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President salutes heroes'



President and Nancy Reagan on Friday embrace relatives of tended the memorial service at Mayport Naval Station in sailors killed Sunday aboard the USS Stark. The Reagans at- Florida. Mayport is the Stark's home base.

Sailors killed aboard Stark eulogized at base in Florida

By Jingle Davis

Special to The Journal-Constitution MAYPORT, Fla. - A huskyvoiced President Reagan on Friday told the grieving families of 37 sailors killed in last weekend's Iraqi missile attack on the USS Stark that their loved ones were "heroes" who knew the importance of their mission in the Persian Gulf.

"The fallen sailors of the USS

Stark understood their obligations, they knew the importance of their job," the president said. "They were ordinary men who did extraordinary things. Yes, they were

The president asked those attending the memorial service in Mayport to "remember a final duty. To understand that these men made themselves immortal by dying for something immortal ... in giving themselves for others, they made themselves special, not just to us but to their God."

As he concluded his remarks, Reagan departed from his prepared text to add, "So many of you have known long months of separation from your loved ones, those young men. Now you are separated in a different way. They live in a world where there is no sorrow, no pain. We shall all be together again.

"God bless you."

More than 1,200 mourners, including about 350 relatives of the men who died, crowded into the sweltering helicopter hangar at Mayport Naval Station, the Stark's home port, to hear the president and naval dignitaries pay tribute to the men who died.

During the hourlong service, which began at 11:30 a.m., relatives wiped away tears and leaned

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Tornado kills 25, destroys town in lexas

From Wire Reports

SARAGOSA, Texas — A tornado destroyed this tiny town in a remote part of west Texas on Friday night, demolishing a building where a kindergarten graduation was being held. At least 25 people died and more than 110 were injured, officials said.

Many of those attending the ceremonies in Saragosa Hall were trapped when the tornado tore through the center of town, officials

"They were having a kindergarten graduation, and about 100 people were inside the building," said Jose Rodriguez of Saragosa, who was at the ceremony in the predominantly Hispanic town. "It was in a community center.

"This is the worst thing I ever saw in my life," he said. "Almost all the houses in town — the storm just picked them up."

Rodriguez, who managed to escape the building before the tornado hit, said he wasn't sure how many people had been trapped. "There is no structure left in

town," Public Safety Department spokesman David Wells said early Saturday. "The stone building was filled with 5-year-olds and their parents attending the ceremony." There may be more people

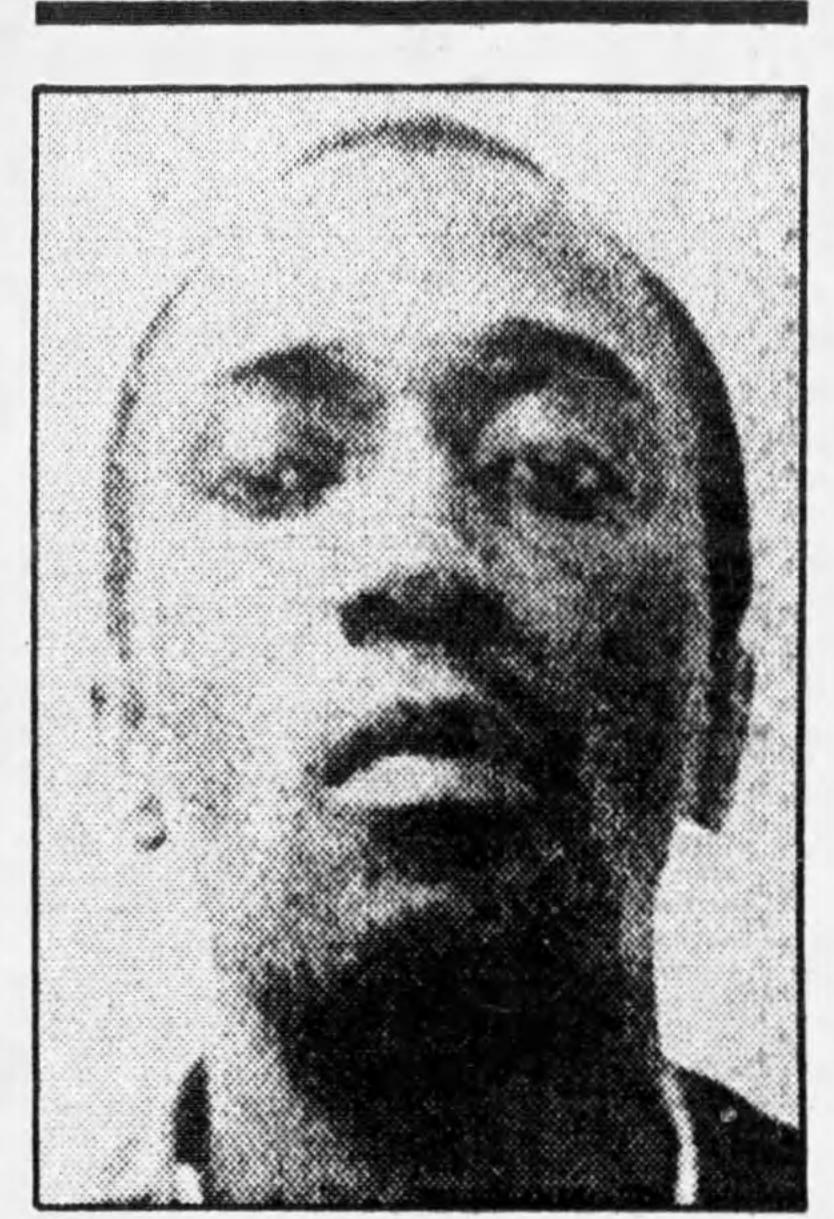
found dead in the surrounding fields, but rescue workers were having trouble finding them because of the darkness, Wells said.

Mike Cox, another Public Safety Department spokesman in Austin, confirmed the death toll and number of injured.

"The town is gone," an unidentified amateur radio operator said of Saragosa, a community of 185 people 190 miles east of El Paso.

"The town is without power, the

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Richard Tucker

Tucker is 2nd executed in state in 7 days

By David Beasley and Scott Thurston Staff Writers

JACKSON, Ga. Tucker Jr., a 44-year-old Macon man who spent almost half his life in prison for murder, was executed in Georgia's electric chair at 7:18 p.m. Friday.

■ Death penalty foes say execution of another black shows capital punishment is racially discriminatory. Page 1-B.

Tucker was executed for the 1978 kidnapping and murder of Edna Sandefur, a retired Albany nurse, who was beaten to death with a metal pipe behind an abandoned Macon warehouse.

The murder occurred six months after Tucker's parole from prison, where he had served 13 years of a life sentence for stabbing his aunt

to death. Tucker made no last statement after being strapped into the electric chair at the Georgia Diagnostic and Classification Center here, ac-

cording to official witnesses. See TUCKER, Page 18-A

Probe of dealings with college athletes 'off base,' agent says

By Chris Mortensen Staff Writer

New York sports agent Norby Walters said Friday that he is innocent of any criminal wrongdoing, and he called FBI and federal grand jury investigations into his dealings with college athletes "total-

ly off base."

"The federal government has no business sticking its nose in my business," said Walters, reached by telephone at a California hotel. "I am not guilty of these so-called alleged possible charges. I have broken no laws. I will be proven innocent, and it is ridiculous that I have

to go through this."

Walters and associate Lloyd Bloom have admitted disregarding National Collegiate Athletic Association rules in signing football and basketball players as clients before the expiration of their college eligibility. The FBI and the federal grand jury in Chicago are looking

into numerous aspects of the agents' enced and Corrupt Organizations activities, including threats they allegedly have made against athletes who have left them for other agents.

The grand jury is looking into possible charges that include extortion, wire fraud, mail fraud and violation of the RICO (Racketeer InfluAct) statute, according to sources close to the case.

Approximately 60 athletes from 28 colleges across the nation have been or will be subpoenaed by the grand jury, an NCAA official said.

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Farm loan agency gives up on \$432 million

Paperwork blocks write-off of \$2 billion more in debts

By Tom Hallman

Staff Writer The U.S. Farmers Home Administra-

tion has written off as uncollectible \$431.8 million in taxpayer-funded loans over the past two years - more than in the previous 20 years combined - according to a budget report prepared by the agency.

And FmHA administrator Vance Clark warned Friday that loan losses at the government agency are so severe FmHA could write off \$2 billion this year alone, but doesn't have the staff to process the

paperwork.

Of the unprecedented loan write-offs in 1985 and 1986, Clark said, "That's nothing like what is in the pipeline, comparatively.

"We could write off \$2 billion this year very easily if we could get the paperwork done."

Clark said he expects the agency to write off less than \$1 billion in bad debt this year.

"The paperwork can't be handled that fast. I'm not sure we could even do a billion [dollars in write-offs] this year," Clark said. "But we've given state administrators greater authority to write off loans, and we're generating some working

groups to process the paperwork."

Most of the delinquent loans were made to farmers between 1977 and 1982. A General Accounting Office report has estimated that four-fifths of the delinquent loans have been overdue more than three years.

"They [FmHA] put out too much money for expansion at a time they shouldn't have," said Bob Nash, president of the Georgia Farm Bureau Federation. "It was so lucrative that a lot of people took real advantage of it and got in over their

"Many of these loans will never be repaid in full. The issue at this juncture is See LOANS, Page 17-A

Seminar: Jesus didn't say all that's attributed to him

By Gustav Niebuhr

Staff Writer At a decisive moment early in his ministry, Jesus preached a series of brief, powerful statements that have become known as the Sermon on the

Mount.

His message is recorded in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke. But a group of American scholars has concluded Jesus never preached much of the sermon,

ed" New Testament that will separate what they believe Jesus actually said from words put in his mouth after the crucifixion.

The book isn't due out until 1989, but the seminar's work already has aroused the ire of some religious conservatives, who contend that the group represents a "liberal" attack on traditional faith. The

nor did he say a lot of other statements Rev. Paige Patterson, president of the attributed to him in the Gospels. And Criswell Center for Biblical Studies in now they plan to produce a "color-cod- Dallas, said the seminar is taking a "condescending" attitude toward the Bible. He rejected the group's work as "about as scientific as a flat-earth theory."

> But seminar members say that by thoroughly researching the earliest documents about Jesus, they hope to give

> > See BIBLE, Page 24-A

Mistrial called likely for Donovan as judge ousts distraught juror

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The larceny and business fraud trial of former U.S. Labor Secretary Raymond Donovan was thrown into turmoil Friday when a juror became emotionally distraught during deliberations and was dismissed from the case after guards brought her ranting into the courtroom. Defense lawyers said the development, which

shocked onlookers in state Supreme Court in the Bronx, in effect guaranteed mistrials for any of the eight defendants who want one. The lawyers were to make their motions when court resumed Saturday. Some of the defense lawyers blamed Justice John

Collins for violating court rules and possibly exacerbating the condition of the juror, Milagros Arroyo, by questioning her. They said they would try to bar a second trial on those grounds.

Donovan's lawyer, William Bittman, declined to say Friday whether he would request a mistrial for his cli-

"This case seems to be full of tragedies, both emotional and every other way," Donovan said after the proceedings. "We've been through this now for 21/2 years and came within hours, in my view, of being totally exoner-

to Mrs. Arroyo and her family." Mrs. Arroyo, surrounded by five guards, clutched a Bible and repeatedly chanted, "The Lord is my shepherd." She also recited the rest of the 23rd Palm, and

ated. I'm crushed for all of us, and my heart goes out

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Amplification

In Thursday's editions of The Atlanta Journal and The Atlanta Constitution, James Oxendine and Jennifer Cowan were listed as limited partners with Wayne Reece, some of whose real estate properties had been cited for housing code violations. The properties involving Oxendine and Ms. Cowan have not been cited for such violations.

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of these athletes have been threatened by U.S. attorneys with the possibility of one-year imprisonment on fraud and tax-evasion charges, according to the athletes' attorneys. The NCAA considers the case landmark action by the government.

U.S. Attorney Jim Voluca and Assistant U.S. Attorney Howard M. Pearl, both of Chicago, have told some athletes that they committed fraud when they accepted money from Walters or Bloom, according to attorneys representing the athletes. The fraud has been alleged because the athletes knowingly broke the terms of their scholarships, and the tax evasion has been alleged because the athletes did not report money supposedly received from Walters as income, the attor-

neys said. In his first interview since the grand jury investigation formally began Tuesday in Chicago, Walters strenuously defended himself and Bloom against allegations they have threatened athletes.

"Have we threatened anyone? The answer is a loud 'no, no, no.' I'm 55 years old. Wow."

Walters said it is "ridiculous" for the government to investigate mail and wire fraud charges.

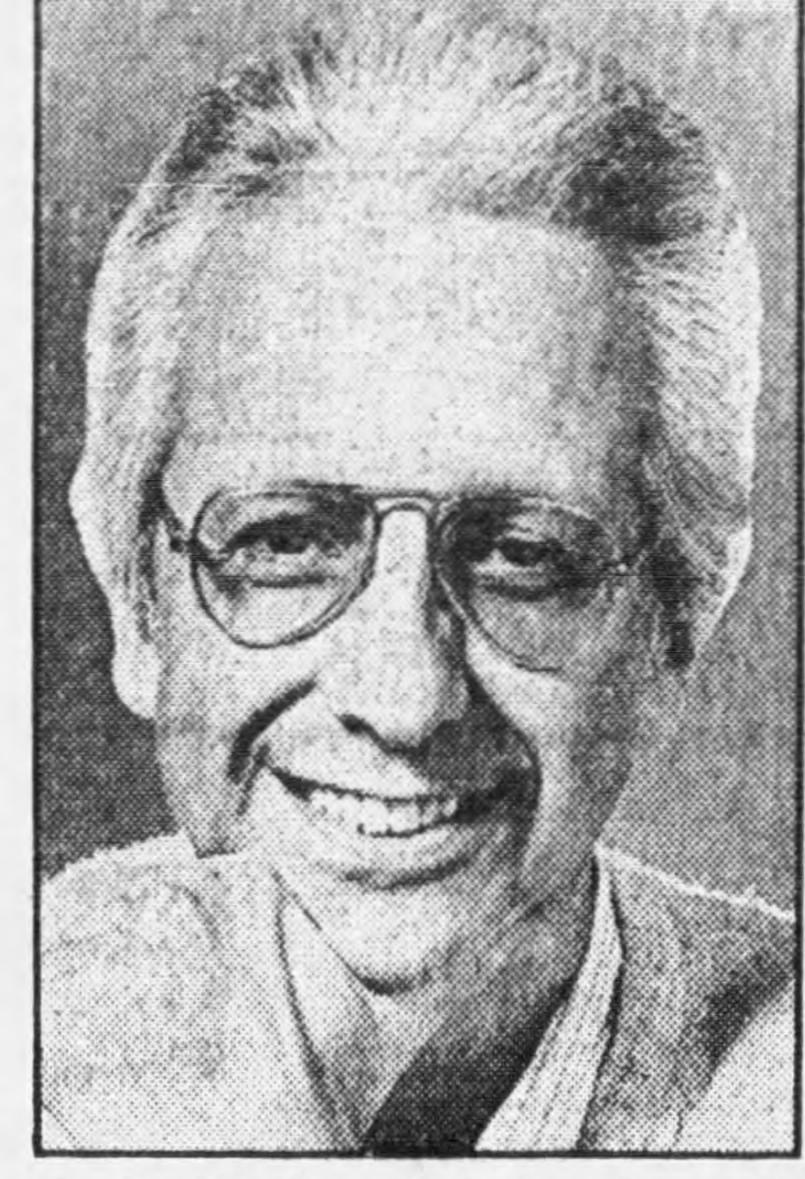
"Since when is it against the law to send money as a loan to a young man through the wire or the mail?" said Walters. "I haven't pretended that I'm not giving money to kids [which is a violation of NCAA rules]. I have. I am. Again, what's the big deal?"

Walters said athletes should not be subject to tax-evasion charges because the cash they have received from him was in the form of loans.

"They all signed promissory notes for their money," said Walters. "A kid can take a loan. No agent gives kids money for free. Now if that kid decides he does not want to pay the loan back, then the agent can sue that kid, which is exactly what I'm doing in six cases. In some others, we are reaching settlements. This has nothing to do with the Internal Revenue Service."

Reports that the FBI has ques-

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Norby Walters is being investigated for possible mail and wire fraud, extortion, racketeering.

tioned athletes about whether Walters, Bloom or anybody associated with them supplied drugs and prostitutes as inducements angered Wal-

"The FBI has come up with nothing, and they've questioned 60 kids," said Walters. "I asked the FBI myself when they came to me a few weeks ago if they had any such evidence, and they told me they did not. Why? Because these accusations are all a bunch of lies started by jealous sports agents."

The FBI office in Chicago again refused to comment on the case Friday. Walters criticized the FBI for exposing Alabama basketball star Derrick McKey, who accepted money from Walters during the 1986-87 season. Alabama recently declared McKey ineligible for his senior season after being told by the FBI that there was evidence McKey had been associated with Walters. McKey subsequently admitted ac-

cepting money from Walters.
"The FBI got my files, and they called the school, and to me that's against the law," said Walters. "What's in my files is privileged information."

Walters vehemently denied reports that he, too, called Alabama basketball coach Wimp Sanderson to expose McKey after McKey made it known he would not be represented by Walters.

"I have never spoken to Wimp Sanderson, and I have never spoken

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to anybody at that school," said Walters. "He's making up stories about me. And as long as we're talking about threats, let's talk about Wimp Sanderson threatening

At a press conference called after McKey was declared ineligible, Sanderson said he would like to be in a room with Walters and "see who walked out alone." Walters said he has written a letter to Pearl about the remark.

"To me, Wimp Sanderson made a death threat, and I am asking the assistant U.S. attorney what he intends to do about that," said Walters. "If I had said something public like that, you can darn well bet that everybody would make a big deal about it. Yeah, it's a death threat. When you say you want to see who's going to walk out of a room alone, you don't think he's going in there to slash his own wrists, do you?"

Walters said he is trying to obtain the names of agents who he says are spreading tales of drugs and prestitution to prospective clients and others.

"If I can get two kids in court, sworn in, to name some names, I'm going to nail them," said Walters. "I will do my fighting through the courts. These agents have slandered me. They've won a couple of rounds, but we're going the distance. When it is all done, I will still be standing, and I will be signing 50 percent of the first-round kids every year."

He emphasized his disdain for NCAA rules. Even if the NCAA allowed players to be represented by agents, which it doesn't, Walters said, "I'm not playing by their rules, one way or the other."

Walters said he is continuing his pursuit of college athletes as clients. "What has happened [the federal investigation] has made it tough for me, very tough, but I am being vigilant, working seven days a week, 52 weeks a year," said Walters.

Walters and Bloom will not be subpoenaed to testify until later this summer when all or most of the evidence and athletes' testimony is complete, a source close to Pearl said Friday.

Many attorneys representing the athletes have said that they believe the U.S. attorney will grant limited immunity for testimony regarding Walters and Bloom.

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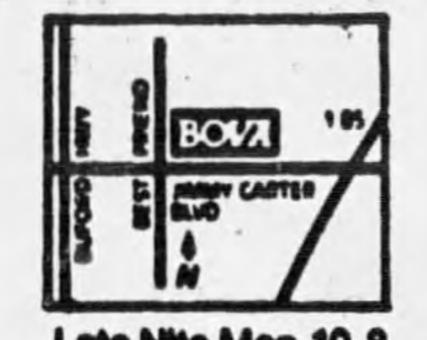
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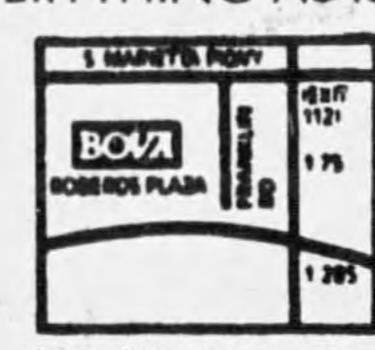
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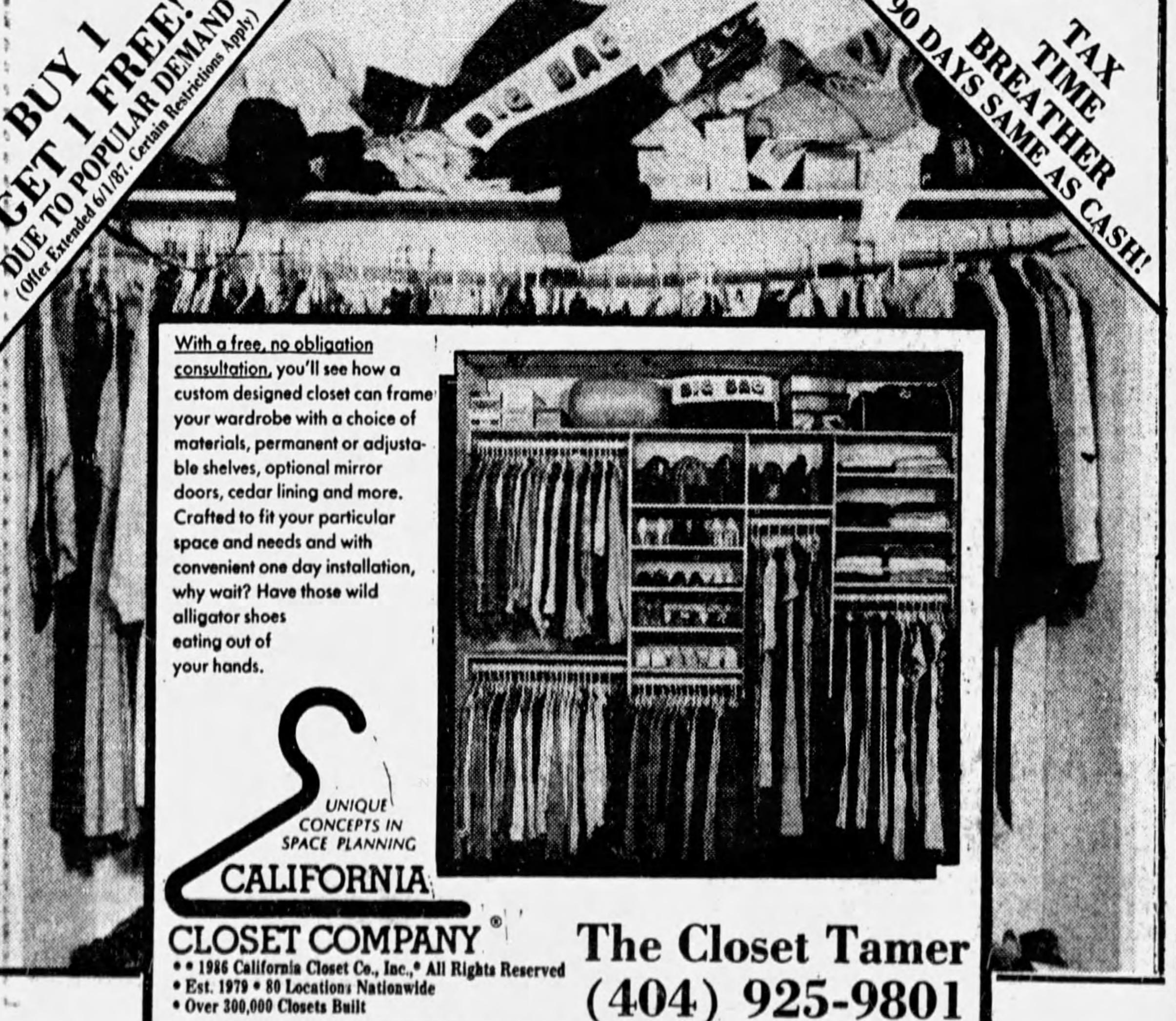
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