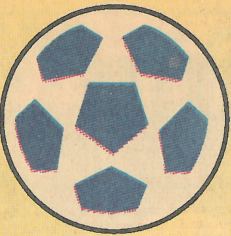


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MORNING REPORT

Grant mum on re-election bid

NEW CITY — Rockland County executive John T. Grant refused to say yesterday whether he would announce for re-election at a fundraiser for him tonight at Terrace-at-the-Hudson in Haverstraw.

When asked whether he would announce, Grant answered coyly, "You'll have to come and find out." When asked if he had written the speech he would deliver at the festivities, he replied, "What speech?" and refused to acknowledge he would make one. Grant, the first Rockland county executive, was elected to a first term in 1985 and a second in 1989; his term expires in December 1993.

Revenues will be spent on a re-election campaign or dispersed to other worthy candidates if he does not run, said Linda Watson, spokeswoman for the county executive.

— Leonard Drey

MLB season in jeopardy

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Baseball's 1993 season was put in jeopardy yesterday when team owners voted 13 to reopen collective bargaining negotiations with the Major League Players Association.

By exercising their option to open a year before the normal expiration of the contract, the threat of a spring-training lockout and the eighth work stoppage in 22 years became a possibility.

As an apparent safeguard against a quick lockout, owners unanimously approved a change in the Player Relations Committee rules that requires 75 percent approval for a lockout. It had been a majority.

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Last call for Cheers' series

LOS ANGELES — It's closing time, folks. After 11 years, NBC's hit barroom comedy "Cheers" is going off the air.

The series, the longest-running comedy currently on television, will stop production at the end of this year, it was announced yesterday. The final episode will air sometime in May.

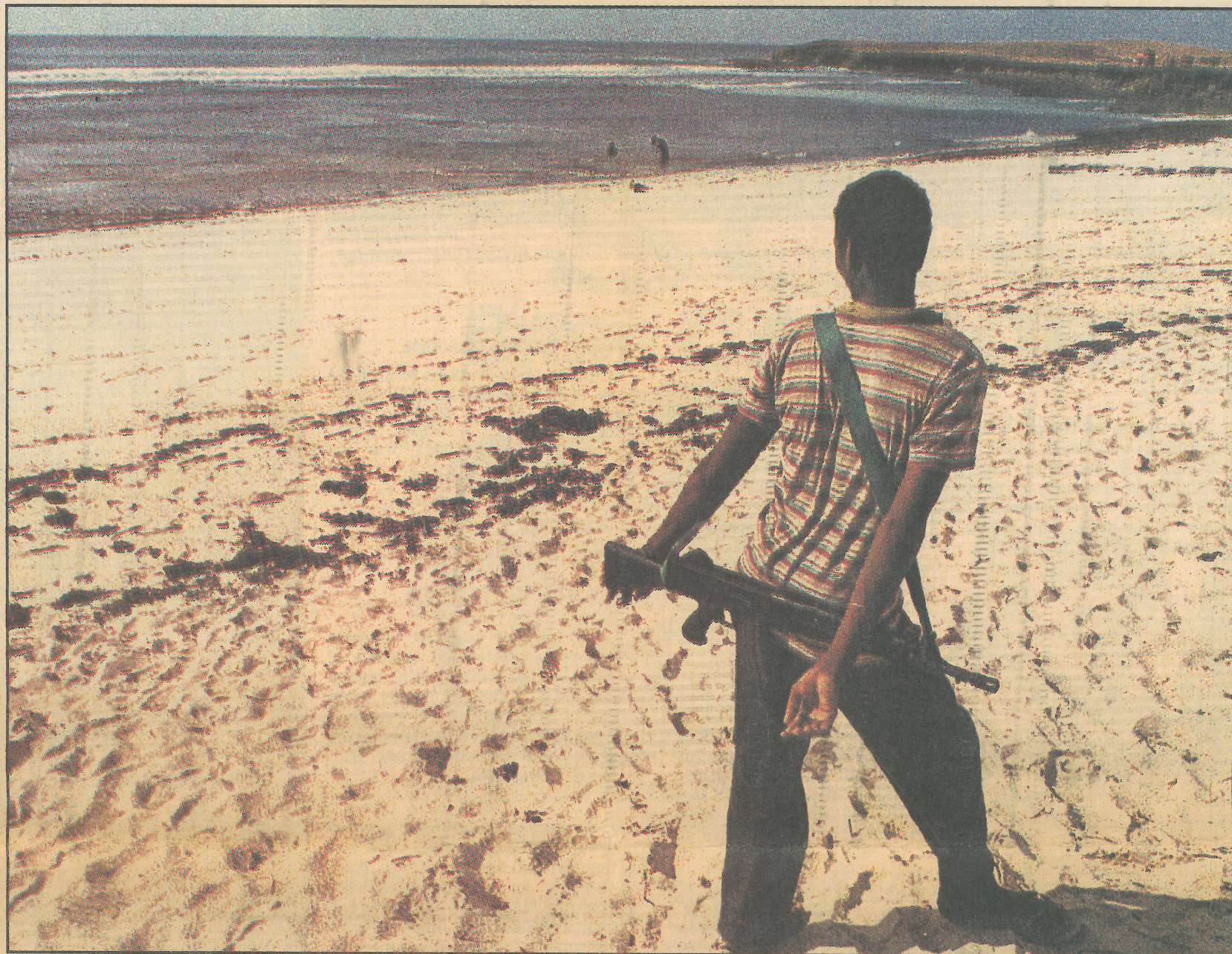
"We are grateful to our loyal viewers over the years, but we think it's better to end the series early rather than too late," the show's creators and executive producers, Glen and Les Charles and James Burrows, said in a statement.

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U.S. Marines moving



WAITING FOR THE TROOPS: A Somali gunman stares out to sea yesterday waiting for the arrival of U.S. Marines due in Mogadishu.

She seeks RESULTS in curbing hunger

MONSEY — The sight of starving and malnourished children in Bangladesh is what pushed Dr. Joanne Carter over the edge.

Current images of death and deprivation in Somalia have only served to strengthen her resolve.

Carter, a 35-year-old veterinarian from Monsey, has abandoned her practice to move to Washington, D.C., as legislative director of RESULTS, a grassroots lobbying organization focusing on hunger and children's issues.

Begun in 1980 by Sam Harris, the organization has 120 groups in the United States and some two dozen internationally.

Sitting in her old offices at the Spring Valley Animal Hospital as three resident dogs and one cat vied for attention, Carter spoke of current world problems and her career move.

"I'm really aware the famine we see in Somalia is not the result of nature, but of violence and militarism," she said. "Only 10 percent is famine and the rest is malnourished. If you know the history, then you know the United States and former Soviet Union provided the weapons that precipitated the violence and anarchy. We need to take responsibility for the present situation."

She is encouraged by the peaceful use of American troops to help provide humanitarian aid. However, she said there needs to be an on-going peace process with Somali clan elders because the ultimate solution must come from inside the country.

"We must start providing aid to let people grow their own food and get back on their feet," said Carter. "The people of Somalia must be

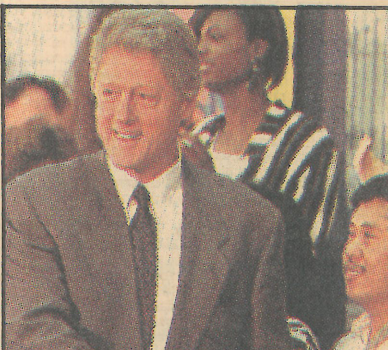
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RICHARD GUTWILLIG
Rockland's Columnist

Eight miners trapped after blast in Va.

The Associated Press
NORTON, Va. — An explosion in an underground coal mine early yesterday trapped eight miners about a mile inside, and rescuers worked into the night trying to



Clinton outlines economic p

The Washington Post
WASHINGTON — President-elect Clinton, fresh from a month of skull sessions devoted largely to economic questions, warned yesterday that short-term improvements in the business cycle should not mask "long-term trends" that have undermined the nation's

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month. "We may or may not be coming out of our recession. There are some good indicators that we are," he said. He spoke only passing of his intention to offer a "short-term ... economic program"

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supported, empowered and given resources and access to education."

Carter began working full-time for RESULTS in mid-October. She returned to Rockland on weekends to care for clients at the animal hospital but that work has ceased.

Born and raised in Brooklyn, she graduated from Albany State in 1977, with a major in biology. After working for VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America), she was a hospital clerk, took advanced agricultural courses, studied animal husbandry at the University of Connecticut and was a recruiter for the Peace Corps.

Carter attended Cornell University's veterinary school from 1983 to 1987 and came to Rockland in 1987. She was affiliated with Dr. Burton Saunders and his daughter, Dr. Maureen Saunders, at the hospital in Monsey.

Carter has been joined in Washington by her fiancé, Geoffrey Barron, another Rocklander, who recently resigned as coordinator of the Rockland Peace Dividend organization that evolved from the Rockland Nuclear Freeze Campaign.

RESULTS, an acronym for Responsibility for Ending Starvation Using Legislation, Trim-Tabbing and Support, seeks to generate political involvement to end hunger. There are six full-time staffers with RESULTS and the organization runs on a half-million dollar budget



Staff photo/Jaroslav Waznee

CAREER MOVE: Dr. Joanne Carter, a veterinarian from Monsey, has abandoned her practice to join a grassroots lobbying organization focusing on hunger and children's issues.

raised from private donations.

RESULTS operates a three-pronged effort. The first phase is supporting grass-roots efforts to promote meetings with local legislators. The concept is that individual citizens are the most important lobbyists.

Second is working with other non-profit hunger and children's

groups to promote legislation. Third, promoting the concept of micro-enterprise, tiny businesses usually targeting the poor.

What motivated Carter to a final commitment to RESULTS was an August trip to Bangladesh.

"I would see children who looked 4-years-old but were really 9. It was stunted malnutrition," she said. "I

saw how successful the Grameen Bank concept was, how it transformed lives, especially women's lives. Foreign aid can work but doesn't because it isn't properly directed. We need to redefine our priorities. This is not a partisan matter, this involves issues of hunger and children."

The Grameen Bank was begun by Dr. Muhammed Yunus, an economist in Bangladesh. After the war there in 1971 and famine three years later, Yunus started his own bank to make loans to the poorest people of Bangladesh, mostly landless women, to allow them to start their own cottage industries.

The loans average \$70 and are repaid in one year with 20 percent interest. Grameen is unique in that it requires borrowers to prove they have no capital. The repayment rate is 98 percent.

Grameen is a model for other microenterprise programs around the world, including one begun by President-elect Bill Clinton as governor in Arkansas.

"The first effort, of course, is to end hunger, in Somalia, Bangladesh, Ethiopia, Kenya, Central and South America, as well as here in the United States," said Carter. "The persistence of hunger exists, but there is the technology and resources to feed every person. What is missing is the political will.

"What's depressing about hunger and illness and the deaths of thousands of children is that it's unnecessary," she said. "It's not an

act of God. Many solutions are relatively simple. We have the capacity to prevent a large majority of child deaths."

On Nov. 20, a consortium of 31 non-profit organizations involved with Third World poverty and protecting the environment wrote President-elect Clinton.

The group urged him to "make the elimination of the worst aspects of poverty by the year 2000 one pillar of U.S. foreign policy."

The letter went on to say that "40,000 children die each day from malnutrition and preventable disease. We believe that global peace and stability cannot be built upon a foundation of such suffering and deprivation."

Sam Harris, founder and executive director of RESULTS, is often asked what he considers the greatest victory the organization has achieved in its first 12 years.

"People think they don't have the right job or the right education or the right bank account to make a difference," Harris said. "But RESULTS taught me something very important. Doing things you never thought you could makes you aware of two simple words: I can."

Armed with that knowledge, and overwhelmed knowing 40,000 children die each day, Joanne Carter is endeavoring to prove that she can help motivate others.

RESULTS: 236 Massachusetts Avenue NE, Suite 300, Washington, D.C. 20002, 202-543-9340.

Richard Gutwillig writes Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday.

U.S. Marines moving in

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tween feuding clansmen.

Michael McDonagh, an official of the Irish relief agency Concern, said relief workers feared Somali militiamen would go on a last-minute spree of shooting and stealing. "They know that come tomorrow the gravy train is over. The next 24 hours are going to be very crucial," McDonagh said.

U.S. troops and smaller contingents from France, Canada, Italy, Egypt, Turkey, Kuwait and other nations hope to impose calm so relief supplies can move into the countryside in safety.

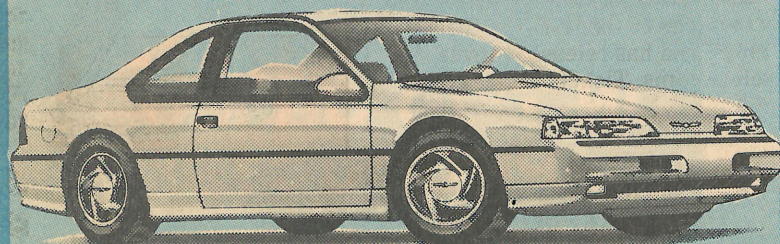
Fewer young gunmen have been on the streets of Mogadishu in recent days, and there have been reports that many have moved inland to avoid foreign troops.

Kenya announced yesterday that it closed its border with Somalia to prevent armed Somalis from seeking refuge.

Two Navy F-14s flew over Mogadishu, dropping orange flares to defend against any possible attack by militiamen armed with shoulder-mounted missiles. Pentagon sources said F-14s from the aircraft carrier USS Ranger flew reconnaissance missions over Somalia scouting for the Marine landing.

U.S. officers in the Navy's amphibious task force said the first mission of the Marines off Somalia's coast would be to take control of the seaport and airport at Mogadishu.

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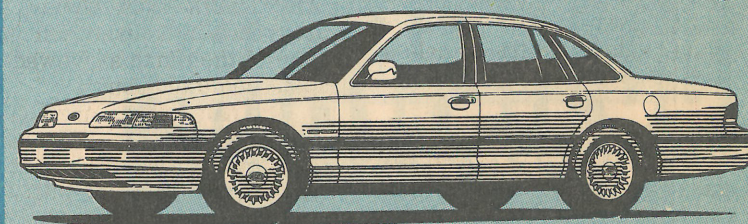
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