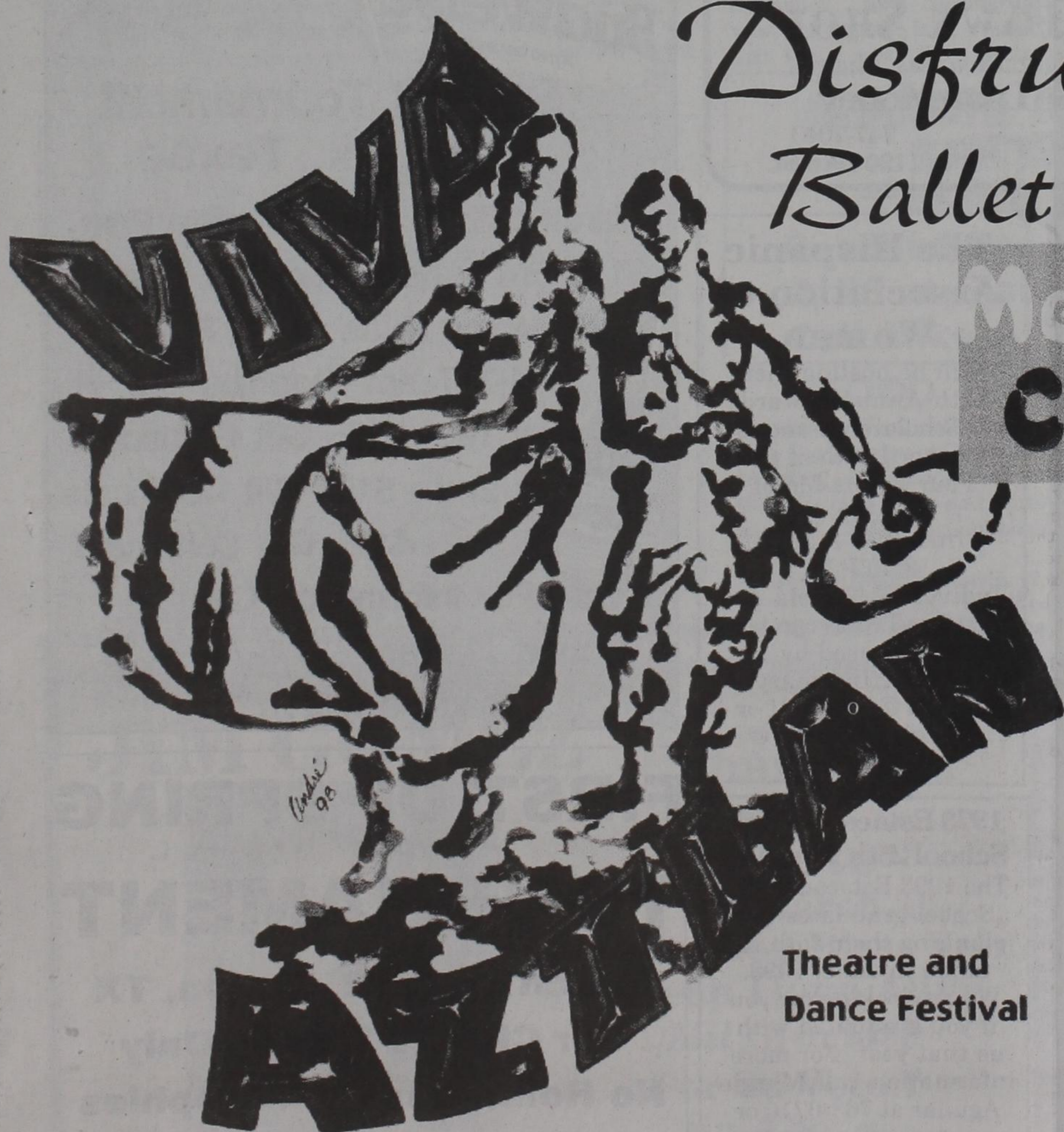
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NCAA Tournament News

By Randy Harvey

If I could tell you which teams will become sleepers in the NCAA Tournament, they wouldn't be sleepers.

I can tell you that Princeton isn't one. Teams falling for the Tigers' backdoor plays this year should have their SAT scores examined.

But if we had an office pool, and I'm sure we don't considering our anti-gambling stance and commitment to California law, one team I would choose to rise above its seeding is Eastern Michigan. The Eagles are seeded 13th in the East.

Although I accept that Antawn Jamison, Raef LaFrentz, Paul Pierce, Michael Dickerson and Richard Hamilton are the nation's best college players, the one player I'd prefer to see over all the rest is Eastern Michigan's 5-foot-5 point guard Earl Boykins.

The nation's third-leading scorer, he had 29 points, five assists and three steals in Eastern Michigan's 89-83 overtime victory over Michigan in December.

If the Eagles can upset Michigan in Ann Arbor, they can beat Michigan State in the first round in Hartford, Conn.

That probably would set up an Eastern Michigan-Princeton second-round game, one that would be more entertaining than it might sound.

East Regional semifinalists: North Carolina, Eastern Michigan, Xavier, Connecticut. Winner: North Carolina.

Do we know for sure that Dean Smith retired?

I don't start enjoying the tournament until Bob Knight goes out.

That should be the second round, when Indiana meets UConn.

Washington coach Bob

Bender knows the way to the Final Four, even though his Huskies won't get past Xavier in the first round this year. He is the only player to represent two teams in the Final Four, Indiana in 1976 and Duke in '78. He also was an assistant coach for three of Duke's Final Four teams.

West Regional semifinalists: Arizona, Maryland, Arkansas, Cincinnati. Winner: Maryland.

Maryland is the third-best team in its conference, but what a conference.

Arizona, as unpredictable a tournament team as there has ever been, could have trouble in the second round against Illinois State.

Illinois State coach Kevin Stallings liked this Redbird team so much he withdrew his name from consideration at Michigan after Steve Fisher was fired last fall.

South Regional semifinalists: Duke, Syracuse, Michigan, Kentucky. Winner: Kentucky.

As UCLA no doubt would like to forget, Tubby Smith was an accomplished tournament coach even before he had Kentucky's bottomless talent pool. His Tulsa team beat the Bruins in the first round in 1995.

Presuming it survives Miami, Fla., in the first round, UCLA couldn't have drawn a less desirable second-round opponent than Michigan.

If you don't have a legitimate center, the last player you want to face is 6-8, 300-something Robert "Tractor" Traylor.

UCLA deserved better than a sixth seed.

But the Bruins are in good company. Other sixth seeds are Xavier, Arkansas and Clemson.

Midwest Regional semif-

nalists: Kansas, TCU, Clemson, Purdue. Winner: Kansas.

Unlike JaRon Rush, I like Roy Williams' substitution pattern.

The NCAA decided not to invite Steve Lavin and Mark Gottfried to the same regional. It would have been a perverse pleasure to see UCLA play Murray State in the first round, matching the former UCLA assistants and current enemies. Gottfried split with Lavin over the circumstances surrounding Jim Harrick's firing. So who did Gottfried's team draw in the first round? Harrick and Rhode Island.

At least the hand shake before the game will be legitimate.

Don't be surprised if College of Charleston beats Stanford in the biggest first-round upset.

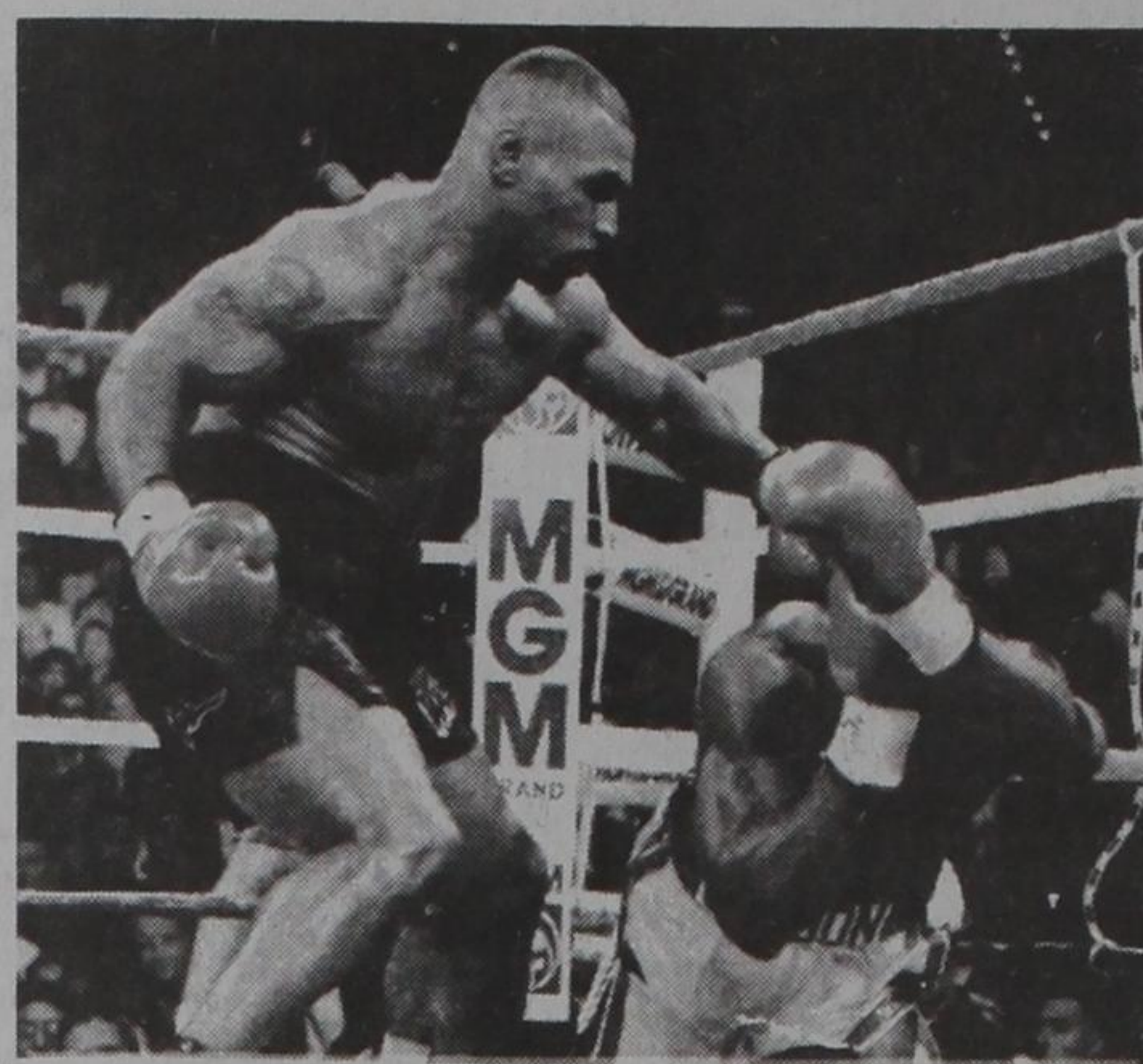
Florida State, in litigation with USC last fall after losing women's basketball coach Chris Gobrecht to the Trojans, should send a thank-you note for its invitation to the tournament to guess who.

The Seminoles, who lost seven of their last 10 games, probably would have been left out if Arizona State had beaten USC on Saturday.

I'm not sure any Pacific 10 team could have beaten the Trojans in their last two games. Just what did Mike Garrett say to those guys?

While wondering whatever happened to the DePaul Blue Demons, I was thinking: I wouldn't mind seeing North Carolina and Duke play again, I was relieved to learn CBS plans same-day coverage of the games, the women's tournament would be the most competitive ever if Tennessee weren't in it.

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Tyson, Ahora Contra Sus Ex Apoderados

LOS ANGELES, 10 de marzo - Una semana después de radicar una demanda contra Don King, Mike Tyson inició una segunda querrela, esta vez contra dos ex apoderados, a los que acusa de haberlo traicionado al designar a King como su promotor exclusivo.

Simultáneamente en Baltimore, dos mujeres que dicen haber sido maltratadas por Mike Tyson en un restaurante demandaron al boxeador por 22 millones de dólares.

Por su parte, Tyson pide 100 millones de dólares en reparación en cada una de las demandas contra sus apoderados y su promotor. El boxeador aduce que perdió millones de dólares porque Rory Holloway y John Horne lo convencieron durante una reunión en una prisión de Indiana, en 1992, de dar a King los derechos exclusivos de sus peleas. Tyson cumplía por entonces una condena por violación.

Según Tyson, el acuerdo concedía a King una parte desproporcionada de las ganancias generadas por sus peleas.

Agregó que en ese momento no se dio cuenta de que King recibiría el 30 por ciento de sus bolsas y que Horne y Hol-

loway se repartirían el 20 por ciento.

La demanda afirma asimismo que Holloway y Horne se quedaron con otros 8,6 millones de dólares que no les correspondía, además del 20 por ciento que estipulaba el contrato.

Horne dijo que demostrará que Tyson firmó "el mejor acuerdo jamás conseguido por un deportista en la historia".

King rechazó las acusaciones y dijo que la demanda "no tiene méritos".

Recibió hasta el último centavo que le correspondía. No le debo un céntimo".

La Asociación Mundial de boxeo clasifica siete boxeadores mexicanos en febrero, en cuyas listas ya aparece el mexicano Enrique Sánchez como campeón de peso supergallo.

El organismo ubica a Julio César Chávez como el tercer superligero del mundo y a Miguel Angel González como el cuarto. En peso superwelter se ubica en sexto sitio Pedro Ortega, en welter, José Luis López en tercero; en peso supergallo, Guty Espadas como octavo y en peso gallo, Cuauhtémoc "Famosito" Gómez como cuarto aspirante, mientras Joel Luna Zárate es séptimo supermosca.

Ni Robo, Ni Fraude'

•Sulaimán acepta errores en la función 'La Guerra', pero que no afectaron el resultado final.

México - "No fue un robo ni un fraude. Fue una gran pelea, y al que no lo crea lo invito a verla otra vez sin distracciones", dijo José Sulaimán, presidente del Consejo Mundial de Boxeo, sobre el combate disputado el sábado pasado entre Julio César Chávez y Miguel Angel González.

En conferencia de prensa, Sulaimán habló sobre los rumores surgidos respecto a la "extraña" forma en que se contabilizaron los puntos durante la pelea que, por la disputa del vacante cetro superligero, protagonizaron Chávez y González.

"Sí, hubo una confusión en la puntuación, pero no afectó el resultado final. Eduardo Lamazón, representante del Consejo Mundial de Boxeo en la pelea, al pasar las puntuaciones de los jueces, marcó mal un número, que correspondía a la tarjeta del sexto round del juez Chuck Hasset.

"Fue un lapsus del que nos dimos cuenta hora y media después de haber concluido la pelea, pero afortunadamente no afectó en nada el resultado", señaló.

Tras una explicación que confundió aún más a los asistentes, Sulaimán aseguró que "no pudo haber decisión más justa" y que, en realidad, cualquiera de los dos pudo haber ganado.

Agregó: "González llevó la pelea, pero Chávez tuvo ráfagas brillantísimas en todos los rounds. El problema es que para la gente el favorito era Chávez y así lo vio hasta el final de la pelea. La gente no conoce de puntuación. Por eso critica la decisión de los jueces".

"El 75 por ciento de la puntuación se basa en la agresividad efectiva, es decir, en el número, potencia y precisión de los golpes, no en la forma en que un boxeador va hacia adelante tirando golpes sin ton ni son, como piensa la

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Big Crowds Flock To Discussion

By Patricia Guadalupe

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Once again, Congress has taken up an issue that for time immemorial has divided the people of Puerto Rico: the island's political status.

Puerto Rico's 3.8 million residents have three main options: joining the union as the 51st state, maintaining their current commonwealth status, or establishing an independent country.

Historically, islanders have leaned toward commonwealth, but they have never built a convincing majority for any option that would allow the island to settle on a permanent political status.

Whenever Congress decides to discuss *el estatus*, plane-loads of islanders and bus-loads of *boricuas* from New York, New Jersey and other states descend on the nation's capital. This month, when the U.S. House debated and voted on the U.S.-Puerto Rico Political Status Act, was no exception.

At issue was the Young Bill, named after its sponsor, U.S. Rep. Don Young (R-Alaska). It would mandate a plebiscite on the island as early as this year, which happens to be the 100th anniversary of the United States claiming Puerto Rico as one of the prizes following the Spanish-American War.

Dozens of island reporters joined mainland Spanish-language media such as Univision and Telemundo for the show, cramming into the tiny Capitol Press Gallery. Television and all-news radio crews from Puerto Rico set up to broadcast continuously from the Radio/TV Press Gallery. A room that normally seats 10 uncomfortably was crammed with triple that number.

All over the Capitol, Spanish-speaking crowds mingled with curious tourists and police, stuffing into normally

staid, small committee rooms to hear the minutiae of which amendments would be discussed on the floor. Like rock concert fans, they pushed and shoved to glimpse U.S. Rep. Patrick Kennedy (D-R.I.) proclaim in broken Spanish that he was a statehooder and he supported Young's bill.

In another room, surely breaking the fire code, they scrambled to hear what the Senate might do if the bill passed. Lines snaked around corners as several hundred people crushed into rooms reserved for 50. To catch the action, several people stood on chairs and tables.

While the U.S. Congress has taken up island plebiscite bills before, this legislation is particularly controversial because it treats the commonwealth option differently than independence and statehood. The current commonwealth status would be offered on the first plebiscite ballot, but that alternative would not be one of the final options. Under the Young bill, should commonwealth win in the island plebiscite, periodic votes would be held until either statehood or independence obtained a majority. In the last plebiscite in 1993, commonwealth prevailed.

While some argued that the plebiscite gives island residents an opportunity to "decide their political destiny," commonwealth supporters claimed it would short-change them. Even before the debate reached the floor the morning of March 4, hundreds protested outside the Capitol in the bitter cold.

When the floor debate started, only a handful of legislators were on hand, but the galleries up above were jammed with sometimes boisterous visitors. Several times, U.S. Rep. Lincoln Diaz-Balart (R-Fla.), presiding over the debate, threatened to remove the noisy throng. "He's Latino. He understands," de-

clared one observer. "He won't do it." He didn't.

Much of the day's heated discussion focused on the so-called English-only amendment sponsored by U.S. Rep. Gerald Solomon (R-N.Y.). Members removed a provision mandating that if Puerto Rico became a state, English would become the official language for all of the United States, including Puerto Rico.

A little-noticed provision in the substitute amendment offered by U.S. Rep. Dan Burton (R-Ind.) requires that Puerto Rican children be proficient in English by the age of 10, regardless of what option is chosen in a plebiscite.

Several amendments were defeated. One would have allowed Puerto Ricans living off the island to vote "absentee." Also defeated was what some jokingly referred to as the "Miss Universe" amendment, which would have allowed Puerto Rico to keep its Olympic team and international beauty queen candidates under statehood. Only two legislators, Reps. Nydia Velazquez (D-N.Y.) and Luis Gutierrez (D-Ill.) voted for that.

The floor debate lasted a marathon 12 hours and squeaked through, 209-208. It was one of the noisiest as well as closest votes ever. It took many gavel pounds and several minutes for the presiding legislator at the end of the session, U.S. Rep. Henry Bonilla (R-Texas), to quiet the hooting and hollering. Three Hispanic Democrats, Reps. Nydia Velazquez (N.Y.), Luis Gutierrez (Ill.) and Robert Menendez (N.J.) voted against the bill.

Now it moves to the Senate, where mobs on all sides of the issue are already lobbying hard. Majority Leader Trent Lott says he doubts his colleagues will discuss the bill this year because there's "no time." Since the U.S. Senate is a much smaller place, what Lott should have said is there's "no room."

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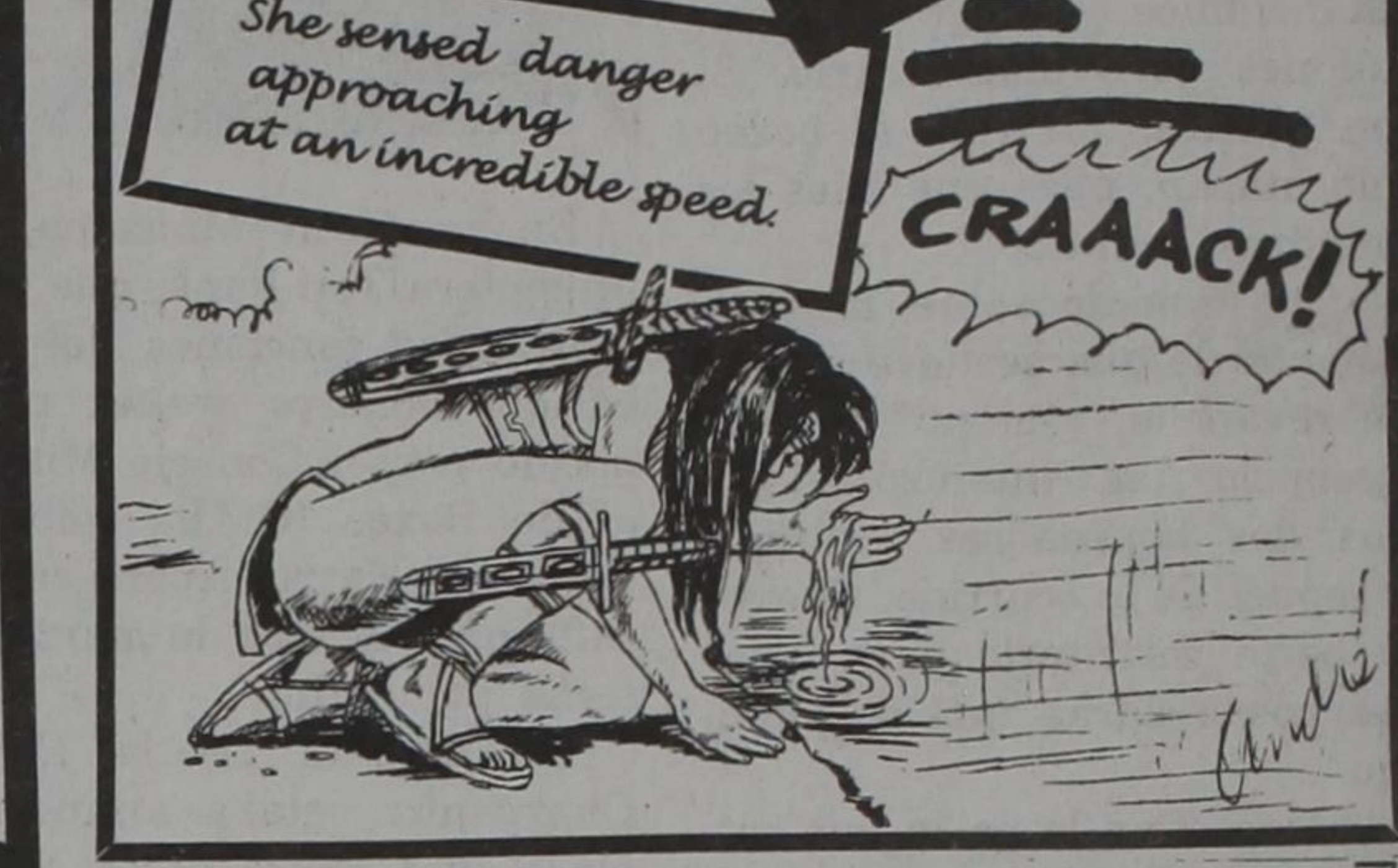
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Por Sofia Martinez
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Marchad a vuestro anti-pático marido, a vuestra anti-pática cocina... y decid: "Dios ha enviado a su hijo al mundo para salvarlo." Y entonces estaréis dentro de la esfera de lo religioso en el corazón del Padre, entonces seréis religiosos.

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To claim the EITC on your 1997 tax return, you need income of less than:

- o \$29,290--and two or more qualifying children,
- o \$25,760--and one qualifying child, or
- o \$9,770--and no qualifying children.

Remember: you, your spouse and your children must have Social Security numbers to get the EITC.

If you expect to qualify for the EITC in 1998, ask your employer about advance EITC payments. You could get part of the credit with your pay now, instead of waiting until after you file your 1998 tax return.

Ask the IRS or your tax professional about the EITC. You can call 1-800-829-3676 to get free IRS Publication 596, Earned Income Credit, or download IRS forms and publications from the Internet at www.irs.ustreas.gov.

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