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# Gulf crisis stresses non-soldiers too Family, friends receive aid through self-help program

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Soldiers ready for combat in the Persian Gulf face great physical and emotional hardships, but the toll taken on loved ones can be just as great, a Texas A&M English lecturer says.

To help students and others suffering through the gulf crisis, Linsey Oates is starting a self-help support group.

"There are a lot of people in a lot of pain," she says. "It's really hard for them to say 'Help me.'"

Although friends can be compassionate, they often don't understand and people continue to feel alone, Oates says.

She says the only way to understand how such people feel is to live through a similar experience. People then can offer advice, support and encouragement.

She says many students are separated from spouses, siblings and friends because of the crisis and cannot deal with fears.

Soldiers are required to settle all accounts — including wills — before leaving, she explains.

All mail is censored, and friends

and families must learn to deal with not hearing from soldiers for months at a time, she says.

"How do you cope at the age of 21 with something like this?" she asks.

Oates, group coordinator, would prefer a faculty member who has experienced this type of anxiety take over meetings. She does not have a loved one overseas.

"I have no idea what they are going through," she says.

Oates works as a mentor and counselor. She is the founding member of Compassionate Friends, an organization offering support for bereaved parents.

# Expectations spur border development

COLOMBIA, Mexico (AP) — Mexico is building seven border bridges and thousands of miles of highway to handle the boom in traffic from an expected free-trade agreement with the United States.

With help from private investors, President Carlos Salinas de Gortari set a plan in motion last year to improve Mexico's inadequate roads and customs system.

Solidarity Bridge and border crossing at Colombia, now a cinder-block town of only 350 people, is the largest project.

A 66-mile highway linking Colombia to an improved road between Laredo, Texas, and Monterrey will cut the driving distance between the border and Monterrey to 140 miles from 180.

More than 2,480 miles of highways are to be built before the president's six-year term ends in 1994. Half will be financed through private investment.

# 'Ghost' race raises money, aids causes

The Texas A&M College of Medicine raised more than \$500 for the American Heart Association and the Texas Aggie Medical Student Association during its eighth annual fun run.

About 200 people participated Saturday in the "Going for the Ghost" run's three categories — a 10K and 5K run and a one-mile walk.

Best overall for the 10K were Billy Cassel and Nora Matthews.

For the 5K, best overall were Bob Wright and Carla Freeman.

One-mile walk best overall winners were Russel Cravey and Beth Elderidge.

Five people beat the "ghost," Dr. Elvin Smith. Finishing ahead of him has been the challenge for the last five years. A pumpkin was the prize for beating him to the finish line.

Saint Joseph Hospital, the Sandstone Center, Scott and White Clinic, Humana Hospital, Beck Biomedical Laboratory, C.C. Creations, Apple Tree and AeroFit were event sponsors.

David Vander Straten, race organizer, says the race is an annual event that raises money for the American Heart Association and the Texas Aggie Medical Student Association 1993, the second-year medical students.

Trophies were presented to the best overall man and woman; first-

# Rightful revolver owner sought in Jack Ruby case

DALLAS (AP) — Jurors were being picked Monday afternoon in a courtroom here to determine who is the rightful owner of the revolver Jack Ruby used to kill accused presidential assassin Lee Harvey Oswald.

Dallas County Probate Judge Robert E. Price denied a motion by the attorneys of executor Jules Mayer to quash a subpoena ordering Mayer to produce the gun and other effects of the estate.

used to kill Oswald in the basement of the Dallas City Jail two days after Kennedy's assassination in 1963.

Mayer and Ruby's brother, Earl Ruby, have been waging a bitter legal skirmish over ownership of the gun Jack Ruby purchased in a Dallas gun shop for \$62.50.

Mayer has estimated the gun, which he keeps in a North Dallas bank safe deposit box, would bring \$125,000 from a collector.

The jury's decision should bring to a conclusion the 23 years of legal wrangling between Ruby's heirs and the executor of the late Dallas nightclub owner's estate.

But with the twists and turns the case has taken through the judicial system since Ruby died on Jan. 3, 1967, nothing is certain.

The trial is scheduled to determine distribution of Ruby's assets and consider a petition to remove Mayer as executor.

The estate's most valuable asset is the .38-caliber Colt Cobra that Ruby

Whatever the value, Mayer has contended that proceeds from its sale must be used to pay Ruby's debts — among them, \$65,000 in expenses he claims he has incurred in handling the estate, including the cost of fighting Earl Ruby's suits.

Ruby, of Boca Raton, Fla., who's also acting on behalf of his sister and a nephew, counters that Mayer is trying to make money off the estate. He also wants to liquidate the estate to pay off his brother's debts and "wipe the slate clean."

# Rape victim disturbed with Williams' attitude

AUSTIN (AP) — A woman who was sexually assaulted by a man who repeated Clayton Williams' joke about rape during the attack blasted the Republican gubernatorial nominee Monday.

"Speaking from personal experience, rape is anything but a joke and at no point Mr. Williams was I able to relax and enjoy it," she said.

She said she did not blame Williams for the attack, but added, "I just blame Clayton Williams for voicing the attitude that is outdated and is wrong and is hurtful."

Gordon Hensley, a spokesman for the Williams campaign, said Williams had apologized for the remark and that the Republican's anti-crime proposals are stronger than those of his Democratic opponent, Ann Richards.

Hensley said of Ausland's sentencing, "We are pleased that a violent criminal has been sentenced to time in jail."

Asked if the plea bargain agreement was politically timed, Hensley said, "One could surmise that," but he refused to elaborate.

Travis County District Attorney Ronnie Earle, a Democrat, supports Richards, but his office said that had nothing to do with the case being resolved, or the woman's comment.

Her comments came after Chris Ausland, 34, was sentenced to 50 years in prison in a plea bargain agreement on several charges.

"He had quoted Clayton Williams during the attack, telling me that if it was inevitable, I should just relax and enjoy it," the 31-year-old woman said of the March assault.

Williams made the remark during a cattle roundup at his ranch when he likened bad weather to rape. He later apologized for the comment.

After Ausland was sentenced in state district court Monday, the woman, trembling as she spoke, talked with reporters on the condition her identity not be revealed.

"Any candidate who jokes about rape shows a gross insensitivity towards women and is not likely to take a stand in promoting victims' rights."

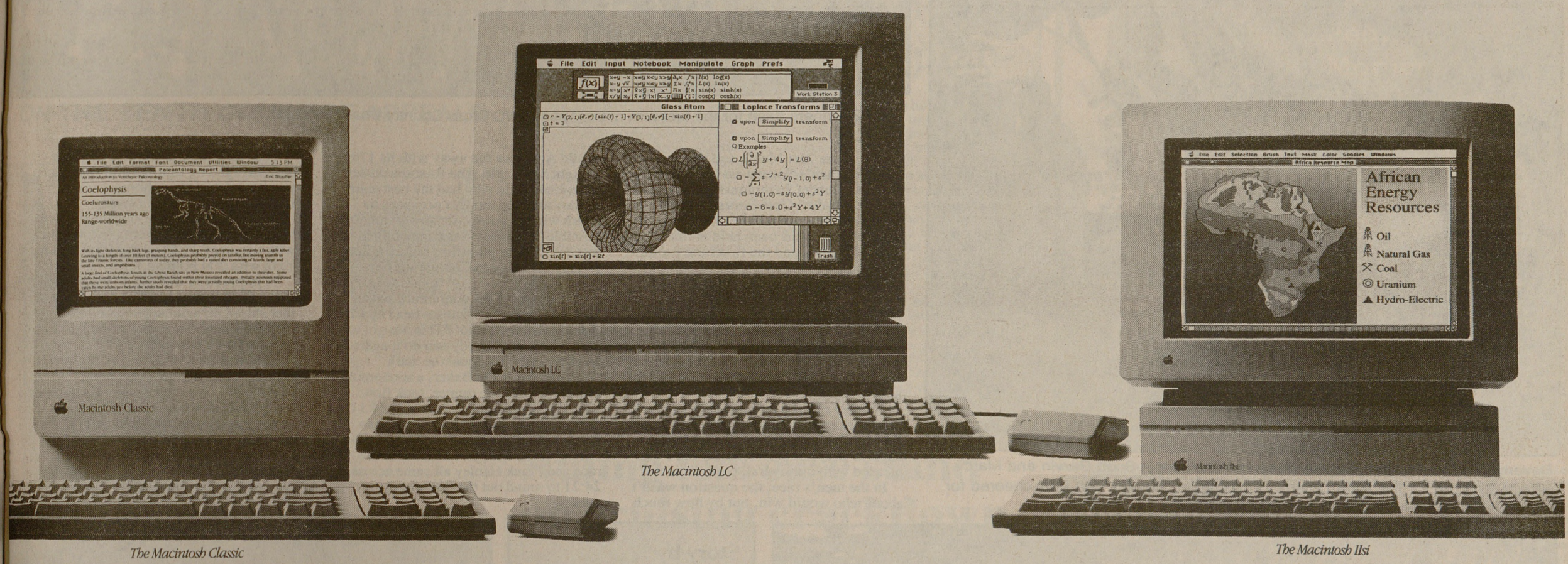
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