

Sports

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Oilers not discussing contracts

United Press International HOUSTON — A few weeks time and several phone conversations have not softened the Houston Oilers unwavering opposition to Earl Campbell's demand for a renegotiated \$1 million-a-year contract, General Manager Ladd Herzog says. "When (Campbell's agent) Witt Stewart calls, I tell him we're not going to get into it," Herzog said Monday. "As I said before, the possibility of renegotiation is zero."

Herzog added the \$50,000 was net profit. Campbell has made no comment about the contract squabble, but Stewart, an Austin agent who represents musicians primarily, has said the NFL rushing king will sit out the 1981 season unless given a new contract. Campbell is under contract through the 1985 season. Campbell wants to be paid deferred money during his playing years. Such a restructuring would make him the first \$1-million-a-year NFL player. By refusing to renegotiate his contract, the Oilers are sticking to a club policy instituted in August, 1980.

Faced with a long line of players who wanted new contracts, the club said it was no longer going to consider it. Renegotiating Campbell's contract would open the way for tight end Mike Barber, linebacker Robert Brazile and several others to seek the same thing. Those two were turned down in 1980. Asked whether there was a possibility Campbell's pact could be re-

done secretly, Herzog said, "It's not possible. When I negotiate a contract now, I fully expect to read about it in the newspaper the next day." The day after Herzog told of the demand, Stewart held a news conference to ask the Oilers to do what was fair. This past season Campbell was in the first year of a six-year contract.

Texas Athletics Council OKs date change for A&M game

By RICHARD OLIVER Sports Editor The University of Texas Athletics Council authorized a scheduling change Monday that will move the Longhorns game with Texas A&M University to Thanksgiving Day next fall in College Station. The move had been considered since last month, when Texas Athletics Director Bill Ellington had discussed it with Texas A&M's Athletic Director Marvin Tate at the NCAA annual meeting in Miami, Fla. Head Texas A&M Football Coach Tom Wilson and Tate had discussed the idea before bringing it up to Ellington. The Texas council approved the proposed change in the date with little discussion, even though it would mean both teams would enter the game with only four days of preparation after another game. Tuesday, a release from Tate's office confirmed the Thanksgiving one away with rivalry resumed next year if they did. The Athletic Council at Texas A&M had already agreed to the idea



Marvin Tate

has been played on the Saturday after Thanksgiving Day. Next year's Texas-Texas A&M game will be changed from Nov. 25 to Nov. 26 in College Station. The Aggies and Longhorns will meet on Thanksgiving Day for the next three years. In 1984, however, the game will drop back to a Saturday, due to the fact Texas A&M must play TCU while Texas will play Baylor Thanksgiving week. From 1985-88, though, the game will be played on Thanksgiving once again. "What it boils down to," said Tate, "is that every fifth year we won't be able to play on Thanksgiving." The game was played on Thanksgiving each year until 1977, when it was moved to Saturday to accommodate scheduling when Houston joined the Southwest Conference. Tate said rumors that Texas A&M will play at Texas two years in a row are unfounded. "We certainly aren't going over there two years in a row," he said, "and I doubt that Texas would want to come to College Station two straight years."

Spurs' Griffin steals game from Detroit

United Press International SAN ANTONIO — Reserve forward Paul Griffin stole two crucial passes in the last 25 seconds, including one converted into the winning basket, to lead the San Antonio Spurs past the Detroit Pistons, 102-99, in NBA play Tuesday night. Griffin, who had 11 points and 4 rebounds, stole a pass in a mad scramble under the San Antonio basket with 25 seconds left, and laid the ball in to put the Spurs up 100-99. Reserve center Dave Corcine, who grabbed 12 rebounds, hit two free throws with four seconds remaining to increase San Antonio's lead to 102-99. Griffin then stole Detroit's inbound pass to preserve the win. John Long gave Detroit a 99-98 lead with 42 seconds left when he connected on a hook shot from the top of the lane. Long led all scorers with a career-high 40 points.

Tanner regroups to defeat Fibak

United Press International PHILADELPHIA — Despite his perennial standing among the world's best 20 tennis players, Rose Tanner sat down last December and took a long hard look at his career. At one point in 1980, the bullet-nosed left-hander dropped to 18th in the rankings, a fine standing for many but quite a dip for the man who had climbed as high as fourth and reached the Wimbledon finals in 1978. He also was two-for-11 in quarterfinal matches last year. He called upon his agent, Donald Bell, to help him hash things out. "We discussed my attitude, based as the top player," the player, 29, said. "Little things were costing me matches last year. I let things bother me and it was messing up my concentration. It was going through my mind what I wanted to do, whether to keep playing tennis or do something else." Tanner showed a crowd of 14,616 that he still could play tennis. The seventh seed confidently

rumped past Poland's Wojtek Fibak 6-2, 7-6, 7-5, to win the \$250,000 U.S. Pro Indoor Tennis Championships. Tanner, some \$45,000 richer after his first Grand Prix victory in nearly two years, said it was a matter of not worrying about life after tennis but rather, recommitting himself to his profession to mount another assault on the Top 10. "I kind of floundered around last year," said Tanner, now ranked

14th. "I figured, 'Why play half-heartedly? Why not at full speed?' "It was just a matter of improving my attitude. I was still in the top 20 in the world, but where I had been, No. 4, told me I wasn't feeling like I was playing great." Tanner kept the eighth-seeded Fibak on the defensive the entire match by charging the net repeatedly and putting away winners with volleys and overheads.

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AN ERUPTING VOLCANO

For years the mountain had stood there peacefully and quietly. Most people never considered or even dreamed that the mountain would ever be otherwise. Then suddenly there appeared evidence of volcanic activity. Mount St. Helens was stirring again. On May 18, 1980, the mountain exploded with a force 500 times greater than the atomic bomb that fell on Hiroshima. The blast, heard 200 miles away, threw 1300 feet of the mountain into the stratosphere, raining debris everywhere. Tens of millions of tons of hot ash spewed 60,000 feet into the air. Boiling mud, rock, and ash covered the area, devastating everything in its reach. Prior to the eruption, the authorities forbade people to remain in the area. Rangers patrolled it, residents fled it, but some defied it. Harry Truman, 83, was one who foolishly remained. He laughed at the power of nature, refusing to leave for anyone or anything. With vulgarity of tongue and liquor in hand, he dared the mountain to blow and nothing happened. He arrogantly rejected every warning and plea to evacuate, boasting, "I'll be here till hell freezes over." Days later the mountain blew. Harry, the man who had defied the mountain, was dead. His body was buried under 40 feet of boiling mud. Many others also died. Incredibly, while the cataclysm was in process many of the living mocked. Some were gathered for a party to watch excitedly what was a loss of property and life for many. Others attempted to make a quick buck by selling T-shirts and souvenirs of the eruption. What a sad situation.

**More Volcanoes**

The story of Harry Truman and the eruption of Mount St. Helens is the story of man's situation today. Mankind is living on the side of a volcano, a volcano preparing for a furious and devastating eruption. In just the past year there have been frightening political eruptions in Iran, Afghanistan, Cuba, and Poland. There are also horrendous economic eruptions in this country and abroad, with far worse possibilities likely in the coming years. Who can say what eruptions will come next? Perhaps you are living on a volcano in your personal life, on your job, in your family or social life. You may not even be aware of it, and the volcano is about to blow.

**A Spiritual Volcano**

Even God may be likened to a volcano ready to erupt. He is a God of love, but He is also holy and righteous. He has long tolerated the sinful and moral degradation of this world. His judgment will soon burst forth and the lava of His divine wrath will cover the earth. The Bible tells us that the coming era of tribulation and judgment will be preceded by a tremendous earthquake and that, in desperation, people will try to hide from God's wrath (Rev. 6:12, 14-17). This passage of Scripture ends with these words, "For the great day of His wrath is come, and who shall be able to stand?" Without Christ, no one will be able to stand.

Do you realize the seriousness of your situation? If you have not received Christ, you are definitely living on the side of an awesome volcano. Don't be like Harry Truman who defied the mountain and was destroyed by it. Why be buried under God's wrath when you can be saved by God's Son. God has provided a way of escape to all who will receive it. "For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. He that believeth on Him is not condemned..." (John 3:17-18). The Lord Jesus Christ, the most wonderful and the dearest Person in the universe, wants to come into you and be your salvation. He has already suffered the storm of God's wrath on your behalf. Now, in Him, you can enjoy all the riches of God's favor and love. But you must see into Christ while there is time. You can do this by turning your whole heart to Him and calling on His precious name from deep within. "Lord Jesus! Oh, Lord Jesus! Come into me! Save me! Forgive me! Cleanse me and fill me! I open my heart to You. Be my life. Be my everything!" Will you pray this prayer? If you will, you will come out of the realm of judgment. Instead you will know this wonderful Person living in you, and you will discover in Him what you have never dreamed of. He will save you to the uttermost, and instead of judgment, the enjoyment of God will be your portion both now and forever. For the Bible says, "The same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon Him. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." (Rom 10:12-13)

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