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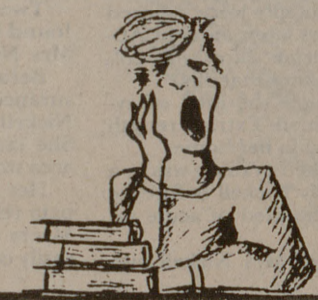
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## Manley ends silence to bash Pokes, summit

HERNDON, Va. (AP) — Washington Redskins defensive end Dexter Manley, in a rare interview with reporters Wednesday, took a verbal swipe at the Dallas Cowboys, the White House summit and John Riggins.

Manley held court in the dressing room of the Redskins' practice facility shortly before Washington was to begin on-field preparations for this Sunday's game against the Cowboys. Manley said the game between the traditional rivals doesn't have the aura it usually does because the Cowboys have lost three straight to fall to 5-7.

Manley said the local media has all but ignored the upcoming game, and speculated that the reason was the summit.

"It seems like the town is in an uproar, I guess because (Soviet leader) Mikhail Gorbachev is here. It's kind of slowing things down," Manley said.

"I wish he'd get the hell out of town," Manley said with a smile. "The Redskins-Cowboys game is bigger than what's happening with the summit."

Asked if he was invited to Tuesday's dinner at the White House, Manley replied, "I wasn't ready to pass out under the table."

That was a reference to Riggins, the former Redskins running back who fell asleep at a black-tie Washington Press Club function and later told his table partner, Supreme Court Justice Sandra O'Connor, to "loosen up."

## Landry may step down after contract expires

HERNDON, Va. (AP) — Dallas Cowboys Coach Tom Landry said Wednesday that he will more than likely retire at the end of his current contract, which expires after the 1989 season.

Landry, who has been head coach of the Cowboys since their initial season in 1960, was criticized earlier this week by principal owner Bum Bright. Landry insisted that he will finish out his three-year contract, but in a conference call with Washington reporters he said he will probably call it quits after that.

Asked if he planned to be coaching after his current pact, Landry replied, "No, I don't think so. I was kind of ready to step down anyway (after last year's 7-9 season), but we had such a poor finish that I was hoping to help turn things around."

Landry, who ranks No. 3 among the NFL's all-time winningest coaches, expects to reach the end of his contract despite the Cowboys'

"But I'm glad we're playing the Cowboys now," Manley said. "Kick 'em while they're down. I don't feel sorry for them."

Manley, in the wide-ranging interview, expressed sympathy for Dallas Coach Tom Landry, who was criticized by Cowboys principal owner Bum Bright in the aftermath of Dallas' 21-10 loss to Atlanta last week.

"Landry's probably the winningest coach in the NFL, so it was an erroneous comment by (Bright)," Manley said. "I'd like to have my cowboy boots and kick him in the butt for that. I'd show him what real Texans are like."

Manley, who was raised in Houston, said, "It's not Landry's fault. He's doing the best he can with the people he's got."

Manley has been surprisingly quiet this year after spending his previous six NFL seasons as one of the league's most outspoken figures. This year he has spoken to reporters only twice, both after games, and this was his first mid-week interview.

Manley, who made the Pro Bowl last year for the first time in his career, was treated for alcoholism during the offseason and recently said he stopped talking to the press so he could devote his time to fighting his problem.

Two weeks ago he declared he had all but beaten the problem and spoke to reporters for the first time after he notched three sacks in a victory over the New York Giants.

current problems. But he isn't making any plans to stay any longer.

"I'm 63 now," he said. "I would think that if I went on through to the end of this contract, it would probably be time for me to do something else."

"I've been doing this for so long," he continued. "I have a lot of things I'd like to do with my family that I don't have the time to do right now. I'm leaning that way."

Landry said he still enjoys coaching, but is obviously disappointed that his team has dropped three straight games to fall to 5-7 and to the brink of elimination in the playoff chase.

"You just have to learn how to handle the down side of coaching," he said. "It's all a matter of how tough you are."

Up until last year, the Cowboys had enjoyed 20 consecutive winning seasons.

## M. Jackson is 'Bad' in seaside stadium

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — The Michael Jackson Show played almost weekly in this South Texas seaside city over the past three months.

Buc Stadium, located near the heart of Corpus Christi, was his stage.

But this Michael Jackson didn't need a "Victory Tour" or an album titled "Bad" to prove he was a "Thriller."

Corpus Christi Miller High School's Michael Jackson — unlike his rock star counterpart — used rubber spikes instead of platform shoes to do his "moon walk" and other varied moves while claiming Class 5A's scoring title this year.

Jackson — a 6-foot, 180-pound senior — finished the regular season with 23 touchdowns and four two-point conversions for 146 points.

"He was something to see this year, something special," said Miller Coach Lee Allen, whose Buccaneers have advanced to the state playoffs two of the past four years.

Like the famous rock star, Miller's Jackson had a crew of brothers for a supporting cast during his three-year career at the Corpus Christi westside high school.

Older brother Billy graduated last year. Younger brothers Terry, a junior, and Eric, a sophomore, hope to follow in Michael's footsteps.

Jackson finished as District 26-5A's leader in rushing, tandem offense and scoring.

He also had the top average per reception in the district.

"Michael is as complete an offensive back as I've seen," Allen said. Jackson rushed for 1,319 yards while averaging seven yards per carry and scoring 19 touchdowns. He added 443 yards and four touchdowns on 18 receptions, averaging 24.6 yard per catch.

"He has the quickness, speed and moves to be not only a big-time high school back but, I feel, to succeed in college," Allen added about the Miller standout, who has 4.5 speed in the 40-yard dash and has attracted several Southwest Conference and Texas colleges.

Jackson also ran back punts and kickoffs for an additional 478 yards this year, giving him 2,240 all-purpose yards for the season.

"He can run, catch the ball and block," Allen said. "He even played quarterback when we asked him."

The Miller senior had touchdown runs of 84, 65 and 78 nullified by penalties during the season.

"The thing about Michael this year is that he made most of those yards on his own," Allen said. "He was only one of two seniors on our offense."

"We had only one returning offensive lineman. I just wonder what he can do with good protection up front?"

Allen compares Jackson to Indianapolis Colts' Eric Dickerson.

"He has the speed to outrun you or the power to run right at you," said the Miller coach. "He's not afraid to lower that shoulder and fight for the extra yard when the situation calls for it. But, if the opportunity is there for him to make a move on the defender to fake him out of the play, he'll do it and then he'll be gone."

Ten of Jackson's touchdowns this year were for more than 50 yards. Jackson didn't reach all his goals for the season.

"I set out this year to help us make the state playoffs again," Jackson said. "We didn't reach that goal, but we were respectable."

Miller finished 5-4-1 this season.

"The next best thing I could do was bring some attention to my school," Jackson added. "I feel my running and my scoring helped."

Jackson and his brothers — known as "Jackson Five-Minus Two" — provided plenty of thrills for South Texas football fans. Several times, Miller used three Jacksons in the backfield. Almost always, something special happened.

"My biggest thrill of my high school career would have to be playing with my brothers," Jackson admitted. "The first time we were together in the backfield last year, Billy broke for a touchdown. That's something to cherish."

Corpus Christi fans also will cherish memories of Michael Jackson whizzing for scores. Five times during the year Jackson played before standing-room-only crowds at 10,500-seat capacity Buc Stadium.

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