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June 16, 1998

REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT
HONORING THE SUPER BOWL CHAMPION DENVER BRONCOS

The East Room

6:15 P.M. EDT

THE PRESIDENT: Good afternoon. Thank you very much. Commissioner Tagliabue, Mr. Bowlen, Coach Shanahan, friends of the Broncos, I'm delighted to see all of you here. I want to especially acknowledge the presence here of Governor Romer and Senators Allard and Campbell and Hatch, Representatives DeGette, Schaefer and Schaffer, and Mayor Webb, Ms. Martinez. And I'd like to say a special word of appreciation to Secretary Federico Pena and his wife, Ellen. He has been Mayor of Denver, the Secretary of Transportation, and now the Secretary of Energy. And this is his last public event before going into the private sector, and he is going out on a high. So, thank you very much, Mr. Secretary. (Applause.)

Let me say to all of you, I think every football fan loved the last Super Bowl. Denver had one of the toughest roads to the Super Bowl in history, winning as a wild card team and a 12-point underdog, and won a magnificent game.

I learned that -- where's Terrell, where are you? (Laughter.) I asked him if he thought I would look good in that five-button coat. (Laughter.) And he said it wasn't presidential. (Laughter.) He was -- I learned in doing a little research for this

event that he's the only person to ever win the MVP Award in his hometown, and the only person ever to score three rushing touchdowns. And not only that, he sat out a quarter, as you remember, with a migraine. So that's a pretty impressive performance -- running behind the lightest, but maybe the best offensive line in pro football -- as you can look up here, light is a relative term. (Laughter.)

There are a lot of things about this team I like. Three of the players actually have connections to my home state, which made me feel very happy. But I can tell you that maybe the most remarkable thing is loyalty of the community, the steadfastness of John Elway. We're sorry he couldn't be here and we're glad he's okay. Fifteen seasons, over 48,000 yards, and he's the oldest person ever to score a touchdown in the Super Bowl. That's like being light -- old is a relative term. (Laughter.)

And, Coach Shanahan, you've only been there three years, which is a remarkable tribute to your ability, and also to the teamwork of this team. I'm sure that every 1,000-yard receiver or 1,500-yard rusher, or star quarterback who's ever been part of a Super Bowl team would say that it's teams that win championships. And a great team won this championship. We're honored to have them in the White House today.

Thank you very much. (Applause.)

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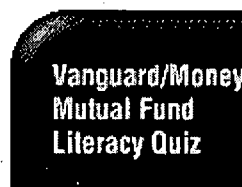
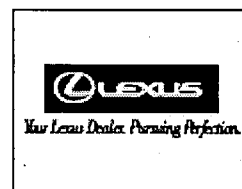
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President Clinton accepts a Broncos jersey from Super Bowl MVP Terrell Davis at the White House on Tuesday.
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White House salutes Broncos

By **Stacie Oulton**
Denver Post Staff Writer

June 17 - WASHINGTON - Denver running back Terrell Davis greeted President Bill Clinton the only way a Broncos star could.

He gave him the Mile High Salute.

If there was any question about whether President Clinton is a Broncos fan, he answered it by returning the salute as the team stood in the regal East Room of the White House.

"I think every football fan loved the last Super Bowl," Clinton said. "Denver had one of the toughest roads to the Super Bowl in history, winning as a wild-card team and a 12-point underdog."

Oh, the sweet taste of success; to have the president of the United States enumerate Davis' and other players' personal accomplishments.

"I learned in doing a little research that he's the only person to ever win the MVP award in his home town, and the only person ever to score three rushing touchdowns," Clinton said of Davis.

"This is the only thing I thought about after we won the Super Bowl, coming to the White House and seeing the president," Davis told Clinton. "We're here and it is all that we thought it would be."

Davis presented Clinton with the traditional No. 1 jersey - emblazoned with Clinton's name - which was so large it hung below the president's knees. Clinton also tried to pick up some fashion tips from Davis, who wore a cream-colored, five-button coat.

"I asked him if he thought I would look good in that five-button coat," Clinton said to laughter from the audience. "He said it wasn't presidential."

Several Broncos did not make the trip. Quarterback John Elway opted out due to a swollen knee, and Shannon Sharpe was vacationing in Georgia. Ray Crockett and Gary Zimmerman also were not here. Clinton still took time to praise and tease the missing quarterback.

"There are a lot of things about this team I like," Clinton said.

"I can tell you that what maybe the most remarkable thing is the loyalty of the community and the steadfastness of John Elway.

"Fifteen seasons over 48,000 yards (passing), and he's the oldest person ever to score a touchdown in the Super Bowl," Clinton said.

The East Room presentation of the jersey and the display of the Vince Lombardi Trophy culminated a visit to the White House that included an hour-long VIP tour and a 15-minute private chat between Clinton and the team.

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Coach Mike Shanahan said the team and president talked "mainly football" - not often a topic on the president's agenda.

"It's very unique to me because I've never been in the White House before," Shanahan said.

"It's something our entire organization will remember. I know I will."

Clinton also praised Shanahan for getting the Broncos to the pinnacle of their profession in just three years, "which is a remarkable tribute to your ability and also the teamwork of this team," the president said.

Bill Romanowski, who won a trip to the Bush White House with the San Francisco 49ers, said this visit with the Broncos was better.

He said Clinton told the players their Super Bowl victory was all the sweeter because they were underdogs.

Also appearing for the ceremony was outgoing Energy Secretary Federico Peña, former mayor of Denver.

It was Peña's last public appearance before leaving the Clinton administration.

Said Clinton, "He's going out on a high."

The event was complete with fanatic Broncos fans standing outside the White House chanting about the team as the eastern sky closed in and it began to rain.

"We're neglected East-coast fans," said one woman huddled under an umbrella.

Most of the half-dozen fans were transplants from the Rocky Mountain region.

They were hoping to catch glimpses of the team, as players mingled on the north portico after the ceremony.

"It's our team," said Abe Thompson, a former Colorado Springs resident living in Maryland. To see the team, he said, was "worth any amount of effort."

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Big question in Washington: Where's Johnny?

By **Kevin Coleman**
Special to The Denver Post

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June 17 - Was it the knee or the company? Inquiring minds want to know.

Quarterback John Elway, a staunch Republican, Tuesday skipped the Denver Broncos' White House visit with Bill Clinton because, the President was told, he had to undergo an MRI on his left knee.

Broncos coach Mike Shanahan said Elway was doing agility drills during a Monday workout when he felt a twinge in the knee and it became swollen. After meeting with medical personnel, Elway was advised to have the MRI done either in the morning or the afternoon - forcing him to miss the Super Bowl champions' reception with Clinton in the East Room of the White House.

The MRI, done at an undisclosed facility, proved negative.

"John said, 'Mike, this is really bothering me,'" Shanahan said. "John is one that usually plays with a lot of pain. He's not one ever to complain. He felt quite sore and he thought there was something wrong.

"Fortunately it is just a sore knee. It may take a couple of weeks (to heal). But the MRI was negative, so he should be back to normal."

Shanahan was asked why Elway opted to have the MRI done Tuesday rather than waiting a day so he could join the festivities with the president. Was it so essential that he have the MRI done Tuesday?

Shanahan replied that any surgery would have had to be done immediately.

"You know knees," he said. "There are just five weeks left before training camp and with a knee . . . John wants to get ready for the season, and he felt this (knee twinge) was serious enough to be checked out."

Said Clinton: "We hope John Elway is all right."

Elway was unavailable for comment.

Shanahan said doctors thought the injury might be more serious than even Elway thought.

"Any time you have any injury, the quicker they get in and fix it, the better off he'll be," Shanahan said.

The White House hasn't exactly been a good-luck charm for Elway.

In 1989, he had breakfast there on the morning of the Broncos' "Monday Night Football" appearance against the Washington Redskins,

before developing a case of food poisoning and missing the game. Reserve quarterback Gary Kubiak, Denver's current offensive coordinator, filled in and engineered a 14-10 upset.

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Elway skips team trip to White House

President Clinton and Broncos owner Pat Bowlen hold the Vince Lombardi trophy while the Broncos, minus John Elway, look on. The Broncos received the invitation to the White House for their Super Bowl victory. [Complete story](#)

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Rocky Mountain News Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON -- Quarterback John Elway took a pass Tuesday on the Broncos' long-awaited Super Bowl ceremony in the White House, staying home because team officials said he was concerned about his fragile left knee.

Broncos officials said the quarterback remained in Denver for precautionary X-rays after feeling a "twinge" in his knee while jogging Monday. His personal secretary said, however, Elway missed the ceremony because of his "extremely busy schedule."

Whatever the reason, Elway was glaringly conspicuous by his absence when a hulking crowd of about 45 teammates filed slowly into the East Room for a brief, early-evening ceremony with President Clinton.

The First Fan took no umbrage at the snub. He went so far as to provide a snippet of career statistics: "15 seasons, over 48,000 yards, and the oldest person ever to score a touchdown in a Super Bowl game."

"We're sorry he couldn't be here," Clinton said. "We're glad he's OK."

"Denver had one of the roughest roads to the Super Bowl in history," the president said, noting the Broncos were 12-point underdogs going into the Jan. 25 game against the Green Bay Packers.

The Broncos, who had lost four previous times in the Super Bowl, beat the Packers 31-24.

"Maybe the most remarkable thing was the loyalty of the community, the steadfastness of John Elway," Clinton said.

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Super Bowl Most Valuable Player Terrell Davis presented Clinton with a Broncos home jersey with the president's name and a huge No. 1. Then Davis and Clinton exchanged a Mile High Salute, drawing hearty applause from an audience that included Colorado Gov. Roy Romer, Denver Mayor Wellington Webb and several members of the state's congressional delegation.

Davis said, "It's been a long road for us coming here, but this is the one thing I thought about after we won the Super Bowl -- coming to the White House and seeing the president."

The ceremony, which ended with Clinton hoisting the Lombardi Trophy with Broncos owner Pat Bowlen, capped a whirlwind day for those players who chose to attend the ceremony. Several players were unaware until their arrival here that Elway was not among the entourage.

At a luncheon before a private tour of the White House and the 20-minute ceremony with the president, team officials said unequivocally that Elway's absence was because of concerns over his knee.

They said the magnetic resonance imaging test he took Tuesday morning indicated no problem with the knee.

"If it hadn't happened so quickly, I think John would have been here," coach Mike Shanahan said. "It really bothered him, and it was something he wanted to take care of right away."

When asked why No. 7 wasn't in the nation's capitol with the rest of his teammates, Elway's personal secretary, Kathy Hatch, said, "He's got a bunch of stuff he's got to do this week, and he pretty much decided that it was an overload to fit that in because it wasn't required by the team. There's only so many hours in a day."

She chuckled briefly and quickly dismissed a suggestion that Elway's decision was based on partisan motives -- he's a registered Republican who reportedly considered running for the 6th Congressional District seat being vacated next year by Rep. Dan Schaefer of Lakewood.

Informed about the medical excuse given by team officials, Hatch added, "He did tell me he was going to go to the doctor. I talked to him about it (Monday). He didn't make a big deal of it. They're just trying to make sure there's nothing serious. I suppose (his absence) was just a combination of both."



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**PRESIDENT WILLIAM J. CLINTON
REMARKS TO THE SUPER BOWL CHAMPION DENVER BRONCOS
THE EAST ROOM
June 16, 1998**

Acknowledgments: Gov. Romer; Sens. Allard, Campbell and Hatch; Reps. Diana DeGette (de-GET), Joel Hefley, Scott McInnis, Dan Schaefer and Bob Schaffer; Mayor Wellington Webb; Denver City Councilperson Ramona Martinez; NFL Commissioner Paul Tagliabue; Broncos owner Pat Bowlen (BO-len); Coach Mike Shanahan

I want to welcome the Denver Broncos to the White House today. It's a remarkable ride that brought all of you here: one of the toughest roads in NFL history, along the way to the best Super Bowl in history. And once you got there, you were 12-point underdogs. You were a wildcard team. You were playing the defending Super Bowl champions. And you were undaunted by any of it.

It was good to see Coach Shanahan relax a little when the Super Bowl clock expired. In only his third season as head coach, he led the Broncos back to the Super Bowl for the first time in eight years, and the intensity and discipline he brought to the club won them their greatest victory ever. Someone else who has achieved a whole lot in just a little time is Terrell (Tuh-RELL) Davis. He's the first Super Bowl MVP to win the award in his hometown, the first to score three rushing touchdowns -- and the first to conquer a migraine headache. He was assisted by the Broncos offensive line, the lightest but the best in the NFL.

The Broncos have shown the rest of us the true meaning of teamwork. The best offense in the NFL shares credit with the best defense in the AFC. A 1,500-yard rusher, Terrell Davis, shares the spotlight with a 1,000-yard receiver, Shannon Sharpe. And John Elway has shared his Super Bowl victory with all his teammates and the people of Denver. To the winningest quarterback in history, this was indeed the ultimate win. His 15 years of leadership, his fourth-quarter heroics week after week, and his more than 48,000 yards passing made it happen. In January, he even became the oldest player to score a Super Bowl touchdown. John Elway, I know you want to share that trophy, but I think the Broncos agree with Pat Bowlen: "This one's for John."

Congratulations to every one of you and to every fan in the proud state of Colorado. They're right to be proud of the Denver Broncos.

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Jeff Shesol

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I want to welcome the Denver Broncos to the White House today -- and to acknowledge a very familiar face. When I was Governor, I used to watch Steve Atwater at Razorback Stadium, where he made us all proud as a two-time All-American. It didn't surprise any of us when the Broncos picked Steve in the first round, or when he made the Pro Bowl 7 times in a row.

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- The Vice President makes remarks and introduces Captain Mark Metayer, Vermont State Police.
- Mark Metayer makes remarks and introduces the President.
- The President makes remarks.
- The President proceeds to the signing table and invites police officers and Members of Congress to join him for the bill signing.
- The President signs the bill and departs.

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DENVER BRONCOS EVENT

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EAST ROOM**Remarks:** Jeff Shesol

Staff Contact: Maria Echaveste, Capricia Marshall

Event Coordinator: Laura Schwartz

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- The President, accompanied by Paul Tagliabue, Commissioner, National Football League, Pat Bowlen, Owner, Denver Broncos, and Mike Shanahan, Head Coach, Denver Broncos, is announced into the Rose Garden.
- The President makes welcoming remarks and introduces Paul Tagliabue.
- Paul Tagliabue makes remarks and introduces Pat Bowlen.
- Pat Bowlen makes remarks and introduces Mike Shanahan.
- Mike Shanahan makes remarks and introduces John Elway to present a jersey to the President.
- The President thanks the team and takes a group photo.
- The President has the option to work a ropeline and departs.

6:50 pm **THE PRESIDENT** departs The White House via motorcade en route
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7:00 pm **THE PRESIDENT** arrives Private Residence

Greeter: Governor Roy Romer
Herb and Patricia Miller
Len Barrack

7:05 pm- **PHOTO RECEIVING LINE**
7:30 pm **PRIVATE RESIDENCE**
Staff Contact: Craig Smith
Event Coordinator: Laura Graham
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Note: 40 guests in attendance.

7:35 pm- **DNC DINNER**
8:25 pm **OUTDOOR TENT**
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Note: There will be 40 guests in attendance.

- The President, accompanied by Governor Roy Romer and Herb Miller,
enters room and proceeds to head table.
- Dinner is served.
- Len Barrack makes welcoming remarks and introduces Governor Roy
Romer.
- Governor Roy Romer makes brief remarks and introduces Herb Miller.
- Herb Miller makes brief remarks and introduces the President.
- The President makes remarks and departs.

8:30 pm **THE PRESIDENT** departs Private Residence via motorcade en route BET
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8:40 pm **THE PRESIDENT** arrives BET on Jazz Restaurant

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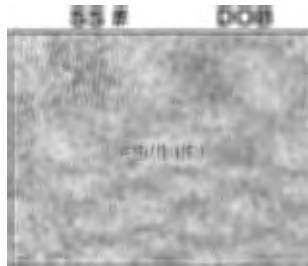
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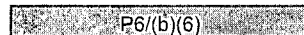
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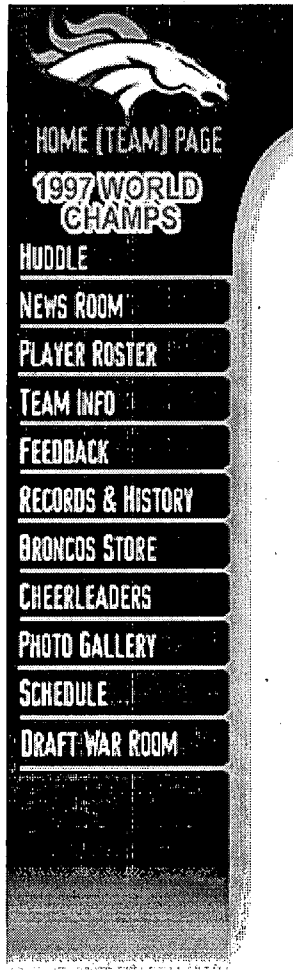


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DENVER BRONCOS



BRONCOS' SCHLERETH RECEIVES HALAS AWARD FROM PRO FOOTBALL WRITERS

Denver Broncos guard Mark Schlereth has been named the 1998 winner of the George Halas Award by the Pro Football Writers of America, in recognition of his remarkable ability to overcome injury and play through pain, despite undergoing 20 surgeries.

Schlereth was a finalist for the award last year. In winning the 1998 award, he was chosen from a field of four finalists that included Chicago quarterback Erik Kramer, then-St. Louis quarterback Mark Rypien and Cincinnati guard Scott Brumfield. The award is named after legendary Chicago Bears founder, President and Coach George Halas.

"Mark has shown great courage," said PFWA President Steve Schoenfeld, "continuing to play after all the operations he's endured. The fact that he was able to help the Broncos win their first Super Bowl made this even more special."

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Showing more grit than prowess, John Elway executed a brilliant game plan in the Broncos' stunning Super Bowl win over the Packers

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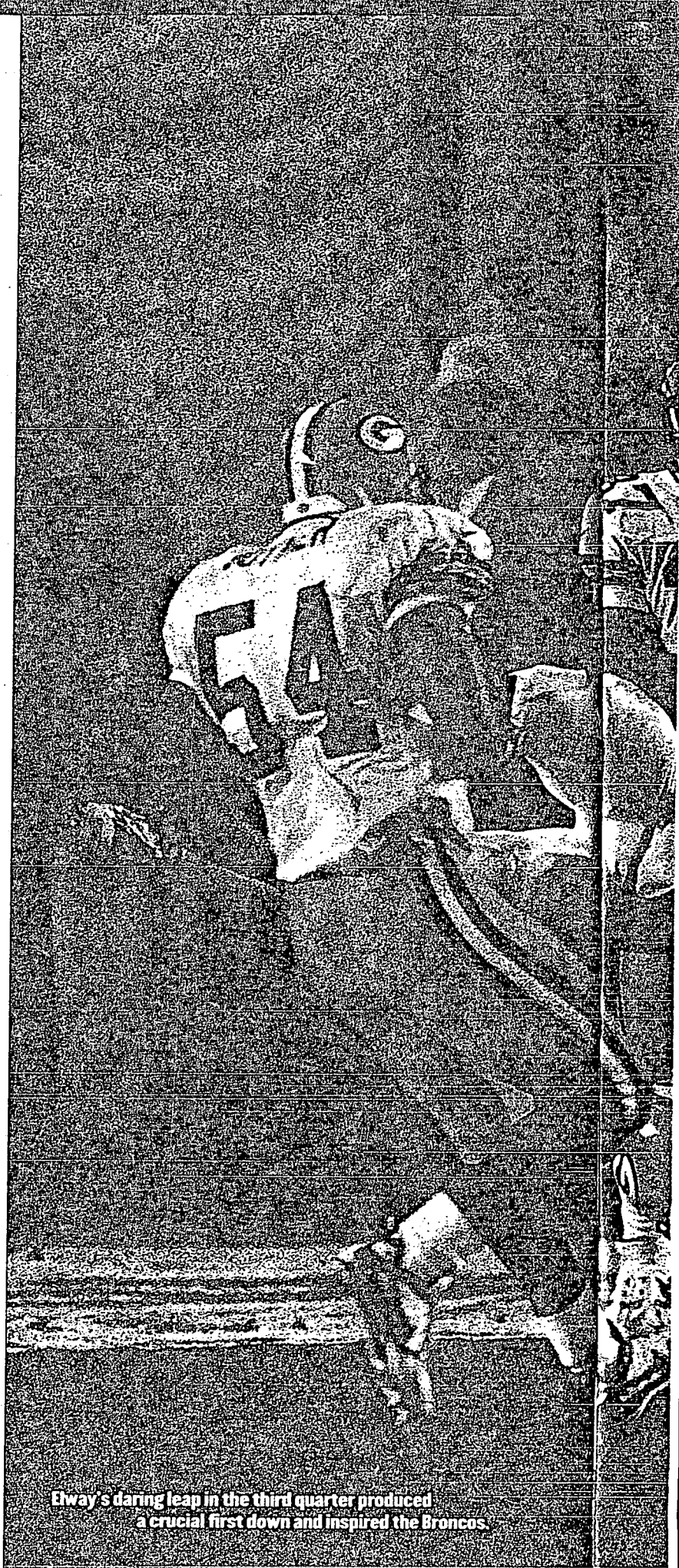
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→ HE SPENT 15 years pushing the physical limits of football, making jaws drop and decorating highlight clips with bursts of brilliance. Then, with one fearless thrust of his 37-year-old body late in the third quarter of Super Bowl XXXII, John Elway finally lifted himself and the Denver Broncos to the top. In the greatest Super Bowl ever, the pivotal moment, fittingly, belonged to one of the NFL's alltime greats.

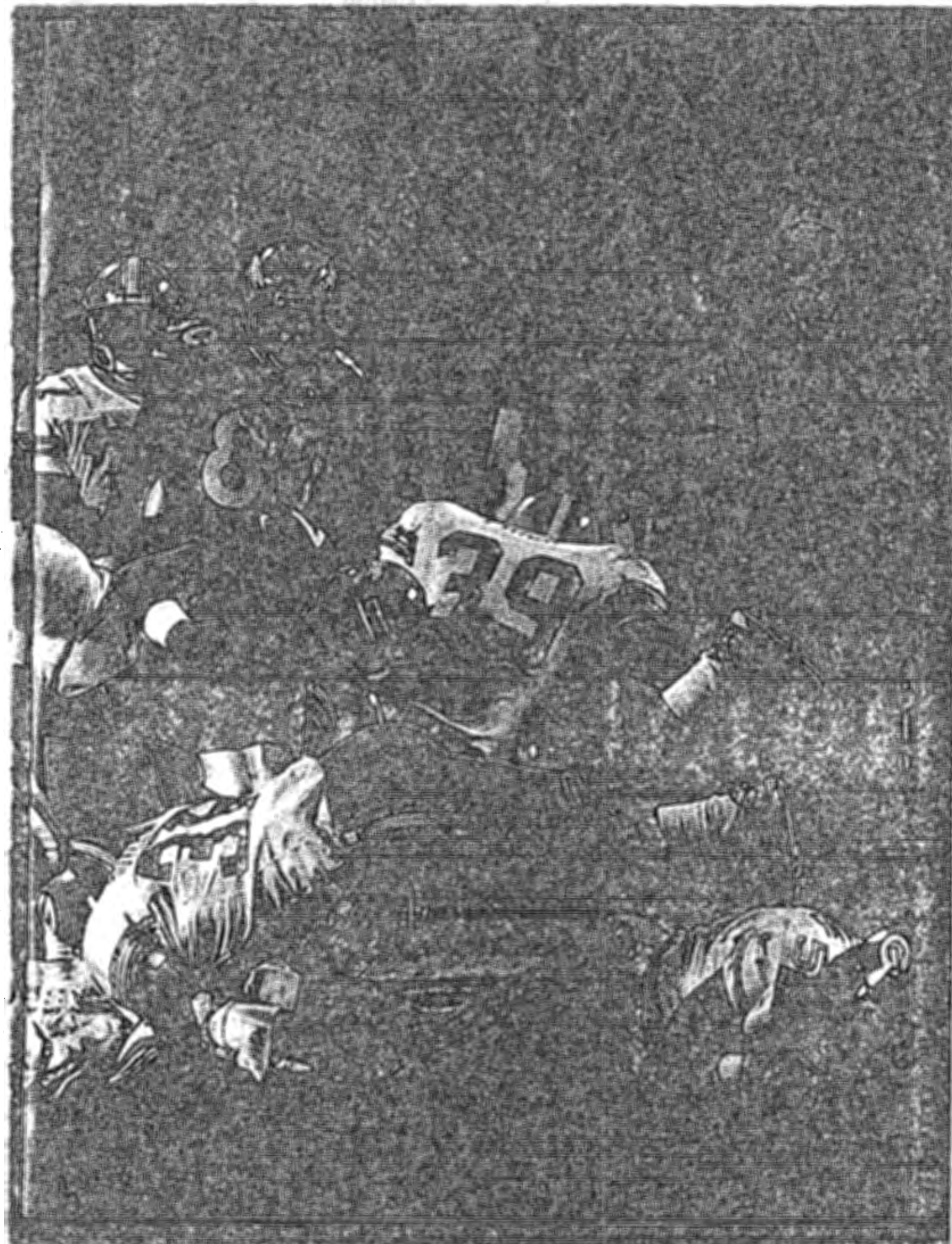
For all the importance of coach Mike Shanahan's dazzling game plan, of running back Terrell Davis's MVP performance and of the game-ending stand by Denver's oft-slighted defense, it was Elway, with his self-described "three-inch vertical leap," who elevated himself into immortality and his franchise into the realm of champions with the Broncos' 31-24 upset of the Green Bay Packers on Sunday.

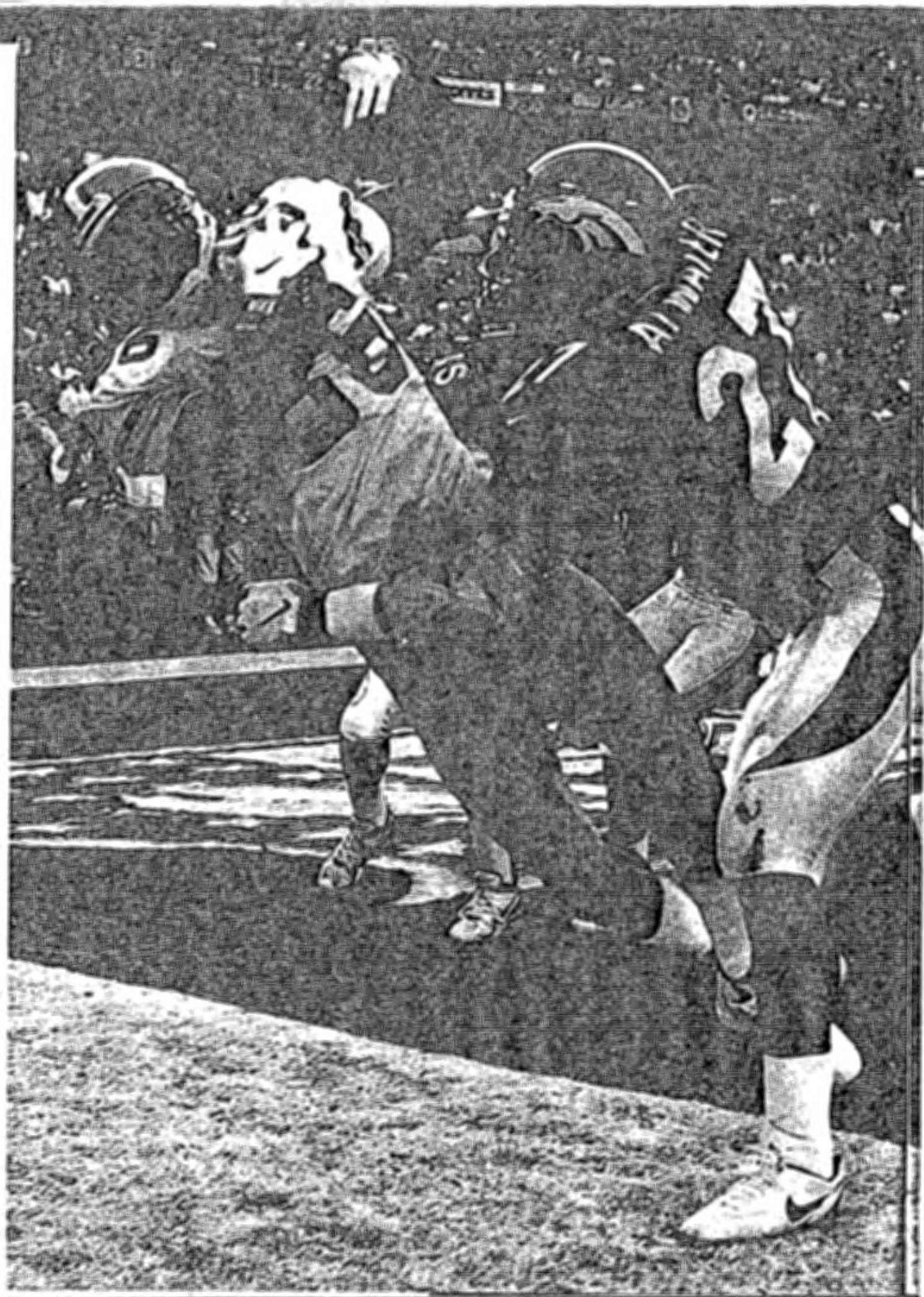
"The Jump" The play said everything about the defiant Broncos and their unlikely march to the title: With the game tied at 17 and Denver facing third-and-six at the Green Bay 12, Elway dropped back to pass, found no open receivers and took off down the middle of the field. He darted right and was met near the first-down marker by Packers strong safety LeRoy Butler, who ducked his head and prepared to unload on the quarterback. Elway took to the air,

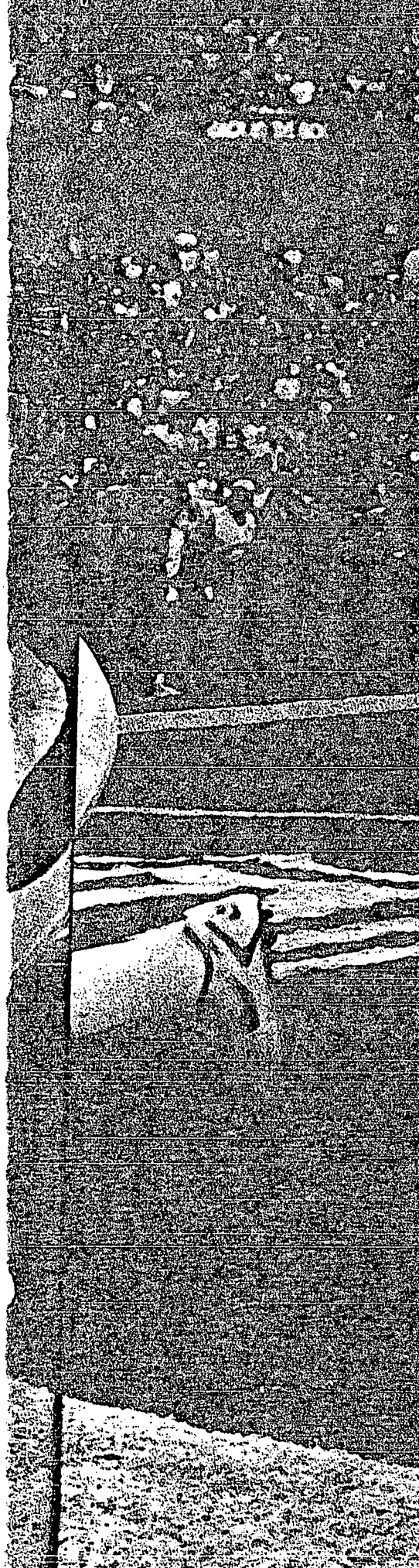


JOHN W. McDONOUGH

Elway's daring leap in the third quarter produced a crucial first down and inspired the Broncos.







and Butler's hit spun him around so that he came down feet-forward as he was absorbing another shot from defensive back Mike Prior.

When Elway hit the ground at the four, an adrenaline rush surged through the Broncos. Denver scored two plays later, and though the Packers came back to tie the score again, Green Bay was a depleted team fighting a losing battle against an opponent that had been recharged. When the Broncos launched their game-winning drive from the Packers' 49 with 3:27 remaining, it was like watching a battle of the bands between Pearl Jam and the Kingston Trio. "When Elway, instead of running out of bounds, turned it up and got spun around like a helicopter, it energized us beyond belief," Denver defensive lineman Mike Lodish said after the game. Added Shannon Sharpe, the Broncos' All-Pro tight end, "When I saw him do that and then get up pumping his fist, I said, 'It's on.' That's when I was sure we were going to win."

Though only an infinitesimal slice of the earth's football-viewing population believed Denver would dethrone Green Bay, the Broncos carried a confidence into this game that belied their station as a double-digit underdog. More than two hours after the game, as Shanahan rode from the stadium in a stretch limousine with Denver owner Pat Bowlen and their families, the third-year Broncos coach raised his champagne glass and said, without being brash, "This was just the way we planned it."

While the AFC's 13-year Super Bowl losing streak and Denver's 0-4 record in the big game helped convince many experts that a Green Bay blowout was inevitable, Shanahan saw no cause for panic. As early as eight days before the game, he began telling people he trusted that the Broncos were poised for victory, saying to one reporter, "Just between you and me, we're going to win the game. With all this hype Green Bay's getting, the whole AFC inferiority thing, how Denver has played in the Super Bowl and how the Packers played against the 49ers [in Green Bay's 23-10 NFC Championship Game victory on Jan. 11], everybody will be stroking them. It will all work in our favor, and our guys are pretty determined."

Shanahan and Elway could barely contain their excitement the evening before the Super Bowl as they reviewed the game plan in Elway's hotel room. While much was being made of the quarterback show-

The Packers took their only lead when Freeman hauled in a 22-yard pass on the game's first series.

"We're not a city of losers anymore, and we won one for the AFC," said Braxton. "It's been a long, hard road for all of us."

down between Elway and three-time NFL MVP Brett Favre, the battle of wits between Shanahan and Packers coach Mike Holmgren—probably the game's two shrewdest offensive strategists—would prove to be even more compelling. One coach who worked with Shanahan and Holmgren during their respective stints as San Francisco's offensive coordinator noted a key distinction: Whereas Holmgren is a master at crafting a strategy that will work against any team, Shanahan takes his preparation a step further to create a plan aimed at exploiting specific defensive weaknesses.

In this case Shanahan was convinced he could get inside the head of Packers defensive coordinator Fritz Shurmur, who relies on the versatile Butler for frequent blitzing and run support. Shanahan believed that when Denver lined up in a slot formation—an alignment with two receivers to one side of the line and the tight end to the other—he could predict Butler's assignment based on the safety's positioning (box, page 62). Denver had spent the season running out of its base alignment and passing from the slot, but on this day all of its runs came from the latter formation. Green Bay never adjusted. The Broncos gained 179 yards on the ground, even though they ran for no yards in the second quarter while Davis (30 carries, 157 yards, three touchdowns for the game) sat out with blurred vision after getting kicked in the helmet during a first-quarter run. "The Packers were outcoached, pure and simple," Sharpe said. "LeRoy Butler and [end] Reggie White are their two best defensive players. Where were they today?" Butler had no big plays among his nine tackles, most of which came downfield, and White had only one tackle, on Denver's second play of the game.

Meanwhile, Broncos defensive coordinator Greg Robinson rattled the normally unflappable Favre, throwing blitzes at him

TERRELL DAVIS was seeing three Mike Shanahan's, so he answered the one in the middle. The second quarter was about to start, the Broncos had the ball on the Packers' one-yard line, and the Denver coach wanted to know how his stud running back was feeling. "I'm seeing double and triple," replied Davis. "That's when I knew he was in trouble," said Shanahan after the game. A hard blow to the head three plays earlier had triggered in Davis the blurred vision symptomatic of the early stages of a migraine, to which he has been susceptible since he was seven.

Still, Shanahan sought to use his woozy Pro Bowl running back, but as a decoy. The plan: Fake a handoff to Davis into the middle of the line, then have John Elway galumph around right end for a play-action pass or a quarterback keeper. As Davis made his unsteady way onto the field, Shanahan told him, "Just go over the top."

Over the top is exactly where Davis has carried the Broncos. After running for 1,750 yards and 15 touchdowns in the regular season, his third in the NFL, Davis added 581 rushing yards and eight more touchdowns in the playoffs. While the native San Diegan gashed and slashed Green Bay for 157 yards and three touchdowns—which earned him the game's MVP award—the play on which he took the field as a dizzy decoy will rank among the game's most memorable. "It showed his guts," said right guard Brian Habib. "It also demonstrated the liberating effect Davis has had on Elway, whose fake handoff so gulled the Packers that the knock-kneed quarterback could have done the electric slide into the end zone."

Ninety minutes after the game, Elway cheerfully credited Davis for the deliverance of the franchise. "Since he's been here, my job has basically been to pick up third downs, to keep him on the field so I can hand him the ball," Elway said. "We got here on his back."

Davis's San Diego homecoming made for a nice story during the week before the game. Too bad Denver had no shot against Green Bay. That, at least, seemed to be the thinking of, among others, Packers defensive tackle Darius Holland, with whom Davis found himself out on the town five nights before the game. (They share an agent, Neil Schwartz.) At the House of Blues, Davis took the stage with Wyckle Jean of the Fugees and joined in the singing of *Guantanamera*. For his part, Holland amused himself by continuously thrusting his forearm into Davis's chest. When Davis finally asked Holland what the hell he was doing, the Packer said, "I want you to get used to how it's going to be on Sunday."

Not exactly. Poor Darius registered zero tackles. The closest he came to stopping Davis was late in the fourth quarter, when he was flagged for yanking the face mask of his friend.

—AUSTIN MURPHY

like right-wingers flinging sex rumors at President Clinton. Favre threw for three touchdowns, including an ominous 22-yard strike to wideout Antonio Freeman on the game's first possession, but he never found his rhythm. Denver did what few observers believed it could—survive an instant Green Bay score, get away with daring Favre to beat its cornerbacks in man-to-man coverage and, unlike so many AFC patsies of recent years, win the turnover battle, which the Broncos did, 3-2. The Packers eventually adjusted to the blitzes, and Robinson

backed off for a while. But on Green Bay's last gasp, a fourth-and-six play from the Denver 31 with 32 seconds remaining, Robinson threw an eight-man rush at Favre, whose pass across the middle to tight end Mark Chmura was broken up by lunging linebacker John Mobley.

That triggered a Rocky Mountain high from San Diego to Colorado and completed one of the most impressive runs in NFL playoff history. In becoming only the second wild-card team to win a Super Bowl—the 1980 Oakland Raiders were

Unstoppable

Terrell Davis decoyed and destroyed the Packers defense, giving Green Bay a migraine of its own



the other—the Broncos, after a 12-4 regular season, crushed the Jacksonville Jaguars at home, avenging their shocking divisional-playoff defeat of the previous season. Then they gutted out road victories against the Kansas City Chiefs and the Pittsburgh Steelers. After Denver won the AFC title at Three Rivers Stadium, Shanahan had little trouble persuading his players that, by comparison, playing the Packers at a neutral site was no cause for a coronary. He also worked the old bulletin-board ploy to perfection, spending 45 minutes

each morning in San Diego scanning newspapers for usable nuggets and saving the best ones for the team meeting the night before the Super Bowl.

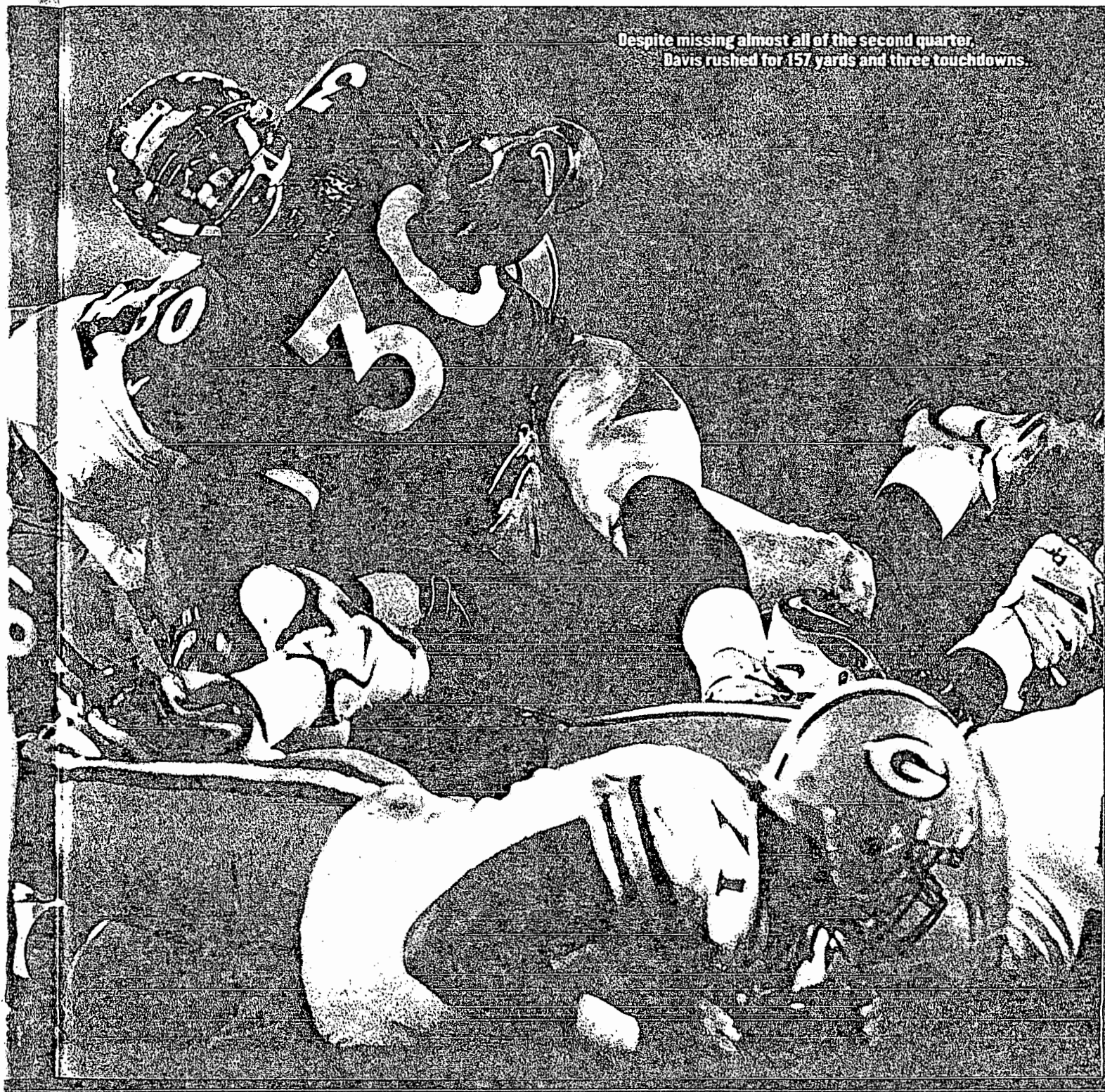
Green Bay manufactured some incentive of its own, most of it derived from the media's focusing on Elway's quest to win a Super Bowl after three washouts. Just as they had seethed over the media attention surrounding New England Patriots coach Bill Parcells's impending move to the New York Jets before last year's Super Bowl, the Packers again convinced them-

selves they were being overshadowed. "We've heard all about poor John Elway," defensive tackle Santana Dotson scoffed three days before the game. "We're all very touched. But, hey, that's the classic pregame story. As long as we're the focus of the postgame story, that's cool."

Sorry, Santana. History will show that this was Elway's week of glory. Sure, his stats were wimpy. He threw for only 123 yards, didn't complete a pass to a wideout until Ed McCaffrey's 36-yard catch-and-run midway through the third quarter and blew a

DAMIAN STROHMMEYER

Despite missing almost all of the second quarter, Davis rushed for 157 yards and three touchdowns.



Super Bowl XXXII

chance to build on a seven-point lead by throwing an end zone interception to free safety Eugene Robinson with 11 seconds left in the third quarter. But Elway carried the day with his poise. "That was the ultimate win, there's no question," he said. "There have been a lot of things that go along with losing three Super Bowls and playing for 14 years and being labeled as a guy who has never been on a winning Super Bowl team."

Remember how shaky Elway had looked at the beginning of his last Super Bowl appearance, against the 49ers in January 1990, when he threw his first pass into the ground and the Broncos went on to lose 55-10? After that game he and wide receiver Michael Young, now Denver's director of corporate sales, were the last players to leave the locker room. When Young asked Elway if he was O.K., Elway shook his head no. "They'll never, ever forgive me for this," he said, referring to the fans in Colorado.

This time Elway was as steady as the jets that buzzed the stadium during his introduction. He dismissed the Robinson interception from his mind immediately, and when he strutted onto the field with 3:27 left, the score tied at 24 and the ball on the Green Bay 49, he was in control and confident. "I looked at John before he took the field, and he had this huge smile on his face," Jeff Lewis, Denver's third-string quarterback, said after the game. "You could see it in his eyes; he was ready. It was one of those times you just have to stop yourself and watch the best quarterback ever do his thing."

It helped that the Broncos' offensive line, despite being the league's lightest, had worn down the Packers defenders—particularly mammoth nosetackle Gilbert Brown, who was being moved around like a giant beanbag chair. "He was lying down out there," Denver center Tom Nalen said of Brown. "We thought he was hurt. But he was just tired." Tired of watching Davis whiz past him, no doubt. Still, it was Elway's game to pull out, a chance for the quarterback with the most victories in NFL history to win the big one, finally. Put some points on the board, have them hold up, and all would be forgiven and forgotten.

On his biggest pass of the game, Elway made a perfect delivery, throwing a quick toss to fullback Howard Griffith

Steve Atwater (obscured) had the only sack of Favre; the resulting fumble led to a Denver field goal.



Merely Human

*In a game that
demanded perfection,
Brett Favre was
good, but not good
enough*



TWO NIGHTS before Super Bowl XXXII, Brett Favre was on top of the world. The San Diego weather would be perfect, and the Qualcomm Stadium track fast, and he felt great—unlike last year, when he had dry heaves and nerve-racked nights leading up to the game. Relaxed and

mischievous at dinner last Friday, he chanced the sliced ostrich in port wine sauce and the tenderness of Texas antelope. "I can just hear the announcers on Sunday," Favre said. "Favre's a little under the weather today. Must be antelope poisoning."

Or maybe, as Packers coach Mike Holmgren said 48 hours later, "Brett's a human being." When it was over, when Favre had finished dissecting his C-4 game in Green Bay's stunning loss to Denver, he limped out of the interview tent, a turf toe on his right foot killing him. "I'm going to bed," he said in a hoarse voice. "I'm doing nothing tonight but sleeping."

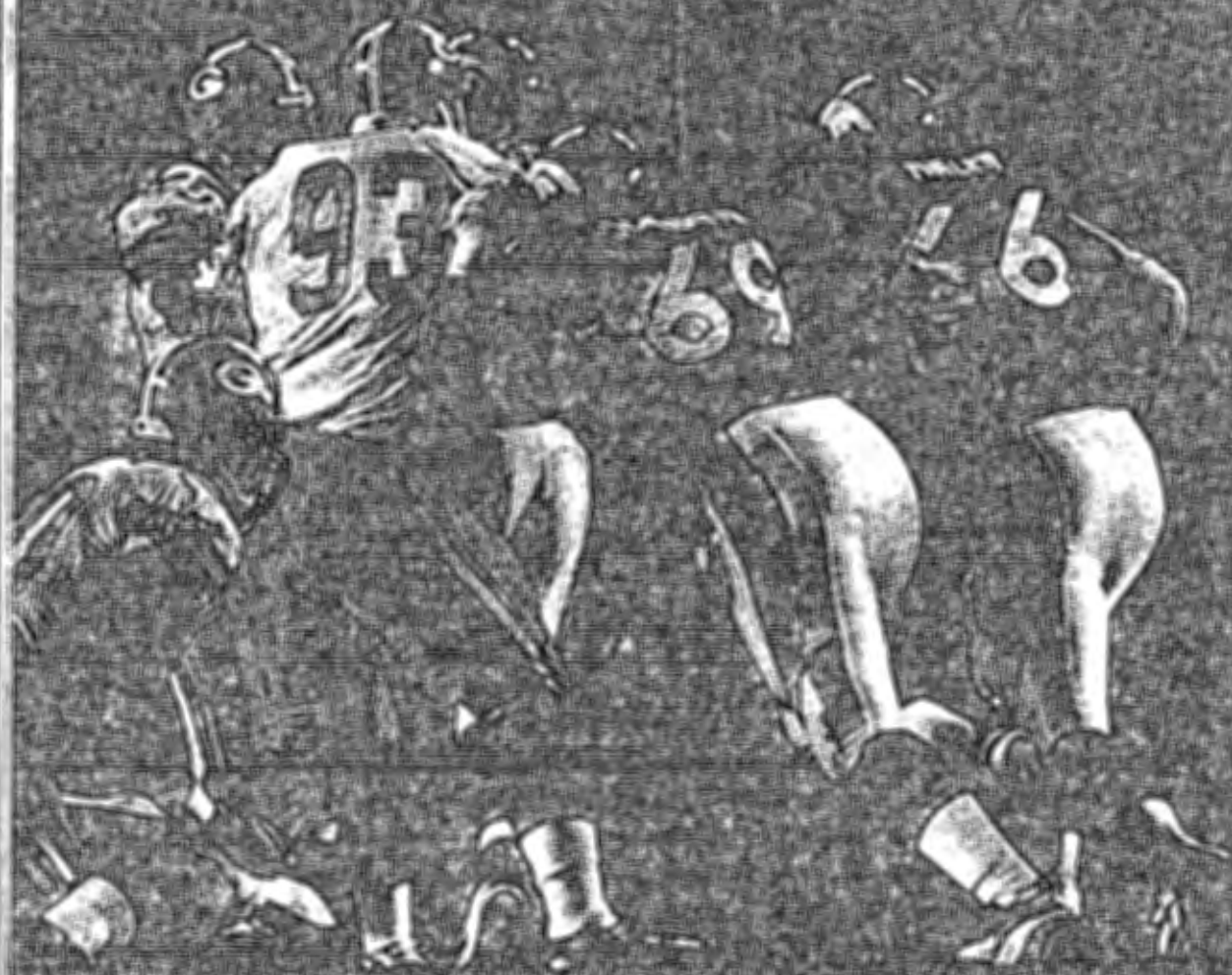
Just then, Broncos free safety Steve Atwater walked by, and the two warriors embraced. "You're a true champion," Atwater whispered.

Sometimes true champions have days like Favre had. It was an O.K. day—25 completions in 42 attempts for 256 yards—but not the kind of clutch performance we've come to expect from the first man to win three straight league MVP awards. He did find wideout Antonio Freeman twice for touchdowns, and he lobbed a perfect rainbow over strong safety Tyrone Braxton to tight end Mark Chmura in the corner of the end zone for a third scoring strike. But he forced a pass into heavy coverage for an easy interception by Braxton in the first quarter and threw another in the third quarter that should have been picked off but was dropped by Atwater. In the second half the Packers were an uncharacteristic 0 for 7 on third down. While the main reasons the Packers lost were the brilliance of Terrell Davis, the disappearance of Green Bay defensive stars Reggie White (one tackle) and Gilbert Brown (embarrassing exhaustion), and the Denver offensive line's ability to neutralize LeRoy Butler (most of whose tackles were made in the secondary), Favre wasn't himself on Sunday.

"We didn't have it today," Favre said. "I overthrew [Freeman] by a hair down the sideline and just missed the pass to Robert Brooks on the last drive. Sometimes you make the plays, and sometimes you don't. We scored three touchdowns, and it should have been enough. It wasn't."

Fact is, the Broncos were ready for whatever Favre threw at them. Two days after the AFC Championship Game, cornerback Ray Crockett said, "Tyrone Braxton and I watched hours of Favre from the last half of this season. We saw how many chances he takes. He's succeeded on most of those chances the last few years and gained tremendous confidence. By being a risk-taker, he's become the greatest quarterback in the game. But what made him great got him in trouble against us."

—PETER KING



Figuring it was their only chance for a win, the Packers
sent Davis wafting into the end zone with 1:45 left.

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The Broncos were determined not to let LeRoy Butler stop them—and they succeeded



THE TARGET for a Denver blocking scheme that enabled Terrell Davis to rush for 157 yards, run for a Super Bowl record three touchdowns and win the MVP trophy wasn't future Hall of Famer end Reggie White or 345-pound tackle Gilbert Brown. It was strong safety LeRoy Butler, the star of Green Bay game films, an unblocked phantom who would appear out of nowhere and ruin play after play with bone-crushing tackles. "Our main job," said Alex Gibbs, coach of the smallest (an average of 289 pounds per man), quickest and best offensive line in the business, "was to make sure Butler wouldn't make plays against us."

"We saw films of games in which a play would be well blocked," said Broncos center Tom Nalen, "but Butler would come in scot-free and make tackles for no gain or minus yardage. We knew we had to get a hit on him every play. He might have been surprised that hasn't happened to him all year."

Denver used a variety of schemes. Sometimes, one of the tackles, Tony Jones or Gary Zimmerman, would turn the defensive end over to the tight end and go after Butler. "You have to get on him quickly," Jones said, "or he'll ole you and you'll be blocking air."

On strongside runs, fullback Howard Griffith would sometimes seek out Butler, passing his normal assignment, the outside linebacker, along to a wide receiver. When the Broncos ran weakside, a wideout would sometimes crack down on Butler. "We pride ourselves on our blocking," said flanker Ed McCaffrey, who at 215 pounds had 15 pounds on Butler.

When Butler was stacked, or hidden behind

a defensive lineman, it was up to one of the middle three—Nalen and guards Brian Habib and Mark Schlereth—to find him quickly. "You're in the flow of a play, and Terrell watches for an alley and then makes his cut," Schlereth said. "That's our running game. Butler is very good at finding those alleys and filling them, so one of us had to get there first. Whoever had that alley in front of him had to go after him."

Sounds simple, but the keys were speed, precision and quick thinking on the move, which Gibbs says are the hallmarks of his unit and the reasons he wouldn't trade it for any in the game. A front five of 330-pounders could never make it work.

Butler led Green Bay with nine tackles, but most of his stops were downfield. Davis was not stopped for a loss on any of his 30 carries. All told, Denver rushed for 179 yards on 39 carries, with the only negative-yardage coming when Elway took a knee on the last play of each half. In crunch time the Packers' defense was a worn-out unit as the Broncos, on their final two series, drove from their own 18 to Green Bay's 39, punted the Packers into a hole and then put the game away with a 49-yard drive that ended on a 17-yard run by Davis and his one-yard walkover touchdown. "They were substituting Reggie White in and out," Nalen said. "Brown was exhausted. When we'd break our huddle, he hadn't even lined up yet."

"Speed, conditioning, strength and a great runner," Gibbs said. "I'll take that formula any time."

—PAUL ZIMMERMAN

Butler (36) got most of his tackles like this one—after a Bronco, here Davis, had broken off a long gain.

that went for 23 yards and gave Denver a first-and-goal at the eight with two minutes remaining. That set up Davis's winning one-yard touchdown run, which the Pack conceded on a second-down play with 1:45 left in a futile attempt to get the ball back with enough time to win. (Mistakenly thinking it was first down, Holmgren, with only two timeouts left, feared the Broncos might run down the clock and kick a field goal in the closing seconds.) "John makes mistakes; he is human after all," Broncos receiver Rod Smith would say later. "But you never see fear in his eyes. He's like a linebacker with a good arm."

Even when that golden right arm was being used to hoist a few beers, Elway was zeroed in on the upcoming game. On the first two nights after the Broncos arrived in San Diego, Elway, Lewis and Bubby Brister, Denver's No. 2 quarterback, commandeered a limousine to take them around town. At several bars Elway elected to remain in the limo, alone with his thoughts. "One time I stayed in the car with him," Lewis said, "and he was so focused, it was amazing. He said, 'I can't wait for this game. Before the other Super Bowls, I really didn't grasp how big they were. But I've never been this ready for a game in my life.'"

He was so loose that his wife, Janet,

WALTER IOOSS JR.

Super Bowl XXXII

was unnerved. "I keep waiting for him to snap at me, to end a conversation abruptly, but he's still so loose and happy," she said four days before the game. "That's not like him; he usually saves his happiness for afterward. One of his former teammates, Keith Bishop, was looking for Super Bowl tickets, and a radio station in Texas was giving away tickets to whoever could get the most famous person to call. So John called the radio station for Keith, and Keith won the contest because John's probably the most famous person there is this week." (Note to Janet: Monica Lewinsky might beg to differ.)

The Broncos' celebration was on after the fourth-down pass to Chmura (89) fell incomplete.

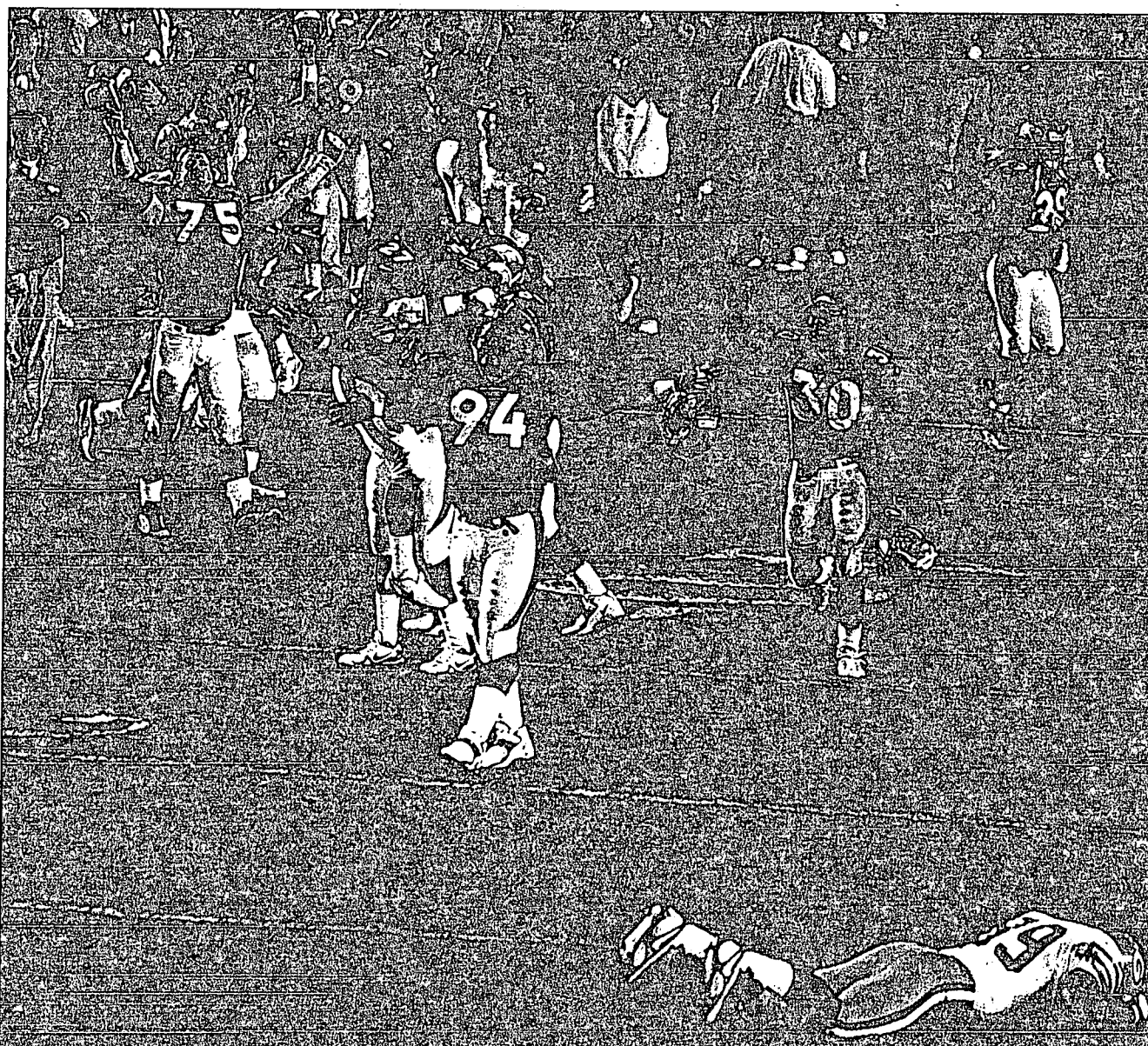
Still, Janet was concerned enough about John's preparation that she kept her distance in the days leading up to the game. Alas, sex before competition is not the Elway way. "Not in our family, it's not," Janet said. "But if he wins, I'm sure he'll deserve any favor he wants." That may help explain the huge smile that was plastered on John's face as he hoisted the Lombardi trophy over his head on the victory podium.

It's a measure of how far Denver has come that Elway, who once had to carry his team, didn't have to be spectacular in his finest hour. Shanahan built these Broncos to reflect his own personality—resilient, businesslike and fearless. Strong safety Tyrone Braxton, whose first-quarter interception set up Denver's second touchdown, knew the significance of the victory extended beyond the realm of Elway. "It

means everything," Braxton said, "not only for this team but for the past Broncos teams, all the way back to 1960 [the year the franchise played its first season in the AFL]. We're not a city of losers anymore, and we won one for the AFC. It's been a long, hard road for all of us."

Later Shanahan celebrated with Bowlen in the limo while his 18-year-old son, Kyle, discussed how relaxed his father had been in the hours before the game. "He got one of my friends a field pass, and he gave another one money to buy a ticket," Kyle said. "He was ultramellow. We were sitting in his hotel room watching *White Men Can't Jump*, and he was laughing his head off."

Funny how things work out. White men can't jump? Don't try telling that to the Packers—not after Elway's leap into history. ■



The Only
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Whisk your mustache?

Ultimate Losses, Ultimate Victory

John Elway discovered that being a winner in the Super Bowl is hard to handle too

by Rick Reilly

ALL WEEK America made a wish and slid it under John Elway's hotel door. Lucky shoelaces, Western Unioned hopes, FedExed prayers—more than 200 packages and messages, too many to open, not that he didn't already know what was in them. Elway had become this chin-strapped Ernie Banks. So many people wanted a Super Bowl win for the one man in history the Super Bowl had slapped around the worst. But now, as the game dripped into the San Diego dusk, it all started turning toward agony again. So Elway prayed for himself. *Lord, give me another chance. Don't let us lose because of me.*

What Elway had just done was take his happily-ever-after and feed it to Godzilla. One minute before, it had all been in his grasp—a 24-17 lead over the Green Bay Packers and the ball suddenly coughed up to his Denver Broncos at the Cheesehead 22. *Thanks, I'll sign for that.* Whereupon, Elway, a 15-year vet, did his best impression of a rookie in August. He went for the touchdown on the first play and threw a watermelon you could read from Escondido. Packer Eugene Robinson plucked it out of the air. Three minutes later the game was tied. What you had here was a Buckner in the making. On the sideline Elway looked as if he had eaten a bad fish taco.

Oh, God, not this again. Not another Super Bowl night when the Elways don't make it to the team party. Not another Super Bowl night when John and his dad, Jack, go back to the room and talk until dawn, afraid to sleep. "Those [talks] just got worse and worse," John says. "He'd try to take some of the hurt away. He'd tell me, 'Hey, it's not the end of the world. Someday, you'll be on the other end of one of these.'" John would buck up and get ready for the question he never stopped hearing: "Can your career be complete if you don't win a Super Bowl?" And Elway would give his Optimist Club answer—"Yeah, as long as I can look in the mirror and say I did all I could"—and know it was a lie. "I knew it *wouldn't* be complete," he would say after the game.

Any other year, any other Super Bowl, the Broncos would've made this *Misery, Part 4*. But not this time and not this team. Running back Terrell Davis and his Miracle Migraine came



back and went through the Green Bay defense the way Gilbert Brown goes through a box of bonbons. The Broncos led by seven with less than 100 seconds to go, and then the Denver defense held Packers quarterback Brett Favre to nothing when it meant everything. Suddenly, Elway found himself on bended knee, running the last 28 seconds off his own mortality.

Up in the stands, the Elways were practicing crash landings. John's wife, Janet, had her head in her lap until her kids finally screamed, "Mom! We won!" Up in the coaches' box, Jack put his head between his knees and cried. Down on the field, up on his teammates' shoulder pads, Elway wept a little too. Said one of his wideouts, Ed McCaffrey, "You could see in his eyes what it meant to him."

Well . . . ?

"It means the other three Super Bowls are all erased now," Elway said, clutching Janet close. "Those were the ultimate losses, but this is the ultimate win."

Prayer answered.

The only problem was that redemption was so new to the Elways they didn't quite know what to do. John kept looking for his championship hat, only to be told he was carrying it in his hand. He had refused to watch tapes of the other three Super blowouts, but he couldn't wait to get the popcorn out for this one, only, "I don't think anybody taped it." Janet, her makeup running, was flummoxed. "I know how to handle a loss in these," she said. "I'm not sure how to handle a win."

Jack knew. The Broncos' director of pro scouting found his favorite pro person and put a hug on him that might've killed a polar bear. For two guys who usually talk until dawn at these things, they sure didn't say much. "Just that we loved each other," the son says. *So this is what the other side of these feels like.*

Finally, after 136 just-one-more-question-Johns, Elway jumped into a Broncos shower that was long since empty of Broncos. Alone at last, you could hear him in there, whooping like a madman: "Oooh, baby!!! Baby!!! Yeowwww, baby!!!"

Utter joy, relief and glory?

"Nah," mumbled a towel boy. "No more hot water."

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Denver Broncos Highlights

Individual Greatness

Terrell Davis, playing just TK miles from his high school, set the record for most rushing touchdowns in a Super Bowl by an individual -- with a migraine. First player to be named Super Bowl MVP in his own hometown.

Teamwork

The Broncos' starting offensive line took home the AFC Offensive Player of the Week award for their performance in the win over Jacksonville, only the second time in the history of the award that an offensive line has won it.

Selflessness

Sharpe brothers...

Nuggets:

Steve Atwater played college football at the U of A, leading them in 1988 to their first Cotton Bowl in 13 years.

Elway getting spun like a helicopter in what will always be known as "the jump."
"The mile high salute"

Elway, most victories by a starting quarterback -- all time. Elway/Chelsea Stanford connection.
Elway, 48,669 passing yards = 27+ miles

THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary

For Immediate Release

May 20, 1997

REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT
AT RECEPTION HONORING THE GREEN BAY PACKERS

The South Portico

5:35 P.M. EDT

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you very much. Please be seated. I want to welcome the Green Bay Packers and their fans here, and send a special welcome to the congressional delegation from Wisconsin, Senator Kohl, Senator Feingold, the members of the House. And I see we also have some interlopers from Michigan and Minnesota who claim to be the --(laughters) -- fans of the Packers. It's still snowing in all those places, according to the coach, so -- (laughter) -- you guys have got to stick together.

I want to thank Robert Harlan and Ron Wolf and Coach Holmgren for being here, and, of course, Brett and Reggie and the whole team. I got a lot of good advice when we were up in the White House having our pictures taken from the players about my knee therapy, and I appreciate that. (Laughter.) What I need is some advice about how to make sure it never happens again.

Congratulations on bringing the Lombardi Trophy back to Green Bay, for the first time in almost 30 years. (Applause.) I had two indications this was going to happen. The first was my very early visit with the Packers at the stadium -- I could see that this was a team on a mission. The second was that the Secretary of Health and Human Services, who used to be president of a little school in Wisconsin, told me that they were bound to win. And I'm glad to see you here, Secretary Shalala. Thank you.

Let me say that, for all of us who are football fans, this was a great year because of all

the things that the Packers did, including having the best Packer defense in 35 years and the best in NFL. I'd like to congratulate Fritz Shurmur and his whole team and say that we're glad that you recovered from the injury that you sustained during last year's playoffs. And if you want to come here and teach us how to play defense in the White House, we need it as bad as the Packers do.

I congratulate Reggie White on his sacks in the Super Bowl and on being the all-time NFL leader in sacks. And I also think the Packers offense deserves a lot of credit. Brett Favre won his second consecutive NFL MVP award. And I congratulated Antonio Freeman on that 81-yard record touchdown catch when I saw him in the line. It was a very exciting time. That long pass, the long pass to Andre Rison. And also, even though he's not here today, I don't think any of us will ever forget that Desmond Howard was the first special teams player ever to be a Super Bowl MVP. It was a great Super Bowl by a great team and a team effort, and I congratulate you. (Applause.)

I would also like to say something not just as President, but as a citizen. In a world where professional athletics becomes, it seems, in sport after sport more and more transient, where players, quite properly, have to look out for themselves in what may be a relatively short life span as professional athletes, and people move from team to team and then teams move from town to town, the Green Bay Packers are something special, unique, old-fashioned and heartwarming.

The team is owned by ordinary citizens from all walks of life. The profits get poured back into the team. The players and the coaches have a unique relationship with the fans, which all of us who watch the games even on television can tell. Whether the fans are lining up in the winter to shovel snow so the games can be played, or the players are volunteering in the community, it really means something to the rest of the country to see the relationship between Green Bay and the Packers and to know that, come what may, it will be there next year and the year after that and the year after that. And I thank you for that. It's a good example that the rest of us should remember in all forms of human contests and endeavor. (Applause.)

Let me say, finally, I want to express my admiration for Coach Mike Holmgren. He has one of the toughest coaching jobs in the world. Green Bay is a wonderful place to be, but the expectations are reasonably high. (Laughter.) I can't think of anybody who could have done a better job in fulfilling the legacy of Vince Lombardi, meeting the expectations of the people of Green Bay and creating the kind of atmosphere on this team that is palpable even to an outsider -- mutual support, teamwork and always looking out for the ultimate goal and the welfare of the team and its success. This championship has earned him and his team their rightful place in history.

And, Coach, I hope that you will always, always be proud not only of the team, but of what you were able to do to infuse the kind of spirit that it takes to get people to work together and play together through the tough times as well as the good times.

Congratulations to all of you, and welcome again to the White House. (Applause.)

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5:42 P.M. EDT

THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary

For Immediate Release

February 17, 1998

REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT
AT RECEPTION FOR WORLD SERIES CHAMPION
FLORIDA MARLINS

The East Room

4:42 P.M. EST

THE PRESIDENT: Well, welcome to the White House. Mr. Smiley, Mr. Leyland. Glad to be joined by the Executive Director of the Players Association, Don Fehr; Congressman Deutsch, Congressman Foley, Congressman Wexler. I think I should also say -- I see my EPA Administrator, Carol Browner, here. You should know that this administration has three members, along with Carol Browner, Attorney General Janet Reno and the Secretary of the Treasury Bob Rubin who all grew up in South Florida. They're fairly happy about the outcome of the World Series.

You can tell that I am not running for office anymore -- I might not have said that here. But we are delighted.

When I was first elected President I never could have dreamed that a lot of the things that would occur in the last five years have occurred. I didn't imagine then that millions of people would be using the Internet every day. When I was first elected President, there were only 50 sites, and they were all the province of physicists. I couldn't have imagined that the deficit would come from \$300 billion to zero in five years. And I could not have predicted that the Florida Marlins would be here because they hadn't even played a game yet. That is a truly astonishing achievement.

But what you did in a short time was a gift to your magnificent leader, Jim Leyland, for a lifetime in professional baseball. And all of us who are baseball fans of whatever team had to be happy about that.

And, of course, a manager can't win without talented players and without teamwork. Livian Hernandez dazzled us with his pitching and became only the second rookie ever to win the World Series MVP Award. Charles Johnson's defense earned him the Gold Glove as catcher for the third year in a row. Edgar Renteria's name will live in baseball history forever for ending

one of the most exciting World Series in history with his two-out single in the bottom of the 11th. You know, those games got so long, some of us really did want them to go on forever after a while.

Baseball I think made a huge comeback as America's national pastime in this World Series, thanks to the magnificent competition which you won deservedly.

You know, a lot of the players on this team are newcomers to our country, and so are many of the fans of the Florida Marlins. I suppose it's only right that the capital of the Americas would take its turn as the baseball capital of the world. But even more importantly, we should be proud of the example this team set, proving once again that people of very different ethnic backgrounds can play together and win together. Now, it may not be the precise same Marlin team that played the Indians last year that takes the field on opening day, but if the players keep the same spirit they'll be sure to be in the hunt again when the season comes to a close.

Congratulations. For all of us who grew up with baseball as a national pastime, you gave America a great gift last year that none of us will ever forget. Thank you.

MR. SMILEY: Mr. President, thank you very much. On behalf of our owner, Wayne Huizenga; General Manager Dave Dombrowski, Jim Leyland's wife Katie, our players, our coaches, all of our front office staff back home, our officers, and especially our fans of South Florida, we were very excited to win the World Series, obviously, but we're very excited to be here today.

We thank you for this invitation to come to the White House. We're exhilarated by it. And hopefully, real soon we'll be able to do it again, after our next World Series Championship. Thank you.

Mr. President, we do believe baseball has made a comeback, and I believe that from our personal standpoint with the Florida Marlins, if I'm half as successful in balancing our budget as you were with America's, we will be back and we will win championships for years to come.

I have to give Bobby Bonilla some credit for that. He actually thought of it. But, anyway, Mr. President, we would like to let you know, and the First Lady know, and your entire Cabinet, that you are in our prayers and we will be thinking of you as you have these tough decisions to make here shortly.

Thank you very much.

MR. LEYLAND: Thank you very much. Mr. President, I really don't know if you know this or not, but you are the most important person I ever played golf with in my life. And I, too, would like to echo those sentiments --

SOMEONE IN THE AUDIENCE: Who won?

THE PRESIDENT: We did. We we're partners.

MR. LEYLAND: I also would like to echo those sentiments on behalf of the Florida Marlins. We are truly honored to be invited here today. It is a true pleasure for us. And we cannot thank you enough for the job that you have done in running this great country, the greatest country in the world, during your time as President of the United States. And that's from myself and all the players. Keep up the good work. And thank you for tremendous efforts in everything you've done for us.

And at this time, I would like to introduce one of our players who has a presentation for President Clinton. I know you're very familiar with this player, Mr. President, because he was a Baltimore Oriole for a short time but I hate to tell you that we had to get him to South Florida before he could get that World Championship. Here's Bobby Bonilla.

MR. BONILLA: On behalf of the Florida Marlins, the World Champion Florida Marlins, I mean -- I'm kind of nervous here because this is a kid from the South Bronx getting ready to stand here and give the President of our United States a World Series jersey. So this is really exciting for me. And I wish all of us on that World Championship team could be here, but they are working on that '98 budget cut. But this is a great bunch. It's a great bunch. So here you go.

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you. Since you mentioned our golf game, I want to make two brief points before we adjourn -- we're going to take a picture. Number one is I want you to get another ring so you can quit about the time I quit, and then we'll go on the senior tour together.

Secondly, if you really thought of that line about the budget, we have a position open in the speechwriting staff that you'd be welcome to anytime.

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4:52 P.M. EST

THE WHITE HOUSE

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April 9, 1998

REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT
TO THE NCAA FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS,
NEBRASKA AND MICHIGAN

The East Room

5:37 P.M. EDT

THE PRESIDENT: Welcome. We've had a lot of heavyweights in this room in the past, but nothing to compare with this today.

Coach Osborne, Coach Carr, President Bollinger, Chancellor Moeser, Congressman Levin, Congressman Dingell, Congressman Upton. And I can't help noting today the presence of my National Economic Advisor, Gene Sperling, an alumnus of the University of Michigan. The only time he ever stops work is when Michigan plays football.

I am honored to have all of you here to celebrate the remarkable seasons of two great football teams from two great universities. For the entire season, everybody in America, especially in the last month or so, wanted Michigan and Nebraska to meet. I'm the only person who could pull it off.

Since the sun is out, we ought to just go outside and settle the whole thing. We'll call it the Rose Garden Bowl.

In alphabetical order, we'll start with Michigan. All of America was awed by your performance in one of the most exciting Rose Bowls in history. A team that never lost its poise and never lost a game. Charles Woodson was terrific all season long, and deserved to be the first primarily defensive player to win the Heisman Trophy. The outstanding defense was complemented by a fierce offense -- quarterbacked by Rose Bowl MVP Brian Griese.

I'd also like to say a word about Coach Carr. The man who brought Michigan its first championship in 50 years, he has quickly established himself as one of the best coaches in college football. Congratulations on taking the Wolverines to the championship in only your third season.

Now I'd like to introduce you, Coach, to say a few words.

Coach Carr.

COACH CARR: Settle down. I told you to behave yourself in the White House.

Mr. President, we are honored and privileged to be invited to the White House, and I hope you do it again next year. We'd like to be back. Of course, for Nebraska, they're a great team; that's a habit. So congratulations to the Nebraska team.

Our team at Michigan is comprised of young men from all over this country -- from Maryland to California, from Minnesota to Texas, from Arkansas and all points in between. But we're here because we had great senior leadership, we had tremendous determination and the type of commitment that it takes to win a championship. And we're just -- this is a very, very special day for anyone who loves the University of Michigan. I know it's a day that we're never going to forget.

I'd like to have our captains, Jon Jansen and Eric Mayes, come up and present you with a gift.

MR. JANSEN: On behalf of the University of Michigan, I'd like to present President Clinton with a token of our appreciation. We've had a great time today, and it's a great honor to be here.

MR. MAYES: Also on behalf of the University of Michigan, we'd like to make President Bill Clinton an honorary Michigan man, with all the privileges that it invokes.

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you. As long as I can be on injured reserve for the next game. Thank you.

And now, a team that lived up to all the great traditions of Nebraska football. The Cornhuskers' overwhelming victory in the Orange Bowl was a fantastic finish to an undefeated season. The offense put 42 points on the board, led by tailback Ahman Green's 206 rushing yards; quarterback Scott Frost's three rushing touchdowns.

The 206 yards registered with me because I was in the stands in the Orange Bowl in 1978 when Roland Sales of Arkansas rushed for 205 yards.

The Nebraska defense also did a magnificent job in stifling the Peyton Manning-led offense of Tennessee that had been so strong all year.

For Coach Tom Osborne, the Orange Bowl victory marked a spectacular close to a spectacular 25-year career that included three national championships and 255 wins. Tom Osborne is truly one of the great legends of college football. His name now will inevitably be ranked in history along with Knute Rockne, Bear Bryant, and Pop Warner.

Congratulations, Coach, and thank you for not only all the wins, but for the way you did it and the example you set.

Coach Osborne.

COACH OSBORNE: Thank you very much. Thank you. Thank you, Mr. President, honored guests, all of you who are assembled here. I appreciate it very much. Of course, we're honored as a team, as a university, to be recognized in this way, and would like to extend our congratulations to the University of Michigan. Anytime you win them all, you've had a great year, and we have great admiration for your football team, and Lloyd and the staff and all that you've accomplished this year.

And I would like to extend my thanks to our coaching staff not just for this year, but for a whole lot of great years. And these players -- great commitment, great dedication. I think senior leadership on this team was probably the best that I've ever seen. I think there's no question that last January we decided as a team, as players, where we wanted to be January 2nd, what needed to happen. And it did. And it was a credit primarily to the players.

So very gratified. Nancy and I have had 36 great years at the University of Nebraska, and a lot of people to thank for that. The administration has always been very solid; the coaching staff has been wonderful. And every year, as far as I can remember, the players have done a tremendous job of committing themselves. So it's been a great run, a lot of fun.

I'd like to have our captains come up, and I'd also like to ask Frank Solege and Pam, his wife, to come up -- as our new head coach he'll do a great job for us. And then we have Grant Wistrom and Jason Peter and Aaron Taylor. So they're going to come up and make some type of a presentation here to the President.

MR. WISTROM: Mr. President, on behalf of the 1997 Nebraska National Championship football team, we appreciate your hospitality and thank you for inviting us to the White House.

Jason Peter would like to present you with a game jersey.

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you, Jason.

MR. WISTROM: And Aaron Taylor would like to present you with the ball autographed by the entire team.

THE PRESIDENT: It's beautiful. Thank you.

Now, what are we supposed to do? Usually, I'm supposed to -- we're going to go out here and do the receiving line and the pictures, right?

Thanks again for coming. Congratulations to both of you on a magnificent year. And thanks for all the thrills you gave the rest of us who sit in the stands and watch on television. Thank you very much.

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5:48 P.M. EDT

THE WHITE HOUSE
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March 27, 1997

REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT
AT EVENT FOR THE
UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA FOOTBALL TEAM

The East Room

5:55 P.M. EST

THE PRESIDENT: President and Mrs. Lombardi, Athletic Director Foley, Mayor Jennings, Congresswoman Thurman -- I know what a happy day this is for you. Senator Breaux, we're glad to see you here. Senator Breaux thinks he represents anyplace that's perpetually warm. (Laughter.) We're honored to have you here.

Let me say, when Coach Spurrier and Danny and I walked in I was hoping, when I hobbled in, that one of you might mistake me for a member of the team who just had a rough time in the bowl game. (Laughter.) But I remembered that a few years ago, Danny had a little knee injury, and if I come back from mine as well as he did from his, my future is secure, I think.

I am delighted to be here with you. I look forward to these occasions every year, but I especially want to congratulate you on a wonderful season and an astonishing championship game. The 32-point margin of victory, I'm sure all of you know, against the number one ranked team is the largest in bowl history and something that the University of Florida can always be very proud of. (Applause.)

I'd also note -- it's somewhat difficult for me to note this, being from Arkansas, but every year I've been President Florida has won the Southeastern Conference championship. (Laughter.) I was impressed not only by the stars on the team -- by Danny Wuerffel and Ike Hilliard, and by the fact that Terry Jackson joined his brother, Willy, in Sugar Bowl history by rushing for over 100 yards -- I was impressed by the teamwork of this team.

And I have followed college football very closely for nearly 40 years now, and I really believe that the University of Florida, in the last five or six years, has written a whole new chapter in college football in much the way that Oklahoma did a few decades ago with the wishbone. You have changed football forever and for the better. It is more exciting than it has

ever been before, and you do it better than anyone else.

I know that this national championship was a special triumph for Steve Spurrier because when he played for the Gators, he won the Heisman Trophy. He came back as a coach to have many successes, but there is no success like winning the national championship and doing it for your alma mater after so many efforts and so many fine performances, and, frankly, when it doesn't come so easily, when you have to keep fighting for it -- even sometimes when you think it's not quite fair must make it all the sweeter.

I've also been in a position of having to try to defeat someone who once beat me for something I cared a great deal about, and that makes it a little better, too. (Laughter.) So again, let me say it's a great honor to have you in the White House. I know I'm too old to play for this team, but don't hold my injury against me.

Coach Spurrier, the floor is yours. Thank you. (Applause.)

COACH SPURRIER: Thank you, Mr. President, for those kind words. I really appreciate it, and I'm sure our players do, also. And I do agree that the teamwork and the team camaraderie and the way I think our guys really care about each other was a big reason for our success these past few years.

On behalf of our coaches and players and all of our travel party, we want to thank you for this invitation to come up here to the White House and visit Washington, and also thank the White House staff. They've done a wonderful job showing us around, and I'm sure it will continue throughout the day.

We have a presentation to make to you -- Danny Wuerffel is going to do it in a minute -- not only signifying that the Gators are number one this past year, but also that we think you, President Clinton, do a super job, excellent job, as good as anybody does, of running our country, and that you're number one also with the Gators.

So, Danny, come on up. (Applause.)

MR. WUERFFEL: Again, we would just like to thank everyone here in Washington for making it such a memorable trip to come up here. It's been a special time. It's been a special season for all of us Gators the way that the team came together, and teamwork is really something that is stressed so much in America as our forefathers put together a government that worked on team and the team concept.

So, on behalf of our team, we would like to present you with this Gator jersey, Mr. President.

(The jersey is presented.) (Applause.)

COACH SPURRIER: I don't know if you can wear that jogging or not.

THE PRESIDENT: Yes, I can. Thank you. Move that out of here so we can take a good picture of this.

Thank you very much. (Applause.)

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6:00 P.M. EST

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THE PRESIDENT: Thank you and welcome to the White House. I am delighted to have all of you here. I thank the members of the Cabinet for coming, and I thank Congressman Ryun from Kansas, a former Olympian, for being here. To the president of the Olympic Committee, Bill Hybl, to the executive director, Dick Schultz, and to all the other officials, and to the members of our Olympic team.

Let me say -- before I get into my remarks, I need to make two preliminary comments. First of all, I want to thank Tipper Gore for representing our administration at the 1998 Winter Olympics. I wish she could be here with us today. I know she would like to be. I'd also like to thank my good friend Mack McLarty for working so hard with the Vice President as the co-chair of our White House Task Force on the Olympic Games.

The second thing I'd like to do before I get into my remarks is to just say, for the benefit -- because this is my only chance to talk to the press today -- I just finished a very good meeting with the Senate Republican and Democratic leaders, Trent Lott and Tom Daschle, about one of the most important votes that our Senate will face this year, and that is to expand the alliance of NATO to include Poland, Hungary, and the Czech Republic.

I want to thank them both for their support. This is coming at a very important time for America -- four years after I first proposed that we expand our European security alliance to make us more secure and Europe safer and more united. And I am very grateful for Senator Lott and Senator Daschle, Senator Helms and Senator Biden, and all the others. We are seeing a very impressive, high-level debate in the Senate, and even among those who don't agree with my position, I must say I've been very impressed by the debate. And I'm looking forward to a positive vote by the end of this week.

Now let me say I have looked forward to this day for a long time, ever since the Olympics concluded. To see these fine people, and those who are not here who are part of their

teams, I think makes all Americans very proud.' In the mountains, the ice rinks, the race courses of Japan, we saw America at its best. The young Olympians who are here did more than carry our flag. In a fundamental way, they carried with them the spirit of America.

I'd like to say a special word, too, of appreciation to the Paralympians who brought home 34 medals in the largest Winter Paralympics ever. Thank you.

It's also a great source of pride for us that the Winter Olympics in 2002 will be in Salt Lake City. When the Olympic flag was lowered and passed from the Mayor of Nagano to Mayor Corradini, it really marked the opening events of the 2002 Games. So we're very glad that Mayor Corradini has joined us today, along with the Chairman of the Salt Lake Olympic Committee, Robert Garff, and other members of the Utah Olympic Committee. We want to help them succeed. And I'd like to ask them to stand and receive our support. Mayor Corradini and the members of the Utah Committee -- there's Mr. Garff. Thank you all for being here. Thank you -- there they are right there.

I'd also like to say one more word to America's Olympic teams in 1998. In a fundamental way, you have become a part of America's team for the rest of your lives. If you choose, for the rest of your lives, because you were an Olympian, you can have a profound, positive impact on all the people with whom you come in contact, but especially on young people.

Even though for many of you the Olympic triumphs you had, just being a member of the team, must have marked the most magic moment in your lives, I hope that the future will be even richer for you. And I think it can be if you use the fact that you are an Olympian to have a positive impact on the lives of young people.

The lessons of setting your sights high, working hard, being persistent, believing in yourselves, playing by the rules, supporting your team, those are lessons that every child in America needs to learn; lessons that every child can see in your eyes and in the power of your example. Some of you earlier today participated in the Champions in Life program. You can reach out, in telling your stories, working in communities, approaching future endeavors with this kind of drive and commitment, and I hope you'll do that, because you can really have a positive impact on 21st century America.

In this century, through all its highs and lows, we have seen throughout the 20th century a renaissance in the Olympic games. Everybody now knows about the remarkable triumph of Jesse Owens in the 1936 Berlin Games, what it said about prejudice and hatred, what it said about the difference between America and the Nazi regime that then governed in Germany.

Jesse Owens said this in 1936: "Only an Olympian can fully realize the grip the Games have on the youth of the world." It was true in 1936; it is true today. Then it was true and people saw a profound good in the midst of a dark time. This is a sunlit moment of peace and prosperity. But the Olympic spirit -- the spirit of goodwill, friendship, understanding and unity across all the lines that divide us -- that can propel us into an even brighter era of respect and

success.

Now I would like to introduce the athlete that has been chosen by her teammates to represent the Olympians here today, a person whose grace and excellence on the ice -- and I must say even more after the competition -- must have been a source of enormous joy and pride, not only to her teammates, but to all Americans.

Ladies and gentlemen, Ms. Michelle Kwan.

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We got the speech out to some of our key leaders over the weekend. As soon as we can get the speech on email this morning (can you help with that???) we will get it out to all the groups this morning. We have not asked the groups on the whole to do anything with this, however, we will contact key leaders on an individual basis to see what they may be inclined to do.

Please forward the speech to me on email, if you have it. It is not posted on the Web yet and email is the only way we can get the speech out to a large number of our groups -- thanks.



To Sharpe, Sterling's worth more than gold

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June 4 - The bond between them is thicker than blood and stronger than diamonds. For as long as Denver Broncos tight end Shannon Sharpe can remember, his only hero has been his big brother. But how do you tell your hero you love him?

"It's almost impossible to put into words," Sharpe admitted. "Because how do you tell somebody you owe him everything?"

After nearly 30 years of trying to repay a debt of gratitude, Sharpe will finally realize his long-sought answer Friday, when the Broncos receive their NFL championship rings.

One grateful Denver football player will take the most precious gift of his professional life and give it away. To his brother. With love.

"Am I serious about giving away my Super Bowl ring? Absolutely. I'm sincere," Sharpe said. "When we're handed those rings, nobody on the Denver Broncos is going to be happier or prouder than me. But I'm going to give my ring to my brother.

"What this ring means to me is the greatest accomplishment of my football career. But what my brother means to me is far more. This is the highest token of appreciation I can show my brother for everything he's done for my career and my life. I think it's only fitting I give this ring to Sterling Sharpe."

Sterling Sharpe was the athlete and the man his kid brother always wanted to be.

To make his way toward Super Bowl XXXII, where the Broncos shocked the NFL with one of the biggest upsets in league history, all Shannon Sharpe had to do was follow the footsteps from his front door. "No one really understands how I grew up, and what a long journey it was from where I came from to the Super Bowl. Maybe nobody fully understands except my brother," said Denver's Sharpe, a six-time Pro Bowler whose muscular body was sculpted from the humble red clay of tiny Glennville, Ga. "We played together. We fought together. My father died at a very young age. My grandfather died at a very young age. So Sterling took over the role of being the dominant male figure in my life. He always has been."

On Jan. 25, after the Broncos beat Green Bay 31-24, there should have been two brothers in shoulder pads, walking off the field together. Sterling Sharpe, a first-round draft pick in 1988, had caught 595 passes and was an all-star five times for the Packers. But almost four years ago, a spinal injury left Green Bay's No. 1 receiver temporarily paralyzed and ruined his athletic career. The Packers quickly dumped Sterling Sharpe and trashed his reputation. "He was never a leader," quarterback Brett Favre said. The Pack went on to win the 1997 Super

Bowl without Sterling Sharpe.

Sterling Sharpe, now an ESPN TV analyst, claims no bitterness at missing the chance to turn the Super Bowl into a sibling rivalry. "No," he insisted repeatedly during the days before the Packers and Broncos met for the title. "It wasn't meant for me to be in uniform. I asked God for one year in this league. I got seven. I stole six years."

Shannon Sharpe, however, feels a brother's pain in every beat of his heart.

"I think Sterling has done a better job of dealing with (his) not being able to play football than I have," Denver's eight-year veteran said. "Seeing his career taken away has left me more upset and bitter than he ever was. When he got hurt, the Green Bay Packers made a business decision. They turned their back on my brother. "Hey, the Packers did what they had to do. But if it were John Elway or Jerry Rice in the same position, would have those star players been treated in the same way as Sterling Sharpe was? To have his career cut short by an injury, to not get an opportunity to play in that big game, and then have to watch as his team went to the Super Bowl and won it without him, that just wasn't right."

While America celebrated the Broncos' championship as a tribute to Elway, Shannon Sharpe vowed to take the shining moment of his life and make it a private dedication.

At the end of June, Sharpes from near and far will congregate in Denver to laugh and hug and celebrate a birthday. Before he blows out the 30 candles on his cake, however, Shannon Sharpe will pull one special family member aside and place a diamond-studded ring in the palm of his hero.

Will big brother be too damn proud to accept the gift?

"No," predicted Shannon Sharpe, looking into the distance, trying to imagine a thank-you he has waited decades to deliver. "I think my brother will take it. This ring is something that will last forever. He's got to know one thing: Seeing my brother wear a Super Bowl ring would mean more to me than having it on my own finger."

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