

# Odds & INNS



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She put on a T-shirt Sunday she hadn't worn in almost four years. It said: "Mondale in '84." Memories flooded back as Eleanor Mondale viewed pre-convention TV coverage with her husband Keith Van Horne of the Bears. "Keith's mother and sister asked me how I felt," she told us, "and I can't really describe it. It's not really sadness or envy. I just feel proud that I was actually a part of it."

## Four years ago . . .

Walter Mondale was waiting for delegates at the Moscone Center in San Francisco to give him their blessing. "The night before the convention started I went out to dinner with Chip Carter," Eleanor recalled. "I told him I was nervous and that I thought I was in over my head [representing her father before various delegations]. He said, 'This is going to be the greatest week of your life.' And he was right." How different would life be had Walter Mondale won? "I'm constantly battling the image that I get what I have because I'm his daughter," Eleanor told us. "If he'd been elected president, it would have been even harder or even impossible. I would have been just the president's daughter and nothing else. Very selfishly, it worked out better for me and my personal life. But that doesn't mean I wish he lost."

## On a roll

Too bad Wayne Duke isn't retiring until 1989. Within a two-week span, the Big 10 commissioner won two round-trip tickets to Acapulco at a golf tourney in Phoenix, then picked up two round-trip tickets to Europe in a raffle at a commissioners meeting in Napa Valley, Calif.

## Shedding light

The Cubs had an advance of 35,000 tickets for Monday's game with San Francisco. Ticket manager Frank Maloney credits speculation that July 18 would be the first night game as the reason for the above-average sales. But this was the second game when the club benefitted from those rumors. The Cub coffers also were helped nicely from the rumored July 14 date with Los Angeles, which turned out to be a double-header and produced an unusually high advance. Said Maloney: "We did 35,000 for July 14, and 35,000 is just about as high as we can go for any game by the time we take care of the players."

## Top dog

The South Koreans have been trying to push dog off the menus of Seoul eateries before the media onslaught this fall. What this has done, however, is make dog the most popular underground fare in Seoul. Koreans, we hear, are running around back alleys searching for restaurants still offering the delicacy.

## Doubling up

New De Paul women's basketball coach Doug Bruno might be pleased to learn that his former boss, Loyola men's coach Gene Sullivan, is trying to replace him with two new assistants. Said Sullivan: "We've been short-staffed for years, and I'm trying to get approval for two new persons. If I get it, it'll have a big bearing on who I hire." Sullivan said he hopes to move on the matter by the end of next week. The coach is anxious to get moving. This is prime recruiting time. Meanwhile, his other assistant, former Rambler star Andre Wakefield, assumes more responsibility.

## The wee hours

Wilmette native Michael Huff was sleeping soundly when the phone rang at his home in San Antonio last Friday. Karen Huff wanted to tell her son that a fund-raiser Thursday honoring his late father, Bob, had drawn 700 to the Hotel Nikko and raised enough money to send three deserving youngsters from Chicago to college this fall. Michael was glad to hear it, but he also had some news to relay. Playing for the San Antonio Missions Thursday night, he'd participated in the longest scoreless game in professional baseball history (25 innings over 7 hours). The fundraiser for Huff, the former president of Bell & Howell, was Gary Fencik's pet project. Fencik earned his MBA largely at Huff's urging.

## News, notes and nonsense

Now that the Sting is no more, star player Pato Margetic says he's considering several options. They include playing for another MISL team or signing with a European club. Said Margetic: "No matter what I do, I will keep my home in Chicago. I love it here." . . . Speaking of soccer, did anyone notice that the 22,000 attending Sunday's game at Comiskey Park between the national teams of Mexico and Poland far outnumbered the rooting section for the Sox this season? . . . Chicago State is adding a women's tennis program starting this fall. The team will be coached by Lonnie Wooden, who coaches the men's team. . . . Jeff Bzdelik, former Illinois-Chicago basketball player and assistant coach at Northwestern, has left his head coaching position at Maryland-Baltimore to become a Washington Bullets scout. . . . St. Francis College football coach Gordon Gillespie definitely has jacked up the schedule for the Fighting Saints this season. The tiny Joliet school will face five opponents that give full-ride scholarships, including NCAA Division II toughies Northern Michigan and Grand Valley State. Also on the schedule is Drake.

And finally, the NBA expansion Minnesota Timberwolves have unveiled plans for a new arena that should be a relief to fans. Facility manager Ed Rubenstein said it will feature more restroom facilities—one stall per 45 spectators—than any other arena in America.

## Suk is Seoul's man

It is not only Om Sang Suk's numbers that are daunting. It is the man himself.

Om, once a major in the quartermaster's corps, is the director of logistics for Seoul's Olympic Village, and so he is armed with the purveyor's tool: The List.

Om can tell you that: 2,560 eight-ton trucks have delivered 2,660,000 items to the Village, among them 15,000 bottles of shampoo, 15,000 boxes of tissues, 14,000 rolls of toilet paper and 75,000 towels—30,000 a day, with another 45,000 ready if they're needed.

A third of the beds have arrived, he says, as has a tenth of the bedroom furniture. The rest will come by the end of July.

"I have no worries," Om said.

It is Om's business to make sure that each of the 14,000 athletes who comes to Seoul arrives in his room to find on his slender bed one blanket (army green), one set of disposable sheets (replaced every three days), one cup (plastic) and one bottle of skin lotion (mild).

It is the business of others to do the shopping for breakfast, lunch and dinner—for the 20 tons of rice, 136 tons of meat, 300 tons of vegetables, 35 tons of fish, one million eggs, 25 varieties of bread and 40 sorts of condiments.

"You don't have to worry," Om said, of the possibility of athletes going to bed without supper, in rooms with no beds.

With the opening ceremonies less than three months away, the Games' organizers, and for that matter the nation itself, are being pushed in pursuit of perfection.

The facilities are in place and have been tested, and the city has fortified itself against possible terrorism.

What is left are the details.

Restaurant toilets are being inspected to make sure they flush.

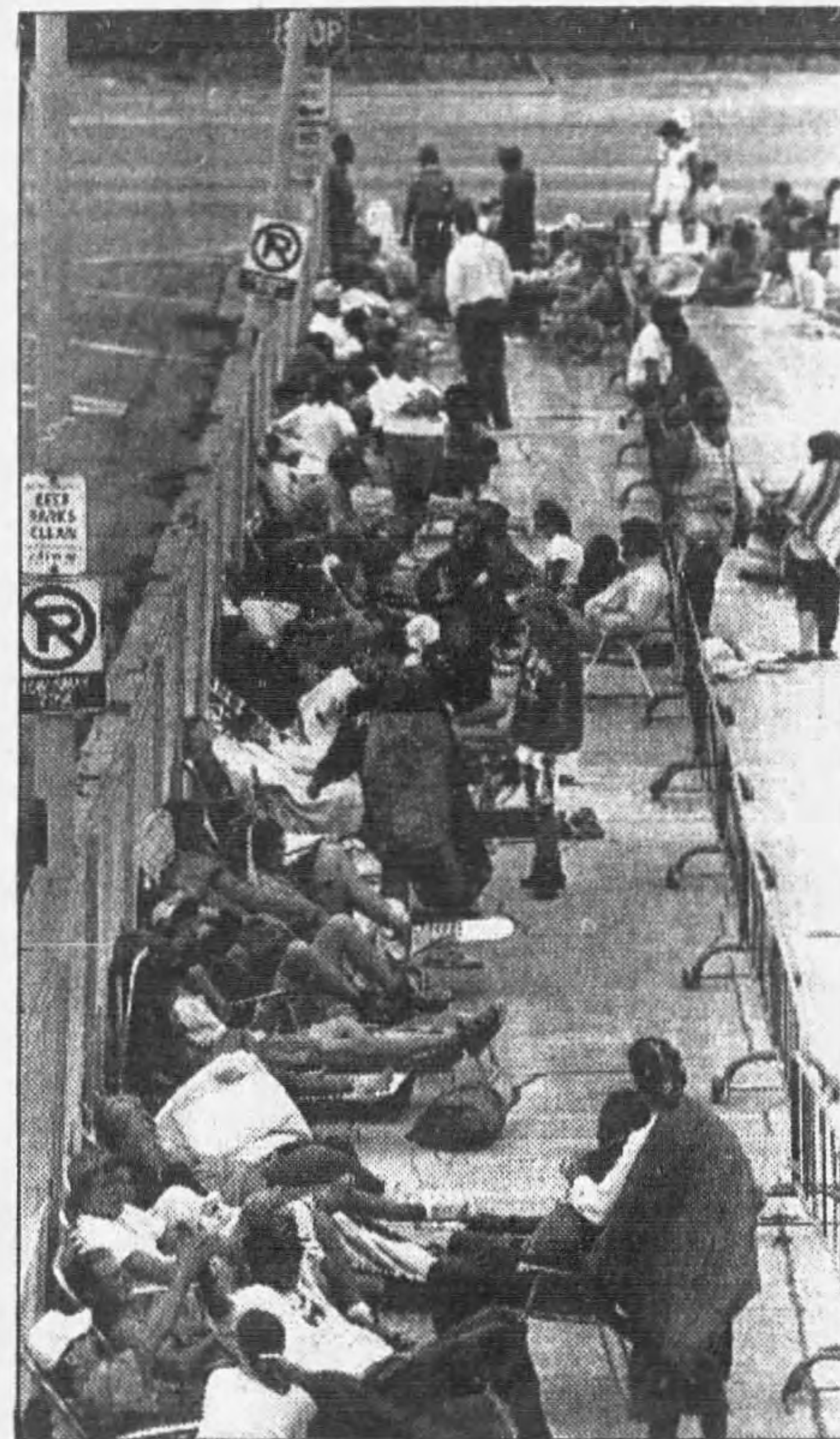
People are being encouraged not to spit or smoke when the foreigners arrive, even though spitting is common and three-quarters of the nation smokes.

Cabs are checked for dirt, and offending cabbies are liable for fines equivalent to \$70.

The 12,000 participants in the opening ceremony pageant are being admonished to wear long-sleeve shirts during summer rehearsals—this despite the baking heat—so their arms do not get too tanned.

Though there is much still to be done, Om is unflustered.

"Besides," he added, "I have no choice anyway."



Fans, some of whom showed up as early as Saturday night, line up (left) outside Soldier Field for Monday's sale of Bears game tickets. Jim Gittings of Moline displays the 42 tickets he bought for \$924 after being first in line.

## Saints march into a Land-of-Sky-Blue-Waters heat wave

The New Orleans Saints, fleeing the hot, humid climate of Louisiana, moved their preseason training camp 1,400 miles up the Mississippi River—just in time to run into a near-record heat wave in La Crosse, Wis.

With the exception of a brief respite, La Crosse temperatures have been above 90 degrees all month, and the National Weather Service predicts temperatures well above normal into August.

The recent respite saw daytime highs of 78 degrees and lows at night in the mid-50s—much closer to the norm and exactly what the Saints were hoping for when they made the move. Unfortunately, no players had reported to enjoy the

cool weather.

The temperature Friday at 3 p.m. near last year's training site at Hammond, La., was 83 degrees with 79 percent humidity. In La Crosse, it was 100 degrees with 47 percent humidity. It climbed to 102 by 5 p.m.

That prompted the Saints to spend about \$25,000 to buy and install air-conditioning units in the dormitories at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, where the team is practicing.

It's the hottest spell in La Crosse since 1936.

People who have lived all their lives in La Crosse without air-conditioning are buying units. Bea Smith, who works at the La

Crosse Sears store, said there were only 35 air-conditioning units left in stock.

"I like the heat," said Saints coach Jim Mora. "It's the combination of heat and humidity that causes problems."

On the plus side, the Saints are not without opportunities to stay cool. With a population of a little less than 50,000, La Crosse has 150 taverns within its boundaries—a world-record average of a bar for every 333 residents, said Sharon Folcey, owner of Our Corner Tavern and president of the city's Tavern Association.

There are another 75 taverns in nearby communities, she said.

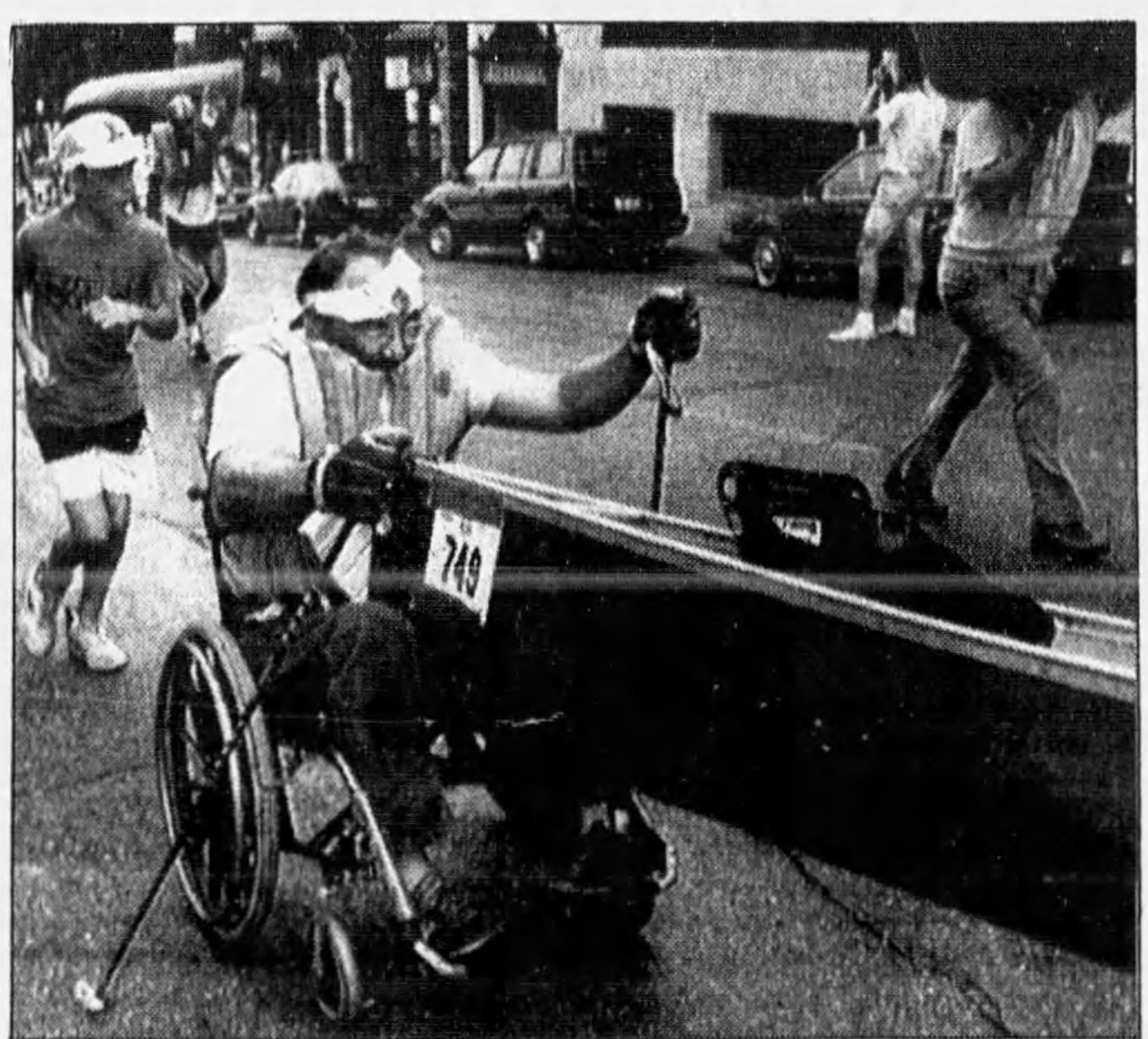
## Too much time in the ski lodge

He has money, good looks and fame—and for a second there he had the eye of East Germany skater Katarina Witt—but Italy's Alberto Tomba is not in danger of becoming a "Jeopardy" finalist anytime soon.

The Olympic ski star failed his high school exams on the second try, his examiners announced last week.

Tomba, 21, retook the tests two years after his first attempt. He had prepared for the recent exams at a private institute and was tested by state authorities in Piacenza, 250 miles north of Rome. Tomba will be allowed to take them again.

The husky, curly-haired skier won two Olympic titles and nine World Cup races during the last Alpine ski season.



Jeff Pagels of Ashwaubonon, Wis., didn't let his wheelchair stop him from competing in Saturday's Paddle and Portage Canoe Race in Madison, Wis. Pagels and his partner finished 43d out of 300 teams in the event, which involved 3½ miles of canoeing and 1.3-mile portage.

## Keep it away from Jessica Lafferty

It wasn't the most pleasant experience, but 7-year-old Jessica Lafferty's reward for her pain was an unassisted triple play.

Jessica was playing shortstop for the Maroon team last week in a Chester-YMCA T-ball league game against the Royal Blues in Richmond, Va.

With runners on first and second, a Royal Blue batter hit a sharp line drive that struck Jessica in the chest. Jessica doubled over in pain, but was able to pin the ball against her body for the first out.

Hurt and disoriented, Jessi-

ca stumbled toward her coaches, who were standing at second base. In the process, she recorded the second out by colliding with the Royal Blue runner who had strayed off second base.

Jessica, still cradling the ball and in obvious pain, eventually reached second, where she found the Royal Blue runner who had been on first. The player had not tagged up, and Jessica ran into him for the third out.

Jessica, flashing an occasional smile between sniffls, was able to stay in the game.

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Charlie Kerfeld, the Astros' portly reliever and perhaps the only major leaguer who wears a Jets' T-shirt under his uniform, underwent shoulder surgery several weeks ago. This forced him to consider other career options. He made a list of five alternate careers to pursue should he be unable to continue pitching.

"Arena football is first," Kerfeld said. "Then the World Wrestling Federation. Maybe go back to college and get a brain surgery degree. Or become an assistant clubhouse man. Or go to Harry Wendelstedt's umpiring school."

What would Kerfeld do with a week to live?

"I'd get Hulk Hogan, Brian Bosworth and Charles Barkley, and I'd have a four-man tag-team match with the Four Horsemen."

## French athletes go for the green

Next they'll be offering multiyear contracts.

No longer convinced, apparently, that its athletes are motivated purely by the desire to compete for their country, France has adopted an Olympic incentive program. The incentive: big bucks.

The French, who have set 15 medals as a realistic goal for the upcoming Olympics, will offer cash to athletes who win a gold, silver or bronze medal, the head of the French Olympic delegation said Wednesday.

Jean-Francois Chary, who arrived in Seoul recently for a five-day inspection visit, told a news conference France will pay its gold-winners approximately \$32,520, its silver-winners \$16,260 and its bronze-winners \$12,200.

France, which will send 300 athletes to the Games, is banking on medals in track and field, canoeing, fencing, judo, equestrian sports, wrestling and shooting, he said.

## BRIEFS

Spain's Pedro Delgado all but wrapped up the Tour de France cycling title Monday, padding his lead in a mountainous 15th stage. At the end of a 116-mile race from St. Girons to Luz-Ardiden in the Pyrenees, Delgado broke away from a pack of riders to finish third and increase his overall advantage to more than four minutes over the Netherlands' Steve Rooks. Laudelino Cubino of Spain won the stage in 6 hours 20 minutes 44 seconds.

Coach Bill Curry said he has cautioned angry Alabama football players against seeking revenge for what he termed an unprovoked attack on two teammates outside a Tuscaloosa (Ala.) nightclub. Senior Bobby Humphrey, the school's all-time leading runner, suffered a fractured jaw and linebacker Vantrese Davis received bruises when they were attacked early Saturday morning.

Ohio State running back Carlos Snow pleaded guilty to one count of disorderly conduct and had another count dismissed in Columbus, Ohio. Franklin County Municipal Court Judge Sidney Golden sentenced Snow to the maximum penalty, 30 days in jail and a \$250 fine, but suspended the jail term and \$150 in fines. Snow, who will be a sophomore this fall, was charged after a scuffle at a campus bar in February.

The attorney for Paul Palmer said the former Temple running back accepted money from, and signed a contract with, agent Norby Walters before his senior football season in 1986. Attorney Matt Lydon said Palmer received a loan of approximately \$5,000 from Walters and signed a contract granting the agent the right to later represent Palmer in negotiations.

Northeastern Illinois' search for a men's basketball coach could end as early as Friday, acting Athletic Director Ken Stetson said. The job became vacant in the spring when part-time coach Christ Kalamatas resigned. Among the six finalists are former Manly and Illinois-Chicago coach Willie Little and former Mt. Carmel, Marquette and National Basketball Association player Lloyd Walton.

Kansas State athletic officials said they still hadn't heard from basketball player Buster Grover but expressed relief that he apparently was safe. Glover, the object of a police search in four states after he failed to arrive for summer classes in Manhattan, Kan., after leaving his home in Gary on July 4, contacted his family and girlfriend Sunday and said he was all right.

A Northern Dancer colt brought the top price of \$2.45 million during the first day of the Keeneland Selected Yearling Sale at Lexington, Ky. Sheik Mohammed al Maktoum of the United Arab Emirates nation of Dubai made the winning bid for the bay yearling out of Detroit through his Darley Stud Management. The mare is owned by Briton Robert Sangster, one of the leading buyers at Keeneland for the last decade.

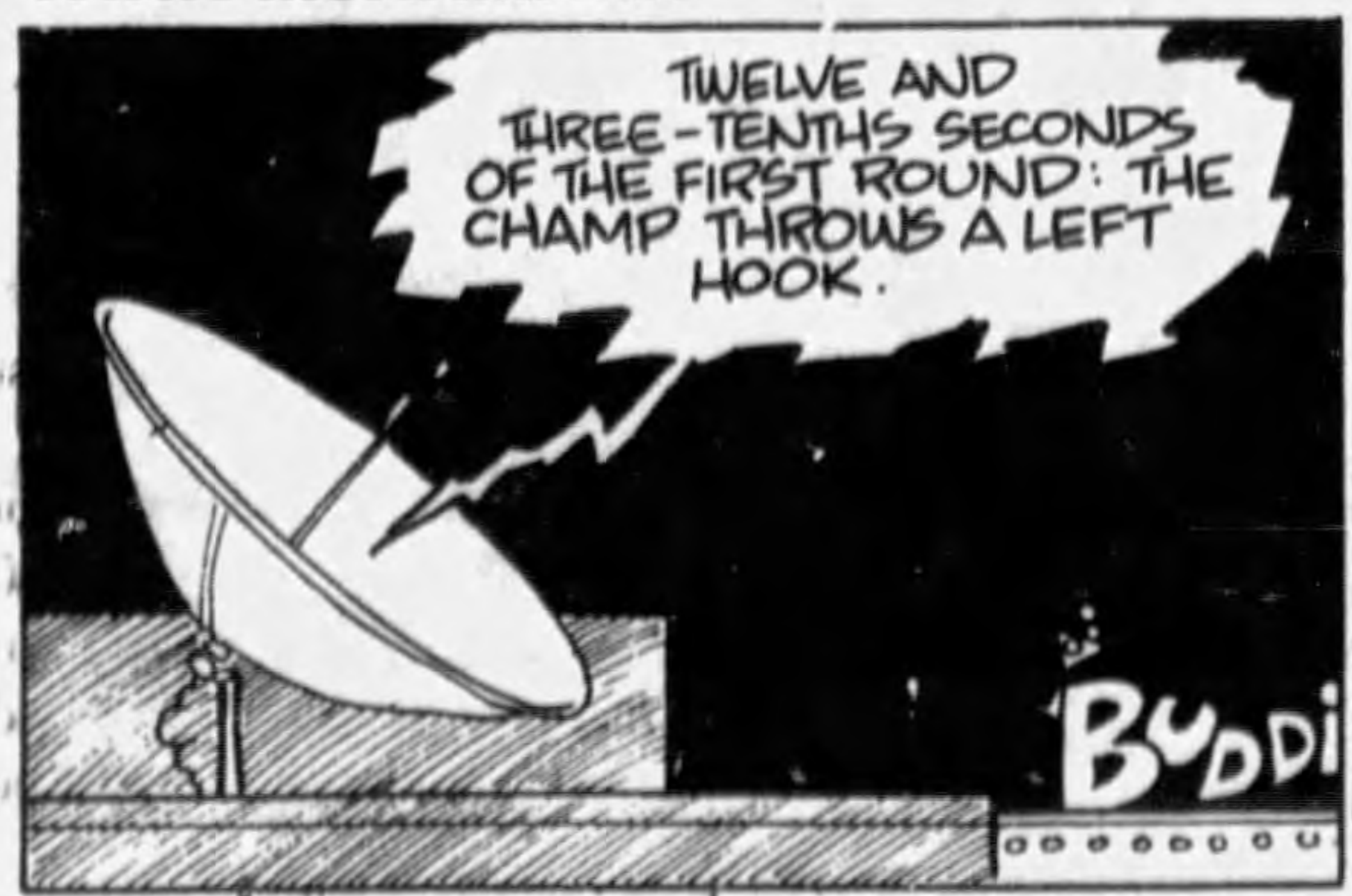
Mike Tyson, who has beaten every opponent in the ring, will try to win one in the courts Tuesday as his lawyers seek a preliminary injunction in the battle over the status of his manager. "Tomorrow is Round 1 of a 15-round championship fight," said Peter Parcher, one of Tyson's lawyers. Tyson, the undisputed heavyweight champ, claims the contract he signed Feb. 12 does not tie him to Bill Cayton. Cayton says the contract makes him Tyson's manager until Feb. 11, 1992.

The Charlotte Hornets acquired Robert Reid and a second-round draft pick in 1990 from the Houston Rockets in exchange for Bernard Thompson, whom the Hornets selected in the NBA expansion draft.

Fujimo FBF of Detroit's Bayview Yacht Club took first place in International Offshore Racing Class A competition in the Port Huron to Mackinac sailboat race. Fujimo, the fourth sailboat to cross the finish line, had a corrected time of 40 hours 7 minutes 38 seconds. Defending champion Sassy finished the race first but was placed fifth with a corrected time of 42:32.3.

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