St. George Crosse: campaigning from sunrise on..

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He turned to Crosse. "We have the ability to change things and here's one of the men who can help us."

Crosse took the podium and surveyed the crowd before he spoke. "Let's have an for the church," he boomed. The crowd responded enthusiastically.

"How many of you have voter's cards?" he asked.

Almost all the members raised their hands.

"Now, how many of you are going to vote?" he asked. Again nearly everyone responded.

"One of our great leaders, the late Martin Luther King, said 'I have a dream,'" he shouted. "I also have a dream. I have a dream that one day our senior citizens will be able to walk the streets without fear, that one day we will all be entitled to fair and decent housing. I have a dream that one day soon, we will have representation in city hall!"

The crowd cheered him on, waving their hands and shouting "amen, brother," as he finished.

"Next stop, Brown Memorial church," he said. He sped around the corner, to the church on Walbrook Ave. and Fulton.

The church was packed.

"This man is our last hope to change things in city hall," said the Rev. Douglass Miles as Crosse rose to speak.

Once more he made his "I have a dream" speech, and once more he elicited a tremendous response.

"We can do it," he intoned. "Let's remember the great days of Martin Lu-t's all join in singing, 'We Shall Overcome.'"

The church as one took up the tune after Crosse, with his deep baritone voice began the opening verses. He descended from the podium and made his way through a sea of smiling faces and outstretched hands to the door.

A reporter asked him what a Methodist minister would bring to city hall.

"I look at the city like a family," he replied. "What if a woman who received welfare was spending the money on clothes, stereos, things like that? Now suppose one member of t family kept on saying, 'mommy, what about food? What about ehat heat?' That's the kind of voice I plan on bringing to city hall, a voice of morality that recognizes the human needs of our city."

He turned on to Laurens Street, stopped the car and got out "Now it's time for some street campaigning," he said. He reached into the car and pulled out a megaphone, which he attached to the roof of the vehicle. He then hooked up a tape recorder, which started spewing out campaign slogans.

"Let's go," he said, opped into the car. He headed down Laurens Street slowly, as the megaphone blared, "vote Crosse for comptroller. Let's get Hyman Pressman out of office. It's time for a black man in city hall."

As he headed down Lafayette Avenue, a man in a large grey LIncoln, with a wide-brim cowboy hat on his head, pulled up next to Crosse and shouted, "I'm voting for you brother!"

Crosse motioned for him to pull over, and as he did, Crosse handed him a stack of campaign literature and asked him to give it out to his friends.

"Everybody has their sphere of influence," said Crosse, as he started up his car again, "now that man will probably give that stuff to a lot of people."

As he continued driving through West Baltimore men on street corners stopped their revelry to wave and shout endorsements to Crosse.

As he drove along, he noticed that many passersby were reacting favourably to the anti-Pressman part of the campaign spi el.

"Usually it's bad to refer to your opponent, but in this case I think it's a a plus," said Crosse, stopping th car. "I think I'll make another tape."

He pulled out his tape recorder and began making a new tape which, mentioned Pressman by name more than four times in a tw minute span.

He started up the car again, and as he reached he 7 block of Saratoga street, he looked at the city-owned housing project and shook his head.

"Look at that," he said, "On one side you have about ab out seven houses," pointing to the latest city-constructed sin family houses," and on the other side of the street you have o 8 familes living in the same space." A towering high-rise of city-owned apartments stood across from the new projects.

"And what makes it so bad, he continued," is that there's a waiting list of people who want to get into places like that.

After making the rounds of various churches in the west Bal more area, he headed up to Park Circle to take part in a parade organized by the Park Heights Community Corporation.

As he drove up Park Heights Avenue in the parade, many peop in the audience ran toward the crowd, enthusiastically snatchin at the campaign literature he handed out. An old man with a can paused in the street, and waved his cane above his head as he shouted, "I'm with you boy!"

"Those are my people," said Crosse, "Even though we stea from each other, and really treat each other bad sometimes were all in this together."

As the parade wound to a close on Cold Spring Lane, Crosse turned off the megaphone and said, "Now let's go eat."

While heading toward his home, he passed a large area fence with a high brick wall. When his guest asked him what it was, h responded, 'It's a dump They call it a trash transfer station but it's just a glorified garbage dump. We tried to fight it, b the city just ignored us and put it in anyway. It goes to show how much they really listen to us."

As he drove up to his house, located next to his church, a arge crowd of youths who had been playing football on the law in front of the church sped off.

"Look at that," said Crosse laughing, "they know they're not supposed to be playing on that grass." He got out of the c in mock rage, and roared, "let me catch one of you, just let m catch him."

The kids all sat innocently on a step across from him, the football concealed behind one the group's back.

He entered his house, and his eldest daughter, Karin, a twe ve-year-old seventh grader at Pimlico Junior High, was there to meet him.

As Crosse busied himself preparing for dinner, Karin entert ined his guest in the living room. A vivacious preteen, she de cribed her schoolife, adding that she hated her gym class.

Crosse re-entered the spacious living room and asked his gu st to join him at the dinner table, where Delois Crosse, his wi of fourteen years, was bringing out steaming dishes of stew, sp e ribs, and a host of other foods.

"In this house," said Crosse, after blessing the meal, " beleive in eating heartily."

The couple urged food on their guest, nd s dinner wore on, began talking about how they had met.

"I was a junior at Morgan," said Mrs. Crosse, "and he wa a senior at Maryland State, ?now University of Maryland, Easter Shore,? when we met at a basketball game."

When asked what kind of strain Crosse's political activitie put on her and the family, she smiled and said "It isn't really a strain. St. George is always into something, and I jus try to support him in whatever he wants to do."

Shootings

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nts. Whe one guest left, he eacked his car into a car belongin to a guest at the other party.

He left without reporting it and was seen by people at the other party. They chased him through the woods and caught up with him as he drove away.

He ran into one of the people chasing him. The crowddragg ed him out of his car and began beating him.

Meanwhile, guests at the party he attended came to his resu rescue. In the street brawl that followed, one man was stabbed.

Tenants say the trouble is caused by teens and young adlts from a nearby apartment complex.

The current problems began, they told the AFRO, after a black tenant in his early 2's fought with a white 13-yea old.

"The 13-year-old went home and got his older brothers and one thing led to another," one tenant said.

"And now, that guy moved away. He started all this and now he doesn't even live here anymore," she said.

White eighborho-d -tut who tenants say call themselves the "Junior Ku Klux Klan," are also blamed for numerous broken windows.

Black and white residents at Lake in the Woods, which char ges up to $33 per month rent, told the AFRO they do not have any problems getting along with each other.

One tenant and police officers put some of the blame for the racial incidents on television programs showing the KKK and publicity received after the first cross burning.

"A couple of rednecks are keeping this going. That TV show with Muhammad Ali ?"Freedom Road"? which showed the KKK has probably precipitated a lot more of this type of activi y," a police spokesman said.

Until the culprits are caught, particularly those who threatened the children Thursday morning, residents at the Baltimore County apartment complex will continue to live in fear.

Parents worry how to get their children safely to and from school each day.

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e o-oe would make them late for work.

"The majority of black mothers have to be at work for the kids to be at school.

"I walked my kids to school when they were in first grade but I shouldn't have to do it when they are nine and 1 years old," she said.

Ms. Sims and one of her neighbors said school officials a Riverview Elementary have been uncooperative.

"They told us to get a relative or a neighbor to walk th kids to school," Ms. Sims said.

John Young, principal at Waterview Elementary, said he is in close contact with county police to try to ensure students' safety.

Other protective measures at the school include carefully screening unauthorized visitors and patrolling the school groun when school lets out in the afternoon.

"We won't just wash our hands on this after the children

leave school grounds. We will continue to work with parents and the police department," said Phil Rhoads, deputy superintendent of Baltimore County schools.

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State says Morgan used funds improperly

Morgan State University improperly transferred at least $18,500 into a private foundation operated by the college, state auditors have found.

Audits of the college's finances made this Fall show the contributions were diverted to a foundation run by Morgan's Board of Regents and not subject to state controls, auditor Eugene Gerczak said.

The money was returned to the college's accounts after the discrepancy was found, Gerczak said.

However, Enolia McMillan, a member of Morgan's board, charged that as much as $100,000 was diverted to the fund as part of a routing practice of depositing contributions in the foundation's account.

She charged that some of the money was spent on questionalble purposes.

Rhe board has asked the Morgan State University Foundation for copies of a private audit of the foundation's accounts.

University President Andrew Billingsley ordered that no additional funds be diverted to the foundation after Mrs. McMillan made her complaint last April. He could not be reached for comment on the audit.

Gerczak said the audit also showed the university had kept more accurate books in the past two years.

But he said several problems remain, including out-of-state students who do not pay higher rates, students on financial aid who do not keep grades above the minimum standard, and overdue student loans which had not been reported to the state. (UPI)

30 PRISONERS TOO MANY

City Jail misses monthly reduction

City Jail feel 30 inmates short of its interim monthly goal for reducing the prisoner population, according to a monthly report filed Oct. 26 in U.S. District Court.

The jail is under court order to reduce its population to 957 by Jan 13 to eliminate overcrowding.

The jail reduced its population from 1,361 on Aug. 1 to 1,204 this week, said Associate Solicitor William Hughes. But Hughes said that figure is 30 short of the jail's Nov. 1 goal.

The jail reduced its population by 82 inmates during October.

"We're continuing to show a downward trend in our depopulation efforts," Hughes said.

The main obstacles to cutting the population are — ironically — the number of federal prisoners housed in the jail and the number of convicted persons awaiting sentencing to state prisons.

Hughes said city officials are negotiating with the U.S. marshall service to transfer some of the federal prisoners to other jails.

Area retail prices climb 1.8 %

Baltimore area retail prices climbed nearly 2 percent between August and October of this year with a 1.6 rise in housing costs pacing the increase, federal officials reported Oct. 26

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics said the 1.8 percent increase in area retail prices was the lowest bimonthly increase in eight months. The bureau said consumers now pay $22.49 for a basket of croceries that cost $10 in $967.

A 1.6 percent rise in housing costs accounted for more than 40 percent of the area retail increase, said spokesman Alan Paiser.

General food and berage prices rose .06 percent, while the cost of dairy products jumped 3.9 percent.

Transportation costs rose 2.1 percent, a decrease from the 4.8 percent increase reported in July and August.

Medical care rose 3.2 percent and clothing costs jumped 5.9 percent, the bureau figures showed.

State says thousands may lose insurance

State officials figure fewer than half of the 4,500 people in Maryland who have cash from insurance policies coming to them will collect.

The State comptroller's office is advertising in several newspapers this week to let persons know their endowment life insurance policies have matured.

The comptoroller administers the little-known Unclaimed Property Act, which requires Maryland companied to file yearly reports on unclaimed money and property owed to their customers and employees.

Eachfall, the State arranges for classified ads to be placed listing thos involved.

If the money is not claimed by a certain deadline, it is turned over to the State. But a person may still file a claim with the State to get his moeny back, said Marvin Bond, a spokesman for the comptroller's office.

Bond estimates that less than half of the people listed will file claims.

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BUNDLE UP! — Diane Webb and Michael Riley dressed warmly in wool, leather, scarves and mittens to share a bench in Lexington Mall

City hunts stray dogs

City Hunts for Stray Dog

The Bureau of Animal Control of the Baltimore City Health Department is attempting to locate a stray, black and brown, German shepherd dog which recently bit a city teenager.

The youth was bitten at the corner of Franklin and Hilton. He noted that the dog has a black streak on the nose. Doctors have started the rabies vaccination series, but the shots will be stopped if the dog is found.

Anyone with information about this dog should call the Municipal Animal Shelter, 396-0218.

Last resort for fuel and food

A "last resort" source of fuel and food is offered by Associated Catholic Charities.

Beginning Nov., 19 and lasting until March 21, 1980, the organization will purchase $25 worth of fuel for severely handicapped residents, people age 60 and older, families with children younger than 18 or low-income residents, according to Glenna Beasley, emergency services specialist.

Checks for food are also available. The amount depends on the number of persons per houshold.

Ms. Beasley stressed city residents should contact DSS and Urban Services first before they call Associated Catholic Charities. The telephone number is 547 - 5512.

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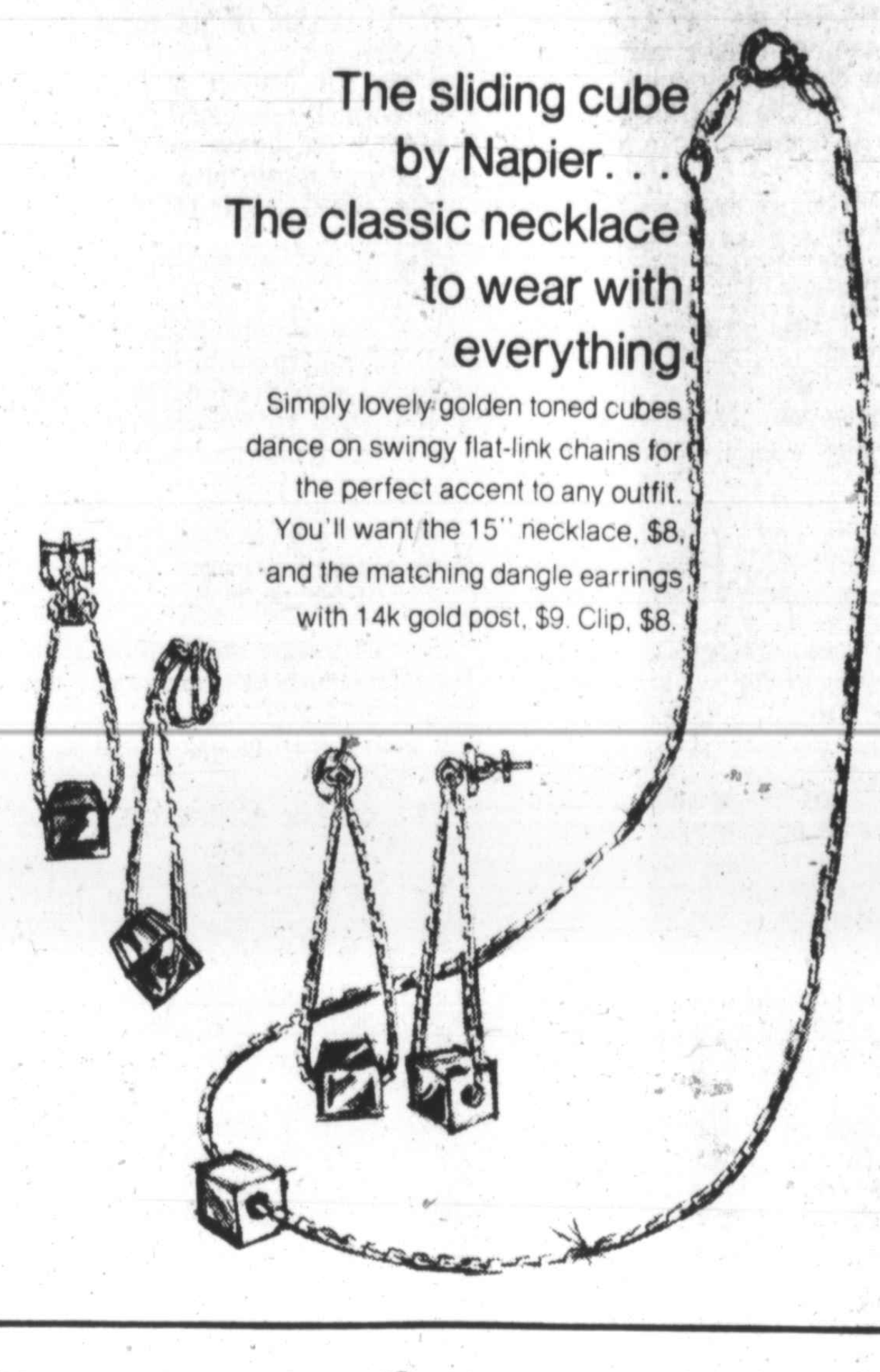

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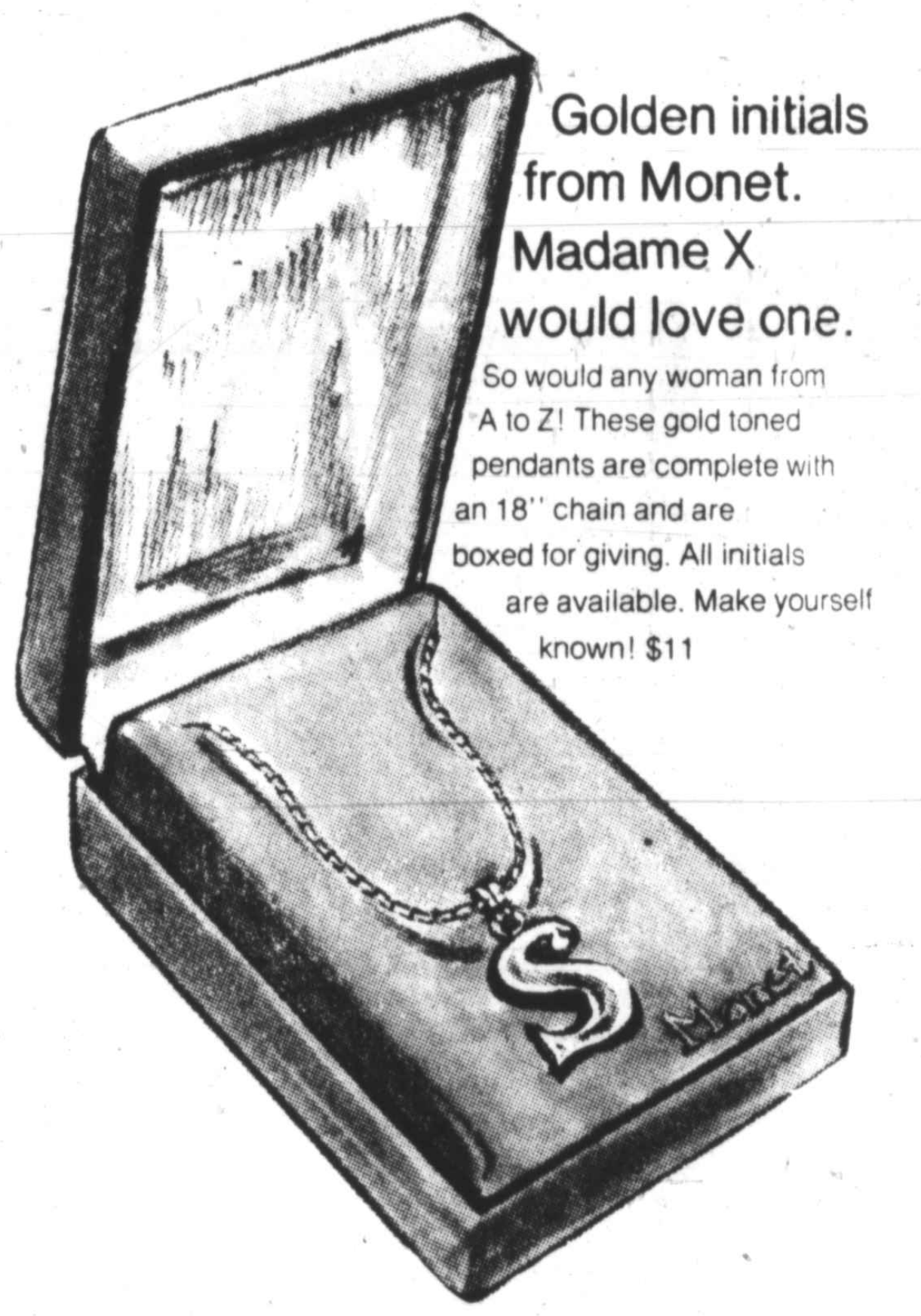

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