



An early Christmas

staff photo by Robert Snider

### Hinckley writes to Dallas

**United Press International**  
DALLAS — In a letter to a Dallas radio station, John Hinckley Jr. apologized for making a downtown pawn shop notorious after federal investigators discovered he purchased a gun there — the weapon he used to shoot President Ronald Reagan in March 1981.

"I didn't mean to make Rocky's Pawn Shop so notorious. I could have bought the gun anywhere," he said in a letter received Tuesday by KZEW-FM.

Hinckley, a former resident of suburban Highland Park, called Dallas his favorite city.

"I plan to live there when I get out of the hospital," he wrote.

Mike Rhyner, the station's morning producer, wrote Hinckley four weeks ago after seeing other Hinckley letters in the media. Hinckley, found innocent by reason of insanity of trying to kill Reagan, is confined to Saint Elizabeth's Hospital in Washington.

Hinckley, who said he listened to KZEW's rock music while a Dallas resident, wrote that he used to listen to rock music while stalking former President Jimmy Carter and Reagan.

"I used to listen to the song 'Heroes' by David Bowie when I was stalking Carter and Reagan. It got me in a strange mood," he wrote.

Matthew Swick, poster child for the local chapter of spina bifida, received a \$500 check Wednesday from Jay Brunner, president of Law

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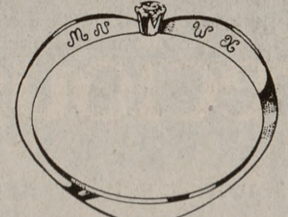


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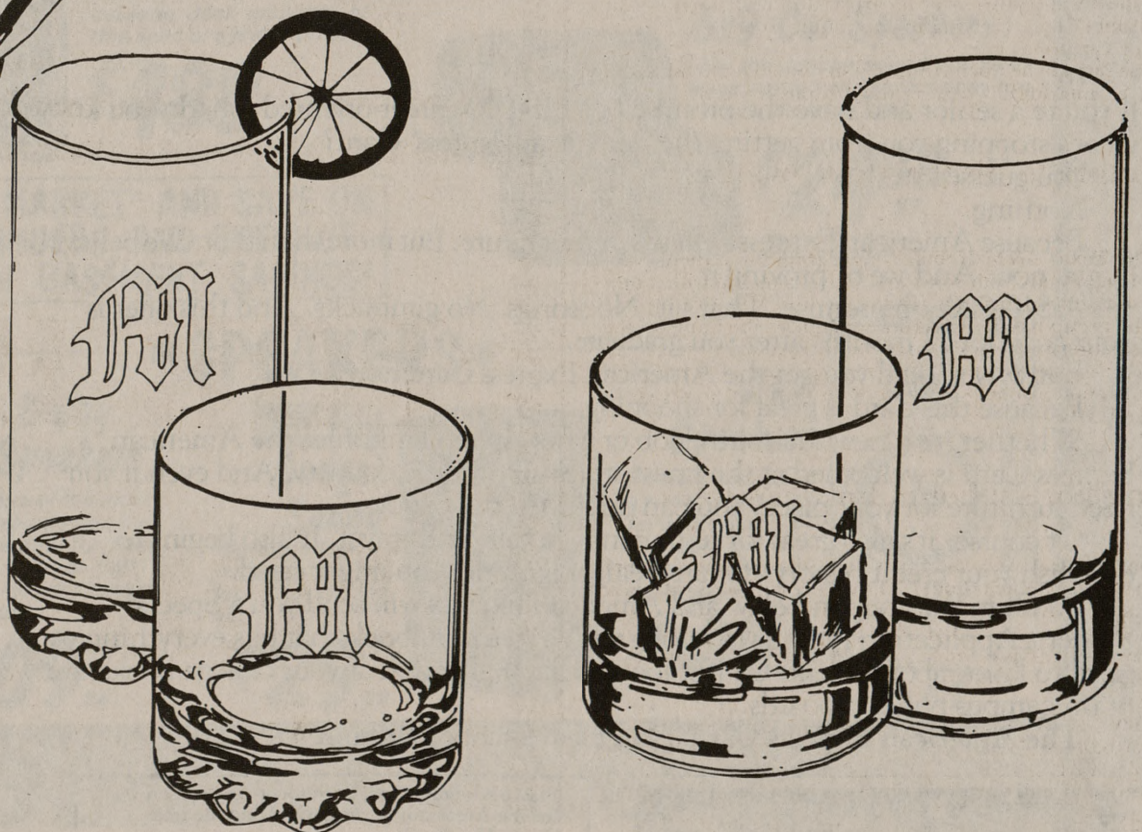
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