

Philippines vows to withdraw troops in order to save hostage



A protester shows her support for the release of Angelo dela Cruz, a Filipino worker held hostage in Iraq, during a rally Tuesday in Manila. The protesters urged the government to heed the abductors' demand that Filipino troops are pulled out of Iraq.

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — Frantically trying to obtain the release of a captive Filipino truck driver with the clock ticking down, the Philippines said Tuesday it would withdraw its tiny peacekeeping force from Iraq as soon as it can.

However, the statement, which followed all-night Cabinet consultations, was unclear as to whether Manila was advancing the pullout as demanded by the Iraqi militant kidnapers, or was sticking by its commitment to bring its 51-strong force home Aug. 20 as planned.

State Department spokesman Richard Boucher, reiterating U.S. policy rules out negotiating with

hostage-takers, said the American Embassy in Manila was seeking clarification of what the Philippines government means by saying it would withdraw its force as soon as it can. Still, Boucher said this "sends the wrong message" to the hostage-holders.

"We certainly noted the remarks and are disappointed to see remarks like this at a time when Iraq is fighting for stability and peace," Boucher said.

The spokesman said the United States was continuing talks with Philippine authorities.

"I do think we have to keep the onus where it belongs, and that's

on the kidnapers. And there's no excuse for kidnapping, for murder, for the kind of threats that have been made against this gentleman and that he should be released immediately," Boucher said.

The confusion may have been deliberate as President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo seeks to maintain her staunch support of the U.S.-led war on terrorism while avoiding a possible domestic backlash if Angelo dela Cruz, a 46-year-old father of eight, is beheaded.

"The Philippine government, consistent with its commitment, will withdraw its Philippine humanitarian contingent forces in Iraq as soon

as preparations for their return to the Philippines are completed," Foreign Affairs Undersecretary Rafael Seguis told a Filipino reporter in Baghdad.

However, when the Arab television station Al-Jazeera aired his statement, Seguis was quoted as saying the withdrawal would be made "as soon as possible."

The Philippine government, which has imposed a news blackout on the crisis, did nothing to clarify the issue.

"Let us leave the government to do what is necessary to save the life of an innocent Filipino and to uphold

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'Fahrenheit' opens in local theater



Viewers wait in line for 'Fahrenheit'

Viewers' opinions vary on controversial film

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Fahrenheit 9/11 opened this past weekend in Greenville. It played to audiences interested in getting an inside look at the Bush administration from filmmaker Michael Moore's perspective.

In the documentary, Moore tries to uncover the secrets of the aftermath of Sept. 11 and the reasons behind the Iraq War.

Greenville viewers had a lot to say about the film. Some agreed with Moore, others hated it.

"Propaganda," said viewer Joe Kitzrow, who describes himself as a person who does not keep up with politics.

"That pretty much sums it up. I found out a lot of stuff. It definitely makes you think. There are lots of connections you don't think of and Michael Moore opens your eyes to what's going on in politics."

Viewer Melanie Glascoe said it clarified a lot of things about the war that weren't explained.

"It was fantastic. God bless Michael Moore," Glascoe said.

Her mother, Patti Gates-Glascoe, said it showed evidence and gave proof that we went to Iraq for personal reasons.

Another anonymous viewer commented that the movie was "very truthful" and that "the war was a lie. Bush has lied to the public and his greed and stupidity are the reasons we went to war (in Iraq)."

No matter what viewers had to say about the film, most agreed the movie has a liberal perspective and would encourage others to go see it.

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News Briefs

Local

Estranged teen couple charged with killing girl's mother

MURPHY, NC (AP) - Christopher Albert Tarantino, 17, threatened to kill his estranged high school sweetheart's family after the couple broke up, the girl said. Now, both are charged with killing the girl's mother.

Janet E. Crowe, 38, was found stabbed and shot to death in her Cherokee County home early Saturday after her daughter, Lauren Elizabeth Crowe, called for help, Sheriff Keith Lovin said Monday. The sheriff arrested Lauren, 16, and Tarantino hours later. Both are charged with first-degree murder. "It's really kind of shocking for the community when you have kids involved in anything where there are violent crimes or tragic deaths," Lovin said. He would not comment Monday on a motive, saying his investigators were still piecing together the case. Authorities plan to bring it before a grand jury next week.

Lauren and Janet Crowe filed a domestic violence complaint against Tarantino on May 13. A judge issued a restraining order against Tarantino the same day.

"I live every day in fear for my life and for my (family)," said Lauren Crowe in the complaint. Lauren Crowe said Tarantino physically and emotionally abused her after she ended their relationship in April.

She told the court that he threatened to kill her 78-year-old grandmother, infant cousin and her uncle. Tarantino had told one of Lauren Crowe's friends two days earlier that he could get guns "and kill many people," the complaint said. Tarantino denied all of Lauren Crowe's allegations in court papers filed on May 28.

Murphy High School Principal Jerry Brackett said Tarantino and Crowe were good students and both were popular in the school of 650 students.

"It is devastating news for all of us here," said Brackett. "We're still in a state of shock. It's not something that you would expect from a small, tight-knit community. It's bizarre. We are going to pray for these kids."

Crowe and Tarantino are scheduled for a hearing on Wednesday. A judge will consider setting bond and appointing attorneys if the suspects cannot afford legal representation.

National

AP Poll: More voters see Bush as decisive, more see Kerry as intelligent

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Bush is viewed by more American voters as decisive and arrogant than Democratic rival John Kerry, according to an Associated Press poll. Voters are more likely to see Kerry as intelligent.

Asked who makes them feel more optimistic about the future, slightly more voters choose Bush than Kerry, the poll conducted for the AP by Ipsos-Public Affairs found. Both candidates are viewed as wealthy by nearly all voters, with slightly more seeing Bush as wealthy than Kerry.

Two-thirds in the poll think the president is decisive, the biggest character advantage the president has over Kerry in the poll. A majority, 52 percent, also say they think Bush is arrogant. The poll asked voters whether they would or would not use each of seven words - likable, intelligent, decisive, compassionate, honest, arrogant and wealthy - to describe Bush and then Kerry. Kerry and Bush are evenly matched

on qualities like compassion, honesty and likability. Bush has a 22-point edge over Kerry on the question of who is decisive. Two-thirds said Bush is decisive and fewer than half said that of Kerry. Only two-thirds of Democrats said Kerry is decisive. As Kerry prepares to introduce himself to the public at the Democratic National Convention in two weeks, one of his biggest obstacles is convincing voters he can provide the kind of firm leadership needed in a time of war and terrorism.

Bush's confidence and unwillingness to change his stand despite opposition are viewed negatively by some. A majority, 52 percent, said he's arrogant, more than the 44 percent who view Kerry that way. The AP-Ipsos poll of 804 registered voters was taken July 5-7 and has a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 3.5 percentage points.

World

Military cartographers have begun moving route of West Bank barrier closer to Israel

JERUSALEM (AP) - Cartographers have begun moving the planned route of the West Bank separation barrier closer to Israel, in line with an Israeli court ruling that the government must reduce hardships for the Palestinians, officials said Tuesday.

Also Tuesday, Prime Minister Ariel Sharon made overtures to two religious parties to join his shaky coalition, a day after he made a similar offer to the moderate Labor Party, political sources said. In courting religious parties, Sharon apparently was trying to defuse opposition in his Likud Party to bringing in Labor.

The West Bank barrier is to run 425

miles. One-fourth has already been built. The changes will be made mainly in the section still in the planning stages.

Security officials said Tuesday that the planners' decisions were based on the criteria established by Israel's Supreme Court in a ruling last month, and that last week's world court decision on the barrier was not a factor.

Militants kill Bulgarian hostage; Iraqi police arrest hundreds in criminal sweep

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) - Militants in Iraq said they killed a captive Bulgarian truck driver and threatened to put another hostage to death in 24 hours, Al-Jazeera television reported Wednesday.

Jordanian militant Abu Musab al-Zarqawi's Tawhid and Jihad group said last week it would kill the two truck drivers if the United States did not release all Iraqi detainees by last Saturday.

The group earlier claimed responsibility for beheading of American businessman Nicholas Berg and South Korean translator Kim Sun-il. It is also blamed for attacks that killed 100 people ahead of the transfer of power to Iraqis last month.

In a video broadcast on Al-Jazeera, the group said it had carried out its threat against one of the men and would kill the other in 24 hours.

Three men with their faces covered by black masks stood over a kneeling hostage, identified by reporters as Georgi Lazov, 30.

The video contained the killing but it was not broadcast because it was too graphic, said Al-Jazeera spokesman Jihad Ballout. He declined to say how the killing was carried out.

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our nation's interest," presidential spokesman Ignacio Bunye said.

"It is not for us to judge and raise our voices now that Angelo's life hangs in the balance. This is the most sensitive point in the hostage crisis. We must unite behind Angelo's family, keep our peace and pray hard."

Seguis' TV appearance came after the militant group, Iraqi Islamic Army-Khaled bin Al-Waleed Corps, issued a statement at 11 a.m. EDT Monday that suddenly advanced a deadline for Philippine action on the group's demands and gave Manila only three hours to respond.

The deadline - the third since delacruz was seized July 7 - passed with no indication on his fate. His kidnapers said he had been moved to the place where he would be killed,

and Al-Jazeera aired a plea from the captive, asking Arroyo to yield to their demands.

Dela Cruz wore an orange garment similar to those worn by two other hostages who have been beheaded - American Nicholas Berg and South Korean Kim Sun-il. He asked that his body be sent to the Philippines for burial should he be killed.

Feliciano dela Cruz Jr., brother of the captive, woke up to the news that the deadline had lapsed.

"We don't know anything," he said, complaining about a government-mandated news blackout on tense negotiations with the kidnapers. "We are asking our president where our brother is."

Military spokesman Lt. Col. Daniel Lucero said a plan was in

place for a "phased pullout" from the three areas in central Iraq where the Filipinos are based.

"The troops have been prewarned that they may be asked at any time to move out," he said. "That means they should pack up. But we have not gotten the final order to go."

In his televised statement, Seguis also made a heartfelt plea to the kidnapers.

On behalf of the Philippines and delacruz's family, Seguis said, "I appeal to your compassion and mercy for his release."

Seguis, who was in Baghdad working to get delacruz freed, said that Islam was a religion of peace and compassion.

"I appeal to you and to your kind hearts as Muslims to please release

Angelo dela Cruz so that he can return to his family and children," he said.

Recognizing the fine line that Manila was taking to obtain delacruz's release while remaining one of Washington's closest supporters, Secretary of State Colin Powell called Arroyo.

"We applaud President Arroyo's decision not to give in to terrorists and not to agree to an early withdrawal of Filipino forces," State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said Monday.

But Arroyo's handling of the crisis has also drawn criticism. In a second day of protests demanding the Philippines pull out of Iraq, about 300 left-wing activists were dispersed by baton-wielding police outside Manila's Quiapo Church.

Former ECU student comes to Greenville to promote book

Minges holds signing for 'Slave Narratives'

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Patrick Minges, a former ECU student, has been traveling up and down the East Coast promoting his newest book, *Black Indian Slave Narratives*, the fruition of 15 years of research.

The first person narratives are from the point of view of Native Americans and African Americans. Minges had a plethora of narratives to read through.

"In the 1930s, The Work Progress Administration interviewed 2100 ex-slaves, I had to pull the narratives I used for my book out of all of these" said Minges.

Minges, also a former *TEC* writer, said, "Writing for *The East Carolinian* taught me about writing stories that were interesting to people. My first

book was a narrative history, and the second book is a collection of other people's stories. Being a writer for *The East Carolinian* taught me just that, stories."

Minges graduated from ECU with a masters in counseling. In 1986, he moved to New York City and began at Union Theological Seminary. Within that same year, he began working for Amnesty International (AI) USA in the communication department.

He also did publications and started producing books for AI. In 1997, he left AI to work at Human Rights Watch as the Director of Publications and was responsible for the publication of its research in print and electronic format.

Minges then got his doctorate in American Religious History from Union Theological Seminary and the focus of his research is on the interactions between African Americans and Native Americans in the 19th century.

"I have been lucky enough to

have participated in several groundbreaking conferences on the subject matter and have published several papers in journals and anthologies," said Minges.

"I have rewritten my dissertation as a book and it is being published by Routledge Press as *Slavery in the Cherokee Nation: The Keetoowah Society and the Defining of a People: 1855 - 1867* which was published in July of 2003."

Minges will be at Greenville's Barnes and Noble at 7 p.m. on July 16.

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Tom Krausman, left, wades through flood waters Monday in Maryland.

Heavy rain causes flooding along East Coast, more than 500 evacuated in New Jersey

(AP) — A foot or more of rain fell in parts of the Northeast, forcing hundreds from their homes, rupturing small dams and slowing Amtrak trains to a walk.

No injuries had been reported in the stricken areas of New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Maryland, but at least one woman had a harrowing rescue.

Tammy Spiese was trying to clear debris on her property near Reading, Pa., when rising water carried her into a drainage pipe. She had to be pulled out by her husband and a police officer.

"I was in the water up to my neck," said Spiese. "It was very powerful and I had to hold onto the rocks above."

South-central New Jersey was hit the hardest with at least five small dams rupturing during the night, said Kevin Tuno, the Burlington County emergency management coordinator. Many of the dams in the area hold small reservoirs in low-lying residential areas.

"We have a lot of houses and vehicles that were damaged," Tuno said Tuesday.

The heaviest rainfall in Burlington County was about 13 inches at Tabernacle, the National Weather Service said.

More than 500 county residents were evacuated from their homes

and from the roofs of cars stalled on flooded roads.

"First they started with one family and then another family and then it rapidly escalated," Tuno said.

Parts of northeastern Maryland got up to eight inches of rain that flooded streets and basements Monday, and some motorists had to be rescued when their cars stalled in deep water, officials said. Most of the water had subsided by Tuesday morning and major roads were reopened, said Harford County official Ernie Crist.

At least 15 Amtrak passenger trains were delayed Monday evening in Maryland, said spokesman Daniel Stessel. Water flowing over the tracks in many places forced north and southbound trains to slow to just two mph, or walking speed, he said.

An estimated six inches of rain fell in eastern Pennsylvania's Berks County, where firefighters used a boat to rescue three people and a dog trapped in two homes by Manatawny Creek, which rose about four feet in minutes.

Water and mud rushed into a bowling alley Monday at Pottsville in eastern Pennsylvania after a sodden embankment behind the building collapsed, and custodian John Bova and his wife hurried to open doors to let the flood out. Then they shut off the electricity and fled, he said.

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Bin Laden confidant turns himself in to Saudis

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia — A confidant of Osama bin Laden surrendered to Saudi diplomats in Iran and was flown to the kingdom Tuesday, a potentially valuable asset in the war on terror because of his closeness to the fugitive al-Qaida chief.

Khaled bin Ouda bin Mohammed al-Harby, a crippled sheik, was shown on Saudi TV being pushed in a wheelchair through the Riyadh airport. He is the most important figure to surface under a Saudi amnesty promising to spare the lives of militants who turn themselves in.

"Thank God, thank God ... I called the embassy and we were very well-received," al-Harby told Saudi TV in the airport terminal. "I have come obeying God, and obeying the (kingdom's) rulers."

Al-Harby — also known as Abu Suleiman al-Makky — is considered a sounding board for the al-Qaida chief rather than an operational planner for his terror network, a U.S. counterterrorism official said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Another U.S. official said al-Harby was not a senior member of al-Qaida. The official, who declined

to be identified, called him "an aging mujahideen."

Decades ago, al-Harby fought the Soviets in Afghanistan — reportedly alongside bin Laden — and it is believed he lost his legs there. Al-Harby was seen in a videotape that emerged about two months after Sept. 11, seated with bin Laden at a dinner where the al-Qaida leader talked about the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

At the gathering, bin Laden praised the Sept. 11 attacks and credited them with inspiring conversions to Islam.

"We calculated in advance the number of casualties from the enemy, who would be killed, based on the position of the tower. We calculated that the floors that would be hit would be three or four floors," bin Laden said on the tape.

"I was thinking that the fire from the gas in the plane would melt the iron structure of the building and collapse the area where the plane hit and all the floors above it only. This is all that we had hoped for."

In a statement, the Interior Ministry said al-Harby contacted

the Saudi Embassy in Tehran from the Iranian-Afghan border, where he was stranded. It was not disclosed what al-Harby was wanted for, and his name does not appear on the kingdom's list of 26 most-wanted militants.

Some al-Qaida operatives close to bin Laden — notably Khalid Shaikh Mohammed — have provided vital intelligence to U.S. officials seeking top terror suspects and clues to attack plots. However, he is in American custody, and it was not immediately clear how much access U.S. authorities would have to al-Harby or his interrogation.

Wearing traditional white robes and Arab headdress, al-Harby was carried off the plane before being put in a wheelchair. He was accompanied by his wife, dressed all in black, and their son, a Saudi security official said.

The Interior Ministry said al-Harby will be taken to a hospital for medical care. It did not elaborate on his condition.

Al-Harby is the third man to take advantage of the monthlong amnesty that King Fahd offered

militants on June 23. One of the other militants who surrendered under the amnesty is Othman Hadi Al Maqboul al-Amri, No. 21 on Saudi Arabia's most-wanted list.

Al-Harby described the amnesty as a "generous offer" and urged other militants to take advantage of it.

Separately, Interior Minister Prince Nayef acknowledged for the first time Tuesday that Saudis had infiltrated neighboring Iraq to join the insurgency against U.S.-led forces.

"Surely, there are Saudis," Prince Nayef told reporters late Monday of the foreign fighters detained in Iraq. "But the number, and how (they got in to Iraq) is not available to us now."

His statement came after repeated denials of Iraqi reports that Saudis are fighting in the insurgency.

Iraq's Human Rights Minister Bakhtiyar Amin said Monday there were 14 Saudis among 99 foreign fighters in detention. Also, Saudi newspapers have published obituaries and funeral reports for at least four Saudis said to have died fighting in Iraq.

Prince Nayef said hundreds of other militants have been detained and some have already been convicted in court. He did not provide exact numbers, but he said more trials were coming.

Nayef warned there would be no extension to the amnesty that expires July 23, and declared that the kingdom's fight against terror is not over.

Since May 2003, the country has suffered a series of suicide bombings, gun battles and kidnappings that tended to target foreign workers. The attacks have been blamed on al-Qaida and its sympathizers.

"There are still things we have to deal with, and we should not be surprised if anything happens," Nayef said. "We are totally prepared to face any emergency."

In Washington, State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said the Bush administration has been pressing for better border control. "We've worked for a long time with all the neighbors of Iraq to try to get better control at the borders," he said.

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Our View

With the recent findings by the Senate Intelligence Committee, we have to question what the government has been doing lately.

Like many Americans, we've been under the impression that the CIA and our government were the foremost leaders in intelligence gathering.

However, a report released by the Senate Intelligence Committee Friday accused the Bush administration of relying on false information from the CIA that detailed the potential threat of Iraq. According to the report, the administration used these false intelligence reports as justification for declaring war on Iraq.

The panel's Republican chairman said Congress might not have approved sending troops to Iraq, had lawmakers known the truth.

The committee's top Democrat agreed with the chairman, stating if the threat had been understood, the resolution to authorize war wouldn't have received sweeping approval.

With these recent findings, we have to question what the government has been doing lately.

Our confidence in the abilities of the CIA, the Pentagon and the Department of Defense to do their jobs is deeply shaken.

What disappoints us most is the agencies that were put in place to serve as a check and balance of the elected officials are failing us. They're becoming products of politics.

Democrats in the Senate are now calling for an investigation to examine whether the White House had manipulated the intelligence it received. We agree that it's time such an investigation took place.

Opinion Writer

Kerry shakes things up in preparation for November

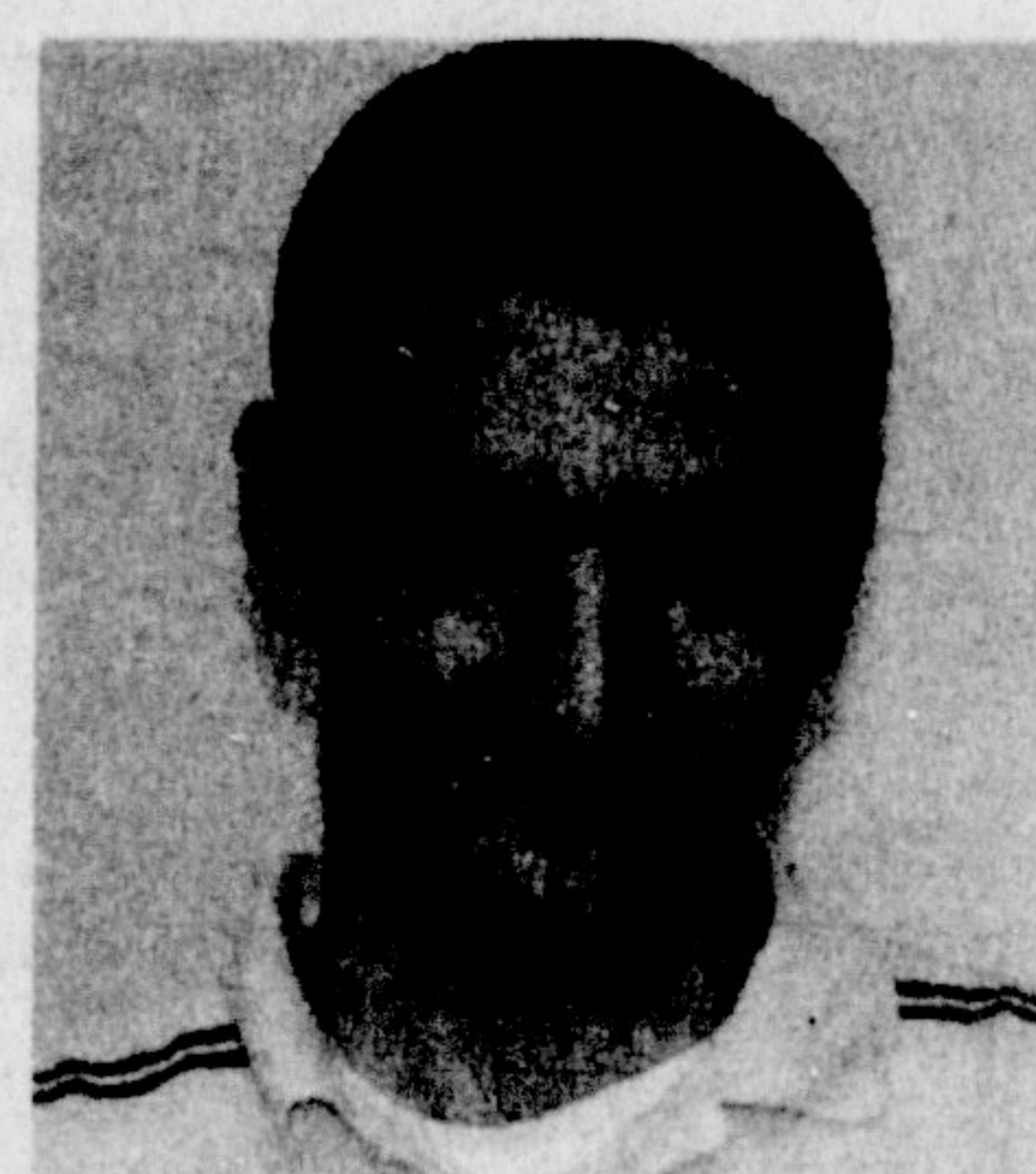
Democrats may still have hope in Edwards

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OPINION WRITER

My dear Mr. Kerry, I think you may be on to something.

It would appear that Democratic presidential nominee John Kerry has finally begun realizing a few things about himself. With his selection of senator John Edwards as his running mate, Kerry may finally be able to overcome the glaring deficiencies which the national press and the Republican power machine have been so generous in pointing out ever since his announcement that he would seek the highest office in the land.

Articles and opinions in right wing press outlets like the *Wall Street Journal* and the *Fox News Network* have so lambasted Kerry in the eyes of many voters that he is now more of a caricature than even our sitting president, George W. Bush, and that is saying



something. Kerry has also been widely criticized for his privileged upbringing and East Coast golden boy education credentials. Then, of course, there is Kerry himself.

Many people whom I have spoken to about this issue cite their mistrust of Kerry as their number one problem with the man. He does not always project an attitude of confidence and trustworthiness, an act that George W. Bush has been practicing since his days as a wild party boy in Houston and has sharpened to a fine point.

It's amazing how a person whose life experiences are so far removed from the experi-

ence of most Americans can be constantly portrayed as a hero to "average, hardworking Americans" and someone who "knows the values of America" (that quote appeared in one of the 16 major television ads run so far by the Bush campaign).

Both Kerry and Bush were brought up in a world where wealth and privilege were the norms, but Bush has been able to somehow de-emphasize that aspect of his past and recast himself as a champion of rights and interests of average Americans. This brings us to the point - Kerry has chosen a man who is known to possess many of the qualities he himself may be lacking.

Edwards grew up relatively poor in rural South Carolina and earned a law degree without the help of rich parents and influential relatives. He is almost blindingly charismatic, his ever-present campaign grin and youthful demeanor appearing to invigorate Kerry simply through his presence. Edwards has a solid voting record in Congress and is a

highly popular senator among North Carolinians. He has two small, cherubic-looking children and a very supportive wife.

If all goes well, he will be exploiting both of them on a daily basis to maximize their public relations value in the next five months - welcome to American politics in the 21st century.

John Edwards was a smart decision for the Kerry campaign, one that I thought would have come much sooner. For all of its money and political influence, there is one thing I fear the Bush/Cheney campaign may be lacking in the eyes of American voters come November - trust. I suppose that is to be expected, though, when you lie and exaggerate to the American people for four straight years and make a laughingstock of the sanctity of government.

Bush has to go, and with the help of his newfound ally, Kerry might just be able to make it happen. Here's to hoping.

Opinion Writer

Pro-abortion activists argue on false court information

'Landmark' court case based on deception

ANTHONY MCKEE
OPINION WRITER

Approximately 4,000 die every day - that's more than 1 million dead each year. Compounded over the years, that's more than 40 million human beings killed. That is more than all the deaths - civilian and military - during all of World War II.

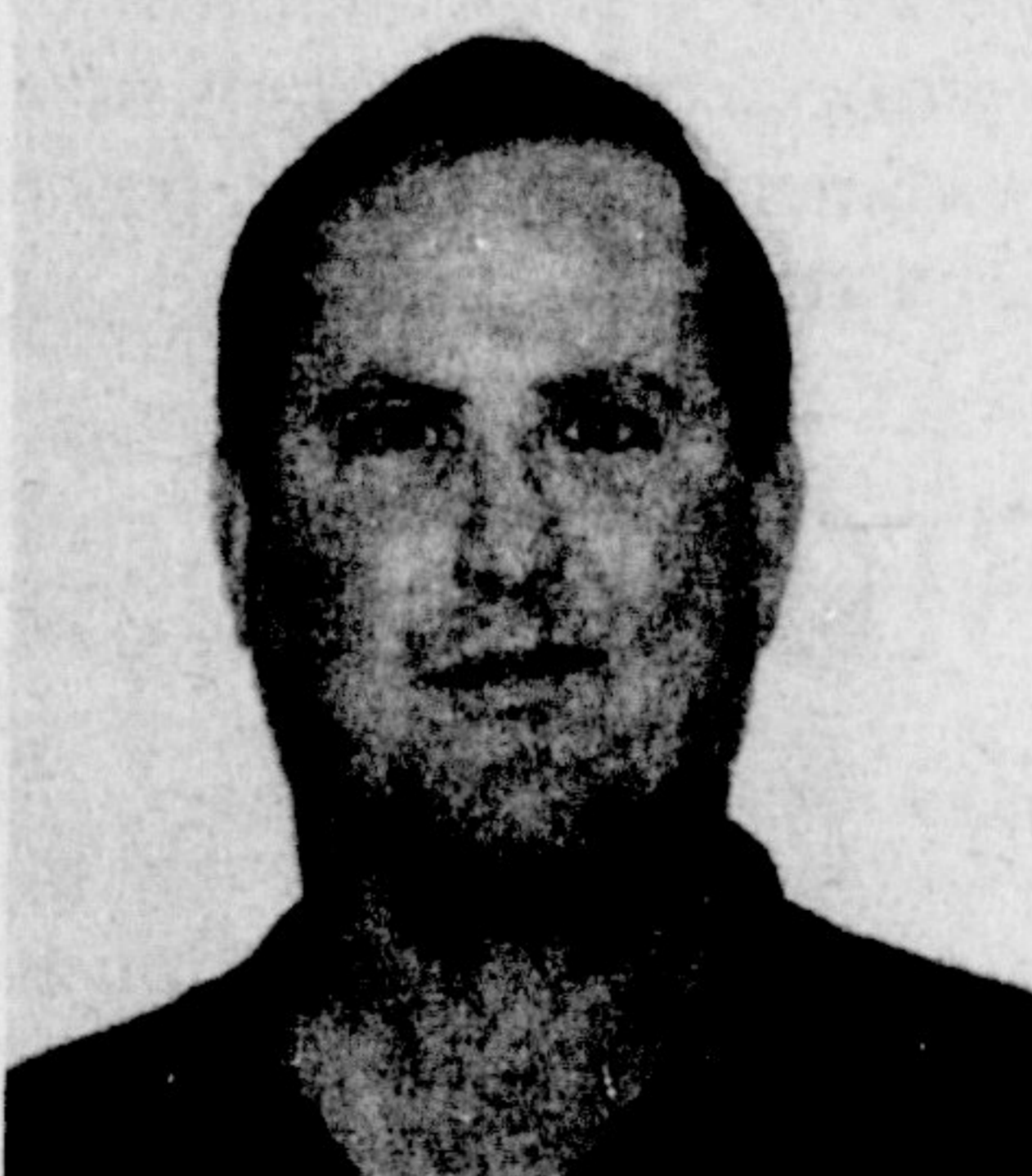
I am talking about the number of children killed through abortions in the United States - and just the United States.

My opinion of abortion is simple - it's infanticide.

Before anyone starts spewing things such as "it's my choice" or "stay out of my uterus," read on.

While ways of aborting children have been around since ancient times, the whole issue here has been based on lies by abortion proponents, starting with *Roe v. Wade*.

The plaintiff in *Roe v. Wade*, Norma McCorvey (*Roe*), admitted later that her statement of



becoming pregnant after being gang raped was a lie. This was a fact that her lawyers knew and chose to overlook. Therefore, the basis for suing for the right to have an abortion was based on a lie.

Incidentally, McCorvey never had the abortion she supposedly sued for. She gave the child up for adoption. In addition to that, in 1995, she stated she was going to spend the rest of her life working against abortion.

So, the "landmark" decision making abortion legal through the second trimester, was knowingly argued with false information. The case of *Doe v. Bolton* is another example of this tactic.

The original "Doe" in this case was a pregnant woman who

went to the Atlanta Legal Aid and was "encouraged" to file suit in exchange for assistance with a divorce and child custody proceedings. She never wanted an abortion, nor did she get one.

Not wanting to be deterred by such a minor detail as the truth, a Legal Aid lawyer named Margie Pitts Hames decided to replace the original "Doe" with another pregnant woman, Sandra Cano.

Like the original "Doe," Cano did not want an abortion. The only way that she became part of the case is because Hames and her associates tricked her into signing whatever papers were put in front of her in exchange for help with her divorce. Hames also offered to help Cano pay for the abortion - she was willing to kill another woman's child to further her cause. Fortunately for Cano and her baby, she ran away before she could be coerced.

To make a long story short, Hames and her supporters argued a case they knew was based on total lies before the Supreme Court of the United States. Their actions resulted in the decision by the court that opened abortion

up to the moment of birth to protect the "health" of the mother. In this instance, "health" was defined as physical, emotional, economic, etc.

Two cases that changed the political, social and moral landscape of our country were fabricated for the political and personal reasons of a small group of people. In an ironic twist, the same groups that foisted these bogus cases on the court now demand they abide by the arguably illegal decisions that resulted.

The direct result of the actions of a few amoral, unethical individuals has been the murder of more than 40 million of our fellow Americans and many millions more worldwide with no end in sight. The ultimate indirect consequences of the killing of so many children could be just as grave however, if not more so.

Consider the following story:

Mother Teresa was asked by a young person why God had not sent us a cure for AIDS.

Her reply?

He may well have, but we aborted it.

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Horoscopes

Aries (March 21-April 19) - Take care of the folks back home by venturing farther than ever before.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) - The best conversations are the ones that come naturally when you're gathered with the ones you love, in a place where you're all relaxed.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) - Continue to ask questions, but then don't sit around waiting for somebody else to come up with the correct answers.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Follow through on paperwork associated with money, like rebates, coupons and sales. Indications are that you can profit from doing extra reading.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - You're thinking more quickly than most other people, and moving more rapidly, too.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - They say to let your conscience be your guide. That's a great suggestion, especially when your conscience is hollering at you the way yours is now.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - Get your team together and decide on an objective. Then, help your teammates win the prize. Don't worry about an older person with no sense of humor.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Are you willing to say what has to be said to the person who ought to know? Your loyalty could be rewarded, but be careful.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Important information can be gathered now, so ask questions. **Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** - Ask questions before you spend your money.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Listen attentively to another person's plans. He or she has the enthusiasm and you have the technical skill.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - Give the job your full attention for just a little while longer. The manual labor should be done by tomorrow, and all you'll have left is the cleanup.

Summer theatre closes with a bang

'Smokey Joe's Café' pays tribute to greatest songs of 1950s and 1960s

RASHENA DRAUGHN
 STAFF WRITER

"Hound Dog," "Kansas City," "Love Potion #9," "Stand By Me" and "Jailhouse Rock" are just a few of the greatest hits of the 1950s and 1960s and are on the menu at *Smokey Joe's Café*. The ECU/Loessin Summer Theatre will be putting on its third and final production in a series of All-American shows.

The series started with *Damn Yankees*. The second show was *Always...Patsy Cline*. The series will conclude with *Smokey Joe's Café*, a musical revue of Jerry Leiber and Mike Stoller's music. *Smokey Joe's Café's* songs were made popular by artists like Elvis Presley, The Coasters, The Drifters, Ben E. King and Peggy Lee. Leiber and Stoller were said to be the Rogers and Hammerstein of rock n' roll.

Leiber and Stoller's songs provide the basis for electrifying entertainment that illuminates the golden age of American culture. In an idealized 1950s setting, the classic themes of love won, lost and imagined blend and radiate throughout the show. The show features nearly 40 of the greatest songs ever recorded. However, *Smokey Joe's Café* isn't just great pop music, it's compelling musical theatre.

Leiber and Stoller began writing songs together as teens one summer in the early 1950s. They rocked the

music world by constantly mixing R&B and pop. Their songs went to the top of the charts and they started a record label, Red Bird, where they would go on to influence several artists.

The show features 11 students in the theatre arts program including, Jordan Barwick, Lindsey Bramham, Kathryn Engleke, Nikki Jenkins, Amanda Kay, Timothy McNeill, Candice Rogers, Lisanne Shaffer, Michael Tahaney, Michael Thomas and Dowler Young.

The featured guest artist is Glenn Townsend. Townsend is a professional actor who has performed *Pacific Overtures: Jump N' Jive* with Peter Nero and Philly Pops and European tours with the Harlem Gospel Singers. He has also performed in opera choruses such as *Porgy and Bess*. Townsend is well spoken of in the theatre department.

"Glenn has a beautiful deep bass voice," said Jeff Woodruff, managing director for the school of theatre and dance.

Smokey Joe's Café includes a five-piece orchestra, which is made up of a guitar, electric keyboard, bass, saxophone and a drum set. You are sure to be entertained by the music, as well as the dance numbers. With an expanded cast to include dancers and a great set, it's a family-friendly show that everyone can enjoy.

The show will run July 20 - 24 at the McGinnis Theatre located on campus behind the Wright Building. Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased through the Central



Contributed Photo

The cast of *Smokey Joe's Café* pose around guest artist Glenn Townsend during a rehearsal for the play.

Ticket Office on the first floor of Mendenhall. It is open Monday - Friday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on weekends 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. Tickets can also be purchased at the McGinnis Theatre box office, which is located at 106 Messick and only open on performance days from 5 p.m. to curtain time. Tickets for the general public are \$30 and student tickets are \$15.

The theatre department is optimistic about the show. They are hoping it will go over well with the fans.

"I'm really excited about it. It's a really fun show," Woodruff said.

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Smokey Joe's

Who: ECU/Loessin Summer Theatre

What: *Smokey Joe's Café*

When: July 20 - 24 at 8 p.m.
 *Saturday at 2 p.m and 8 p.m.

Where: McGinnis Theatre

Tickets: Public - \$30,
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Stepping stone to stardom: ECU's 'Smokey Joe's Café'

One actress' journey into world of musical theatre

NIKKI JENKINS
 STAFF WRITER

It wasn't until the ripe old age of 23 that I discovered my passion in life. I had just earned a degree in genetics from the University of Maryland, but found laboratory research far from fulfilling.

So I returned to my hometown of Greenville, NC, and began attending ECU to study something I had always loved - music.

During my first year, I struggled to find my niche. I tried everything from opera to jazz to liturgical

music. I even traveled to Atlanta, Ga. to audition for "American Idol" (with no luck). Still, I couldn't find a perfect fit. One day, I saw a television ad about auditions for the Farmville Paramount Theatre's production of *Footloose*. I auditioned on a whim - much to my surprise, I earned a principle role. I had so much fun doing the show that I realized musical theatre was my "thing." I had found a new goal - to become a Broadway star.

Of course, a dream that big could not be achieved overnight. I knew I'd have to take it one step at a time. My first step was to change my major from vocal performance to musical theatre and begin taking acting and dance classes along with my voice lessons. I also did a lot of personal research on musical theatre - reading books, watching shows and talking to people with experience in the business. I continued to audition for other shows, which eventually led to a leading role

in a local production of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*.

However, the biggest step occurred when I saw the announcements about ECU's auditions for the theatre department's summer production of three popular musicals from the 1950s: *Damn Yankees*, *Always...Patsy Cline* and *Smokey Joe's Café*. It sounded like a great opportunity. I was especially interested in *Smokey Joe's Café*, a rock n' roll music revue. Still, this wasn't a small-scale show at a local theatre. Was I good enough for a professional-level musical at a top university?

Despite my fears, I wasn't about to let this opportunity slip through my fingers. With the help of my voice teacher, I picked two appropriate songs and practiced them until they were strong audition pieces. I also had to memorize some lines from *Damn Yankees* for the acting portion of the audition. By the time the audition date arrived, I was ready. I sang my two songs

and read some lines before a panel of four faculty members of the theatre department. Needless to say, I was nervous. Still, I felt the audition went very well. Apparently, the panel felt that way too. Within the week, I received a phone call offering me a role in *Smokey Joe's Café*. After a few joyful squeals, I accepted.

It is now July and the 12-member cast of *Smokey Joe's Café* is hard at work putting the show together. We practice music and choreography from 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Monday through Saturday. It's hard work, but I am loving every minute of it. I've learned so much just from rehearsals, and I can't wait until the show opens. My experience with *Smokey Joe's Café* is an important step on my path to stardom.

Look out, Broadway, here I come!

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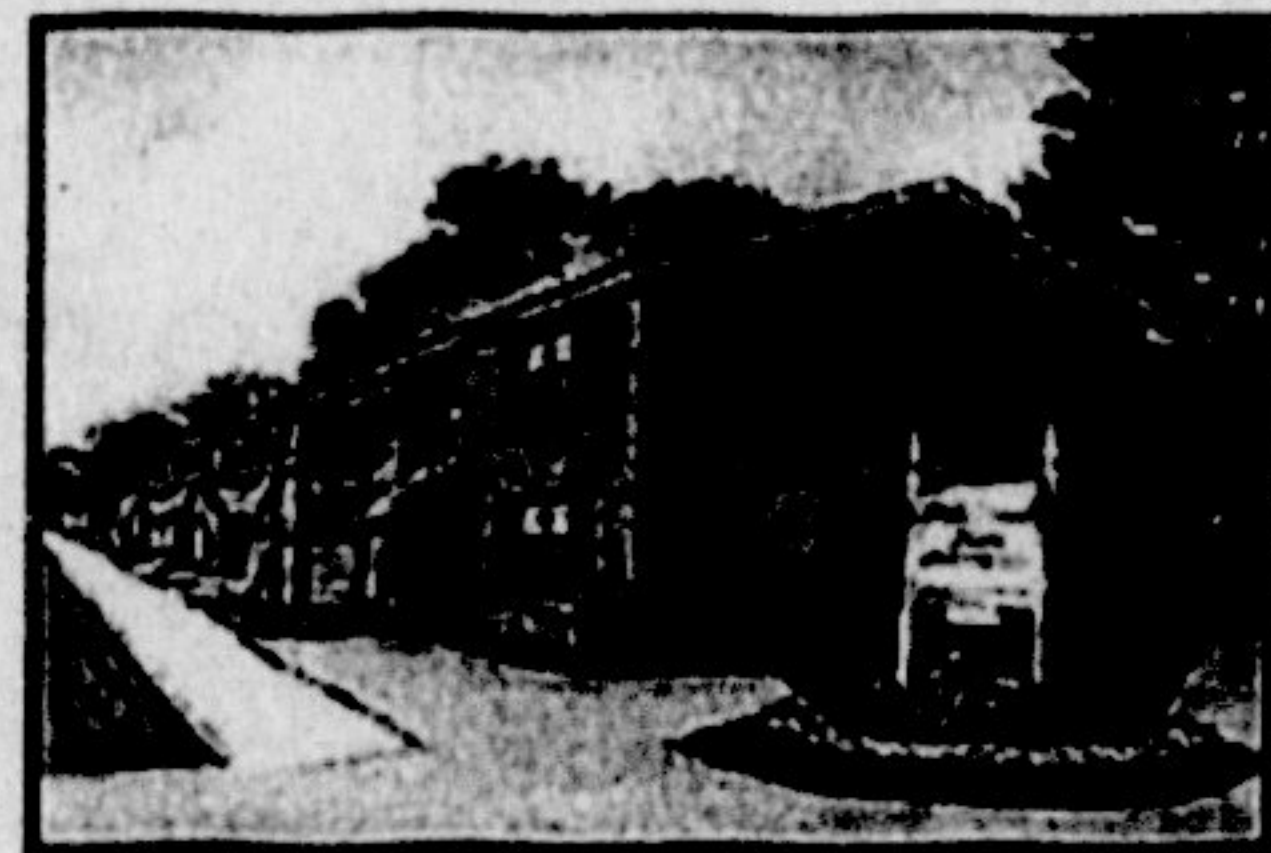
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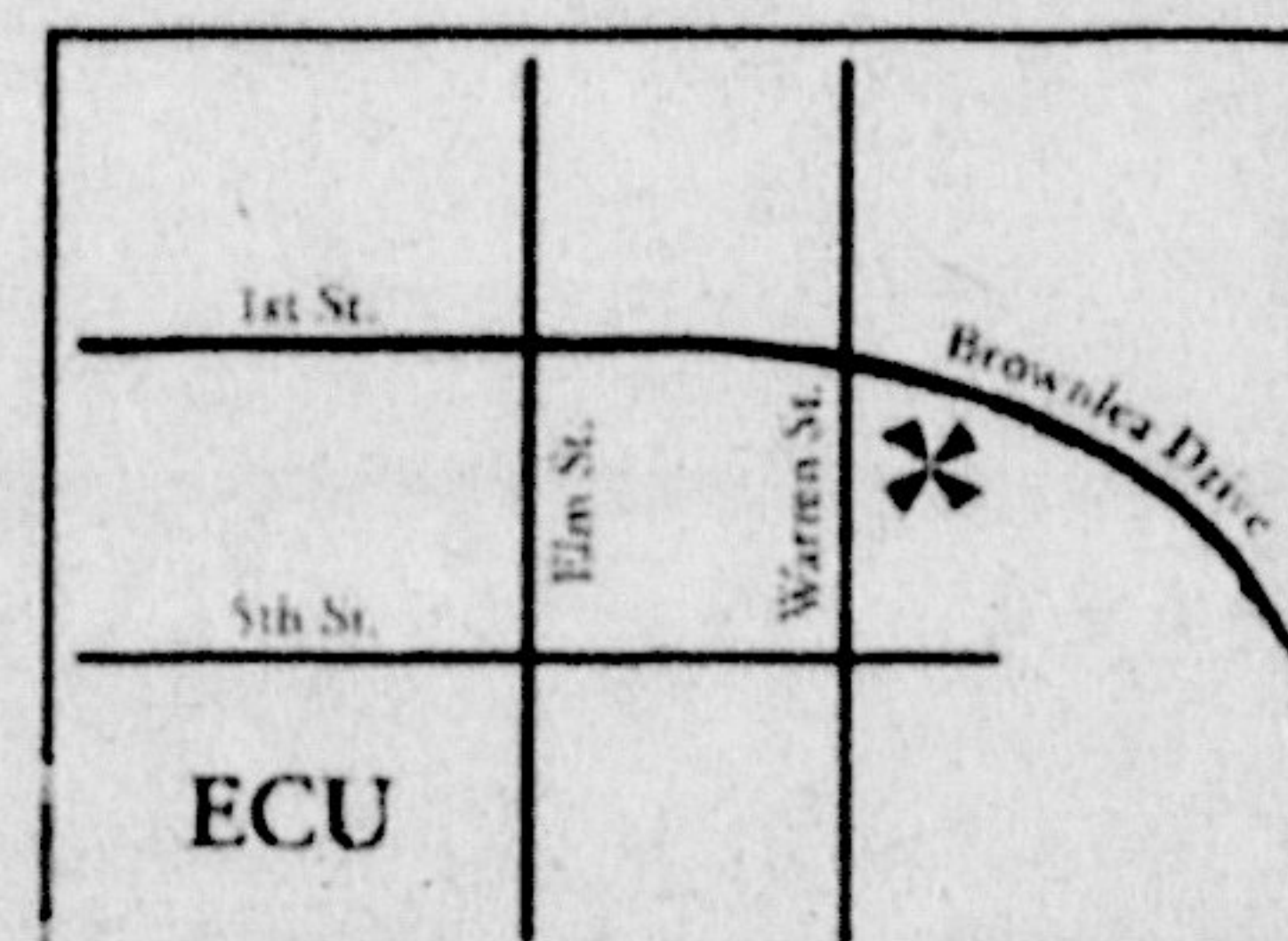
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Translucent concrete lets the light shine through

WASHINGTON (AP) — It used to be only Superman who could see through concrete walls, but an exhibit at the National Building Museum shows mere mortals can do it too.

Called "Liquid Stone," the show features variations of translucent concrete, a newfangled version of the old construction standby that offers a combination of aesthetics and practicality.

One display is a wall of translucent concrete blocks. When someone stands in front of it and light is shone from behind, the person's shadow can be seen clearly on the other side.

"I think it's beautiful in itself, so it might be attractive in a restaurant or a hotel," said G. Martin Moeller Jr., the museum's senior vice president.

"But it might also be used in an indoor fire escape where you wanted light to come through in case of a power failure. It could become a lifesaver."

The translucent blocks are made by mixing glass fibers into the combination of crushed stone, cement and water, varying a process that has been used for centuries to produce a versatile building material. The process was devised by Hungarian architect Aron Losonczy in 2001.

"The idea came from a work of art I saw in Budapest," he said in a telephone interview from southeast Hungary.

"It was made of glass and ordinary concrete, and the idea of combining the two struck me. Then I went to Stockholm to do post-graduate work in architecture and it developed there."

One of the first demonstrations was a sidewalk in Stockholm made of thin sheets of translucent concrete. It looks like an ordinary sidewalk by day, but is illuminated at night by lights under it.

A company in Aachen, Germany, called LiTraCon for "light transmitting concrete," makes translucent blocks and plans to have them market-ready this year. Andreas Bittis, in charge of marketing, said that thus far, they have mainly been used in demonstration projects, such as the Stockholm sidewalk.

Bittis has many ideas for practical uses. "Think of illuminating subway stations with daylight," he suggested in an e-mail. Or using the concrete for speed bumps and lighting them from below to make them more visible at night.

Translucent concrete is strong enough for the uses for traditional concrete, and chemical additives can greatly increase the strength. Moeller pointed out, however, that until demand increases, experimentation continues and production costs fall, the price of any new product will be significantly higher than similar older products.

Will Wittig, who teaches architecture at the University of Detroit Mercy, has developed concrete panels shown in the exhibit that in some places are only a tenth of an inch thick. He said he has ideas about an all-concrete building, part of which would consist of ordinary opaque concrete and the translucent kind.

Inventor Thomas A. Edison had the idea of an all-concrete house almost a century ago. Though he worked on it for years and spent a lot of money, the idea never caught on.

Today's concrete buildings have skeletons of steel, but Moeller said that could become obsolete with the development of a recently invented self-reinforcing concrete, though that may be many years off.

The Lafarge Group, a French firm that says it is the world's largest producer of concrete, sponsored the exhibit and is showing off a recent variety called "Ductal" that does not need steel reinforcement. The exhibit shows how a light rail terminal has been built in Calgary, Alberta, almost entirely of Ductal, with concrete arches spanning 20 feet and the concrete only a quarter-inch thick.

A smooth-textured, tubular sample is shown in the exhibit. Known to the museum staff as "the pretzel," it looks like a long and hopelessly tangled garden hose.

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Underground TV: The beauty of 'The Beast'

(KRT) — TV critics often call television "The Monster" or "The Beast." That's because, with all the cable and satellite options out there, it just keeps coming at you. The tapes pile up on our desks, near our TVs and sometimes in our kitchen cabinets.

So what are we, and probably you, missing? There are a lot of little shows on little networks that get very little attention. We're not talking about cable hits like "Nip/Tuck" and "The Daily Show" here but about more offbeat, underground shows that have managed to develop small but hard-core fan bases, which doesn't necessarily mean they're good.

This overview is hardly comprehensive, but if you're looking for a new show to latch onto, here's your chance. Warning — cable companies being what they are, some of these shows might not be available on your cable system.

AIRLINE

Take a trip into the friendly, and often unfriendly, skies with this reality series which chronicles the joys and frustrations of Southwest Airlines employees who deal with drunken passengers, malodorous fliers, the occasional celebrity and other disparate disgruntled types. It'll make you appreciate that bag of peanuts even more. 9 p.m. Mondays, A&E

CLASS OF XX

Biography Channel just kicked off this show, which highlights what the channel calls "break-out" years for certain celebrities. OK, so the first year was 1988 and Dustin Hoffman was one of the "breakouts," even though his breakthrough year was really 1967. Guess any success after "Ishtar" is a breakout. We love time-warp stuff like this, however, so we'll grant the show artistic license. 8 p.m. Tues-

days, Biography Channel
CLEAN SWEEP

If you're the kind of person who worries about letting the newspapers stack up or about not having enough shelf space for your books, this show should make you take heart. At least you're not the guy who had about 10 computers, not all of which worked, that he wouldn't throw out.

An organization team comes in to help people like this, and often tough love is needed to get the job done. When you see what some folks accumulate, you'll realize that obsessive-compulsiveness and neatness don't always go hand-in-hand. 5 p.m. weekdays, 7 p.m. Saturdays, TLC

THE GRAHAM NORTON EFFECT

BBC America fans know the puckish Norton from "So Graham Norton," a talk show during which the British comedian would do, well, just about anything. Celebrity guests either go along with Norton or look stunned at what they've stumbled into.

Time will tell if the tamer standards of U.S. television, even on Comedy Central, lessen a little of Norton's bite, but it should be fun finding out if it does. 9 p.m. Thursdays, Comedy Central

MXC

That's short for Most Extreme Elimination Challenge, a Japanese stunt-game show imported for the use of the juvenile minds at Spike TV, which is having quite the field day with the show. Note: Don't try any of this at home. 9 p.m. Thursdays, Spike

MYTHBUSTERS

Adam Savage and Jamie Hyneman, who look like nerds trying to be cool, get to be cool anyway as they poke holes in urban legends, complete with experiments to see if certain legends ever "could" work. 9 p.m. Thursdays, Discovery

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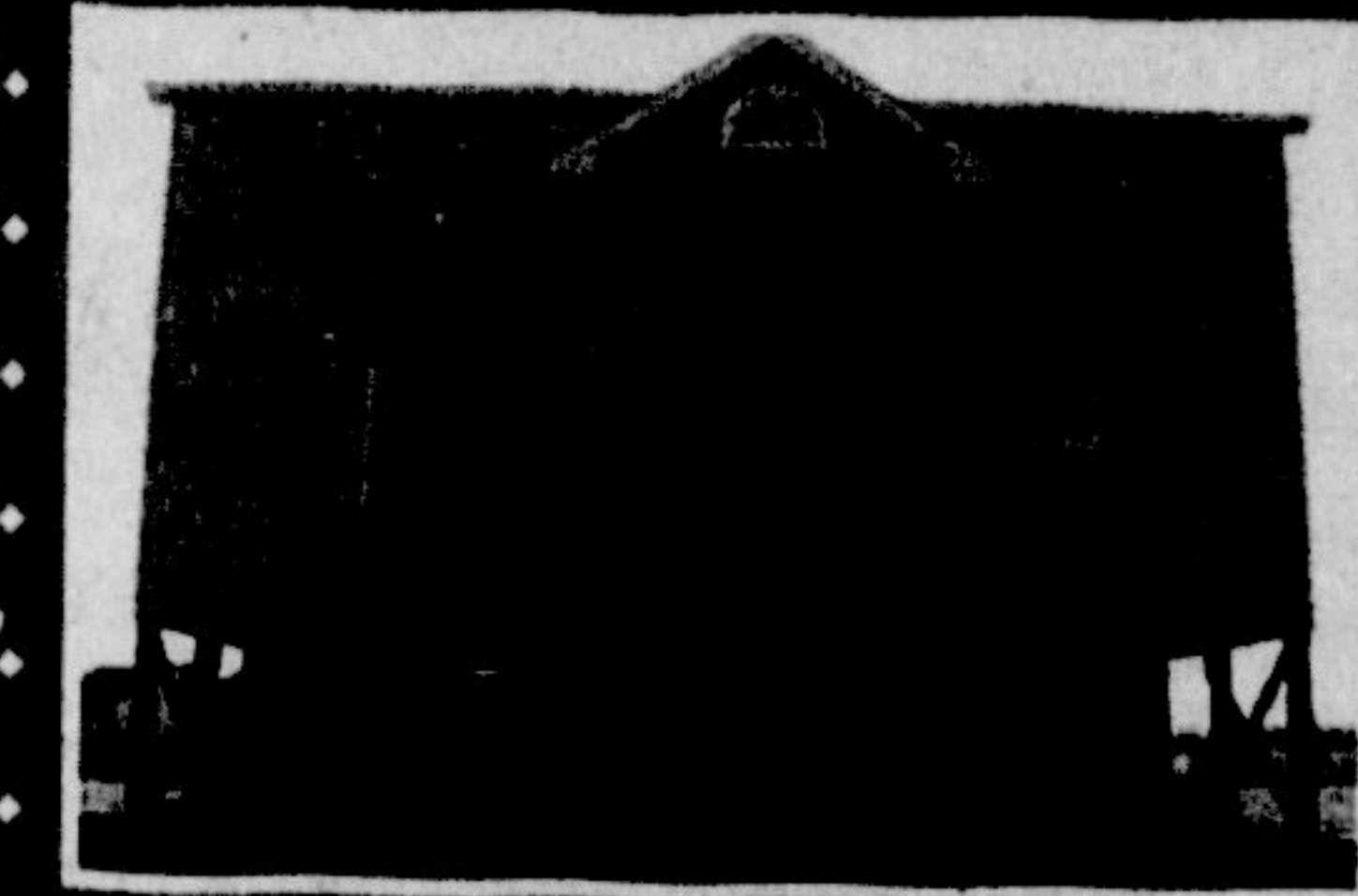
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IN THEATRES THIS WEEK

Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy - When feminism marches into the newsroom in the form of ambitious newswoman Veronica Corningstone, Ron is willing to play along at first - as long as Veronica stays in her place, covering cat fashion shows, cooking, and other "female" interests. But when Veronica refuses to settle for being eye candy and steps behind the news desk, it's more than a battle between two perfectly coiffed anchor-persons ... it's war. PG-13



Cinderella Story - Modern-day comedy set in Southern California's San Fernando Valley about a young and slightly dorky high school student who goes through a transformation to become one of the hottest girls in school. PG Movie comes to theatres July 16.

Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story

- In this raucous comedy, a small local gym is threatened with extinction by a gleaming sports and fitness palace unless a group of social rejects can rise to victory in a dodgeball competition. PG-13

Fahrenheit 9/11 - Filmmaker Michael Moore examines the events of 9/11 and the political landscape surrounding the attack. R

Garfield - In his film debut Garfield's owner, Jon, takes in sweet but dimwitted pooch Odie, turning Garfield's perfect world upside down. But when the hapless pup disappears and is kidnapped by a nasty dog trainer, Garfield, maybe for the first time in his life, feels responsible. PG

I, Robot - I, Robot is a thriller in which a detective investigates a crime that might have been perpetrated by a robot - even though this futuristic society's "Three Laws of Robotics" dictate that such an event is an

impossibility. PG-13 Movie comes to theatres July 16.



King Arthur - The Roman Empire has begun to crumble, and England has been torn apart by territorial tribes clamoring to rule all the lands. It is up to Arthur and his ragtag group of warriors, including Lancelot and worthy fighter Guenivere, to unify the country and bring peace. PG-13

Shrek 2 - A sequel to DreamWorks' hugely successful original, the story opens with Shrek and Fiona returning from their honeymoon to find a letter from Fiona's parents inviting the happy couple to dinner. Mom and Dad heard their daughter had wed, but assumed she married Prince Charming. They are a bit shocked when they meet their new son-in-law. PG

Sleepover - In the summer before their freshman year in high school, Julie (Alexa Vega) has a slumber party with her best friends, Hannah, Yancy and Farrah - and they end up having the adventure of their lives. In an attempt to cast off their less-than-cool reputations once and for all, Julie and her friends enter into an all-night scavenger hunt against their "popular girl" rivals. PG

Spider-Man 2 - Peter must face new challenges as he struggles to cope with the gift and the curse of his powers while balancing his dual identities as the elusive superhero Spider-Man and life as a college student. PG-13

The Notebook - A young woman comes to the coastal town of Seabrook, North Carolina in the 1940s to spend the summer with her family. Still in her teens, Allie Hamilton (Rachel McAdams) meets local boy Noah Calhoun (Ryan Gosling) at a Carnival. Over the course of one passionate and carefree summer in the South, the two fall deeply in love. PG-13

The Terminal - Tom Hanks stars as an air traveler inadvertently exiled to JFK airport after a coupe in his homeland erases the validity of his passport. He finds himself the victim of bureaucratic red tape and is forced to take up residence in the terminal. PG-13

White Chicks - Shawn and Marlon Wayans play two ambitious but unlucky FBI agents who go deep undercover as female, high society debutantes to infiltrate the sophisticated world of the Hamptons in order to investigate a kidnapping ring. PG-13

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Sports Briefs

ECU student-athletes excel outside athletic arena

ECU student-athletes have not only exhibited great athletic success during the past year, but have also excelled in the classroom and contributed greatly to the community. For the 2004 spring semester, 45 percent of ECU student-athletes recorded a 3.0 or better grade point average. Nine teams had a team GPA of 3.0 or higher during the semester, which represents an increase from seven teams from the 2003 spring semester.

Official thinks Expos will move

Baseball's No. 2 official expressed confidence Monday that the Montreal Expos will move before the 2005 season, but wouldn't set a new deadline for a decision. The Expos were bought by the other 29 teams before the 2002 season. Baseball at first hoped for a decision by July 2002, but later pushed it back to the 2003 All-Star break and then to this year's break. The bidding areas have said in recent weeks that they think a decision could be made by late July or early August.

Dolphins' Thomas expected back before regular season

Miami Dolphins middle linebacker Zach Thomas may miss a couple of exhibition games, but is expected to be 100 percent by the start of the regular season following arthroscopic knee surgery. Thomas hurt his left knee during drills Thursday and underwent surgery Friday to repair torn cartilage. He faces a six-week rehabilitation and is expected to be available for the final two preseason games, his agent said Saturday. Thomas, a five-time Pro Bowler, has led the Dolphins in tackles seven of the past eight years.

Pirates earn preseason honors

BRENT WYNNE
STAFF WRITER

If the Pirate nation is looking for a good omen for the upcoming football season, one need look no further than the list of Pirate football players who were honored as some of the best in the nation and conference based on preseason projections.

A theme of sorts has developed for Pirate punters over the last 10 years. ECU football seems to perpetuate great punter after punter and this year's leg, Ryan Dougherty, is no exception to the trend. Dougherty was named by Phil Steele as the seventh-ranked punter in the nation, as well as being named to the preseason first team all-conference by six different publications, including *Sporting News*.

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ECU fans will be watching a number of players vie for top individual honors at their respective positions.

Football season hinges on pivotal games

Pirates back to a traditional all-Saturday schedule

ERIC GILMORE
STAFF WRITER

The ECU football team's schedule finally takes a more traditional route than in seasons past. Though it wasn't unusual for the Pirates to play on a Tuesday or Thursday night for increased television exposure, all games this season fall on Saturdays. The Pirates will also not play on Friday night, which, in the past, caused an uproar with high schools from around the state.

The Pirates are slated to play 10 of the same opponents as they did in last year's campaign. The only newcomer to the schedule is the most anticipated, a Nov. 27 showdown in the Bank of America Stadium in Charlotte with rival NC State.

Heading into fall practice, the Pirates are still in the process of learning a new offensive system under new offensive coordinator Noah Brindise.

The Pirates will have to improve on a dismal offensive 2003 season where they only averaged 18.1 points per game, putting them 107th nationally. The tailback position would be the best bet for the scoring to improve. ECU is one of only three college teams in the nation to have two former 1,000-yard-rushers on its team in Marvin Townes and Art Brown.

However, the lack of an established quarterback and an inexperienced crop of wide receivers and offensive line could deter the Pirates from being among the country's scoring leaders as they were for most of the Steve Logan era.

In contrast to the offense, the defense has a considerable amount

of experience. Six starters are returning from a team that finished 84th in total defense. An energetic Jerry Odom saw his young group blossom over the course of the season especially in the secondary, where the Pirates finished 31st in pass defense.

Linebacker Chris Moore is the nation's leading returning tackler. Moore will anchor the linebackers while freshman All-Conference cornerback Erode Jean will lead the secondary.

The run defense remains a question mark. The Pirates only return one starter on the defensive line in Guy Whimper. The Pirates will need to put pressure on the opposing quarterbacks in Odom's blitzing schemes. Below is a quick breakdown of the four most pivotal games of the season.

ECU at West Virginia

Last year, many Pirate fans did not know what to expect coming into the first game under the John Thompson era. The result was a 33-point loss at the hands of conference opponent Cincinnati on national television. This year will be much the same.

However, what the Pirates and their fans will know is that West Virginia is loaded. The Mountaineers have been ranked as high as fourth in some preseason publications. Coach Rich Rodriguez, in his fourth year at the helm of WVU, has his faithful fans expecting a terrific season.

The Pirates will have to contain quarterback Rasheed Marshall and the multiple formations that the Mountaineers will throw at the Pirates. Marshall directed 65 plays last year for a whopping 555 yards. Most of the yards came on the ground where West Virginia consistently has one of the best offensive lines in the nation. JUCO transfer Kay-Jay Harris will likely be the featured back.

ECU will also have to contain star receiver Chris Henry. Henry is coming off a season where he averaged 24.5 yards per catch with 10 touchdowns. Erode Jean will likely be matched with Henry. In order for ECU to pull the upset, the Pirate offense will have to control the ball with the ground game. It will be no easy task considering the Mountaineers have never lost to the Pirates in Morgantown.

ECU vs. Wake Forest

The Pirates have dropped three in a row to the Demon Deacons and have never beaten Head Coach Jim Grobe during his tenure at Wake Forest. Steve Logan's 1998 squad beat Grobe while he was the head coach at Ohio University.

The Pirates last defeated Wake Forest at home in 1997 on a last second two point conversion thanks to a reception by then running back Scott Harley.

The task will not be an easy one for the Pirates who committed five turnovers last year, which led to 17 Wake Forest points.

James Pinkney, the likely starter at quarterback, will have to limit the interceptions because lockdown cornerback Eric King will be looking to better his three interception total of 2003.

The Pirate defense will have a tough time containing the many confusing formations Grobe implements in his offense. It will be imperative that the ECU defense recognizes who has the ball and where the exchanges are made. Adding to the problem will be quarterback Cory Randolph, running back Chris Barclay and senior wide receiver Jason Anderson.

The Pirates will be gunning for their first home win since November 23, 2002, the longest home drought

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The Disc Golf Diaries

Came up short again

ROBERT LEONARD
STAFF WRITER

I had a hot streak of playing well and finishing well in tournaments last fall. I was hoping to continue that streak this summer and finally get that Phil Mickelson tag off my shoulder.

As I have pointed out in every article, my playing has been below par – about the only thing under par this summer. Going into the tournament this weekend in Burlington, I was concentrating on a fresh start, maybe put four rounds of golf together and compete for the win.

I will kill all the suspense right now and let the cat out of the bag – I did not win this weekend. I was not concerned about where I finished, I just wanted to play golf like I know I can. I finally put four rounds of golf together this summer.

The tournament was the Alamance County Pro-Am at gorgeous Cedarock Park. The park has a monstrous 20-hole course mainly in a field, and a technical short course in the woods. We would play a different set of tees at each course, so every round was different. My worst finish in a four PDGA tournament came in this tournament last year, so I was out for revenge on the course.

The first round was like something you ride at Bush Gardens – an up-and-down roller coaster. I started on a 415-foot par three, where my tee shot would land somewhere within about four feet of the basket for a drop-in birdie. That's the up part

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Hot demand for all things Maria

BRADENTON, Fla. (KRT) — The next place you might see Maria Sharapova is on a Wheaties box. Or on television extolling the virtues of a mobile telephone that works in a pinch.

She's bound to show up on the pages of countless magazines and on billboards, selling everything from beauty products to sports equipment to the latest fashions.

Can a Maria Sharapova bobble head doll be far behind?

Deciding what products, services and causes the 17-year-old Wimbledon champion will endorse is a pleasant issue, but an issue nonetheless for her management team at IMG.

In the matter of a fortnight (give or take a couple days), the 6-foot blond Russian who calls Bradenton home has emerged from her cocoon as a butterfly of dazzling beauty and allure.

"She is one of those special people in my business where you sit back and answer the phones," said Keith Kreiter, the founder and president of the Chicago-based athlete representation and marketing firm, Edge Sports International Inc.

"There is not a whole lot of proactive work that needs to be done on her behalf.

"Women's tennis has been looking for a new hero, a fresh face and she embodies everything marketers and mainstream corporations are looking for. She is beautiful, young, very well spoken and her story is quite remarkable," Kreiter said.

"I think her (annual) marketing revenue could exceed eight figures in the near future, not only with national deals but international companies with worldwide reach. That is where the numbers can get quite exciting."

If Sharapova keeps winning during the next several years, her avowed goal is to be No. 1 in women's tennis. She already has four professional tournament titles and her endorsement income could make the \$1 million-plus she earned at Wimbledon look like tip money.



Sharapova has looks and talent.

Consider that Anna Kournikova, another Russian with supermodel looks who preceded Sharapova at the Nick Bollettieri Tennis Academy but has yet to win a professional tournament, earned about \$6 million in sponsor bucks in the last 12 months, according to *The Forbes Celebrity 100*.

To say the sky is the limit for Sharapova seems a gross understatement. For now, Sharapova professes to be unconcerned with her wealth, trusting her parents, Yuri and Yelena, agent Max Eisenbud of IMG and the rest of her support team with providing a healthy, happy balance.

"I never think about the numbers," Sharapova said Tuesday on "The Today Show," adding that the prize money had already been wired to her bank account.

"I've never played tennis for the money because as long as I enjoy it and I can achieve anything, then the money will come," she told reporters after her 6-1, 6-4 victory against Serena Williams in the Wimbledon singles final.

"I know that things will start coming up, many more people will want to start getting involved. But, I just want to keep my head cool and I want to leave (business) to the people who take care of business. I just go out and I just play tennis."

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since 1970. ECU is 6-4 in home openers for the past 10 years.

ECU vs. Army

In a worst case scenario, the Pirates could be looking for their first win when Army comes into town on Oct. 30. The lone win last year is not a guarantee as former NFL Head Coach Bobby Ross takes over the reins at West Point, NY.

The Pirates have never lost to the Black Knights in seven meetings. However, the Pirates' eighth meeting might be their last, as Army will depart C-USA after the completion of the 2004 season.

Army and SMU were the only teams last year to not win a single game. Army will look to its experience in order to eke out a win or

two. The Black Knights return 52 lettermen and 18 starters including wideout Aaron Alexander.

Because rules forbid Army from listing their recruits prior to fall practice, the Black Knights are a mystery to many preseason forecasters. However, one cannot deny the experience and prestige that former Super Bowl coach Bobby Ross brings to the program.

The Black Knights will be gunning for ECU, as they could be hungry for their first win due to a brutal first half of the schedule. Army is an opponent the Pirates cannot take lightly or a similar experience from Durham in 2002 might occur.

ECU vs. NC State

The Nov. 27 match-up against NC State is a game that fans circle

before the season even starts. The game, set to take place in Charlotte, is deemed a home game for the Pirates. However, students will have to pay full ticket price for the game.

Ironically, the Pirates are undefeated at Bank of America Stadium. In 1996, the Pirates downed the Wolfpack 50-26 in a soggy field when Scott Harley set an ECU single-game rushing record of 351 yards.

It is highly doubtful that a Pirate running back will be able to amass anywhere near 351 yards with the highly talented NC State defense.

The unit returns nine starters with the talent dispersed everywhere. Eastern North Carolina star Mario Williams is revered among the nation's best at defensive line.

Linebackers Pat Thomas and Freddie Aughtry-Lindsay both have the size and speed to put pressure on the quarterback or run down a running back. Andre Maddox is also a terror playing the rover position.

Often injured T.A. McClendon will run for Noel Mazzone's offense. However, the biggest question surrounds junior Jay Davis and the quarterback position.

Without Philip Rivers, it remains to be seen how much NC State lost. The 1 p.m. kickoff will be the earliest for the Pirates all season. NC State will probably be playing with bowl implications while the Pirates will be playing for respect. ECU would love to play the role of spoiler to their bitter rivals in front of what

will most likely be the largest crowd of the season.

The Pirate faithful have remained patient on the promise that John Thompson and his staff are building their program through recruiting.

Thompson's second year will be instrumental as to whether Pirate Nation stays patient. Being renowned for having a "win-now" mentality, another season like last year's could spell the end of Thompson's reign. A bitter loss to NC State could spell doom for the momentum that Thompson has built in recruiting and forging relationships with the Pirate family. Only time will tell.

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of the roller coaster. A few holes later, I missed a very short putt for birdie. Next hole - bad approach, made a bogey. Next hole - tee shot out of bounds, made a bogey. Next hole - missed birdie putt. Next hole - missed par putt. I would battle back and birdie five of my last 10 holes to shoot a respectable 57 (-3).

Round two would be on the woods course and from the long tees. I shot an amazing 22 (-6) on the back nine, but would only shoot par on the front nine for a 49 (-6). This

would be one of the better scores in my division, so I moved from 12th into a tie for sixth.

Sunday morning, we returned to the open course and played the short tees. This would be the easiest of the setups all weekend, so I knew I could make a move either way very quickly depending on how I played. I would birdie my first four holes. However, I missed nine birdie putts on the round. Of course, I had 20 birdie putts. I was hitting every fairway, putting myself in position

every hole. My 49 (-11) would tie for the best round and moved me into a tie for third. Despite the move, I was still seven behind the leader and three behind second place.

We went back to the woods Sunday afternoon where we would play the short tees. Short and tight courses are always frustrating - most holes are easily reachable, but hard to birdie. After I made a 40-foot birdie putt on one, I knew my round would be good. I would end up birdying 10 out of my first 11 holes. The leader's

seven-stroke lead now became two, and I was tied for second now. The leader would pull away and win by three strokes, but would those three strokes be over me or Jeff Yahn, the guy I was tied with for second?

Hole 17 - 620 foot par four. Yahn throws a poor drive, but makes a great second shot. I threw a decent drive and a horrible second shot. We would both have four footers for birdie, which we would both miss.

Hole 18 - 280 foot par three. Yahn throws a bullet over the top of

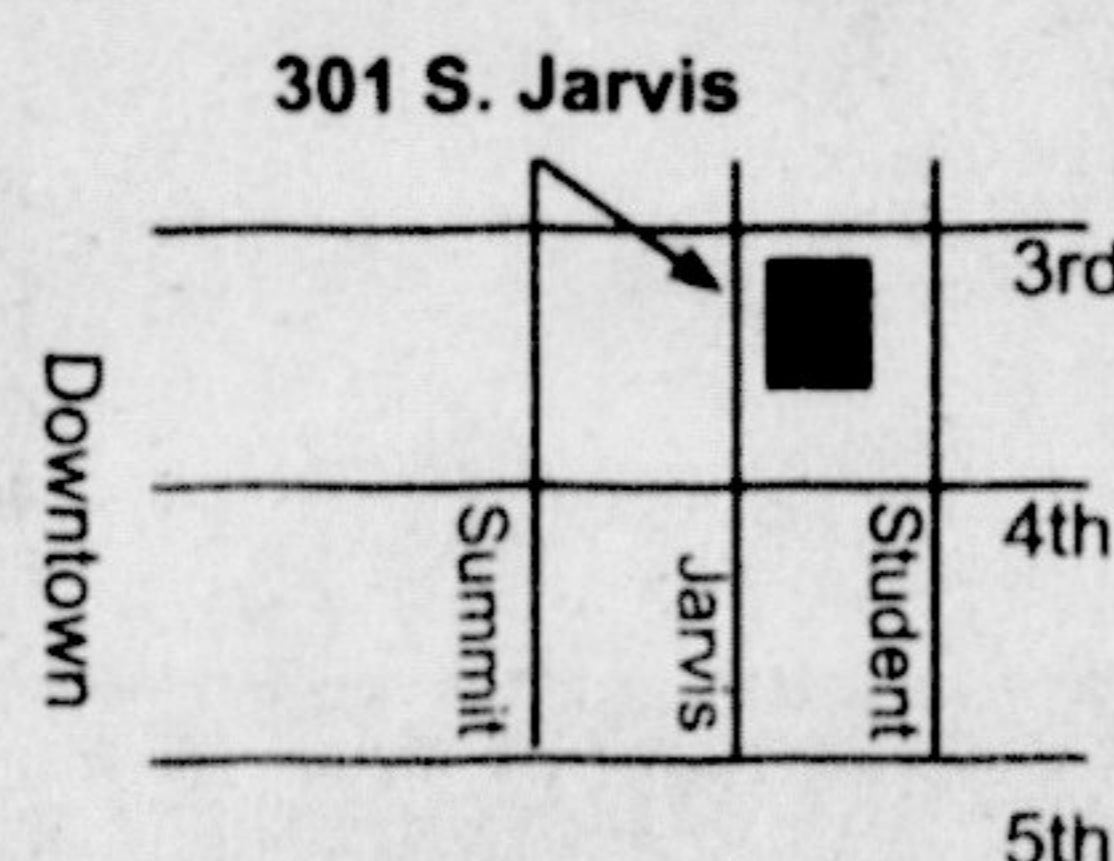
the basket and stops about 40 feet past. I throw a great drive to about 25 feet short. Jeff put the pressure on me by draining his putt. My 25-footer would tie me for second. My putt spit out after hitting just about every chain the basket had, so I settled for third, finishing at -30 for the weekend and bogey free on Sunday. I finally put four rounds of golf together.

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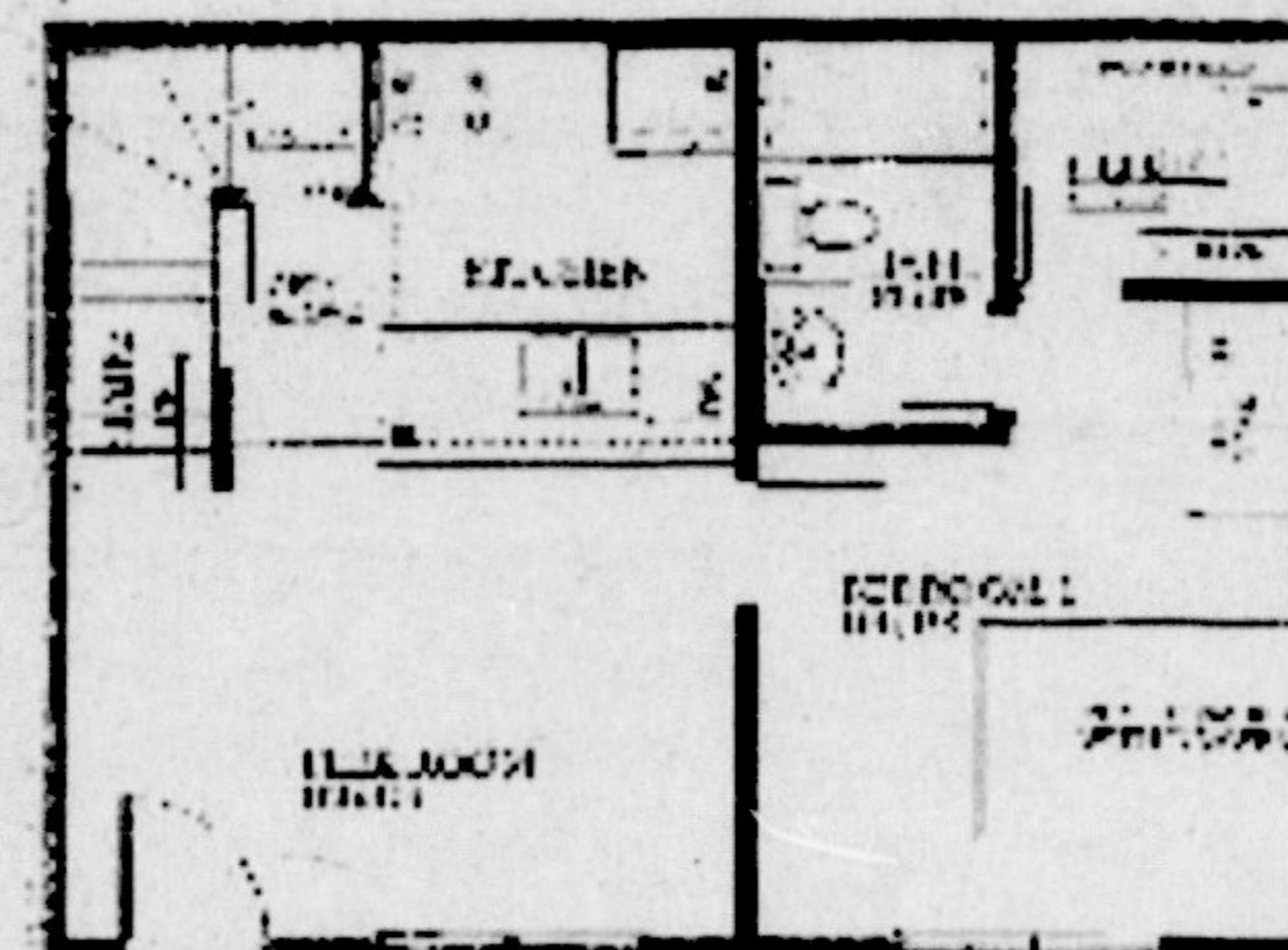


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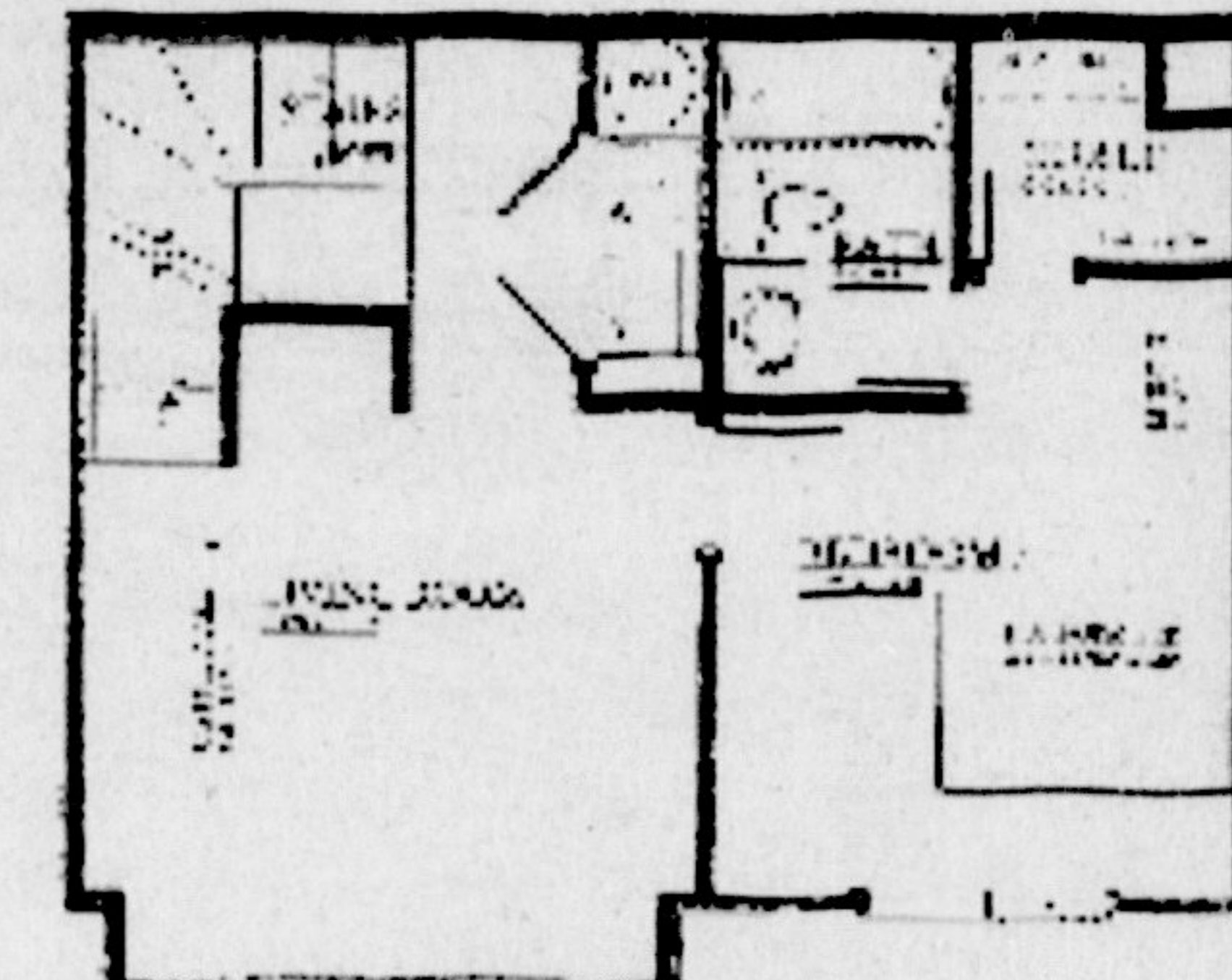


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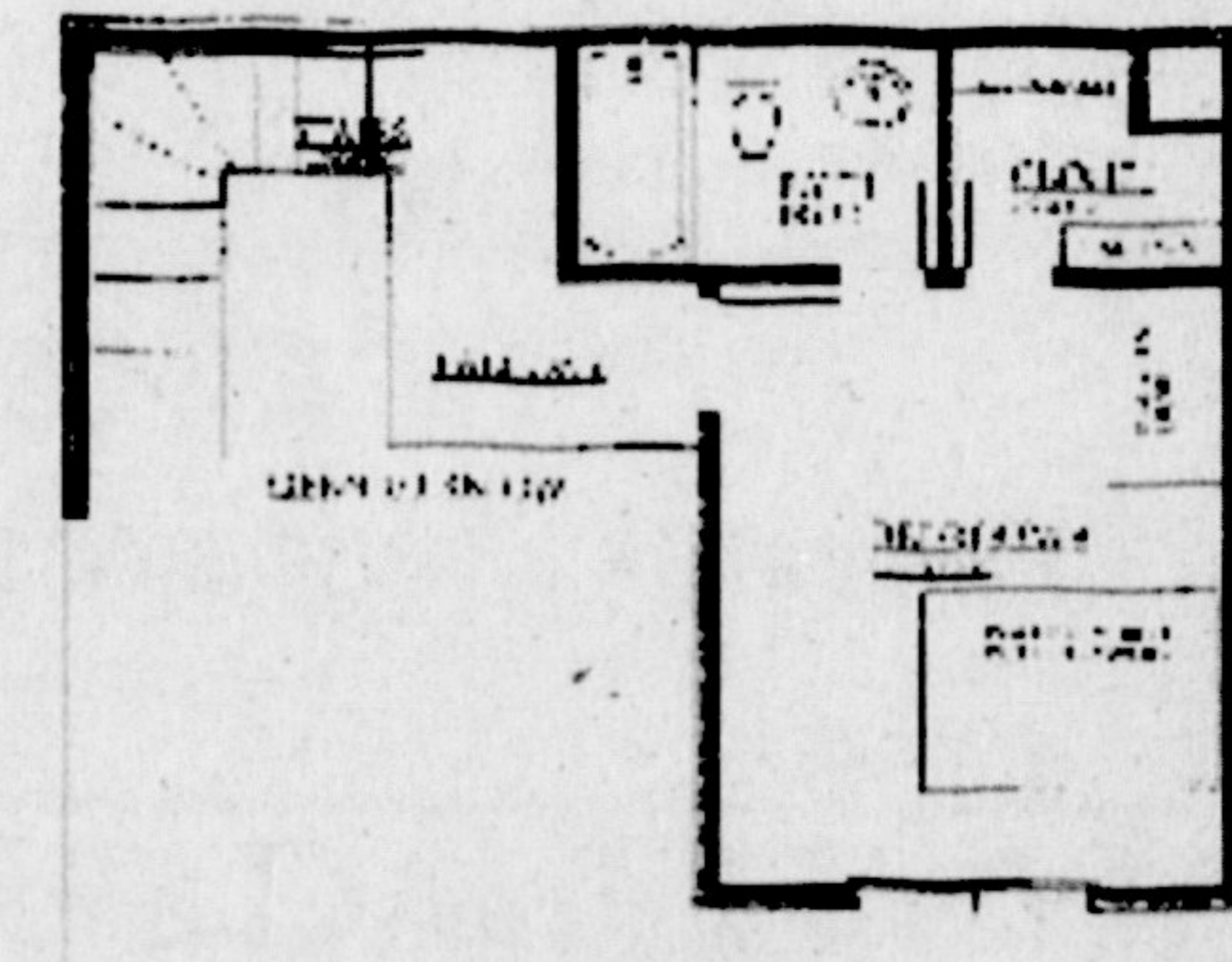
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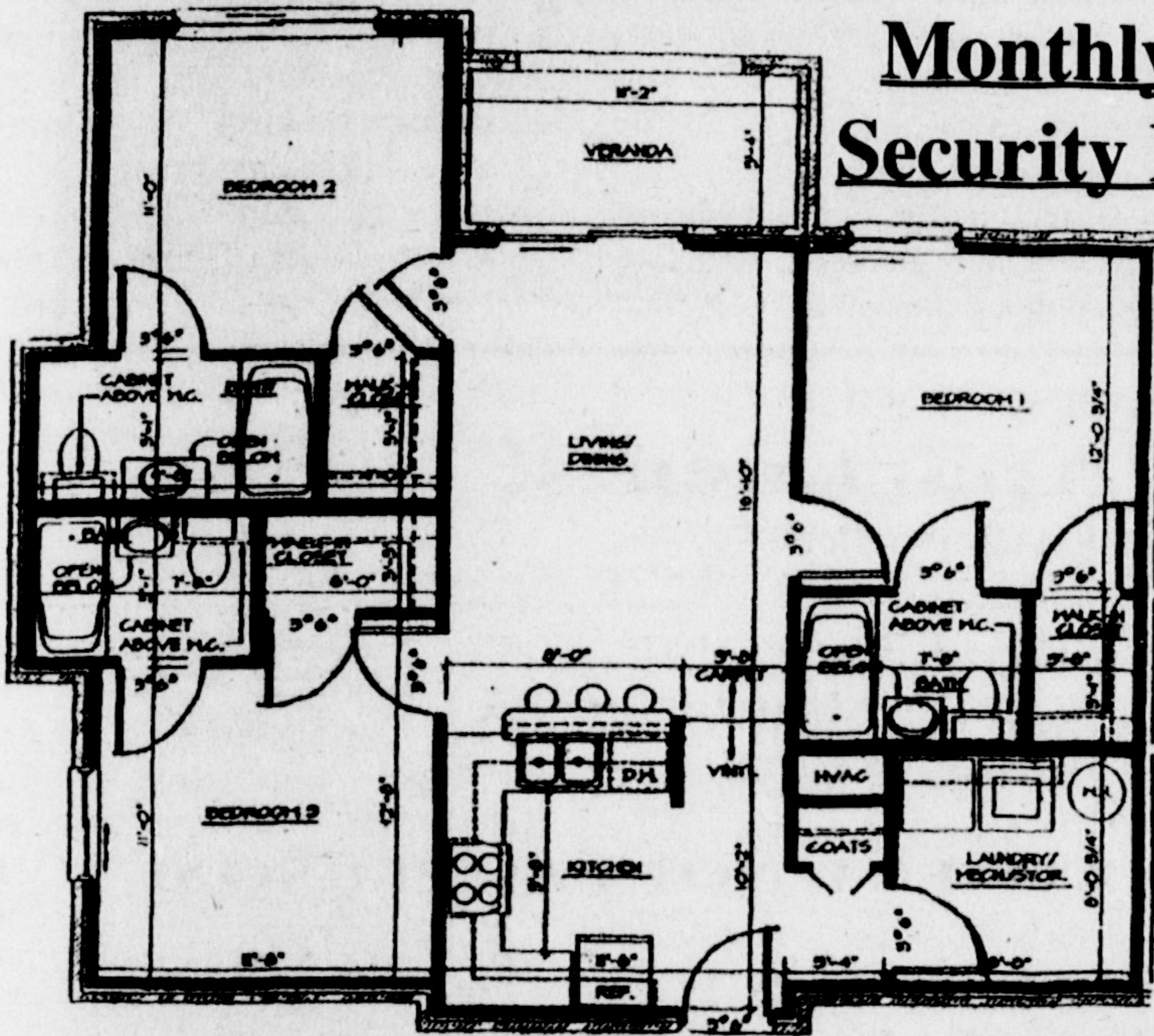
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Shaq set to pack, trade to Heat would bring three

LOS ANGELES (KRT) — Shaquille O'Neal is all but officially gone, set to be traded by the Lakers to the Miami Heat for Lamar Odom, Brian Grant, Caron Butler and a future first-round draft pick in one of the biggest deals in NBA history, according to league sources.

"The parties have agreed to agree," said Perry Rogers, O'Neal's agent.

"It's not anything the Lakers or the Heat can comment about, but it seems that all the parties have agreed that this is going to happen when it's permissible."

With O'Neal headed out and Phil Jackson already gone, the Lakers can only hope that free agent Kobe Bryant will come back, ending the exodus and preventing this summer from being possibly the darkest in franchise history.

O'Neal smiled when approached by reporters in Orlando, Fla., on Saturday about the proposed trade, saying he couldn't comment until later. No deal can be completed until after 9 p.m. Tuesday night, when the league moratorium on transactions expires.

Deeply disgruntled with Lakers' management for an array of reasons is something O'Neal conveyed to new Lakers coach Rudy Tomjanovich in a phone conversation.

O'Neal is being granted his wish to be dealt to a warm-weather city where he retains the possibility of reaching the NBA Finals, teaming

with Olympian Dwyane Wade.

What the Lakers get is an infusion of young, athletic talent in the form of Odom and Butler, both 24, and a gritty replacement center in Grant, 32. The first-round pick the Lakers get is conditional and will come in 2006 or later.

The Lakers settled on this deal because they wanted to move O'Neal to the Eastern Conference and were severely handicapped by O'Neal's unwillingness to go to certain teams such as Indiana — O'Neal threatened to opt out of his contract after next season if he was sent somewhere he didn't like.

Also committing to trade, O'Neal now makes it clear to Bryant, who is considering an offer from the Clippers, that he'll be the sole focus of the team if he re-signs.

Lakers general manager Mitch Kupchak can't be certain what Bryant intends to do, though.

"I don't know how it's going to play out," Kupchak said.

"I honestly don't." Denver is joining Phoenix and San Antonio in dropping out of the Bryant chase, planning to use its salary-cap space on an offer to Kenyon Martin. Still, Kupchak said, "It just takes one team."

Odom, a 6-foot-10 player with point-guard skills, never has been an All-Star, but he's someone the Lakers believe can team with Bryant to keep them among the NBA's elite.

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Chris Moore was named as the 18th-ranked inside linebacker in the nation by Lindy's. He joined Dougherty on the first team conference selection, garnering the honor from four sources.

Running back Marvin Townes was also named the first team All Conference USA by Blue Ribbon.

Other Pirates receiving preseason

honors were tight end Josh Coffman, outside linebacker Charlie Dempsey, defensive back Erode Jean and defensive linebacker Guy Whimper.

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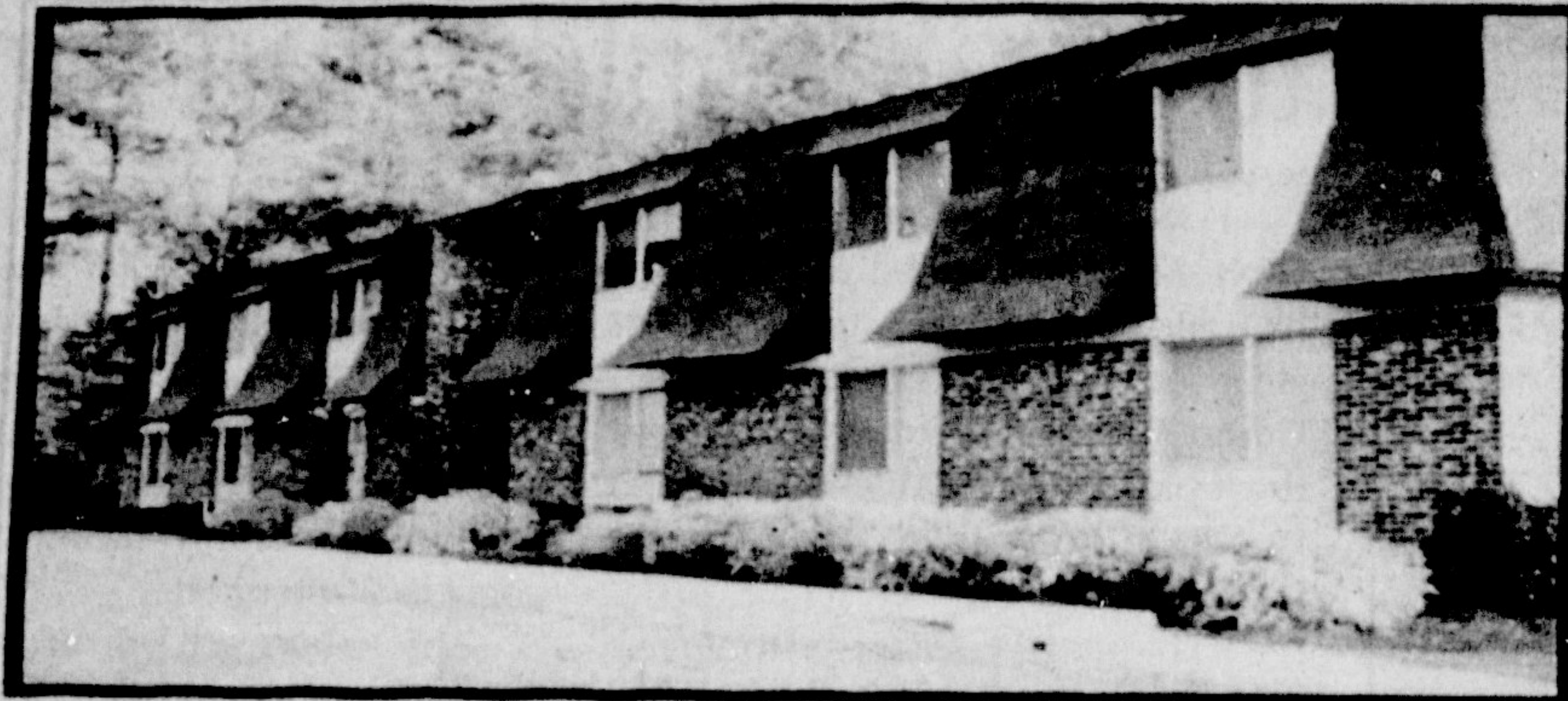
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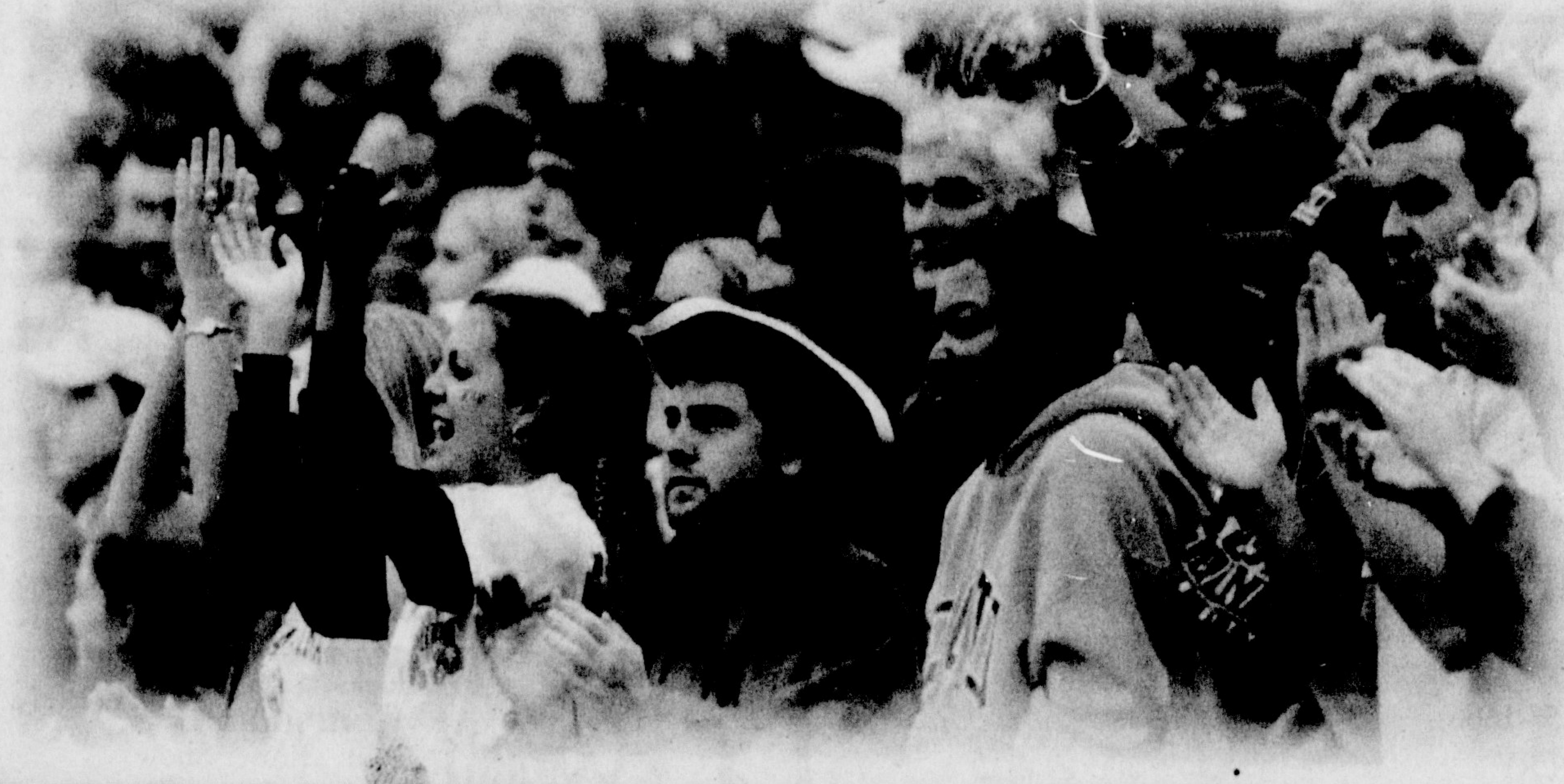
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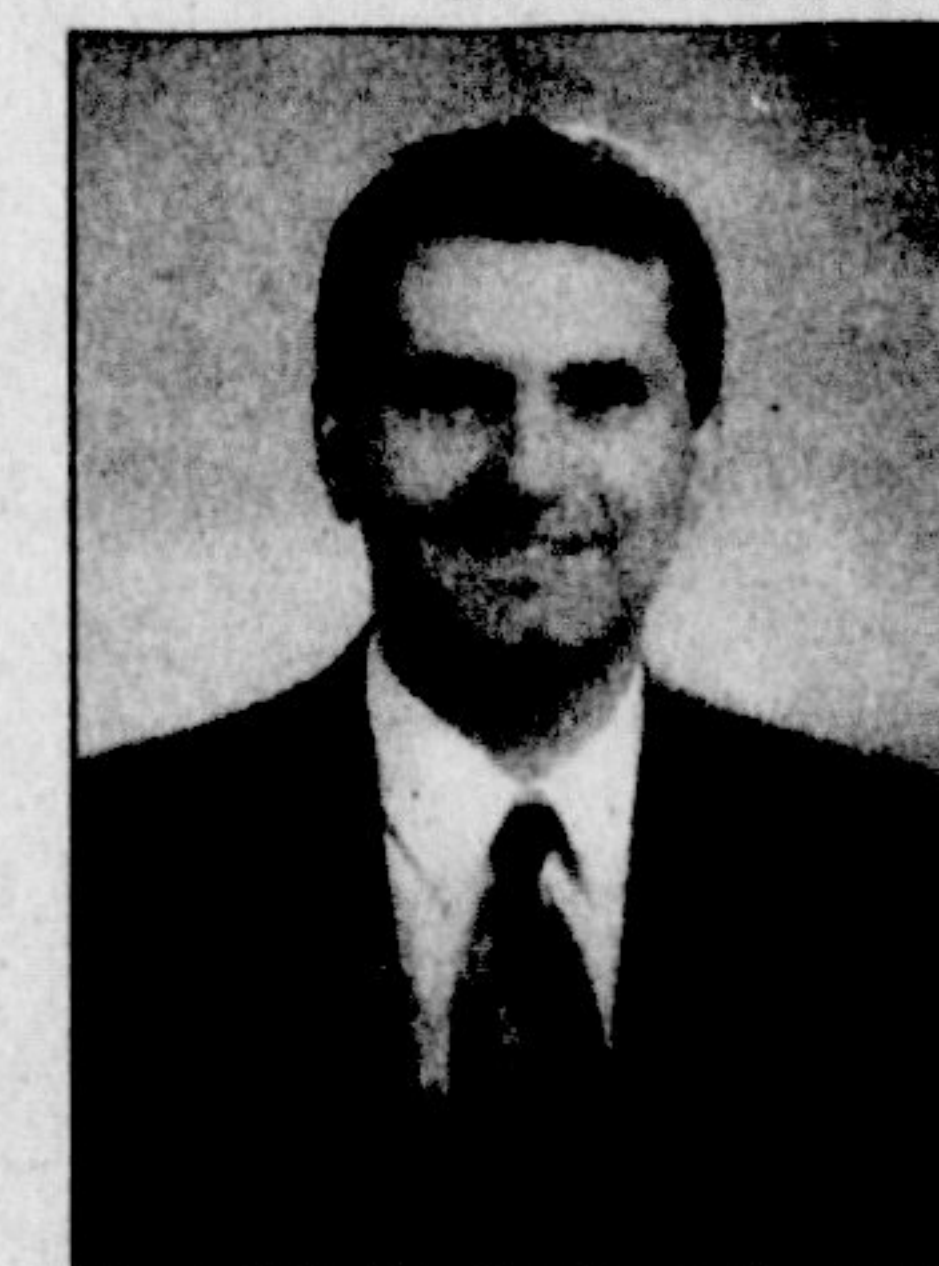
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