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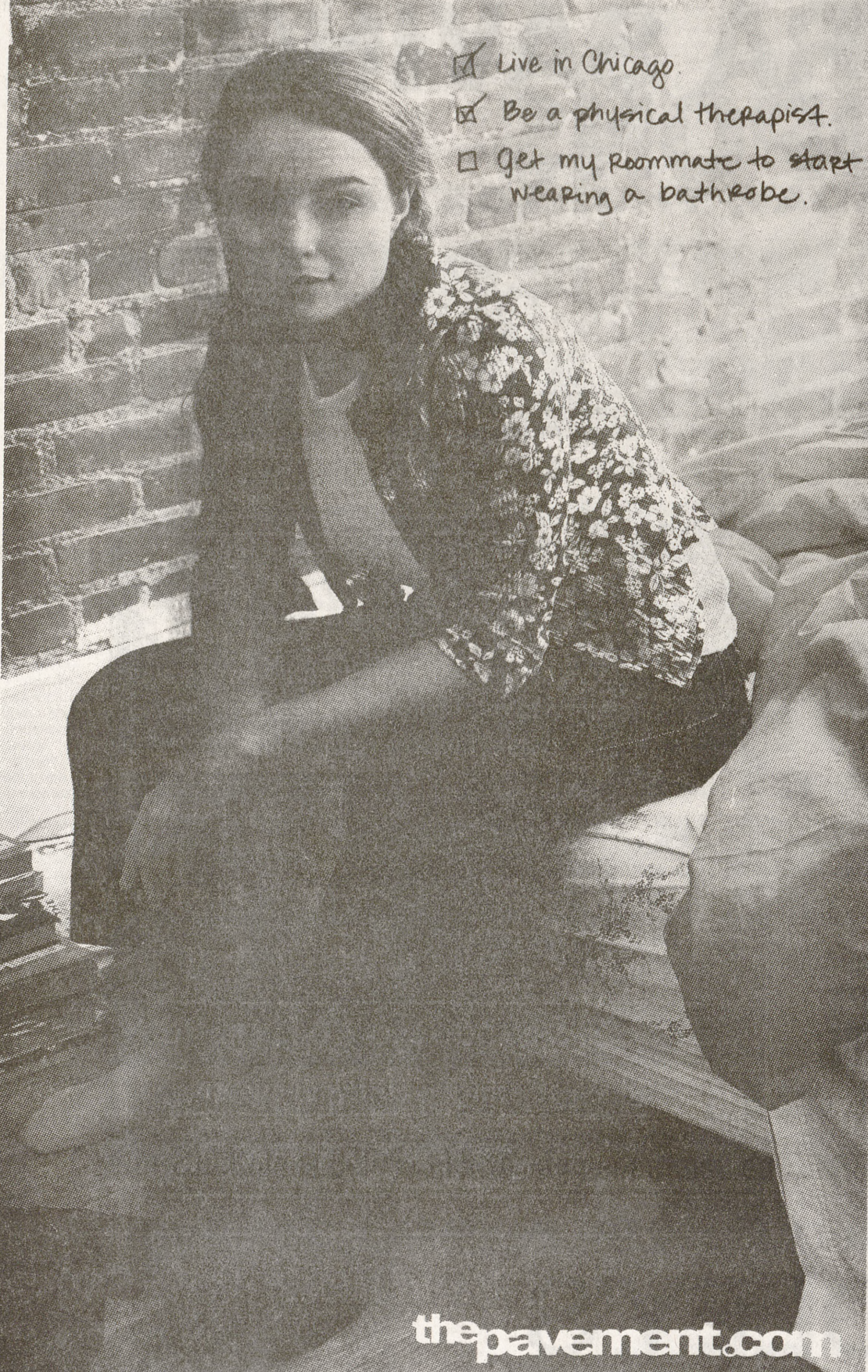
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THE BATTALION

Wednesday, February 16, 2000

## NY specialist accused of fraud

### Debate over fertility treatments heats up between doctors and Coalition Against Insurance Fraud

NEW YORK (AP) — Infertile couples and doctors across the country are closely watching the federal trial of a Park Avenue specialist accused of tricking insurance companies into paying for fertility treatments most are loath to cover.

Some experts say that what Dr. Neils Lauersen is accused of doing is a common, unspoken practice among many doctors. What makes the case extraordinary is that Lauersen has been charged by prosecutors with fraud.

Lauersen, 63, is accused of getting insurers to pay millions of dollars in coverage for hundreds of patients over the past decade.

According to prosecutors, he helped couples get pregnant by providing fertility treatments not covered by insurance. Then, he allegedly submitted bills for various covered treatments.

"This sort of thing is unfortunately very widespread," said Michael Diegel,

spokesman for the Coalition Against Insurance Fraud in Washington.

Diegel's coalition — made up of consumers, government agencies, public interest groups and insurers — estimated that health insurance fraud cost insurers \$53.9 billion in 1997. Much of that cost, he said, must be passed onto the consumer at higher rates.

Lauersen's lawyer, Theodore D. Wells, has said that his client did nothing wrong and that the doctor merely billed insurers for treating the underlying problems that cause infertility rather than for the infertility treatments themselves.

Some of Lauersen's patients have been holding a vigil at the doctor's trial and have said he was unfairly targeted, in part because he speaks out against insurance companies that deny infertility coverage. Many of his patients consider him a hero for making it possible for them to conceive.

Diegel estimated that half of all doctors are willing to bend the rules to get insurers to pay for patient treatments. But doctors groups disagreed that this is widespread.

"Our members follow the law," Debra Crawford, spokeswoman for the American Society for Reproductive Medicine. But she added that society members would be pleased if more insurers covered infertility treatments, which often cost the thousands of dollars.

About 46,000 doctors nationwide provide infertility treatment to about 6.1 million couples, but insurance companies have been reluctant to cover infertility.

Linda Lyons, 38, another Lauersen's patients, had bitter words about the managed care system: "They're not as powerful as whether we live and whether we have children."

### News in Brief

#### Holocaust survivors to resubmit claims

WASHINGTON (AP) — An international commission today began accepting claims from Holocaust survivors and heirs around the world who were never paid for insurance policies they held decades ago.

The program covers any Holocaust victim who owned or was covered by or was beneficiary of an insurance policy issued between 1920 and 1945.

Insurance companies will pay roughly 10 times the value the policy had when it was purchased.

#### Oil boost expected

NEW YORK (AP) — Analysts expect Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries ministers to boost

oil production next month, easing a world shortage. But any increase is unlikely to push down gasoline prices — now averaging \$1.41 a gallon in the United States — in time for the summer travel season.

Gasoline prices have been rising steadily since March, when the OPEC cut crude oil production by 7.5 percent to try to boost prices that had fallen to 12-year lows.

#### New program to give big farms a break

WASHINGTON (AP) — A new program will allow as many as 2,600 farms nationwide to get around the current \$150,000-per-producer limit on crop subsidies. Under this program, farmers who have reached the payment limit will be allowed to take crop subsidies in certificates, instead

of cash, which they can redeem for government-held commodities.

USDA estimates that 2,600 farms nationwide will reach the \$150,000 cap this year.

#### Trial continues for Bronx police officers

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — Echoing their fellow defendants' accounts, two of the four New York City police officers on trial for killing an unarmed immigrant testified Tuesday that the man appeared to draw a gun and take a "combat stance."

Officer Kenneth Boss said he saw Officer Edward McMellon back off Amadou Diallo's doorstep and thought his colleague had been shot.

The four officers fired 41 shots at Diallo, who was hit 19 times.

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Come to the MSC Bowling Alley on **Friday, February 25th at 7:00 pm** for pizza, fun & games. Only \$7.00/person, includes bowling, pool, arcade games, pizza & punch. Child care provided. RSVP to Marc at 694-9053 or email [LSullyR@tamu.edu](mailto:LSullyR@tamu.edu)

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