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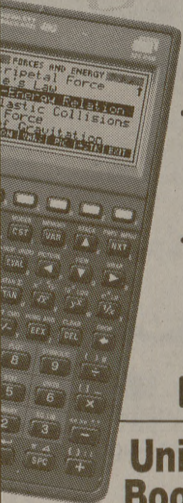
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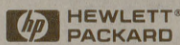
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Barbara Bush offers glimpse into life with president

Former first lady recalls life in White House

WASHINGTON (AP) — Reporters watching President Bush speak at the home bases of Desert Storm troops said the president was fighting off a cold, but Barbara Bush knew better.



Barbara Bush

"That was no cold," she wrote in her diary Feb. 4, 1991. "He was just so moved."

The diary entry is recorded in "Barbara Bush: A Memoir," in which the former first lady offers a glimpse of life with George Bush through his 12 years as president and vice president and the couple's ef-

forts to return to a more ordinary life in Houston after leaving the White House.

Mrs. Bush defends her husband at every turn and writes bitterly about those who criticized him, but she acknowledges that she disagreed with him on two issues: She supports legal abortion and opposes sale of assault weapons.

Mrs. Bush says, however, she did her best to keep her opinions from the public while her husband was in office.

Of her successor as first lady, Mrs. Bush writes that Hillary Rodham Clinton seems stronger than President Clinton, which she predicts will cause problems for the president.

"I am afraid that when problems or controversy occur, and they will, the finger will be pointed at Hillary," Mrs. Bush says. "I am not saying this is right or wrong. It just occurs to me that the American people also are going through an adjustment."

Even for a first lady who distanced herself from policy-making, there was tremendous stress in being married to the president, especially during the Persian Gulf War.

"For the last twelve hours I have known something so dreadful that I can't even imagine it," Mrs. Bush wrote in her diary in January 1991, hours before the United States began bombing Baghdad.

"George told me last night that they decided it would start tonight. God knows they have given Saddam every chance."

The book includes passages from Mrs. Bush's diary along with narrative describing her childhood and life with Bush — from their first meeting at a dance, through his military career, campaigns and time in Congress, the CIA, as vice president and president.

She also tells about the move back to a private home in Houston after 12 years of being

cared for by large staffs in White House and vice president's house.

Remembering how to cook was not a problem, Mrs. Bush says, but her first attempt at cooking after leaving the White House could make new eggs for "I Love Lucy."

After an encounter with a juicer that left carrots spinning from floor to ceiling, the president came in and said to worry, he had brought the juicer.

"He had made his first to Sam's Club and bought the world's biggest jar of spaghetti sauce and some spaghetti," Bush writes. But while cleaning carrots, she broke the jar.

"That was the night, George and I made an amazing discovery. You can call out for pizza."

"Barbara Bush: A Memoir" published by Scribners and priced at \$25. It was scheduled for release Sept. 15 but is available in some stores.

Identical twins participate in AIDS research project

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Rudy Vasquez of Fort Worth, who has AIDS, says he's looking forward to a federal research project he's been asked to participate in, even if he doesn't understand it.

Vasquez and his brother are among 12 sets of identical twins who are scheduled to participate in a federal blood cell-sharing test. In each of the 12, one twin has AIDS and the other does not.

"I feel like it's helping other people, being a part of research," said Vasquez, diagnosed with AIDS in 1992 after he was hospitalized for weeks with a bout of nearly fatal AIDS-related pneumonia.

"I hope it can benefit and help somebody else," he said. "And, I hope it does what they want it to do in my system."

Vasquez, 32, and his brother, Ronnie, leave Wednesday for the initial physicals and screenings at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Md., a suburb of Washington, D.C.

Later, Rudy will be transfused with genetically treated immune-system cells from his uninfected brother.

Under privacy guidelines, project officials said they could not confirm the identity of research participants.

The goal of the research is to learn how

long T-cells live in the body of an individual with AIDS, said Dr. Robert Walker, principal investigator in the project for the National Institutes of Health.

T-cells are a component of human blood that are key to fighting infection. A barometer of the overall strength of the body's immune system, the T-cell count is about 800 in an average, healthy person.

Rudy Vasquez said last week his T-cell count is "holding steady" at about 15, leaving him prey to nearly any type of infection.

Walker's research, which is about three months old, genetically treats T-cells drawn from the uninfected identical twin, causing more of the cells to grow in a laboratory environment. The cells are also "marked" so they can be tracked inside the infected twin.

"Identical twins provide a simply idealized model for reconstituting the immune system," Walker told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

"Their immune systems are in fact identical, and so when you transfer the cell from one to the other, you don't have the chance of rejection or of host diseases — the two major problems usually found in transplant experiments," he said.

The National Institute of Allergy and

Infectious Diseases, part of the NIH, Walker's home agency, is conducting research with the National Center for Human Genome Research.

The experiment could conceivably benefit Rudy Vasquez's T-cell count.

"I'd be glad if it was just 500," Vasquez said.

"But I've never let my T-cell count bother me. I worry about other things. What I can do — like that," he said.

Fort Worth-based American Airlines has offered to provide Rudy Vasquez fare for the first visit.

"It sounds like important research that could benefit a lot of people," said Kincaid, a spokesman with American Airlines in Fort Worth.

In November, American Airlines received criticism for the way attendants treated a passenger with AIDS who used an IV during a flight. American officials apologized to Timothy Holless, who was arrested after he refused to disembark.

In April 1993, American Airlines grounded groups when flight attendants ordered the linen changed after participants in a gay rights march had left the plane. American Chairman Robert L. Crandall called the incident deplorable.

CLASS OF 1996

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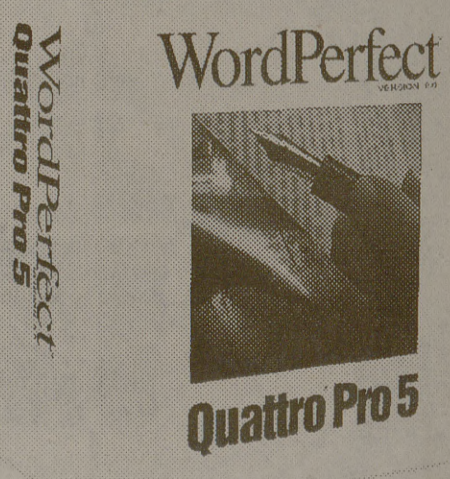
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