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April 8, 1999

Dhr. E. van der Velden
Art Editor
Utrechts Nieuwsblad
Postbus 43
3800 AA Amersfoort
THE NETHERLANDS

Dear Mr. van der Velden,

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With many thanks for your help I remain

Yours sincerely,

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A Chemist Helping Chemists

March 11, 1999

Mr. David D'Arcy
233 East 70th Street
Apt. 10R
New York, NY 10021

Dear Mr. D'Arcy,

I enjoyed my two discussions with you. First, you asked me whether I have shared information with any of the Dutch papers and so far I have not. But a good friend of mine has just sent me a list of the Dutch newspapers to contact and I enclose that list.

To me, The Art Newspaper is for readers about art what the London Times and the New York Times are for daily readers. Hence, I very much hope that The Art Newspaper will be the first to publish the story written by you.

With best personal regards, I remain

Yours sincerely,

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DR. ALFRED BADER

ESTABLISHED 1961

August 5, 1999

Art Editor
New York Times
122 E. 42nd Street - 14th Floor
New York, NY 10168

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Should you be interested in this story I would be happy to answer all of your questions, send you all of the documentation and of course the photographs.

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C: James Auer

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Trouw
Postbus 859
1000 AW Amsterdam
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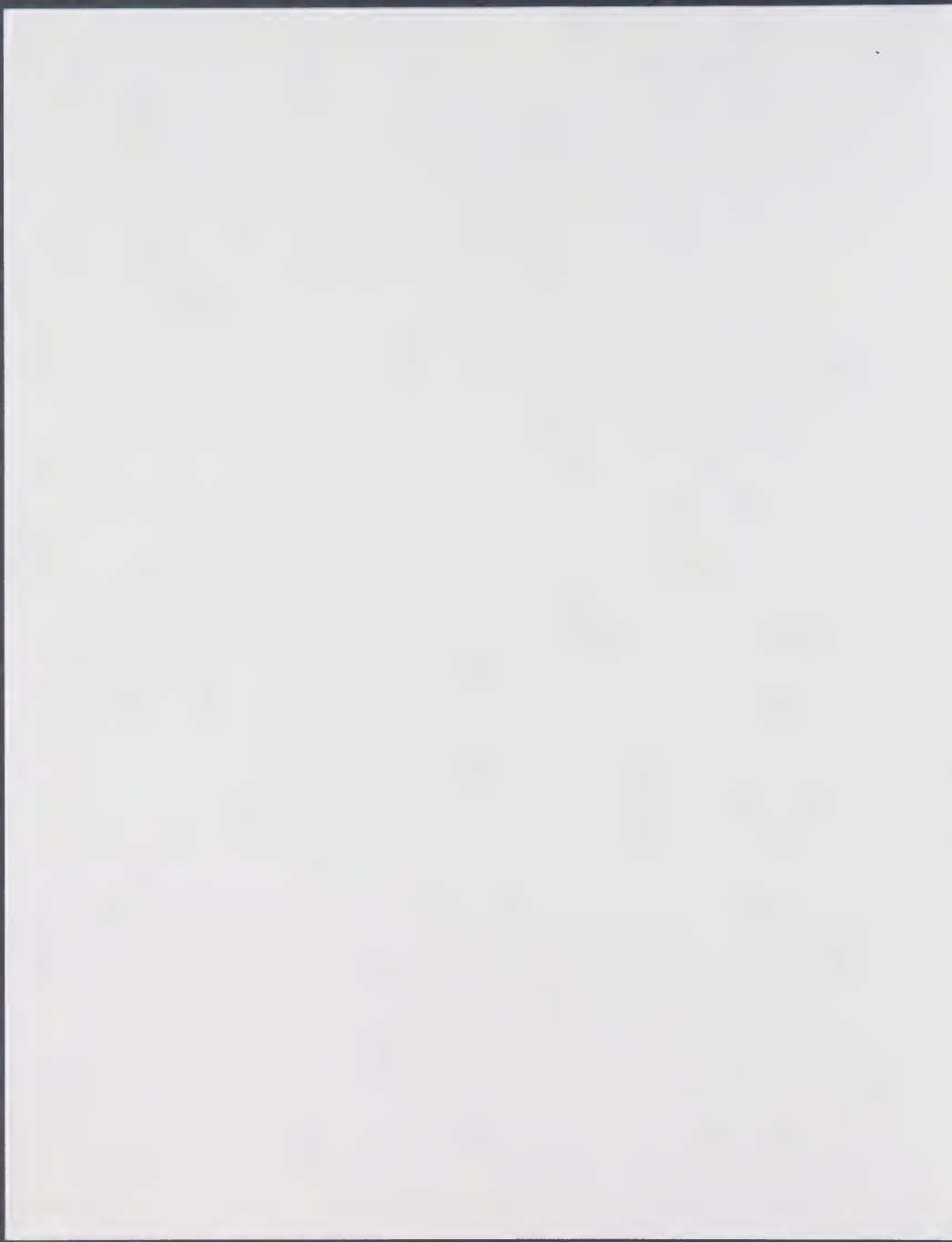
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Handelsblad
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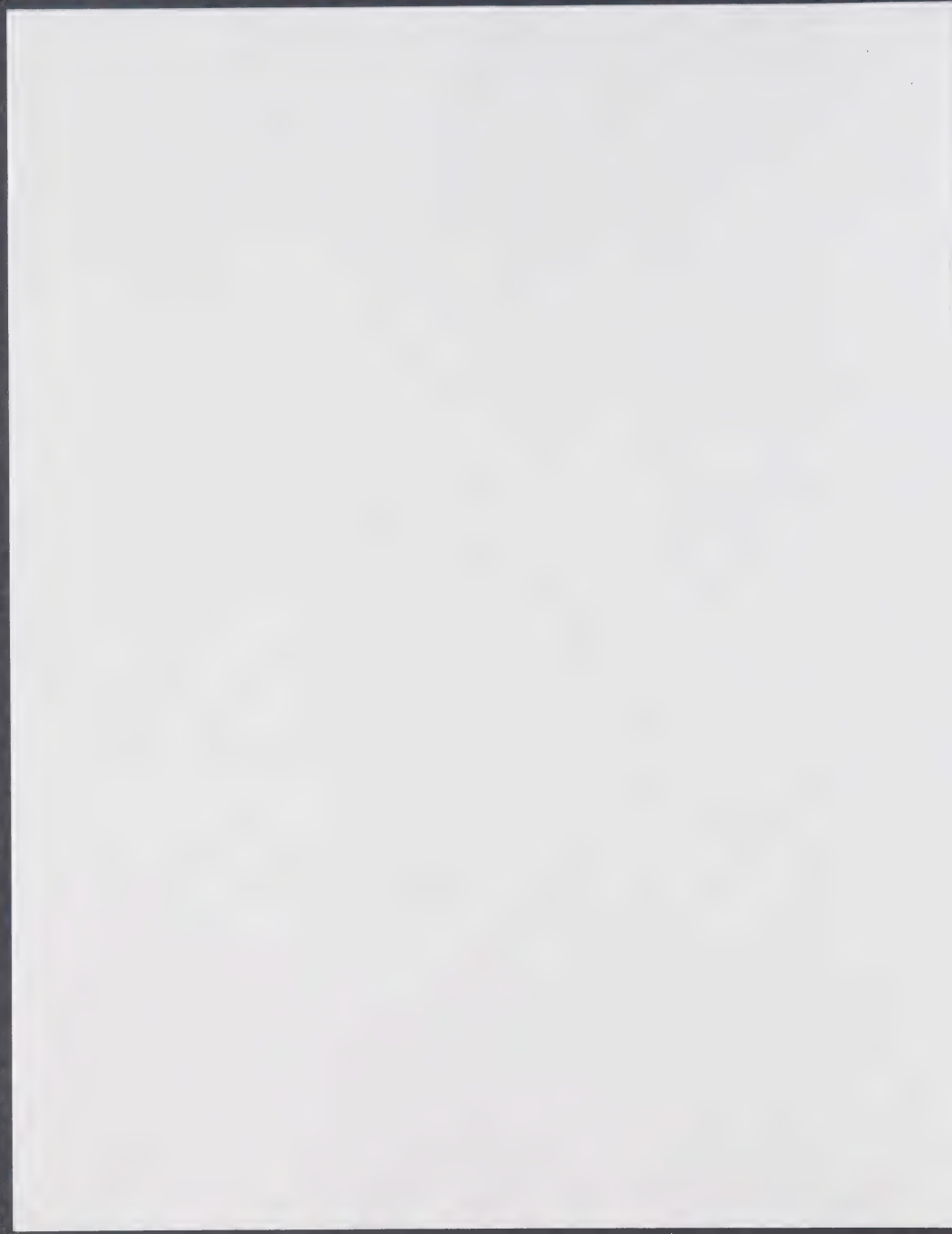
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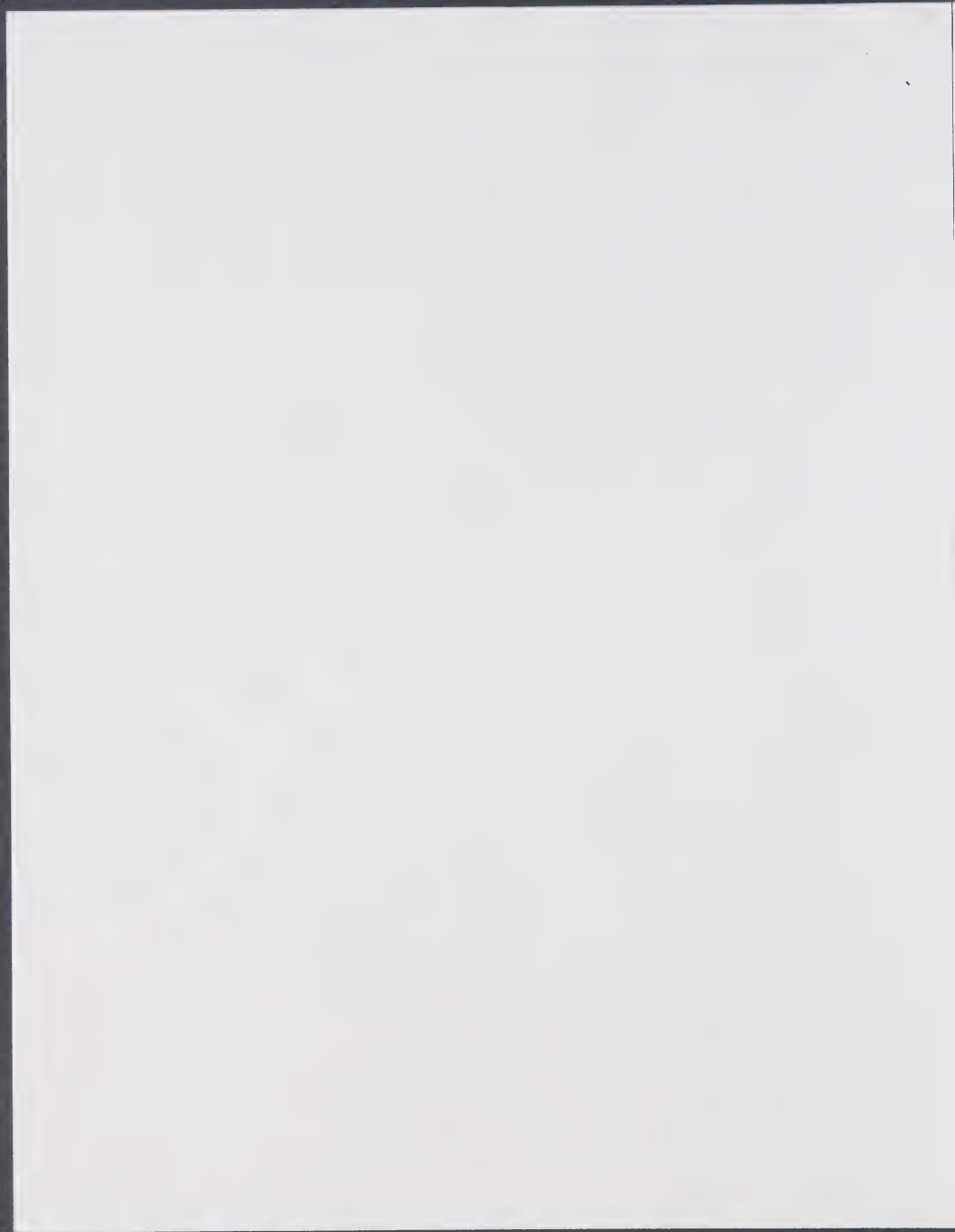
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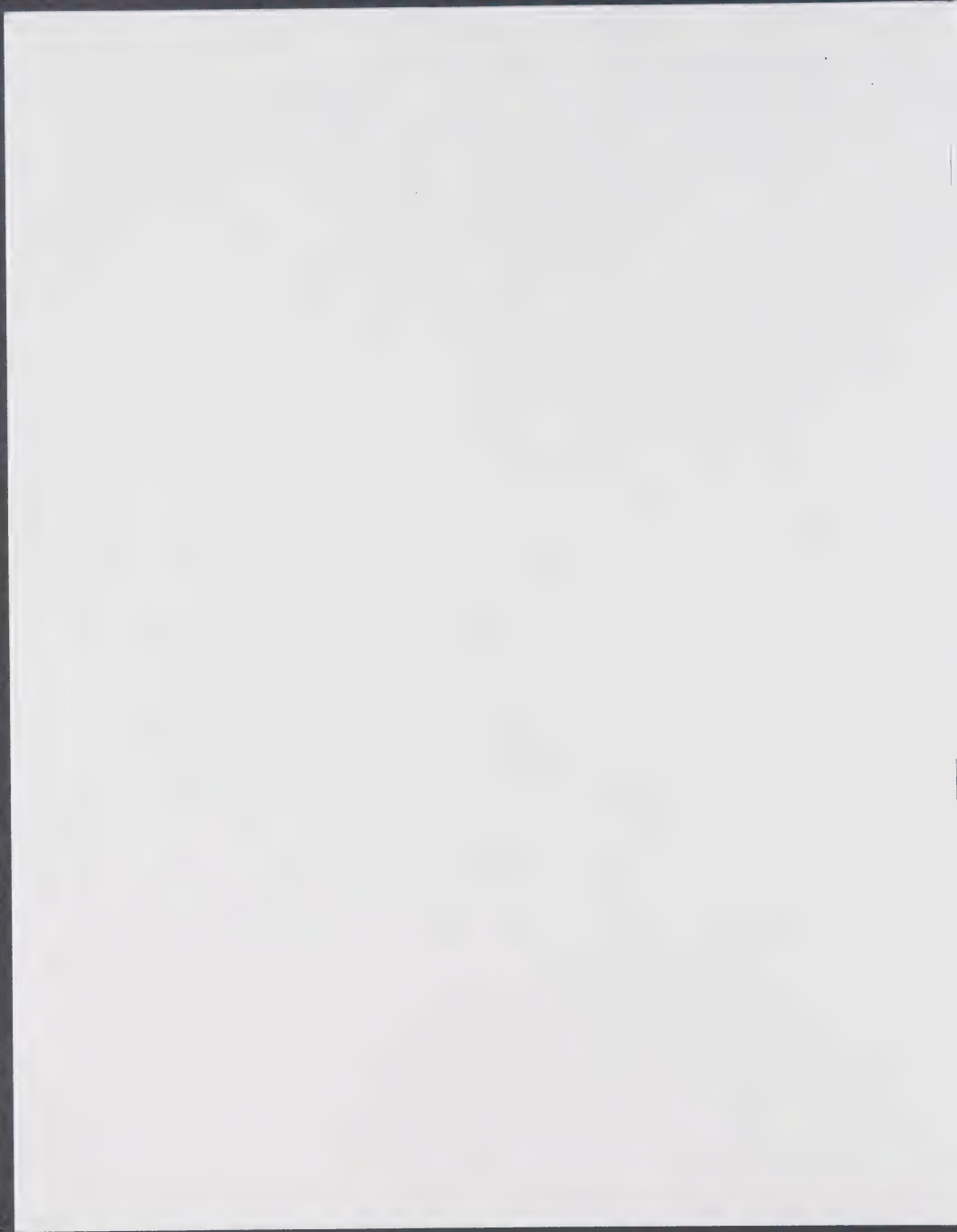
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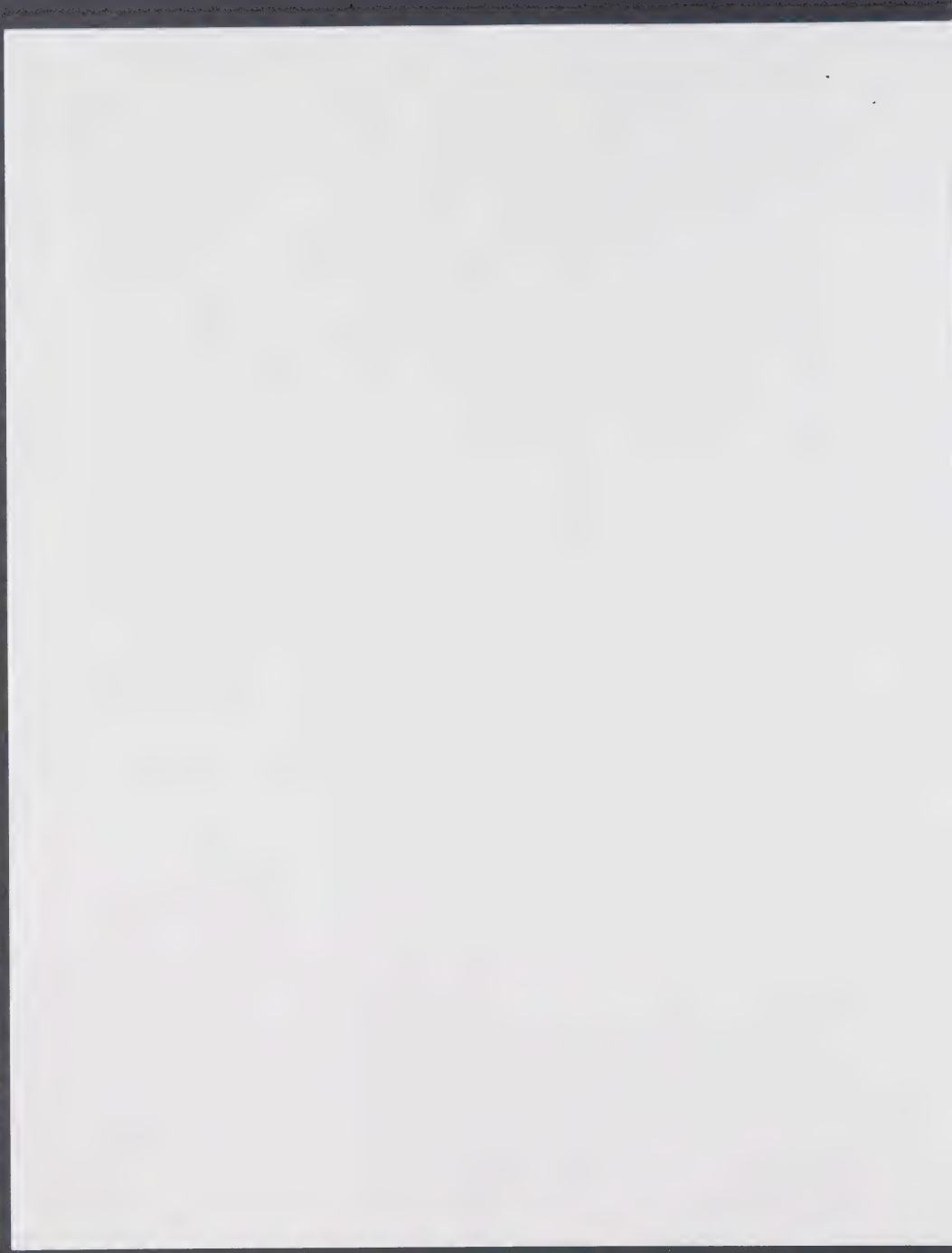
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ESTABLISHED 1961

March 2, 1999

Mr. David D'Arcy
233 East 70th Street
Apt. 10R
New York, NY 10021

To Otto
for your info.

Dear Mr. D'Arcy,

I really enjoyed talking with you this noon and am now sending you all the material relating to the theft by Priority Mail.

I have of course long enjoyed reading your articles in The Art Newspaper, but until recently it hadn't occurred to me that you might find the story of the two paintings stolen in Amsterdam of interest. Now I hope that it will be of interest.

With all good wishes, I remain

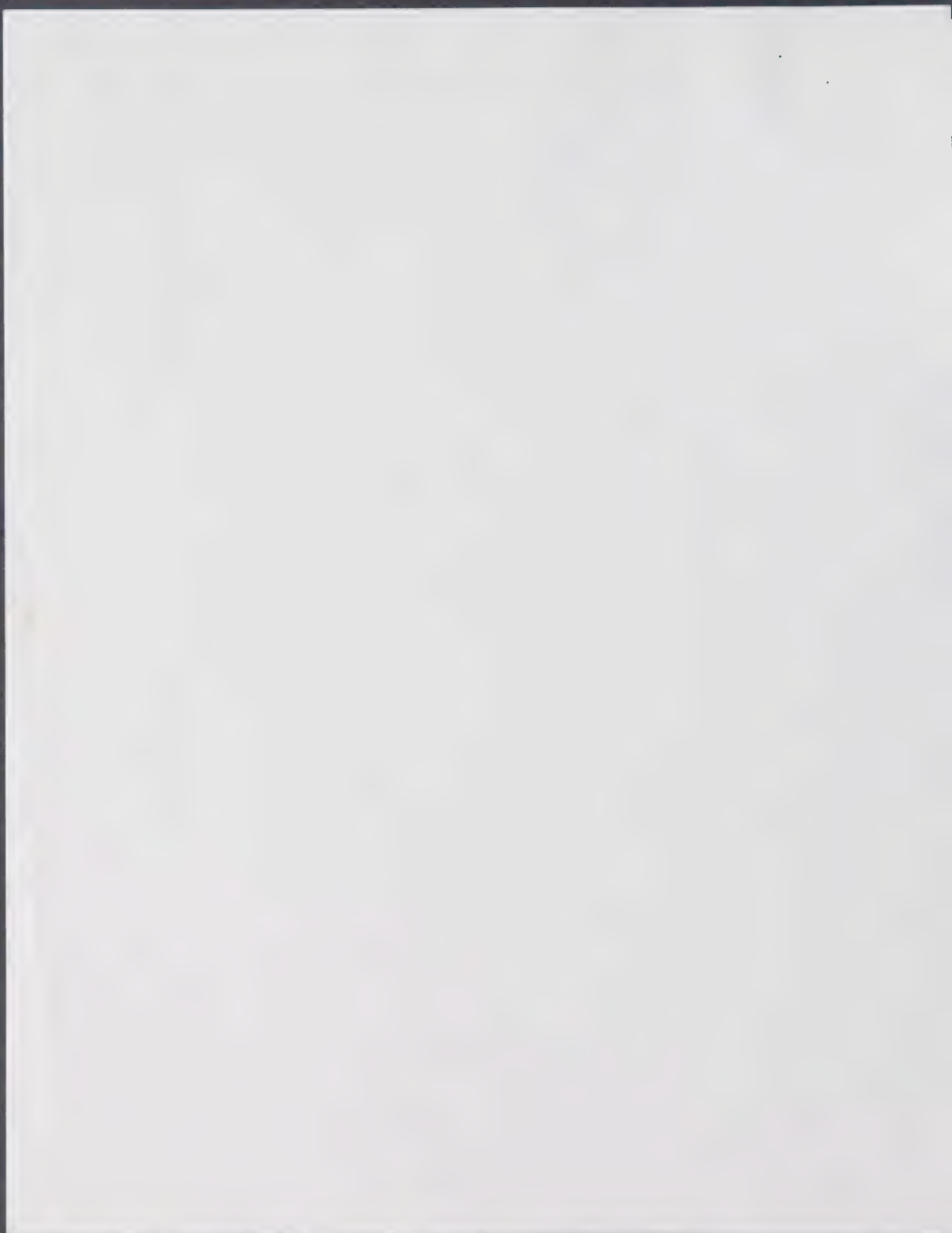
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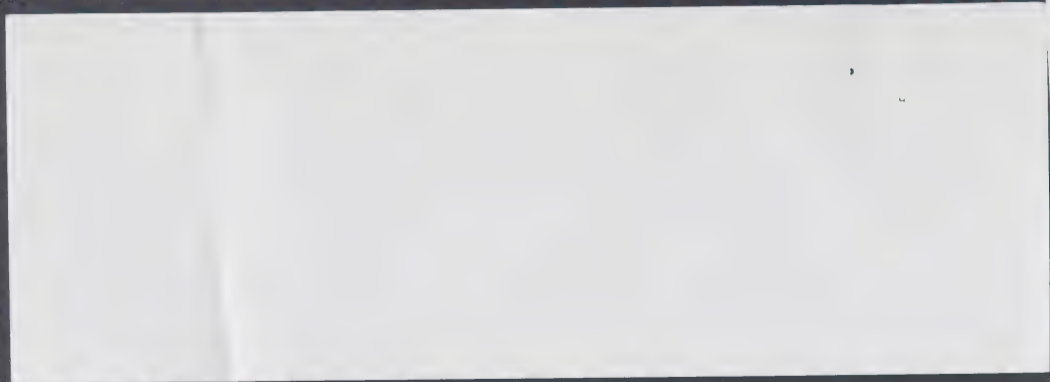
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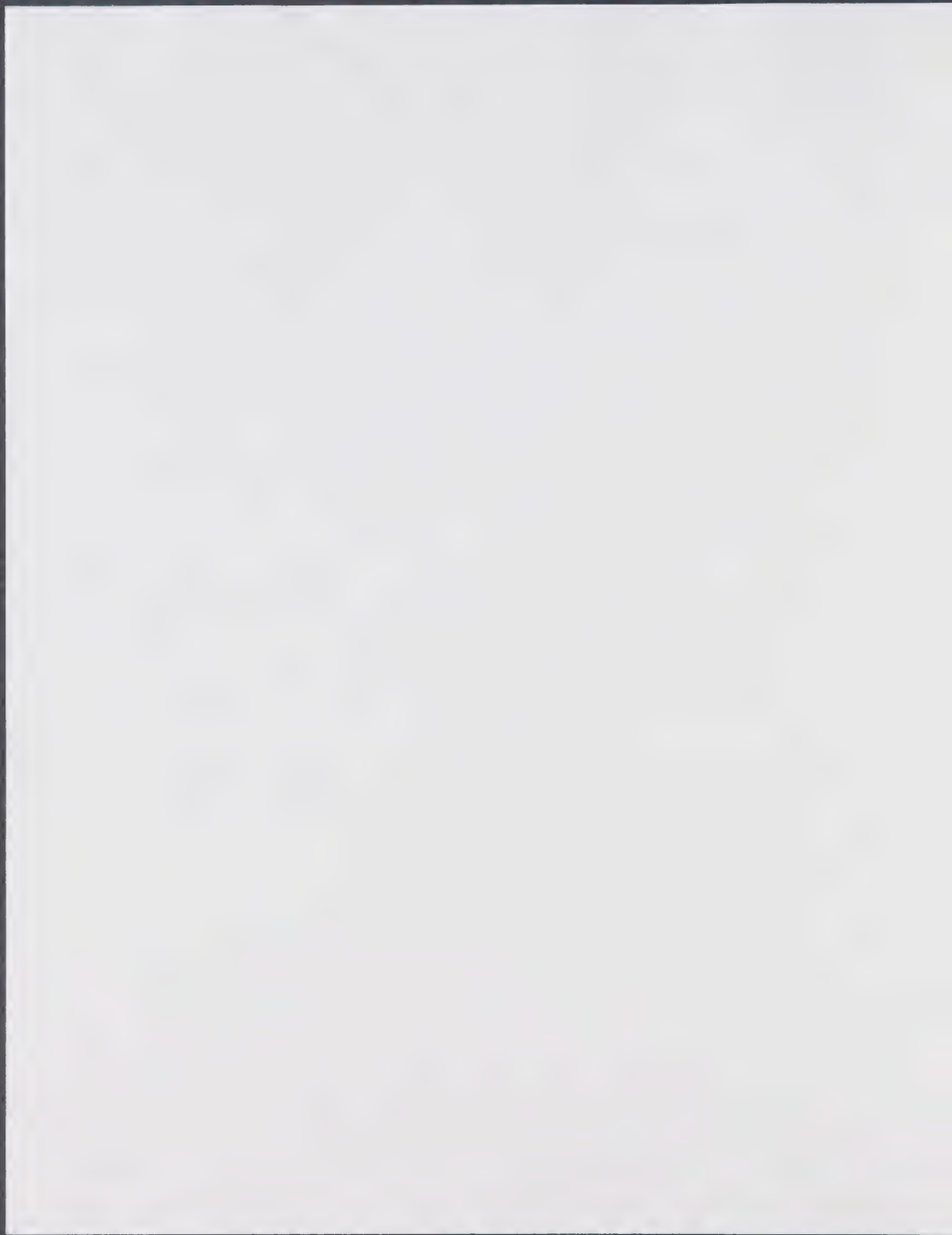
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Mrs Truska Bader
c/o Paul

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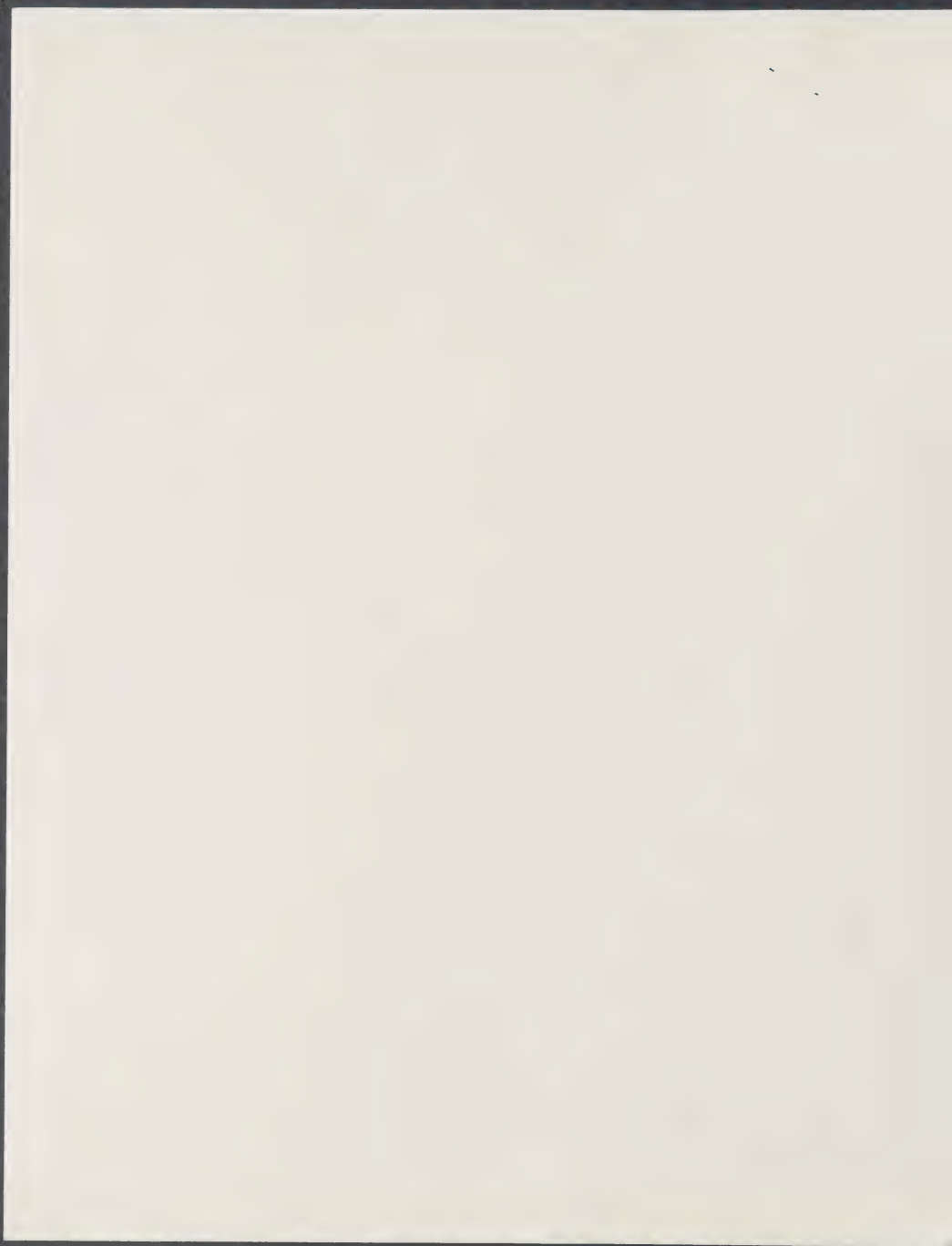
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I just called Dr. Ekkeart to
inquire when I may share his letters
with you. His reply: "no problem."

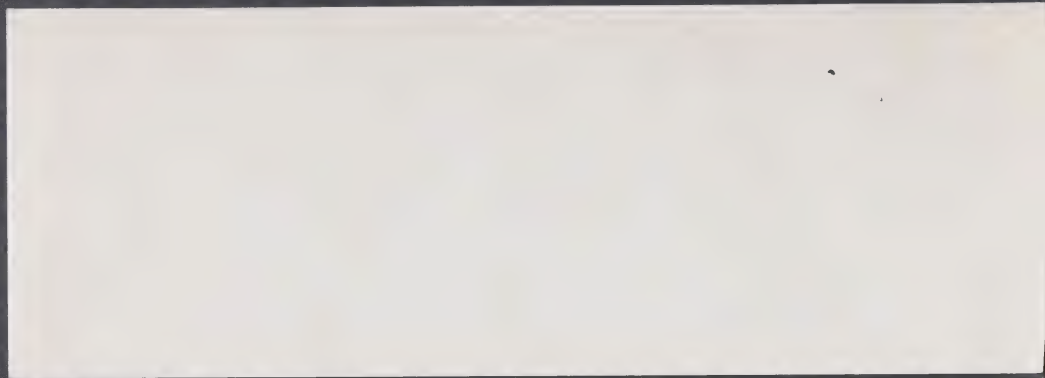
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Quada Bader



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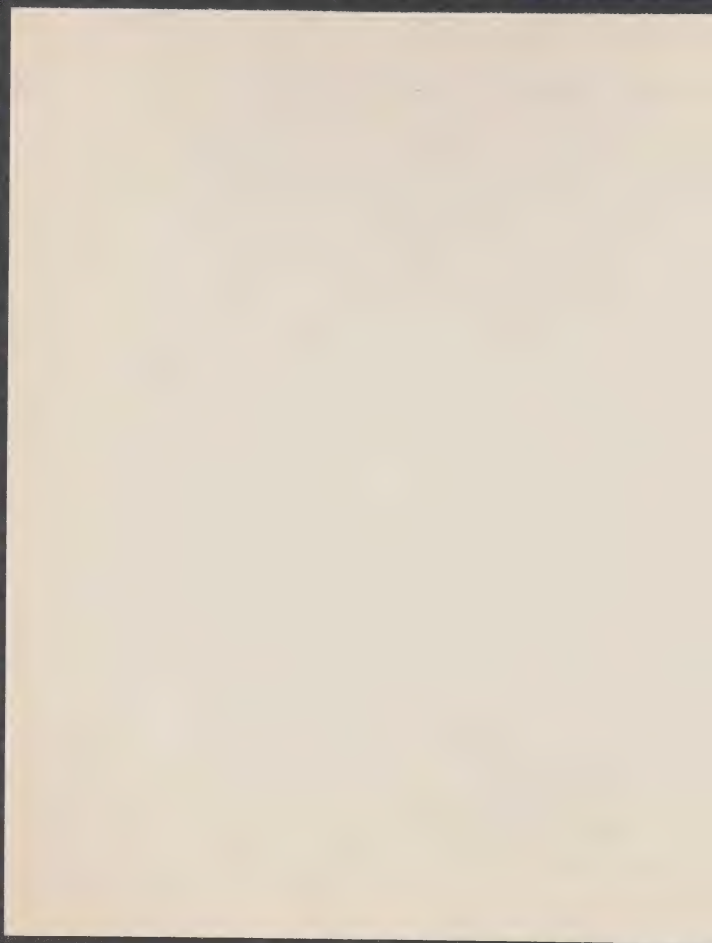
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Dear Mr. Baden,

I am sorry that I didn't
send you the article earlier.
Finally you get the 'original',
after my dearest colleague
has sent you the fax.

Kind regards,

Tim Kaloust



Bert und Mia VAN DEUN-LOYENS

Oberägeri, April 20, 1999.

Dr. Alfred Bader,
Astor Hotel, Suite 622,
924 East Juneau Avenue,
Milwaukee, Wisc. 53202

Dear Alfred,

Yesterday afternoon, I received a copy of the article that was published in 'het Parool', dated April 10, and I hasten to send you attached its rough translation.

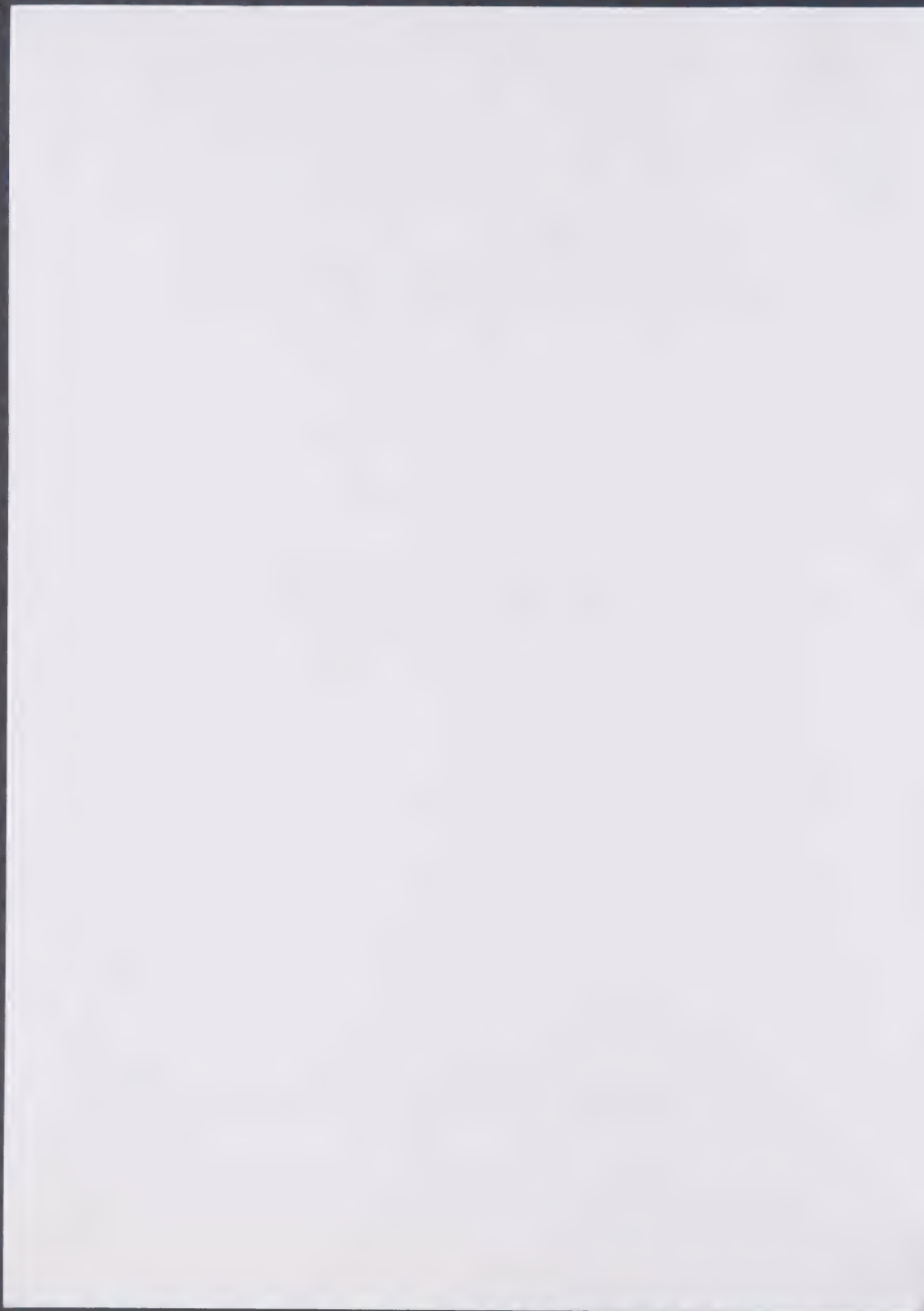
Winter moves its tail, as we say in Dutch. It is windy, gray and cold, with snow on the ground, as if we have not had enough of the white stuff this season.

On May 13 we go, again, to Belgium for two weeks, to take care of all the matters that were not decided upon last time. The following visit is foreseen for the middle of August, but Mia can probably not wait that long and will probably go in between.

With fond regards,

Yours ever

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Bert', written in dark ink.





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TO: Ms. Truska Bast
Het Parool

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FAX #: 011 31 20 562 2822

Dear Ms. Bast,

Thank you so much for writing your article about the stolen paintings on page 5 in your April 10th paper.

Your associate, Ms. Malika Sevil, kindly faxed me the article on April 13th. But, as you know, faxes of articles never are as readable as the original paper and I do hope that you will either have sent me the complete page 5 or will now be able to Air Mail it to me.

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DR. ALFRED BADER

ESTABLISHED 1961

April 26, 1999

Mr. James Auer
Art Section
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel Inc.
333 West State Street
Milwaukee, WI 53201-0661

Dear Jim,

Enclosed is the photograph of the Bert Vos panel, truly a fine painting.

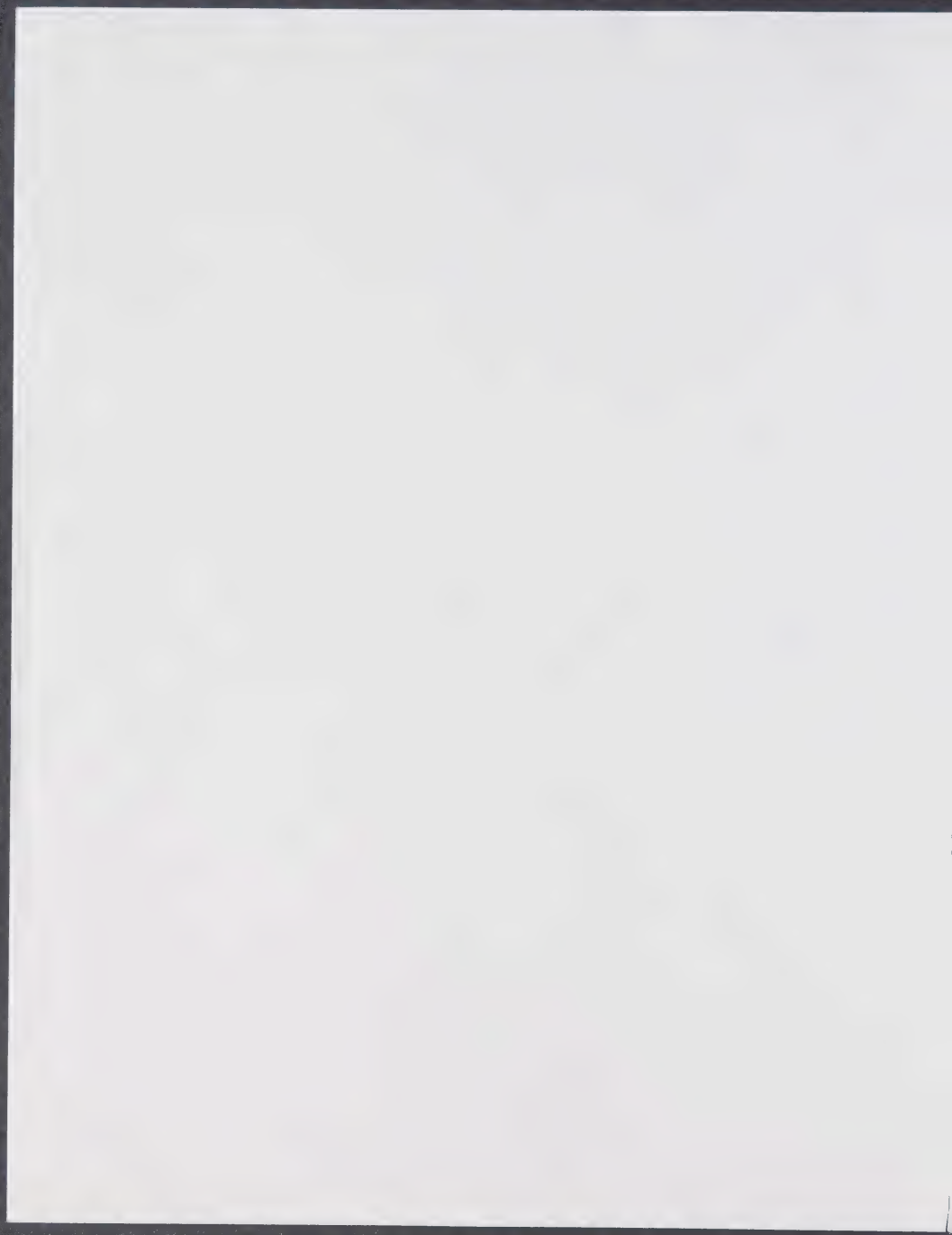
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TO: Mr. James Auer, Art Section
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

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FAX #: 224-2133

Dear Jim,

Thank you for that wonderful article in Sunday's paper.

Unfortunately, Isabel and I were in Toronto until last night. Could you perhaps send us one or two of the original articles? *

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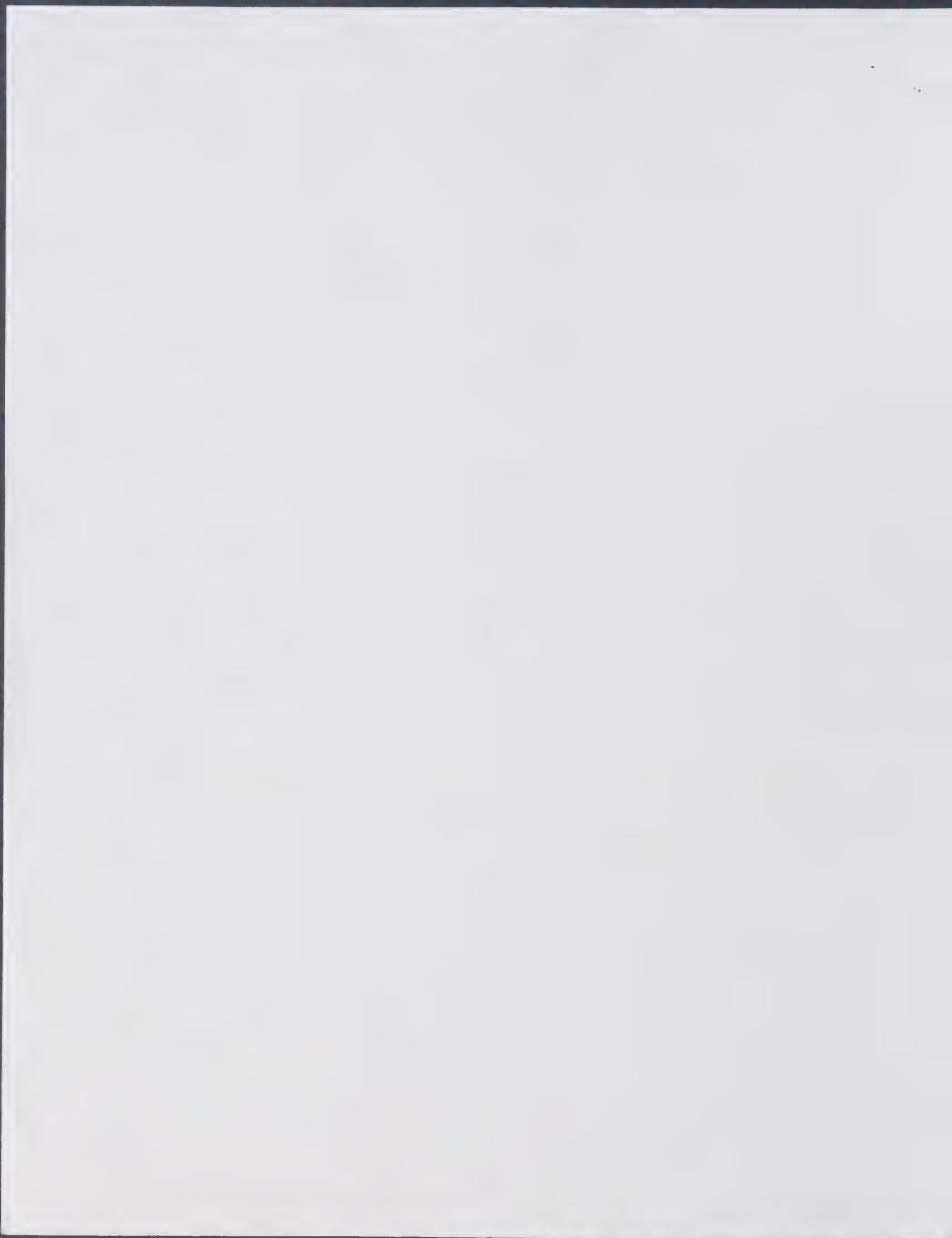
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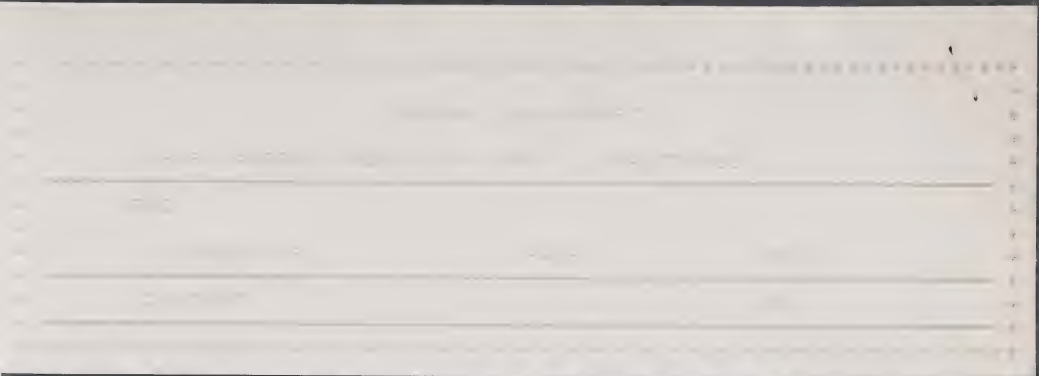
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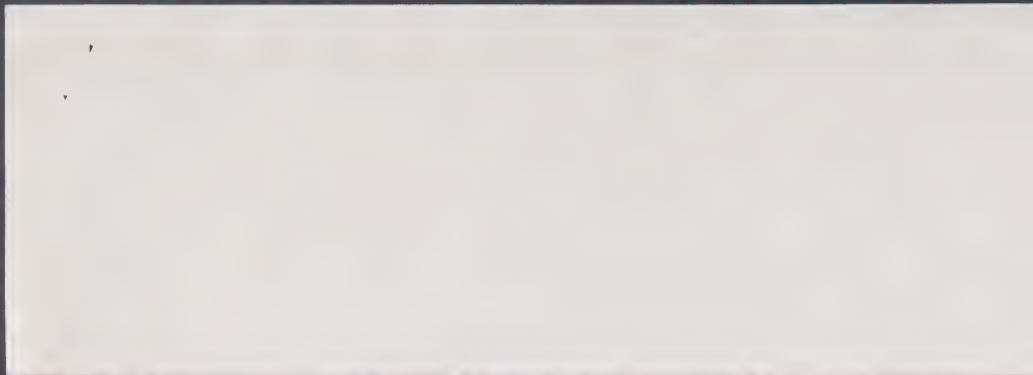
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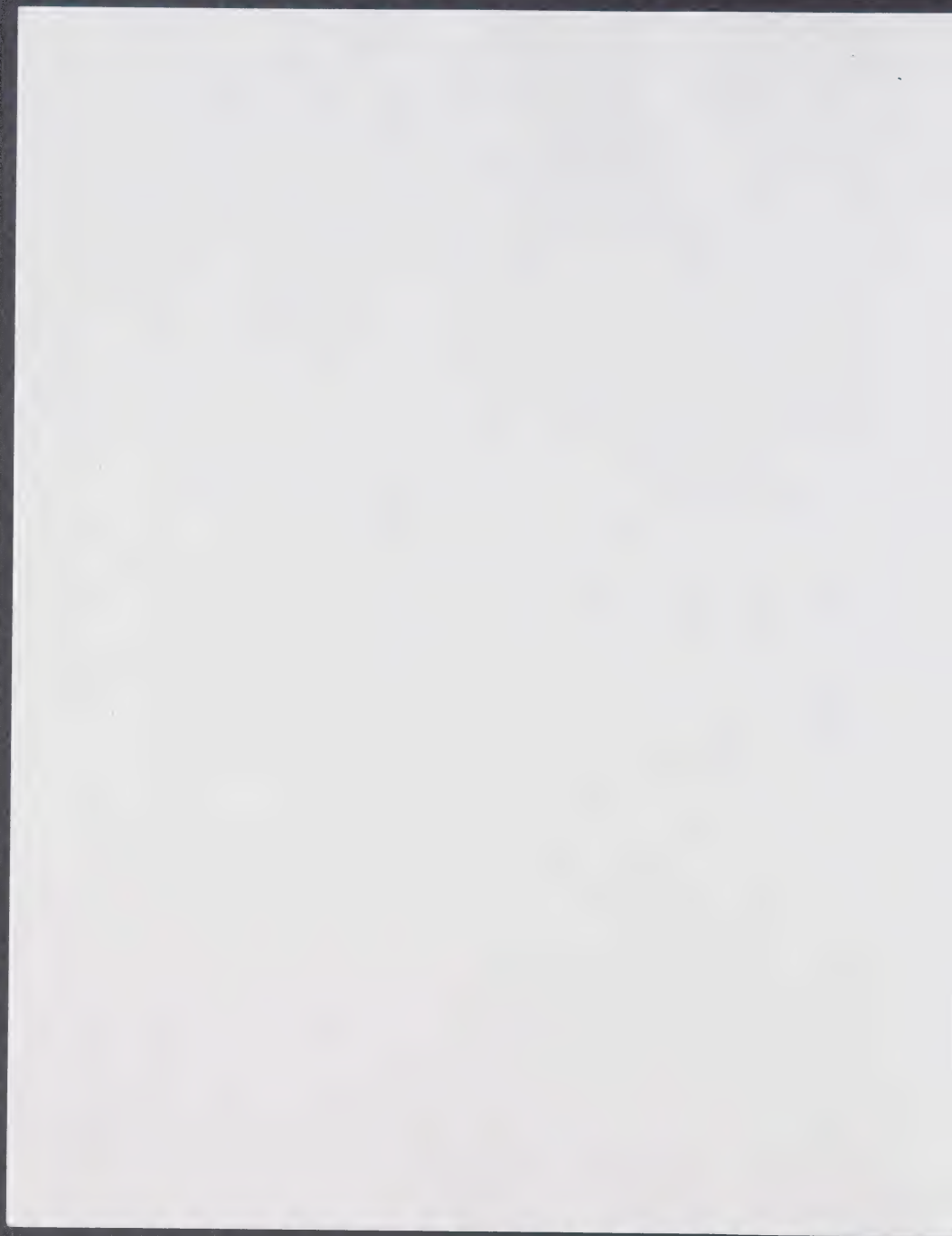
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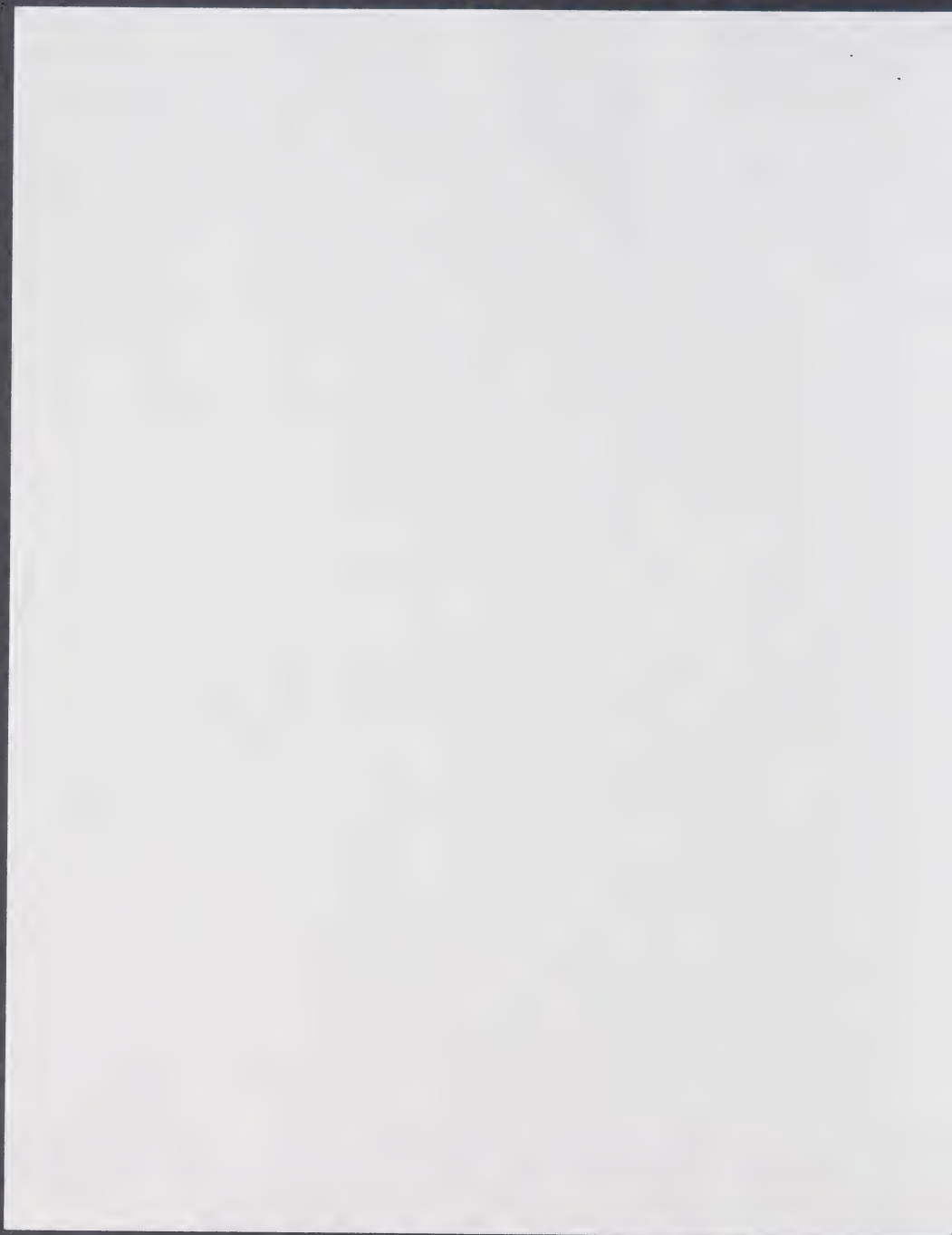
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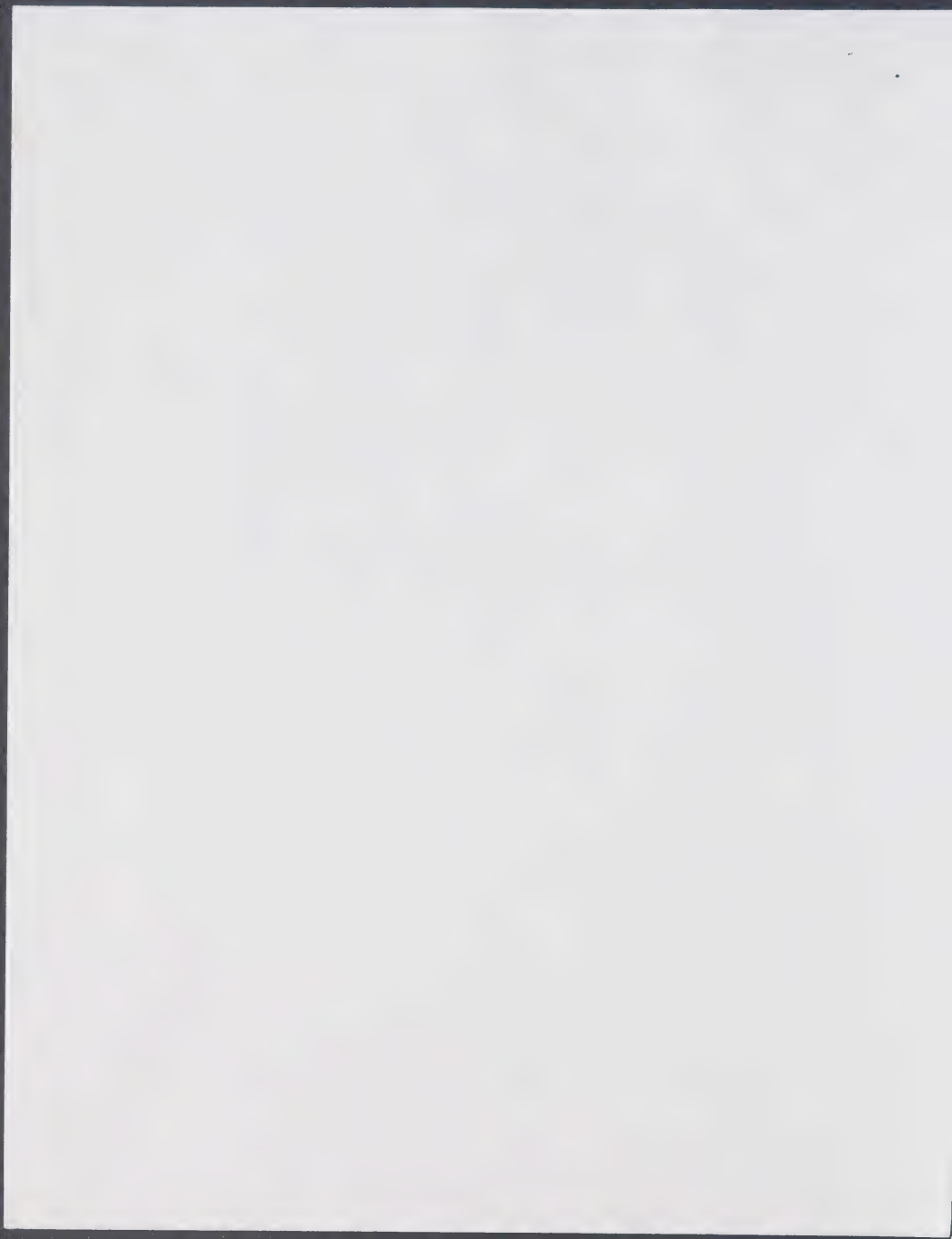


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TO HET PAROOL Detail of Rembrandt's Mother,
Stolen from Baden, now with
Dr. Schilder in Utrecht





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Dear Ms. Detiger,

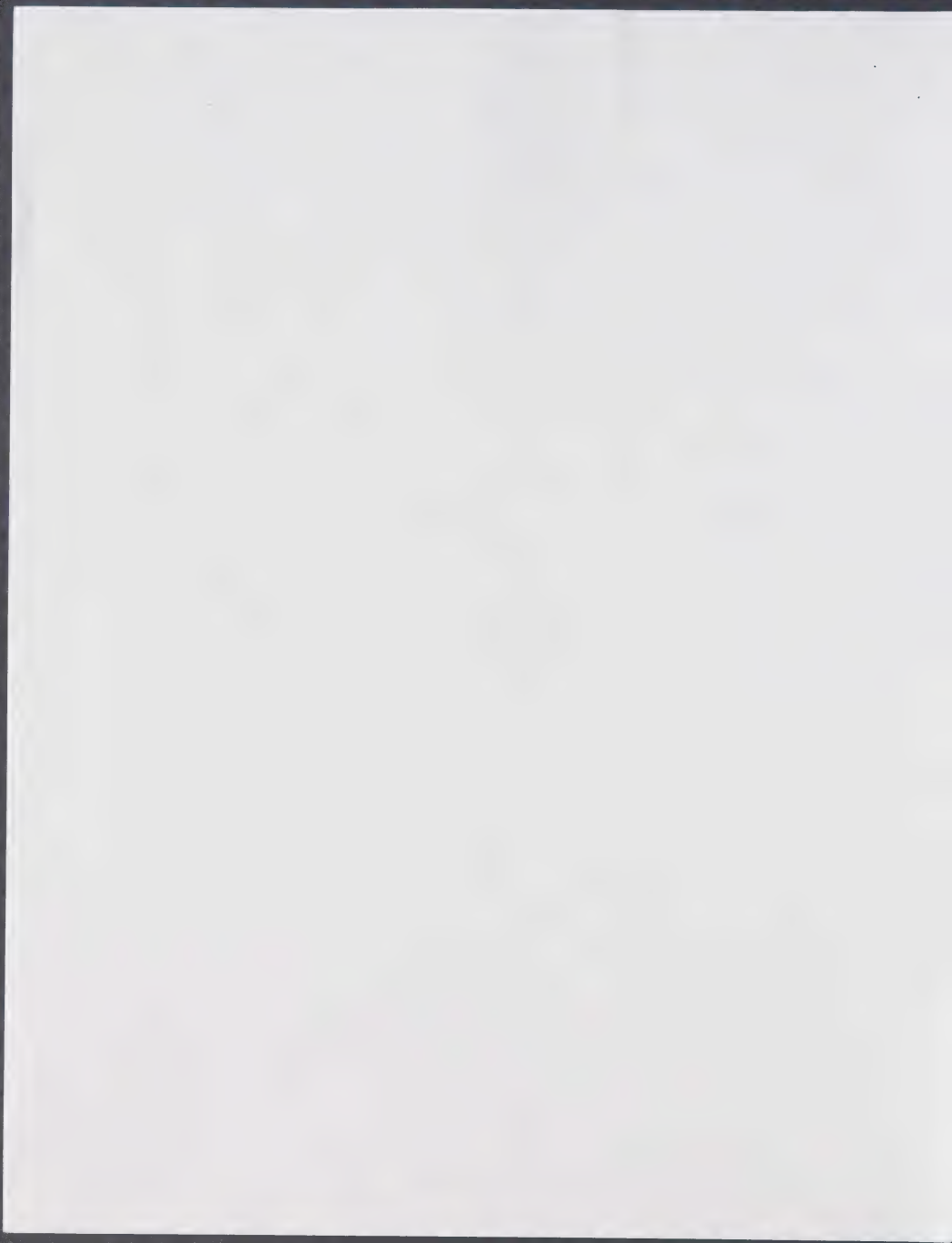
In view of the involvement of a Dutch depiction of *Rembrandt's Mother*, of ca. 1630, the enclosed dossier may interest you.

On November 12, 1994 three old master paintings were stolen from my wife and me in Amsterdam. One of these paintings was found by a wonderful man, Bert Vos, and returned the next day. The enclosed article from *Het Parool* and my aide memoire will give you the background.

Since then there has been a truly astounding turn of events: the Amsterdam police recovered the other two stolen paintings but didn't check either with their own police report (copy enclosed) or with the IFAR Report (copy enclosed), where both stolen paintings were illustrated.

The police kept the paintings in their lost and found department and then sent them to a small auction, de Eland in Amsterdam, last summer. There a zoologist at Utrecht University, Dr. M.B.H. Schilder, bought the painting of *Rembrandt's Mother* for a hammer price of Hfl 600. He then took the painting to the RKD in the Hague and the art historians there told him, of course, that the painting had been stolen from me. However, under Dutch law the buyer at an auction may legally keep a painting if it was purchased in good faith more than three years after the theft.

As you will see from Dr. Schilder's letter to me and from my reply (copies enclosed), Dr. Schilder offered to sell me the painting for Hfl 35,000, an offer which I declined.



Ms. Thea Detiger

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April 13, 1999

The Amsterdam police has been stonewalling me. My letter to them dated February 22nd was received in Amsterdam on February 26th, but I have received no reply to my questions.

Recently, Dr. Christiaan Vogelaar at the Leiden museum told me that the museum would have an exhibition devoted only to depictions of *Rembrandt's Mother*, and he asked me to loan the museum one of the finest of these, a painting by Jan Lievens, in my collection. Naturally I suggested to Dr. Vogelaar that he should borrow both my painting and the painting in Utrecht (copies of my correspondence are enclosed). Since then Dr. Schilder has written to me that he is considering that loan.

I enclose good photographs of both stolen paintings.

I also plan to advertise the facts, and enclose a draft of the advertisement.

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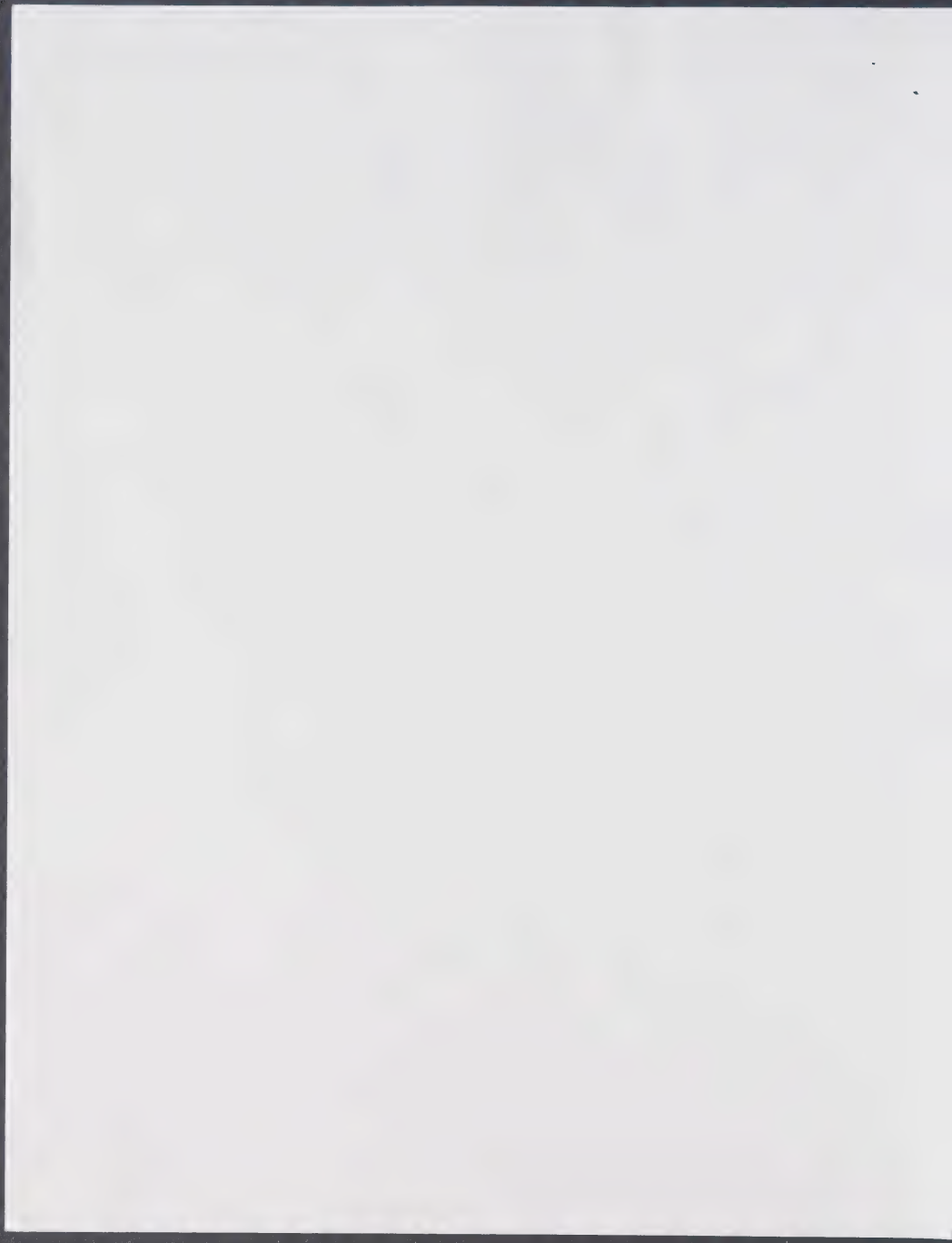
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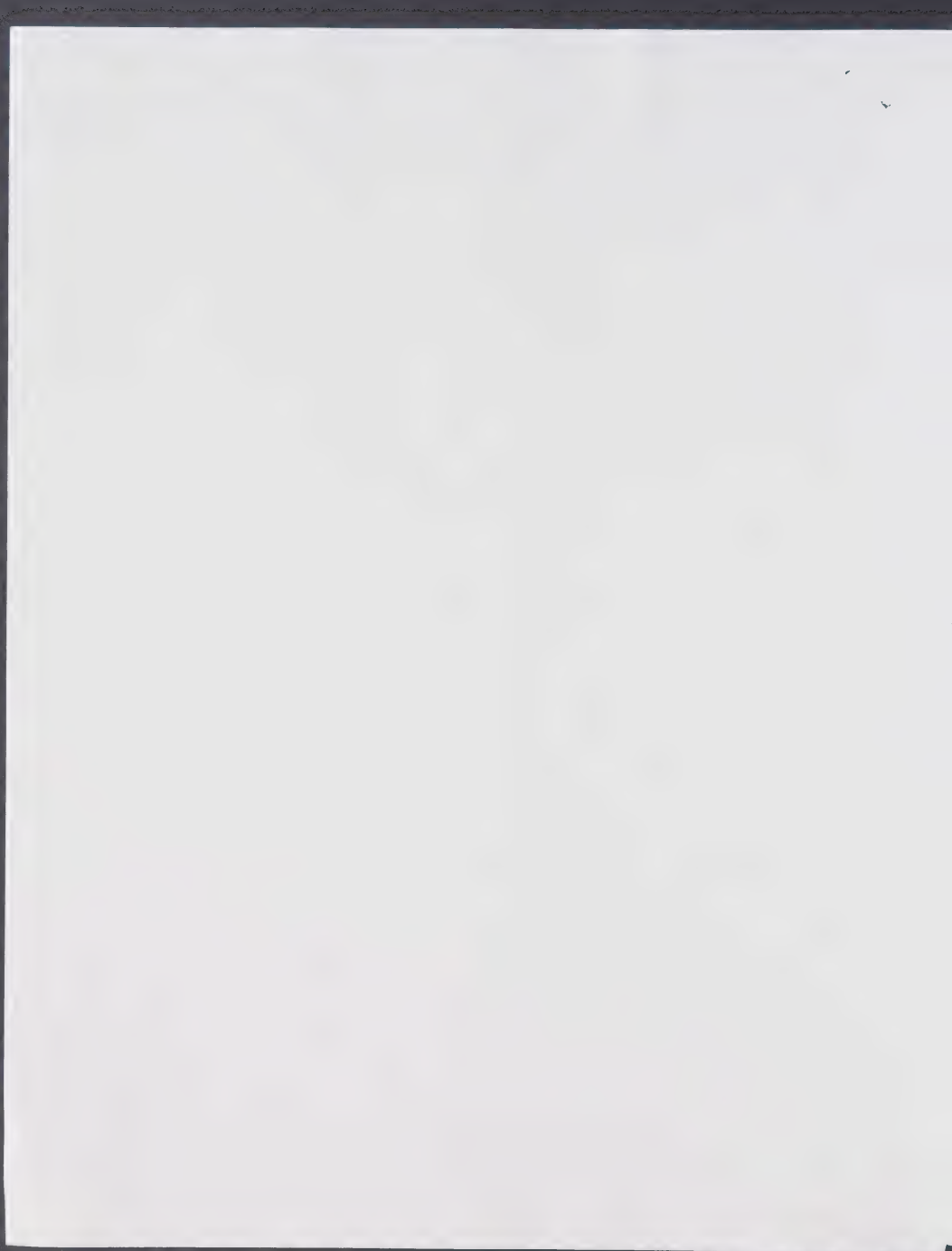
> Dear Sir,

- Thanks to your Ambassador Cynthia P. Schneider, recently received your letter dated February 22, 1999. Although late, I'll try to answer the questions you asked. But let me start by saying that your version of what happened with your paintings is the correct one.

In order to answer your questions I made investigations about the auction of the Gonzales Coques painting. As you know it was sold at "de Eland" on June 25, 1998, lot # 1421. The buyer is anonymous. "De Eland" sells to the highest bidder. Directly after the auction the new owner pays the price. Because the bidding is done by anonymous biddingtickets, it is impossible to find out *who* is the purchaser. This practise is common use at Dutch auctions. It is also the reason why "de Eland" couldn't tell you about the new owner.

Although the new owner is unknown, people at "de Eland" told me that they think the painting was bought by a private buyer; there was only one item bought by the one who used the biddingticket. They also suggested that a advert in a local newspaper or one of de Dutch art magazines could be of some help by chasing the new owner. In their experience this medium has often been successful by finding out about owners of certain work of art.

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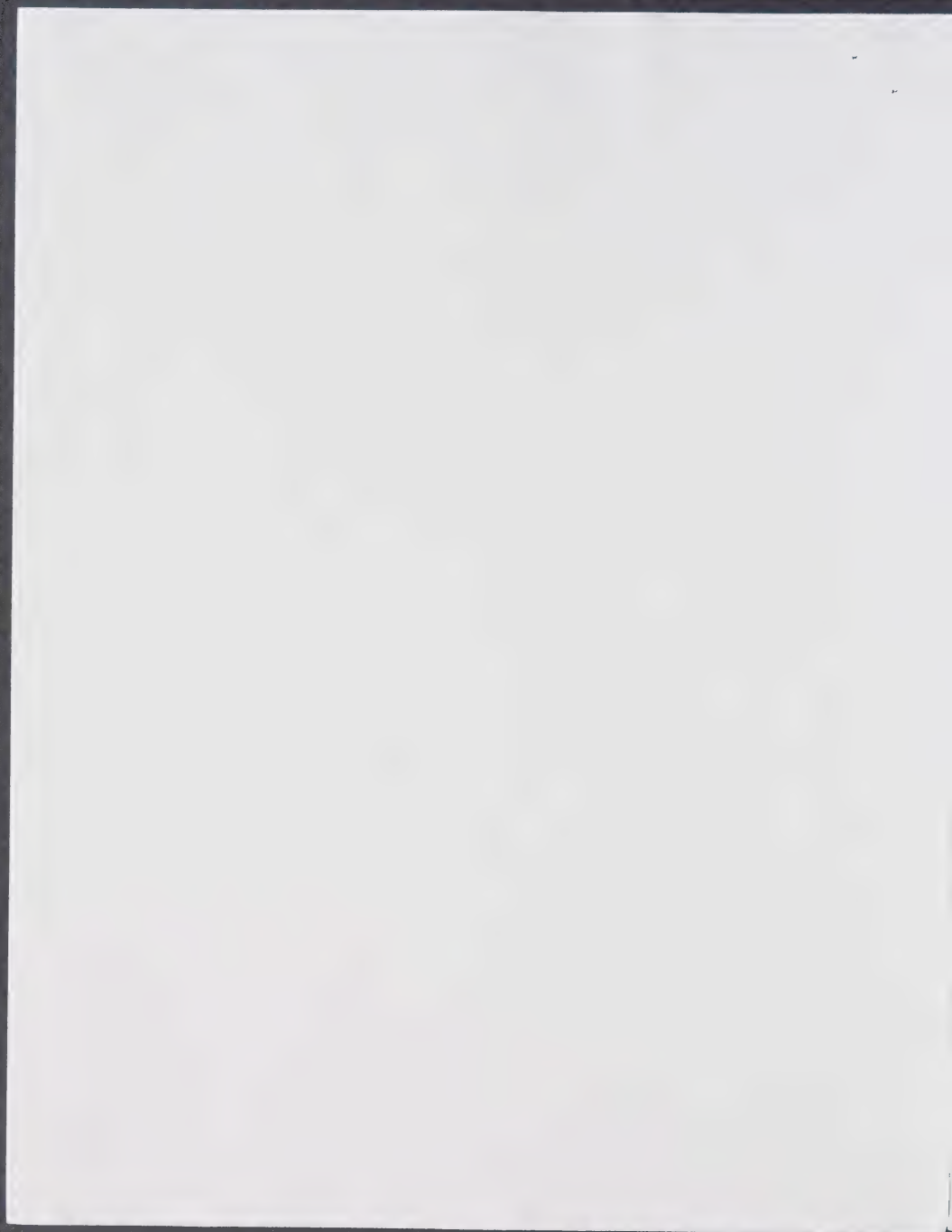
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• I regret that the Amsterdam police did not advise you when the two paintings were recovered. At this moment I can't see what I can do more to recover the last painting since the purchaser has all the legal rights to call himself the owner of the painting.

Sincerely yours,

A. A. Smit

Commissioner of the Amsterdam Police



**Stolen from Alfred Bader
in Amsterdam on November 12, 1994**



Gonzales Coques (1614-84)

Portrait of a Man

Oil on panel, 10.2 cm. x 8.3 cm.

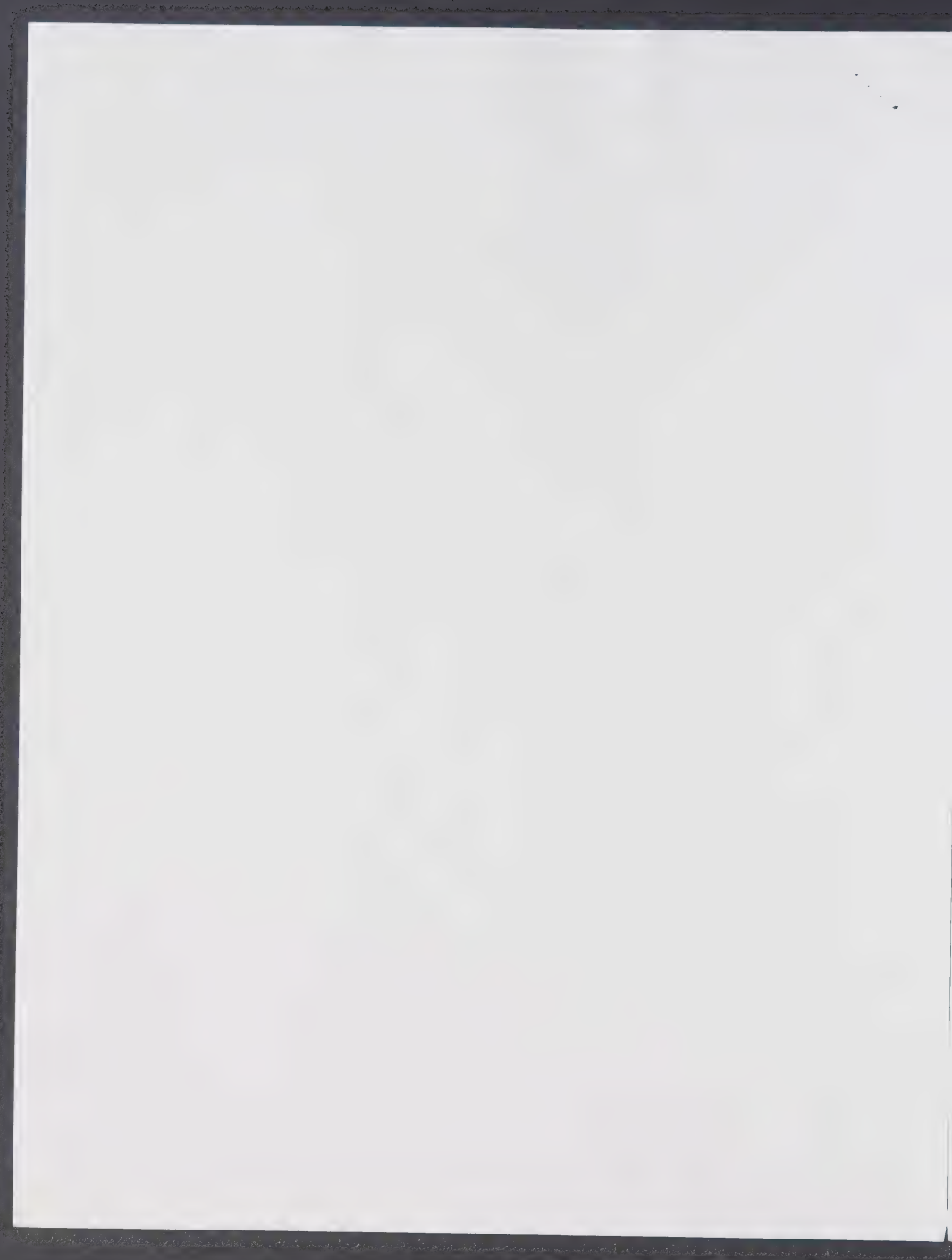
Provenance: Sotheby's, London, July 6, 1994, Lot #186

Theft reported to the Amsterdam police and to IFAR (illustrated in IFAReports, 16, 4, No. 236).

Three paintings were stolen. Of these, the best (previously attributed to Rembrandt, *Bredius* 226) was discarded by the thieves and found that evening. The two others, a period portrait of Rembrandt's mother and the Coques *Portrait* were sent to the auction house De Eland in Amsterdam, were offered for sale in 1995, but returned as reserves were not reached. Shortly thereafter, the Amsterdam police recovered the paintings, checked neither their own police report nor IFAR, kept both paintings in their Lost and Found for three years and then sent them to auction (again to De Eland) where they were offered and sold on June 25, 1998, as lots 1420 and 1421.

Rembrandt's Mother was bought by an Utrecht collector, Dr. M.B.H. Schilder, who took it to the RKD where it was identified as one of the paintings stolen from Bader. Dutch law gives buyers at auction legal possession of their purchase if acquired three years after the theft. Hence, Bader negotiated a repurchase of *Rembrandt's Mother* from Dr. Schilder and would like to negotiate a similar repurchase with the buyer of the Coques.

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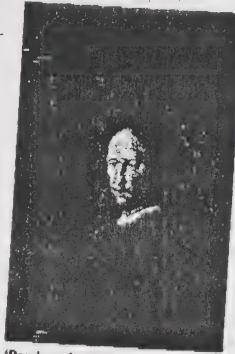
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AMSTERDAM

De Amerikaanse kunstverzamelaar Alfred Bader kan het nog steeds niet geloven. Vier jaar geleden werden drie schilderijen van hem gestolen en deed hij aangifte bij de Amsterdamse politie. Drie jaar later duiken er twee op bij een veilinghuis waar ze worden aangeboden door diezelfde Amsterdamse politie.

De onzwerfvingen van de 17de eeuwse schilderijen beginnen als Bader in Amsterdam wordt bestolen. Hij heeft de doeken een dag eerder in Londen gekocht en wil ze laten onderzoeken door het Rijksbureau voor Kunsthistorische Documentatie. Omdat hij ze nog maar net bezit, kan hij geen gedetailleerde aangifte doen. Een schilderij krijgt hij één dag later al terug van een eerlijke vinder die het uit een vuilnisbak vist.

De andere twee duiken een half jaar later op, als de politie ze vindt in de plastic tas van een junk. Bader zit dan alweer in Amerika. Achterop de doeken zit een sticker van het Amsterdamse veilinghuis De Eland, waar ze een kort daarvoor werden aangeboden maar niet werden verkocht. De eigenaar blijkt vervolgens onvindbaar. De poli-



'Rembrandts moeder', gestolen.

tie kijkt nog wel in de lijst van het Centrale Recherche Informatiedienst (CRI), waar Baders schilderijen volgens de politie zeer vaag in staan omschreven. 'Geen foto, geen signatuur en zelfs geen afmetingen', zegt een woordvoerder. De politie verzamelt de IFAR Reports, een partituliëre lijst van gestolen kunst waarin de doeken wel uitgebreid staan beschreven, te raadplegen.

De doeken komen terecht in het depot. Als ze daar drie jaar stof hebben verzameld - de wettelijke bewaartermijn van ge-

vonden voorwerpen - worden ze aangeboden bij De Eland. Normaal gesproken legt dit veilinghuis haar catalogus voor aan de CRI en soms ook aan Art Loss Register. Maar deze schilderijen komen van de politie en zijn vast niet gestolen, denkt het veilinghuis.

Een schilderij, Rembrandts moeder, wordt gekocht door een Utrechtse verzamelaar, voor zeshonderd gulden. Deze verzamelaar wil meer weten over zijn aankoop en gaat ermee naar het RKD. Daar wordt ontdekt dat dit het gestolen schilderij van Bader is, die wordt ingelicht. Zijn schilderijen krijgt Bader daarmee niet mee terug. De Utrechtse koper is de rechtmatige eigenaar: de man heeft het doek te goeder trouw gekocht. Wel biedt hij Bader een kans zijn doek terug te kopen, vraagprijs 35 duizend gulden. Te veel, oordeelt Bader, die er tienduizend gulden voor betaalde.

Bader heeft nog gedacht over een rechtszaak tegen de politie. Maar dat zou meer kosten dan de schilderijen waard zijn. En hij wil hij helemaal geen geld. Hij wil zijn schilderijen. Maar ja, dan had hij maar een precieze omschrijving met foto van zijn schilderijen moeten geven, redeneert de politie, die de zaak als afgedaan beschouwt.

Volkskrant, 24 april 1999

To Dr. M B of Schilder

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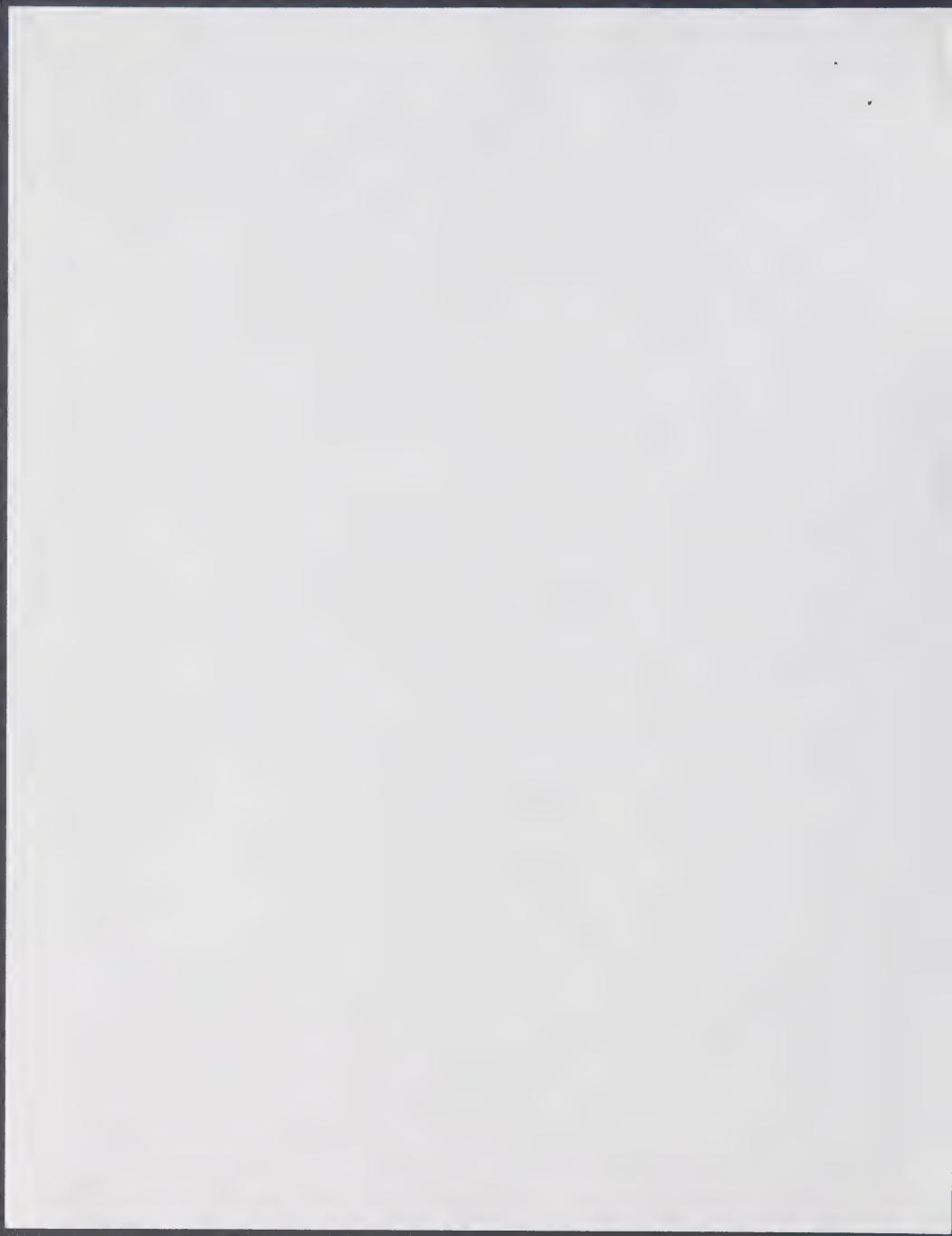
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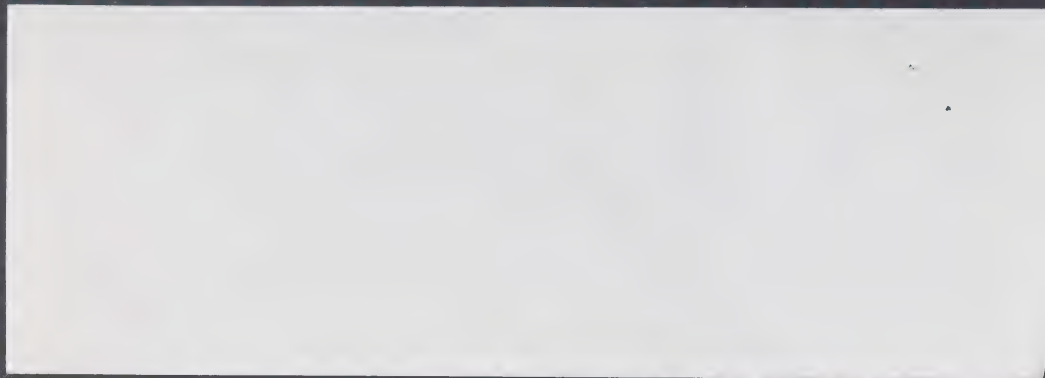
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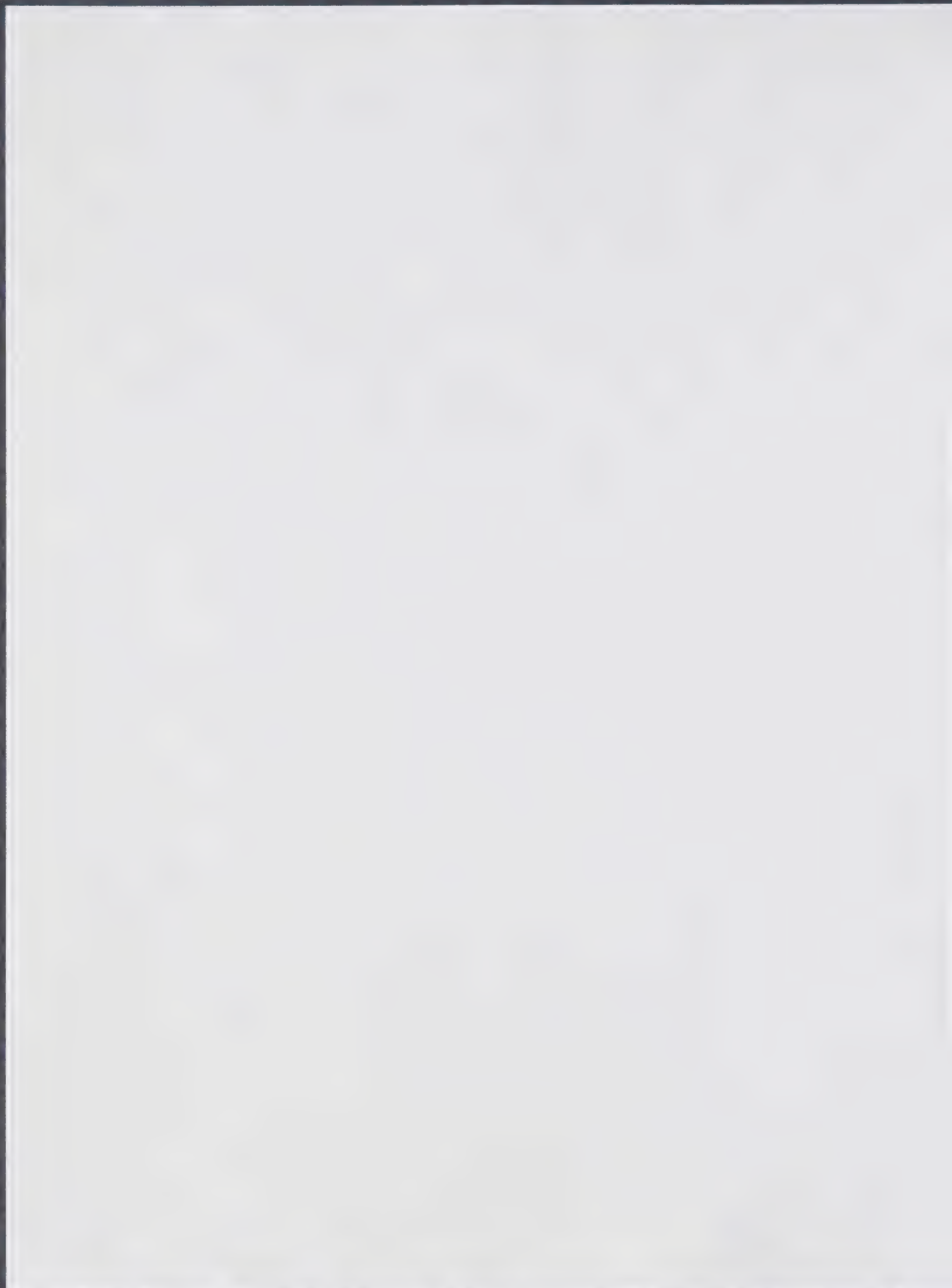
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President Niger vermoord

Noodtoestand afgekondigd na 'noodlottig ongeval'

NIAMEY (DAGBLADOU) - In de stratierrare West-Afrikaanse staat Niger heeft de meest recentelijk gemaakte verkiezingen van de laatste tien jaar plaatsgevonden. De verkiezingen werden gewonnen door de partij van de voormalige president Mamadou Tandja. Hij werd op 28 maart 1999 tot president verkozen.

Maar op 9 april werd Tandja vermoord. Hij werd doodgeschoten op de weg van zijn huis naar zijn kantoor. De vermoordde president was 76 jaar oud. Hij was getrouwd en had twee kinderen. Hij was geboren in Niamey, de hoofdstad van Niger. Hij was een voormalig lid van de Nationale Assemblée, het parlement van Niger. Hij was ook een van de oprichters van de partij van de voormalige president, de Union pour le Renouveau Niger (URN).

Niger is een van de armste landen ter wereld. Het land heeft een bevolking van ongeveer 12 miljoen mensen. Het land is een van de meest ontwikkelende landen van de Sahel.

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De Chinese premier Zhu Rongji staat samen met Bill Clinton de pers te woord op het moment van het Witte Huis tijdens zijn ongeplande bezoek aan de VS.

Leiders Koude Oorlog in Praag

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Geduld van Jakarta met Gusmão begint op te raken

ALFONSO VALENTIN
JAKARTA - Xanana Gusmão, de charismatische leider van onafhankelijk Timor-Leste, speelt niet meer. Zijn tijd is bijna op. Hij wordt op de volgende dag naar de gevangenis gestuurd. Hij wordt op de volgende dag naar de gevangenis gestuurd.

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Art collector puts on his detective cap

By JAMES ALDIT
Journal Sentinel staff

Allred Bader isn't exactly a submissive man. Indeed, he delights in describing himself as an "ornery cuss."

Said nothing in his five-plus decades as a chemist, industrialist and founder of Albrecht Chemical Co., now part of Sigma Aldrich Corp. The collector and gallery owner quite prepared him for the battle he's waged for the last 65 years.

It has involved a multicolored, as-yet-undiscovered Moroccan scam artist who may or may not be a real dealer; a personable Dutch angel of money who leads a Boy Scout troop; and two unscrupulous Amsterdam police officers; national laws governing lost and stolen property; and three kidnaped Old Masters, one of which still studies Bader's trans-oceanic grasp.

As the 78-year-old chemist-collector tells it, it's a perfect three-act morality play with a beginning, a middle, and—at least as of now—an inconclusive ending.

"I may have to go to court," the self-proclaimed connoisseur stated during an interview in his private study of Allred Bader Fine Art, a two-apartment-only gallery tucked away in the Astor Hotel, 924 E. Huron Ave.

Bader, characteristically, is not giving up. Strategic and persistence are part of his message—and his personal history.

A native of Austria, he escaped the Nazis as a teenager and came to the New World. In Canada, he acquired an education at Queen's University. In the United States, he built both an industrial empire and an art collection.

Quick Hands

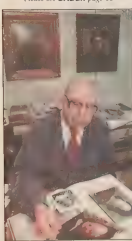
The story of a small—and elusive—part of that collection started Nov. 12, 1994.

Bader and his wife, Isabel, had arrived at the central railroad station in Amsterdam and were preparing to take a train to their hotel. Later in the work they intended to journey on to The Hague, where they would be showing three small, but choice, 17th-century artworks to experts at the Netherlands Institute for Art History, familiarly known as the RKD.

The smallest of the artworks, all three of which were safely stashed away in Allred's ample briefcase, was a sketch of a man. Bader suspected it was from the hand of Gonzalez Coques, a skilled portraitist who flourished in Antwerp, Belgium, in the 1600s. He had painted it all around 1610. He had painted it all Godfather's in London the previous July.

The other two works, both on wondrous panels, had been acquired from London dealers by the chemist. One depicted Rembrandt's mother, the other was titled, appropriately, "Portrait of a Man." Both begged for research and were potentially valuable.

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Allred Bader has reluctantly pursued his stolen paintings.

Wired for sound



Get set: The Internet is ready to change the way many of us listen to music

By GEMMA TAYLOR
of the Journal Sentinel staff

Forget about Y2K hype. The word acronym that might just change your life is MP3.

MP3 is the leader among a host of new Internet-based technologies that are poised to revolutionize how you listen to music, how you purchase music—and even what music you listen to. And you don't have to be a tech-head to do it.

"It's like we've discovered the new continent, and everyone's looking to get their share of it," said Ron Richardson, media-ventures managing editor for Spin magazine and its sister publications Vibe and Blast.

Overseeing the magazine's Web site, Richardson has followed the rise of MP3 and other

Web music breakthroughs. "The revolution is here. It will take a while for it to hit everyone, but I don't see anyone losing."

Musicians and fans alike are quicker over embracing Web music technologies such as MP3 because it gives them greater accessibility to each other. Bands don't need a record contract to post songs on the Internet and get global exposure. Listeners don't have to wait until the music they want to hear turns up at the local record store or on

a radio station's playlist; and much of what's out there on the Net, at least for now, is free of charge.

If it's 3 a.m. in the morning and you can't sleep because you have a song stuck in your head, you can now go online and get that song, said Loren Brown, multimedia sound guide for the Web-based information network, Alltop.com.

There are some downsides to the new cyber-music. For fans, depending on their computer's configuration,

download time can be lengthy, and options for playing the music on a portable, Walkman-type device remain limited. For musicians, particularly established acts, pirated MP3s can cut into their earnings.

To hear the record companies talk, MP3 is the equivalent of an asteroid smacking into



Users can customize MP3 software with a wide variety of "skins," or visual facelifts, which can be downloaded from sites such as www.winamp.com.

Tonys give but a faint nod to 'small-town' Broadway

By BEN BRANTLEY
New York Times News Service

New York — When did Broadway become the province?

The suspicion has been hovering for several decades now that the once-sophisticated mecca of American theater is really just a mall in Spangerville, a forum for automobile theme park shows, with doses of high culture provided by visitors. All the same, when the Tony Award nominations were announced last month, they seemed to offer

especially disappointing confirmation of the idea: giving of what Lorenz Hart once described as "the faint aroma of performing seas."

It's not that these shows are things to celebrate of the Broadway Theater tonight when the awards are handed out. The first award will begin at 7 p.m. and will be on PBS for one hour, followed by two hours on CBS.

This was, after all, a season in which the original drama, groundbreaking and dance or eye-balled as a pulled-off effects, restricted to a pulled-off effects, restricted to a pulled-off effects, at least when

propelled by the power of a known star.

And within that context, majestic instances of a breed of purely theatrical performance—overblown but dazzling, and nothing that could be contained by a film or television screen—flourished, testimony to stage acting as an art with its own transcendent rules. From Brian Dennehy and Elizabeth Franz in "Death of a Salesman" to Zoo Warramaker in "Eclipsa" and Kevin Spacey in "The Iceman Cometh."

So, can you ever see the best of nominations in non-musical categories, and is like reading a series

of thank-you notes from the donors to their mother country, Great Britain, for graciously exporting talent.

As for musicals, one can only shudder at the figure of mired, pondering reviews and bland, sanitized reviews that suggest nightmares of elevator music assuming physical form.

There plays, all imports and all still running, lowered over Broadway this season as examples of how theater can move, stir and unsettle in a way that no other art form can. It

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Theater/Imported dramas give lagging Broadway a boost

should be pointed out that they were all written at least a half century ago.

There are 10 Spanish-language revivals, which found an enormous public in mainstream classes. Arthur Miller's "Death of a Salesman," directed by Robert Falls, which came out of the Gombos in the late '40s, is the most recent in a production first seen, with a partly different cast, at the Almeida Theatre in London under Howard Davies' direction.

The third was a more unlikely act of resurrection: the English director Trevor Nunn's brave, life-long production of "Not About a Boy" (1974), a drama written by the young (now-dead) Williams that remained undigested for more than six decades and was seen here after previous stagings in London and Houston, as a collaboration among the Moving Theatre and the Royal National Theatre — and the Alley Theatre of Houston.

There are dated elements in all of these works, particularly in "Nightingales," which was originally designed to be a desk-drawer year before "The Glass Menagerie" made his name.

Yet all three represent an intersection of stage art, foreign language and a playwright's personal obsessions that can continue to inform audience's imagination. People still sit at "Salesman," gasp in the last moments of "Roman" and weep sympathetically through the tortuous "episodes" of "Nightingales."

These productions, like that of Sophocles' "Electra" (also of British provenance, natch), seen earlier this season, represent a fluent, illuminating dialogue between past and present. It is an essential dialogue, a vital part of our cultural conversation, not unlike what is represented by the evergreen repertories of opera houses around the world.

But there have been enriching contributions to that conversation over the age of O'Neill, plays that were born and reflective of their own times. That such work continues to be created in the United States is no accident: it means that we remain limited to the small town known as Broadway, a place that is less likely to make news than to news it.

Many of the new works that opened in Broadway last season do bear an organic relation to the soil from which they sprang, but the soil, for the most part, is British. Of those currently running, only "Night Man," Warren Leight's sympathetic, twilight evocation of jazz artists, is American-born. None, it may seem in itself provincial to suggest, in their days of ever-extending global reach, that a



An impressive reading of Eugene O'Neill's "The Ibsen Cycle," starring Kevin Spacey (above), topped Broadway fans of the power of fine stage acting.

If you watch

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good play be judged by other than universal standards?

Yet there is no denying that a lot of what seemed prominently set on London stages fell away when it got to Manhattan. The comedy was considered. David Hare's "Blue Room" (whose success was much boosted by the presence of a nude Nicole Kidman) and Patrick Marber's "Cousins" were anticipated with eagerness and then watched, at least by some, with a beehive, done-that cringe.

"It is an entire case in which one sees a witness." Haven't steps of the hipster American movies been trafficking in that conceit, in more varied and original ways, for the last decade? And since both works were more intent on peddling their cynicism than creating fully formed characters, there wasn't a lot to occupy a New York theatergoer's attention once the point had registered.

The love of theater that pervaded "Amn's View" Hare's portrait of a London actress played by the sublime Judy Dench, faced no similar cultural gap, but the work's attendant dislike on the decline of English values did, sticking out like a set of irascible footnotes to viewers who had no personal stake in the political argument

Edward Albee's "Three Tall Women" and Paula Vogel's "How I Learned to Drive" began their lives in New York at the Vineyard Theater.

"W," by the way, doesn't address the subject of sex, and while it does include nudity, it does so with no erotic intent whatsoever.

Its focus instead is death, as it follows the demoralizing treatment for ovarian cancer of a professor of metaphysical poetry, played in memory-warping style by Kathleen Chalfant. Neither theme nor heroine would seem to be commercial, yet there is something you feel among audiences for "W" that you seldom sense on Broadway these days: an air of committed emotional engagement.

Just how and why "W" directed by Derek Anton, lines, affects those watching it obviously has something to do with the way it holds a mirror to a familiar aspect of contemporary existence. But it's what the mirror is made of that gives the play its exceptional charge, and that has everything to do with the theater's combination of com-

mons and visceral immediacy, used in this instance to convey a culture's tragic limitations in dealing with death.

But if Broadway is scarce the place to read the vital signs of the American play, it remains the primary showcase for the American musical. This is not a happy fact in a season that had the Tony nominators scrambling desperately to find entries for each category.

It is hard, in fact, to think of a more lifeless lineup of representations of what is, so the splendid Encores series of American musicals in concert continues to remind us of a very lively genre.

Expectations were not high as "Footloose," a stage adaptation of the movie, or Frank Wildhorn's "Civil War," a singing history pageant. Yet both managed to sidestep even the standards of spectacular badness, being instead merely so bland as to fade away before your eyes.

Even under the direction of the mighty Harold Prince, "Parade," seen at Lincoln Center, was little more than an amateurish civics lesson warranting the

dramatic epithet "worthy." The dance revue "Tosse" somehow, bleached all wit and sensuality from the work of Bob Fosse, the choreographer it celebrates, just as the sordid "Alan Noshin" (but the Blues) faded like soul food from a can.

Revels ranged in tone from the synthetically cheerful ("You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown") to the shrill ("Little Me"), despite the envying presence of Martin Short) to the tasteless ("Annie Get Your Gun"), which squandered the talents of its wonderful star, Bernadette Peters.

Actually, the most exciting American musical I saw all season was "Oklahoma!" That, perversely enough, was in London, in a springtime-fresh revival directed by Nunn at the Royal National Theatre. Because of problems with Actors Equity, the show probably won't be coming to Broadway. What is coming from London is "Saturday Night Fever," another adaptation of a hit film and, when I saw it, a spatter of mechanical. It should, if right in.

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Randy Newman back in his snide stride

Randy Newman
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(Dot/Works)

Since 1989's semi-autobiographical "Lone Star," Randy Newman has basked himself with a successful career composing lush music for films. More's the pity: These 12 new songs demonstrate what we've been missing. The snide intelligence, wicked sense of humor, and unmatched flair for complex characterizations evident in such Newman highlights as "Milk and Honey" and "Rudolph in Paradise" are back on display.

This set starts off in march with "My Country," a not-unwarranted portrait of a guy who can't understand why his grown children insist on visiting when they have TVs of their own at home.

But "Bad Love" isn't just a roger's gallery. Newman's trenchant political wit arises on "The World Is Fair" and "The Great Nations of Europe," and his delicate, graceful side emerges on the gorgeous ballad "Every Time I Rain" (originally written for Michael Jackson), sentimental "I Miss You," and jumbly incense "I Want Everyone to Like Me."

"Bad Love" is the welcome return of a singular elder statesman, back at his best.

— Dan DeCaro
Philadelphia Inquirer

Diana Ross
(Every Day Is a New Day)
(Motown)

Diana Ross' "Every Day Is a New Day" could trigger a horror story. The cover in Ross, looking like a creature from a wax museum (who, incidentally, needs a chiropractor). Victims are drawn to her mannequin-like appearance and give the disc a spin. They then succumb to the creeping paralysis of sickly video-recorded songs, and ultimately



Randy Newman

they become zombies themselves.

Five years after the release of "Take Me Higher," the 55-year-old singer attempts to use the recent TV movie "Double Platinum" to jump-start her recording career. Her new "Every Day Is a New Day" features four cuts, from that film and a solo version of her movie duet with co-star Brandy, "Love Is All That Matters."

The unassuming album is a surreal time-killer as a parade of understated tracks waltz by. The one-time diva spends her still-creative voice on formalistic songs such as a mild hip-hopping "Got To Be Free." Trenchy songwriting by Diane Warren, Malik Pendleton, and others doesn't help. And her grandiose would-be anthems for peace and love, "Hope Is an Open Window," is a metaphorical march of blatant manipulation.

— Chuck Campbell
Norwalk News-Sentinel

Harry Connick Jr.
(Come Fly With Me)
(Columbia)

Harry Connick Jr.'s first all-big-band record in eight years, "Come Fly With Me" is a glorious return to form for the versatile singer-composer actor from the Big Easy.

His New Orleans roots are still evident, notably on the self-penned single "Come Fly With Me," with its second-line, good-time atmosphere. But Connick's strong suit — languorously steamy ballads — dominates this release. His 13th album.

Connick sounds more like Sinatra on this outing than ever before. But far from being just another Frank, manager of the Atlantic Frank Jr. and scores of Atlantic City impersonators, Connick always brings something new to the table as both crooner and arranger.

— Sam Wood
Philadelphia Inquirer

Cassandra Wilson
(Tempting Miles)
(Blue Note)

This is Cassandra Wilson's tribute to the late, iconoclastic Miles Davis. While many of the songs are introspective, a decidedly Milesian characteristic, they offer an inexhaustible supply of beauty to Wilson's developing oeuvre.

An homage to an outstanding and original composer, Bracken has written seven of the 10 songs. Her zed-engaging, lyrically engaging compositions include the playful title track, a sultry, entertaining hipster ballad called "What's Your Choice, Bulls? (Enchanted by a delightful Kurt Elling vocal) the haunting "Ja Vogue," a charming "Evelyn Meets the Millennium in Spain," and "Crum 'N' Exam," a rousing bebop piece written with Bracken's students at Boston's Berklee College of Music in mind.

— Bob Postman
St. Paul Pioneer Press

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Expanding reality: Science finally catching up to 'Star Wars'

For living a long time ago in a galaxy far, far away, the characters of "Star Wars" had some pretty advanced tech.

In the "Star Wars" universe, spacecrafts travel at the speed of light, carrying anyone from Jedi Knights to big furry Wookiees. It seems like more fantasy than science fiction.

Yet in many respects, director George Lucas' world — respecting to his recent "Star Wars" installment, "The Phantom Menace" — reflects modern scientific ideas. In some ways, science today has caught up to Lucas' vision in the original three movie installment.

Twenty years ago, scientists knew of no planet like Tatooine, the planet in "Star Wars." Tatooine, no problem system like the existing habitable "Earth" system, and no way to travel faster than light.

Today, researchers know of planets orbiting other stars — including at least one, like Tatooine, around a two-star system, NASA's Deep Space 1 spacecraft, on route to an asteroid, has tested the first ion propulsion system powered by a stream of charged particles, and while light-speed travel has remained out of reach, physicists are coming up with theoretical ways to get fictional flight up to speed.

"It's almost like scientists steered their discoveries to make their universe more like we see in 'Star Wars,'" says Jeanne Cavallo, author of the new book "The Science of Star Wars" (Da. Martin's Press, \$22.95).

Physicists are a lot more cautious, saying that — like any fiction involving life in another galaxy — "Star Wars" is sometimes on target, sometimes off.

There are the usual space-floppers, the sound effects, the science in space, the sight of spacecraft banking turns, creating a delight. (In reality, the vacuum of space does not carry sound, and a craft can bank only in the presence of an atmosphere.)

"Some people call 'rubber science' — you take science and stretch it for dramatic effect," says George Spagnola, a physicist at Randolph-Macon College in Ashland, Va., who teaches a class on science-fiction films.

Even more mysterious than rubber science is "force" — that rules the Star Wars universe, using more metaphysics than physics.

"Whatever this force is that's with you, it would seem to violate the conservation of energy — one of our most cherished principles," says Larry DeWitt, a physicist at Temple University in Philadelphia. The conservation of energy principle holds that energy can be moved around within a system, but cannot be created or destroyed.

For instance, in "The Empire Strikes Back," Yoda reacts to a spaceship out of a swamp using only his mind, trained in the ways of the Force. Yet the energy required to lift the estimated 2-ton fighter is the same as required by a normal male adult walking a 60-foot wall, DeWitt says. This amount is far more than a brain's neurons could ever create, thus violating the conservation of energy principle, he says.

Other aspects of "Star Wars" are more easily described in scientific terms. For instance, much of the movies' action takes place on planets not unlike what scientists expect to find somewhere in our galaxy, the Milky Way.

Since 1961, when astronomers discovered a planet circling

the constellation Pegasus, about 42 light-years from Earth, the "Star Wars" universe has a lot of planets like that. In fact, of such stars are accompanied by planets, about 300 billion — or 1 in 5 — of the Milky Way is first one of our 100 billion galaxies in the universe. That's a lot of possible planets — on the order of 10 billion billion — in which a two-planet world lurks.

Tatooine, with its two suns, might resemble the planet known to circle the Centaur 81, a pair of stars in the constellation Centaur, Cavallo says. And the "Star Wars" moon of Frodo to give giant planets is also a plausible home for alien life, she adds.

But the "Star Wars" planets, like Tatooine, are not like our own. Tatooine has two suns, and the gas giant Jupiter is a real place to look for life in our own system.

"But whether any aliens would be on Tatooine is another question with 'Star Wars' science fiction."

"We have no idea what aliens would really look like," Spagnola says.

One problem with "Star Wars" aliens, he says, is that most of them are humanoid, with two arms, two legs and a basic humanlike shape. Yoda, Chewbacca, Jar Jar Binks — even Jabba the Hutt — all are based on human-centered ideas of how life forms should appear.

Yet on Earth, life comprises a wide variety of forms, with wings, tentacles, horns, fangs, slime and more. Cavallo writes in her book, Aliens could have three or more legs and arms, live without solid rock or inside another animal, or be made of non-matter material.

An argument for humanoid aliens is that since human-legged, two-armed creatures won't the evolutionary struggle on Earth, similar creatures probably succeeded elsewhere in the universe, Spagnola says. On the other hand, if a creature like the one in the movie "Alien" happened to arise somewhere, humanoidity would not, no matter how

evolutionarily fit they were, he says.

For the most part, the "Star Wars" aliens manage to peacefully coexist. But a separate problem, scientifically speaking, comes in trying to transport their creatures across great galactic distances.

Like other science-fiction movies, "Star Wars" gets around this by inventing a way to travel at the speed of light — hyperspace.

Light travels at 186,000 miles per second, the universal speed limit imposed by Einstein's special theory of relativity. The theory holds that anything up, reaching the speed of light will appear to shrink and gain mass, becoming infinitely smaller and more massive while trying to break that speed limit. That can't. And traveling slower than the speed of light means it would take many years to travel to a nearby star, making intergalactic trade about as likely as Luke having a good haircut.

None of the "Star Wars" movies explains what hyperspace is or how it gets around the problem of light-speed travel — although it probably for dramatic reason, Cavallo says.

But the Falcon, smuggler Han Solo's ship, clearly gets around quickly.

Although it's never explicitly explained, the Falcon and other ships probably would use a wormhole for fast long-distance travel, Cavallo says. A wormhole is a tunnel-like shortcut between two parts of the universe. Wormholes form between two points in four-dimensional spacetime (which is compared of the three dimensions representing space plus one of time).

Entering the hyperspace of "Star Wars" could mean entering a wormhole, Cavallo says. Lucas just never described it that way.

Wormholes are considered scientifically plausible, although nobody has ever observed one. In recent years, more physicists have been studying them as a theoretical way to link our universe or to link our universe to other universes.

MOVIE NOTES

De Niro slate is full with three projects

Robert De Niro is firming up his schedule with three projects. "Navy Diver" is set for release in "Navy Diver" at Fox 2000, the first in a series of "3 Liberty Street" films. "Navy Diver" is a love story involving a low-level hood who has a terminal illness who meets a woman who plans an inside job to rob a gold reserve. "Meet the Parents" tells the story of a young man and his disastrous introduction to his fiancée's family. De Niro would portray the father.

The military drama "Navy Diver" is based on the true story of Lt. Brianer, who made US military history when he was awarded a medal for his heroic actions to become the Navy's first African-American rescue diver. De Niro will play Billy Sunday, a rebellious master diver who was demoted for allowing Brianer to gamble. The search is on for an actor to play the father.

JANE'S WORLD: Watch out, Will Shakespeare, Jane Austen is about to make a movie come back. "Northanger Abbey," Austen's first novel written in 1818, begins shooting this fall in Bath, England.

The public eye story (what the critics call the romantic trials and tribulations of Catherine Morland's "sexual awakening") Miramax, which did "Emma" in 1996 and made a star of Gwyneth Paltrow, co-produces with Granada Film.

HIV MIND: The alienomorph tale "Brother Termite" has moved from the front burner at Lightstorm Entertainment to "Blade" helmsman Stephen Norrington attached to direct the James Cameron production for 20th Century Fox. John Seale adapted the script from Patricia Anthony's 1993 novel.

Set 50 years in the future, the plot focuses on a race of aliens that controls the U.S. government and is plotting to further its species by mating with humans. Lightstorm has been shopping the sci-fi effects job — which will involve lots of character animation work — to houses including Industrial Light & Magic, Pacific Data, and Blue Sky Studios.

POST MORTAL: Jared Leto is set and Jake Gyllenhaal is in final negotiations to star in New Line Cinema's "A Leonard Cohen biopic" directed by director James Ivory. Shooting begins in July in Seattle.

Leto and Gyllenhaal will play best friends who travel to Seattle during the weekend of Gyllenhaal's friend Kurt Cobain's death in 1994. The pair use the "Nirvana" frontman's memorial vigil as an excuse to escape their dreary lives in Las Vegas. They embark on a journey of self-discovery riddled with drug dealers, prostitutes and a group of thugs hot on their trail.

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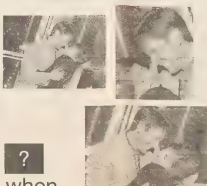
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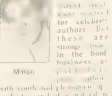
By FRANK RUFFALO

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Smart and funny Jane just gets better as she goes along in 'Girls' Guide'

Girls' Guide to Hunting and Fishing. Viking, 274 pages \$23.95

By MEG KISSINGER
of the Journal Sentinel staff

A good man is hard to find. Flannery O'Connor already has dubs on that title. Otherwise, it would have been a swell one for Melissa Banks' smart new book, "Girls' Guide to Hunting and Fishing."

Banks, 38, an ad copy writer whose work has appeared in The New Yorker, Zoetrope and National Public Radio's Selected Short Stories, has strung together an engaging collection of seven pithy coming-of-age stories. Don't be fooled by the breezy tone of the title. Banks tackles all manner of heavy stuff here — alcoholism, cancer, death, infidelity, impotency and the biggest word of all, insecurity. Especially insecurity.

For all the angst there, Banks

takes on the world with such enthusiasm, self-deprecation and a tongue so firmly planted in cheek that her observations come across as sweetly clever, not bitter.

She begins with the 14-year-old Jane drolly observing her older brother's romance with an older woman. In subsequent stories, we see Jane grow up, struggle as a publishing house editor and stumble through one failed romance after another.

She saves her best yarn for last, the title story where Jane has imaginary conversations with the authors of a book on how to woo men. She gropes to hang on to the man of her dreams, a cartoonist she meets at her best friend's wedding, as her pretend advisers offer up such counsel as "Keep him guessing!" "Be mysterious!" "Say yes to everything you're invited to!" and "Let him pay!"

Her friend, Donna, is suspicious

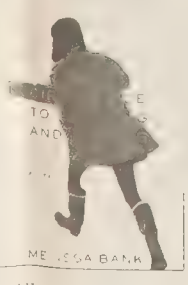
announces that it is a singles event, she immediately thinks of individually wrapped American cheese slices. Still, she accepts. Remember, "Say yes to everything you're invited to!"

Francis Ford Coppola has hired Banks to write the screenplay, so look for it soon as a major motion picture near you.

Banks peppers her prose with irony. "I was shy, so I talked too much," she recalls of meeting her future boyfriend, a man 28 years her senior. When he tells her, "You've grown up, honey," she confesses that it felt good to hear it.

"I thought maybe he was right. Then it occurred to me that if I really had grown up I wouldn't want to be told."

A girls' guide, indeed! This girl is all woman.



"All those exclamation points," she says. "It can't apply to New York."

The requisite hoodwinkery and formality involved in bagging the big game has Jane confused. When her brother calls to invite her to a square dance and

Melissa Banks will read from her debut novel at 7 p.m. on Tuesday at Harry W. Schwartz Bookshop, 4093 N. Oakland Ave., Shorewood.

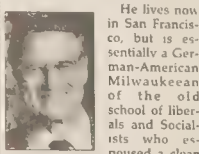
Liberal ideas take precedence in too-narrow Reuss 'memoir'

When Government Was Good. Memories of a Life in Politics. By Henry S. Reuss. The University of Wisconsin Press, 177 pages, \$22.95

By FRANK A. AUKOFR
of the Journal Sentinel staff

This small volume is billed as a memoir, but it could easily be retitled "The Essential Guide to the Fertile Liberal Mind of Henry S. Reuss."

Though it contains some autobiographical reminiscences, this is Reuss at his most insistent. At the age of 87, when most men would be kicked back somewhere cozy, the former Milwaukee congressman is still promoting ideas, trying to change minds and seeking to influence events.



Reuss

He lives now in San Francisco, but is essentially a German-American Milwaukeean of the old school of liberals and Socialists who recouped a clean and caring government that

at bottom, was dedicated to taking care of people. Though Reuss had a patrician streak, and was comfortable in his long association with international bankers in dark pin stripes, he was equally at home in a seersucker suit and straw hat at a Fourth of July dog bug parade in Gordon Park.

A Democrat, Reuss represented the 5th Congressional District for 28 years. Though a man of means, he was what one might describe as a "good liberal," with a populist streak dedicated to civil rights, environmental protection, cities, the outdoors, monetary and campaign finance reform and a brand of economics skewed toward ordinary folk and away from the rich and powerful.

He criticizes the home mortgage-interest tax deduction and the increase in the estate tax deduction as promoters of inequality. The former, he says, misallocates investment, steering it toward private mansion and away from productive plants and equipment.

Of the latter deduction, he argues that progressive income and estate taxes are the two great equalizers of the federal system. "We should be simplifying them and plugging loop holes, not systematically weakening them and thus creating greater inequality," he says.

Reuss describes "when government was good" as the two decades between 1948 and 1968. Interestingly, the latter date coincides with the first inauguration of President Richard M. Nixon. But many of the events he cites happened after 1968, including his own rise to influence a chairman of the congressional Joint Economic Committee and the House Banking Committee.

To win the latter job in 1975 Reuss toppled Texas populist Wright Patman in the caucus of House Democrats, effectively ending the long tradition of selecting chairmen strictly on seniority.

In his congressional career Reuss promoted everything from getting the U.S. off the gold standard to the development of the Ice Age hiking trail through Wisconsin. He loved the outdoors and could out-hike many men half his age.

Always there have been the ideas: Merging the city and county governments of Milwaukee for efficiency; passage of a constitutional amendment to provide for special presidential and congressional elections in times of crisis like those of the Nixon and Clinton presidencies, and creative ways to use old laws for new purposes.

Given the subject, this book is disappointingly thin. In choosing, as always, to give prominence to ideas, Reuss tells us too little about himself.

Frank Aukofler is the Washington D.C. bureau chief for the Journal Sentinel. Author Henry S. Reuss will sign copies of his book after 7 p.m. talk on June 22 at Harry W. Schwartz Bookshop, 4093 Oakland Ave., Shorewood.

Arkady Renko on the case in 'Havana Bay'

Havana Bay. By Martin Cruz Smith. Random House, 329 pages \$23.95

By DORMAN T. SHINDLER
Special to the Journal Sentinel

The gift that sets Martin Cruz Smith apart from other writers of mystery and suspense is his ability to guide readers into worlds and cultures that may have been heretofore unknown to them: from gypsies ("Gypsy in Amber") to North American Indians ("Nightwing," "Stallion Gate") to 19th-century Welsh coal miners ("Rose") and pre-revolutionary Russia ("Gorky Park").

With "Havana Bay," Smith visits modern-day Cuba and once again opens up a secretive, closed-door society. What's more "Havana Bay" is his best Arkady Renko novel since "Gorky Park." High praise when you consider the quality of other books in the series ("Polar Star," "Red Square").

Still reeling from a personal tragedy, Detective Renko is sent to Cuba to identify the body of an accident victim — a Russian diplomat. The catch is that the victim is one Sergei Pribluda, one-time nemesis and, later, begrudging friend of Renko's.

From the opening chapter, Smith proves himself still capable of catching the reader off guard. He describes a scene in which the body (having floated in the sea for days) literally falls apart when being recovered. Such gruesome scenes are balanced by Smith's meticulous research into Cuban forensics and foreign police procedures, not to mention his love of language.

Smith describes Renko's first impression of Detective Ofelia Osorio, a woman who will become his only ally. "Her features were delicate and sharply cut, dark eyes made darker with suspicion as if she were an apprentice devil handed a tricky soul."

From the start, Renko senses something amiss with the death of his friend. But the Cuban police, especially Sergeant Luna, want Renko to identify the body and take it back to Russia on the first available flight. When Renko stalls, he finds himself a target for murder.

His efforts to investigate are hampered by a suspicious government — in Cuba, Renko discovers Russians are as hated as Americans — and a rogue group of police led by the murderous Luna. Turning to Osorio for help, Renko uncovers a plot that seems to be leading to an assassination.

As revealed by Smith, modern-day Cuba is "the first place where time does not exist." Cars, clothes, music, even the people, seem to be trapped in a bygone era. Communism exists comfortably alongside exotic religions like Santería. And Renko's de facto partner, Osorio, proves to be every bit as interesting, resourceful and enigmatic as Arkady.

The two detectives make perfect foils. Arkady's stoic and reserved manner is juxtaposed nicely with Ofelia's passionate, quick-tempered personality. The desire for justice and insatiable curiosity are the common threads that bind them. Like Walter Mosley, Martin Cruz Smith writes novels which transcend their given genre while evoking a particular time and place with unerring precision. Filled with Smith's trademark twists of plot and eye-opening revelations about Cuba, "Havana Bay" is a first-rate thriller.

Dorman T. Shindler is a freelance writer from Missouri.

Honor, intrigue sharpen intellectual thriller

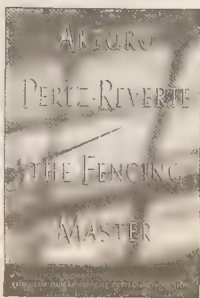
The Fencing Master. By Arturo Perez-Reverte. Translated from the Spanish by Margaret Jull Costa. Harcourt Brace, 244 pages \$24.

By DAVID WALTON
Special to the Journal Sentinel

The scene is Madrid, the summer of 1868. Rumors circulate the capital of an impending insurrection that will topple Queen Isabelle II, whose scandals have become too much for the politicians, if not the people, to bear.

Don Jaime Astarola, the title character of "The Fencing Master," the fourth of Spain's Arturo Perez-Reverte's novels to be translated into English, is Madrid's greatest fencing master, a gentleman of the old school who, now in his 50s and white-haired, earns a threebare living giving lessons to sons of the nobility. In this age of the pistol, Don Jaime is a throwback, a man of honor who has devoted his life to discovering the perfect fencing move: the "unstoppable thrust."

Perez-Reverte, the author of "The Flanders Panel," "The



Club Dumas," and "The Seville Communion," is a former TV journalist who is now publishing in 30 countries in 19 different languages and has become one of the world's most popular novelists.

Often compared to Umberto Eco, Perez-Reverte writes what can be called intellectual thrillers — a kind of suspense novel that's founded upon a concept of art, philosophy, or in this

case, fencing, and resolved along the logic of that concept. Meticulously researched, his novels are polished, erudite, cosmopolitan, but never plodding or stodgy. Certainly in the case of "The Fencing Master," never plodding.

Don Jaime receives an invitation to call upon a woman he assumes will be the mother of a prospective student — Dona Adela de Oretto, who instead proves to be a beautiful young woman with a tiny scar at the corner of her mouth and an unusual request. Dona de Oretto offers to pay Don Jaime twice his normal fee to teach her a secret thrust he is reputed to know, said to be impossible to parry.

At first Don Jaime refuses to accept a woman as his student. But Adela de Oretto proves persistent, and surprisingly knowledgeable about fencing, and eventually Don Jaime consents. He finds her a skilled fencer, fearless and determined. And soon, she's begun to awaken other feelings in him — feelings the aging Don Jaime hasn't felt for a woman in many years

From this beginning, there evolves an intricate plot of moves and countermoves similar to the pattern of a fencing match, a tangled pattern of high politics and low betrayals that eventually, as the reader knows all along that it must, draws Don Jaime away from dusty treatises and arcane debates on the art of fencing and onto the floor of battle.

This is becoming quite a spring for Perez-Reverte, with a tour of eight American cities

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scheduled for June, the paperback release of "The Seville Communion," the release of "The Ninth Gate" and the film version of "The Club Dumas" directed by Roman Polanski and starring Johnny Depp as the rare book sleuth Lucas Corso

David Walton, who lives in Pittsburgh teaches writing and literature

Frenetic satire on today's urban life at heart of long and winding 'Century'

By ANNE STEPHENSON
Arizona Republic

Turn of the Century. By Kurt Andersen. Random House, 659 pages, \$24.95

You're going to read lots of reviews of this book, an inordinate number given that it's a 659-page first novel. Kurt Andersen is, as they say, connected, and at the other end of the tether are people any first novelist would love to know.

He is, at present, a columnist for The New Yorker. In previous incarnations, he was co-founder and editor of Spy magazine, editor in chief of New York magazine and a producer of network television shows.

Before that, he had the foresight to work for several years on the staff of Time magazine, where his book has already received a full-page spread (Annie Proulx and Peter Matthiessen took what was left).

Does the book work for its living? As a novel, no. As a manic satire on urban life as we know it (or will know it next year, which is when Andersen's story begins), yes, sort of.

At the center of its story are George MacTier and Lizzie Zimbalist, who have been married 10 years and have three kids, a Land Cruiser, dueling cell phones and a life that is blurry in its pace and trend-hopping

zeal. George is a former journalist who now produces a television show called "NARCS," a drama that dabbles in "real" life (it is, George thinks, "extremely cool television"). Lizzie is a software entrepreneur.

The plot is not easy to describe, but that's not the novel's strong point anyway. What carries you along — and it's best to take it in doses, to avoid

overall — is Andersen's frenetic talent for skewering the shallow accoutrements of George and Lizzie's professional and personal lives, thereby reminding us of the deeper pleasures that have escaped them.

He does this so very well. He could have done it even better in a shorter book.

Shadows, Fire, Snow: The Life of Tina Modotti. By Patricia Albers. Potter, 304 pages, \$30

She is known more for Edward Weston's photographs of her than for all of the photographs she made herself. After she died alone in a taxi cab at age 45, her death certificate listed her as a "housewife."

Yet Tina Modotti was a remarkable woman — independent, impassioned, both politically and artistically, and surrounded by controversy. In addition to Weston, (she

became his model and then his lover, her desire "fueled by the authority of his creative accomplishment"), she knew some of the most interesting people of her time, including Pablo Neruda (the title of this book is from his poem, "Tina Modotti is Dead") John Dos Passos, Diego Rivera and Frida Kahlo.

There have been other biographies of Modotti, but this is the best. Patricia Albers had access to two trunkloads of material from the estate of Modotti's first "husband" — they posed as a married couple but were not — that included three dozen letters written by Modotti and 100 images made by her.

"In portraying her," Albers writes, "my endeavor has been to keep one hand upon the tattered objects in the trunks."

The result is a portrait of an enigmatic woman who has been called the best "unknown" photographer of this century.

Working at Play: A History of Vacations in the United States. By Cindy S. Aron. Oxford, 261 pages, \$35

At early 19th century resorts, men were permitted to gamble only if there were no women



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present, ladies and gentlemen swam in mineral springs at separate times, and everyone behaved impeccably. Back then, vacationing was the custom of an elite class looking for improved health. By World War II, it was a mass phenomenon.

Cindy Aron traces this evolution, and looks at the struggle with which Americans face their vacations today (it's a love/hate thing — we want to take vacations but fear the consequences).

"More than just yearly rituals in which we connect with friends and family, vacations are exercises in self-definition," she writes. "In affording time away from the demands of everyday life, vacations disclose what people choose to do rather than are required to do."

This is as scholarly as a book about vacations can be, and well-planned — it's that time of year again.

Bader/There's no quit in art collector

...and on the way to the train station, Bader found a note pinned to the door of his apartment. It was a letter from the Dutch police.

Who? Bader, who had been searching for a long time, had just received a letter from the Dutch police. It was a letter from the Dutch police. It was a letter from the Dutch police.

Stunned by the news, Bader rushed to the office of nearby Voorburg lawyer Al Te Pas. "Very pleased to meet you," he said. "You'll need to get the money back, but we'll get the paintings back."

Hoping Te Pas was right, Bader made two calls to a friend in order to get the missing checks. The other to an art dealer friend in The Hague, who told him, "Keep calm, we'll see."

He did just that. It was a dank, drizzly evening and their predicament did not cheer them as they waited glumly for news in their hotel room. No traveler's checks, no papers, no photographs, no paintings. Not even Alfred's list of telephone numbers for Dutch museums and other agencies that might help them.

A True Boy Scout

Elsewhere in Amsterdam however, a minor miracle was unfolding.

At about 11 that night, miles from the train station, a Boy Scout leader named Bert Vos was walking home. In the moisture and murk, he spotted what appeared to be a pile of papers and photographs lying between two rubbish bins. Something told him it was not just some body would toss away. He picked up the damp pile and took it to his modest apartment.

Yes, it was the bulk of the materials from Alfred Bader's briefcase. And yes, too, the cash and traveler's checks were gone. But something more important was still there: a series of telephone numbers — for the Rijksmuseum (to which Bader had

...missing picture... to market, the... almost in...
...also offered Vos a reward for finding the paintings... the scoutmaster promptly... Vos... Bader... invited... in Milwaukee... to accept... months later. A long... friendship... out of... experience.

...for the two missing pictures... silence... No mysterious messages. No efforts to sell or to... money.

...the lost-and-found... years passed... Finally, last December, Bader received a two-page fax from the director of the RKD, which... Old Master... M.B.H. Schilder, a socio-... who teaches at the University of Utrecht, had come by to ask about a painting, and they had had to tell him that it had been stolen — from Bader.

It turned out that the two artworks had been recovered from a suspected drug dealer of Moroccan descent and placed by Dutch police in their lost-and-found department. There the pictures remained for the required three years, after which they were assigned to an auction house. The Baders were never notified.

Rudi Ekkart, director of the Institute for Art History, noted in a fax, dated Dec. 23, 1998, that according to the Dutch civil code a work of art that has been bought in good faith longer than three years after the theft is the legal possession of the buyer. Thus, the RKD could do little more than suggest that Bader negotiate with Schilder directly.

Bader was now aware that both of his paintings had been sold at auction: "Rembrandt's Mother" to Schilder, the sketch of a man to a still-unknown purchaser. Only by accident had he learned the identity of the first buyer. He also was informed

that the Dutch police had asked the auction house not to give Bader the name of the new owner of the second piece.

"It never occurred to me to go to 'lost and found,'" Bader said, because I had given a two-page report to the police. All details were put in it."

Bader said he is particularly distressed because the Dutch police apparently never checked their own files before sending the stolen works to be sold at auction.

But the story doesn't end there. Bader, ever the determined acquirer, set out to recover what he saw as his property. According to Dutch law, Schilder was now the legal owner of "Rembrandt's Mother." A sometimes tense exchange of letters followed, with Schilder holding out for a price Bader saw as unfairly high. Finally, a sum was mutually agreed upon.

"Rembrandt's Mother" is currently in the hands of the RKD, which will forward it to Bader when he visits England in July.

Bader has now set his sights on the Amsterdam police, who, he says, are preventing the auction house from giving him the name of the purchaser of the second stolen work, Coques' sketch of a man. Bader recognizes the buyer's title to the painting, but he is anxious to recover it.

"My argument," he stressed, "is with the Dutch police, not with the present owner..."

Bader said he is particularly incensed because he wrote to the Dutch police in February by certified mail and received no response.

In his letter, Bader asked the police to tell him who bought the second painting, and the price paid for it. Those questions remain unanswered.

Willem Russell, a specialist in art law, has already tried to convince the police to re-acquire the picture for Bader, "but in vain," Bader said. The intrepid art collector has also gained the ear of the U.S. ambassador to the Netherlands, Cynthia P.

Schneider, who happens to be an art historian. Schneider has assured Bader she will do what she can for him.

And so it stands. For the moment.

The missing sketch will be difficult to sell because it can never be shown outside Holland, for fear it will be seized, Bader said. Under U.S. law, the time limit for recovering stolen property is 40 years, as opposed to Holland's three. If the pilfered work is brought into the United States within the legal time limit, for sale or exhibit, Bader can reclaim it.

What is clear is that Alfred Bader, a survivor of many kinds of war — military, political, industrial and artistic — has no intention of giving up.

Not now. Not ever.



A detail of the once-stolen 17th-century portrait of Rembrandt's mother that is now in the hands of the Netherlands Institute for Art History. The institute is to return the work to Alfred Bader this summer.

...in the meantime, Bader persists in his efforts to re-acquire the diminutive but affecting "Portrait of a Man." If he succeeds, the 364-year-old portrait, handsomely mounted in its elaborately carved gilt frame, may one day materialize on a wall of his tiny Milwaukee gallery. But that is by no means certain.

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Our schools need to teach more, some people believe.

Read "The Making of a Moral Child," June 13, in The Sunday Journal Sentinel.

Even before the killings in Columbine High School, a movement was gathering momentum across the nation, pushing schools to take a strong role in improving what kind of people their students become.

Beyond learning how to read and write, students need to know how to treat others. It's time to put the spotlight on "character education" as a crucial aspect of a school's job.

On Sunday, June 13, the Journal Sentinel will look at what local teachers, school officials and national experts are saying schools ought to do if we are to turn out graduates who are both academically and morally intelligent.

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Art collector puts on his detective cap

BY JAMES AUER
Journal Sentinel art critic

Alfred Bader isn't exactly a submissive man. Indeed, he delights in describing himself as an "ornery cuss."

Still, nothing in his five-plus decades as a chemist, industrialist (he founded Aldrich Chemical Co., now part of Sigma Aldrich Corp.), art collector and gallery owner quite prepared him for the battle he has waged for the last 4½ years.

It has involved a mysterious, as-yet unidentified Moroccan scam artist who may or may not be a drug dealer; a personable Dutch angel of mercy who leads a Boy Scout troop; polite but uncommunicative Amsterdam police officers; national laws governing lost and stolen property; and three kidnapped Old Masters, one of which still eludes Bader's trans-oceanic grasp.

As the 75-year-old chemist-collector tells it, it's a perfect three-act morality play with a beginning, a middle, and - at least as of now - an incomplete ending.

"I may have to go to court," the soft-spoken connoisseur sighed during an interview in his picture-lined office at Alfred Bader Fine Art, a by-appointment-only gallery tucked away in the Astor Hotel, 924 E. Juneau Ave.

Bader, characteristically, is not giving up. Struggle and persistence are part of his make-up - and his personal history.

A native of Austria, he escaped the Nazis as a teenager and came to the New World. In Canada, he acquired an education at Queens University. In the United States, he built both an industrial empire and an enviable art collection.

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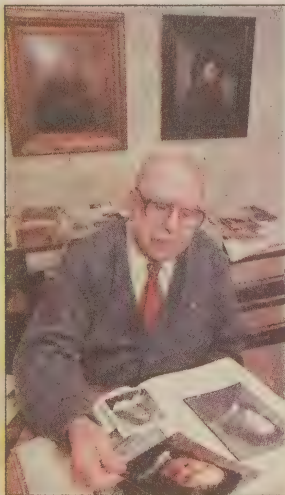
The story of a small - and elusive - part of that collection started on Nov. 12, 1994.

Bader and his wife, Isabel, had arrived at the central railroad station in Amsterdam and were preparing to take a tram to their hotel. Later in the week, they intended to journey on to The Hague, where they would be showing three small but choice 17th-century artworks to experts at the Netherlands Institute for Art History, familiarly known as the RKD.

The smallest of the artworks, all three of which were safely stashed away in Alfred's ample briefcase, was a sketch of a man. Bader suspected it was from the hand of Gonzales Coques, a skilled portraitist who had flourished in Antwerp, Belgium, around 1635. He had purchased it at Sotheby's in London the previous July.

The other two works, both on wooden panels, he had acquired from London dealers the day before. One depicted Rembrandt's mother; the other was titled, appropriately, "Portrait of a Man." Both begged for research and were potentially valuable.

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Bader/There's no quit in art collector

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"I had gone into the station to get a map of (the city) and left Isabel with the luggage," Bader recalled.

"While I was gone, a swarthy, bearded fellow came up and asked a question about a train, to distract her. Before Isabel realized it, a woman had stolen my briefcase. It contained money, checkbooks, papers, lots of photographs — and the three small paintings."

Stunned by their loss, the Baders rushed to the police in nearby Voorburgwal. Here, M. Te Pas, "a very pleasant officer," told them: "You'll never get the money back, but you may get the paintings back."

Hoping Te Pas was right, Bader made two calls — one to a friend in London, about the missing checks; the other to an art dealer friend in The Hague, who told him: "Keep calm, we'll see."

He did just that. It was a dank, drizzily evening, and their predicament did not cheer them as they waited glumly for news in their hotel room. No traveler's checks, no papers, no photographs, no paintings. Not even Alfred's list of telephone numbers for Dutch museums and other agencies that might help them.

A True Boy Scout

Elsewhere in Amsterdam, however, a minor miracle was unfolding.

At about 11 that night, a Boy Scout leader named Bert Vos was walking home. In the moisture and muck, he spotted what appeared to be a pile of papers and photographs lying between two rubbish bins. Something told him it was not stuff someone body would toss away. He picked up the damp pile and took it to his modest apartment.

Yes, it was the bulk of the materials from Alfred Bader's briefcase. And yes, too, the cash and traveler's checks were gone. But something more important was still there: a series of telephone numbers — for the Rijksmuseum (to which Bader had

earlier sold a Rembrandt); for a Dutch art dealer in The Hague; for Bader's son in Milwaukee. Vos didn't wait long to start calling.

At the Rijksmuseum, he reached a guard who told him to call back in the morning. But the next was within reach of the phone. Apprised of the situation, she urged Vos not to put the papers on the radiator.

This advice proved invaluable, for lurking among the letters and photographs was a small but precious painting: the oil-on-panel "Portrait of a Man."

The painting, as Bader was soon to inform Vos, was almost certainly the best of the three works that had been in the briefcase. It had once belonged to the Hermitage Museum in St. Petersburg, Russia, which had sold the work in 1935. The thief apparently had missed it because it was mixed in with the photos.

(The portrait was thought at one time to be the work of Rembrandt himself. Bader now believes it is the creation of a "very good" Rembrandt student.)

"The thief didn't realize it was a painting," said Bader, who was alerted to the discovery by the art dealer. "It was in a glassine folder, hidden among about 50 photographs." Rembrandt's "Mother" was more obvious. And the Coques painting, which had been attributed to Van Dyck, was in a fancy carved frame. The miracle is that Vos found the painting . . .

Alas, both "Rembrandt's Mother," which Bader believes is the work of a Rembrandt student of 1630, and the elaborately framed sketch of a man, which he credits to Gonzales Coques, were still missing.

Bader's response was swift and decisive. He touched every base possible in his quest to get the works back.

As any good collector of Dutch and Flemish Old Masters would do, he made sure that Inspector, the international police agency responsible for tracing stolen artworks, was notified. Too, he touched down with relevant museums, dealers and Rembrandt study groups.

Should the missing pictures ever come to market, they would be spotted almost immediately.

Bader also offered Vos a reward for finding the painting — which the scoutmaster promptly turned down. In the end, Vos did let Bader to make a contribution to his scout troop. Impressed, the Baders invited Vos to visit them in Milwaukee — an invitation Vos was to accept several months later. A long-term friendship has grown out of that experience.

As for the two missing pictures — silence. No sightings. No mysterious messages. No efforts to sell or to extort money.

In the Lost-and-Found

Years passed. Finally, last December, Bader received a two-page fax from the director of the RKD, which keeps tabs on missing Old Masters.

The fax informed him that M.B.H. Schilder, a socio-economist who teaches at the University of Utrecht, had come by to ask about a painting, and they had had to tell him that it had been stolen — from Bader.

It turned out that the two artworks had been recovered from a suspected drug dealer of Moroccan descent and placed by Dutch police in their lost-and-found department. There the pictures remained for the required three years, after which they were consigned to an auction house. The Baders were never notified.

Kudt Ekardt, director of the Institute for Art History, noted in a fax, dated Dec. 23, 1998, that according to the Dutch civil code, a work of art that has been bought in good faith longer than three years after the theft is the legal possession of the buyer. Thus, the RKD could do little more than suggest that Bader negotiate with Schilder directly.

Bader was now aware that both of his paintings had been sold at auction. "Rembrandt's Mother" to a still-unknown purchaser of a man to a still-unknown purchaser. Only by accident had he learned the identity of the first buyer. He also was informed

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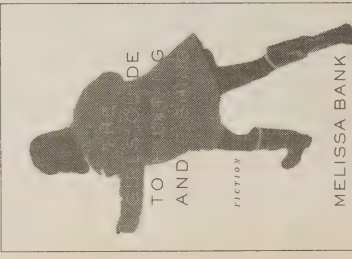
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The requisite hoodwinkery and formality involved in bagging the big game has Jane confused. When her brother calls to invite her to a square dance and

Liberal ideas take precedence in too-narrow Reuss 'memoir'

When Government Was Good. Memories of a Life in Politics. By Henry S. Reuss. The University of Wisconsin Press. 177 pages. \$22.95.

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This small volume is billed as a memoir, but it could easily be retitled "The Essential Guide to the Fertile Liberal Mind of Henry S. Reuss."

Though it contains some autobiographical reminiscences, this is Reuss at his most insistent. At the age of 87, when most men would be kicked back somewhere cozy, the former Milwaukee congressman is still promoting ideas, trying to change minds and seeking to influence events.



Reuss

He lives now in San Francisco, but is essentially a German-American Milwaukeean of the old school of liberals and Socialists who espoused a clean and caring government that, as is evident from the bottom, was dedicated to taking care of people.

Though Reuss had a patrician streak and was comfortable in his long association with international bankers in dark pin-stripes, he was equally at home in a seersucker suit and straw hat at a Fourth of July doll bug-parade in Gordon Park.

A Democrat, Reuss represented the 28th Congressional District for 25 years. Though a man of means, he was what one might describe as a "good liberal," a populist streak dedi-

announces that it is a singles event, she immediately thinks of individually wrapped American cheese slices. Still, she accepts. Remember, "Say yes to everything you're invited to!"

Francis Ford Coppola has hired Banks to write the screenplay, so look for it soon as a major motion picture near you.

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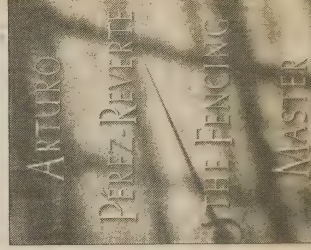
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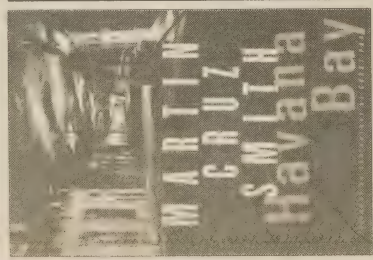
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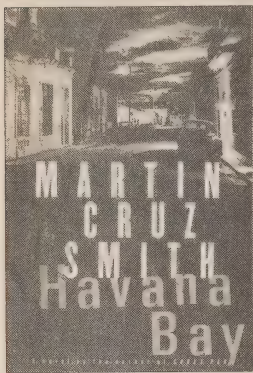
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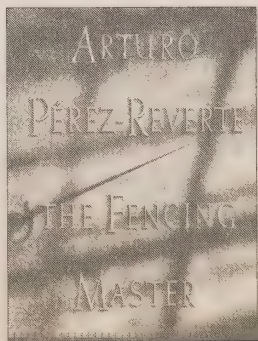
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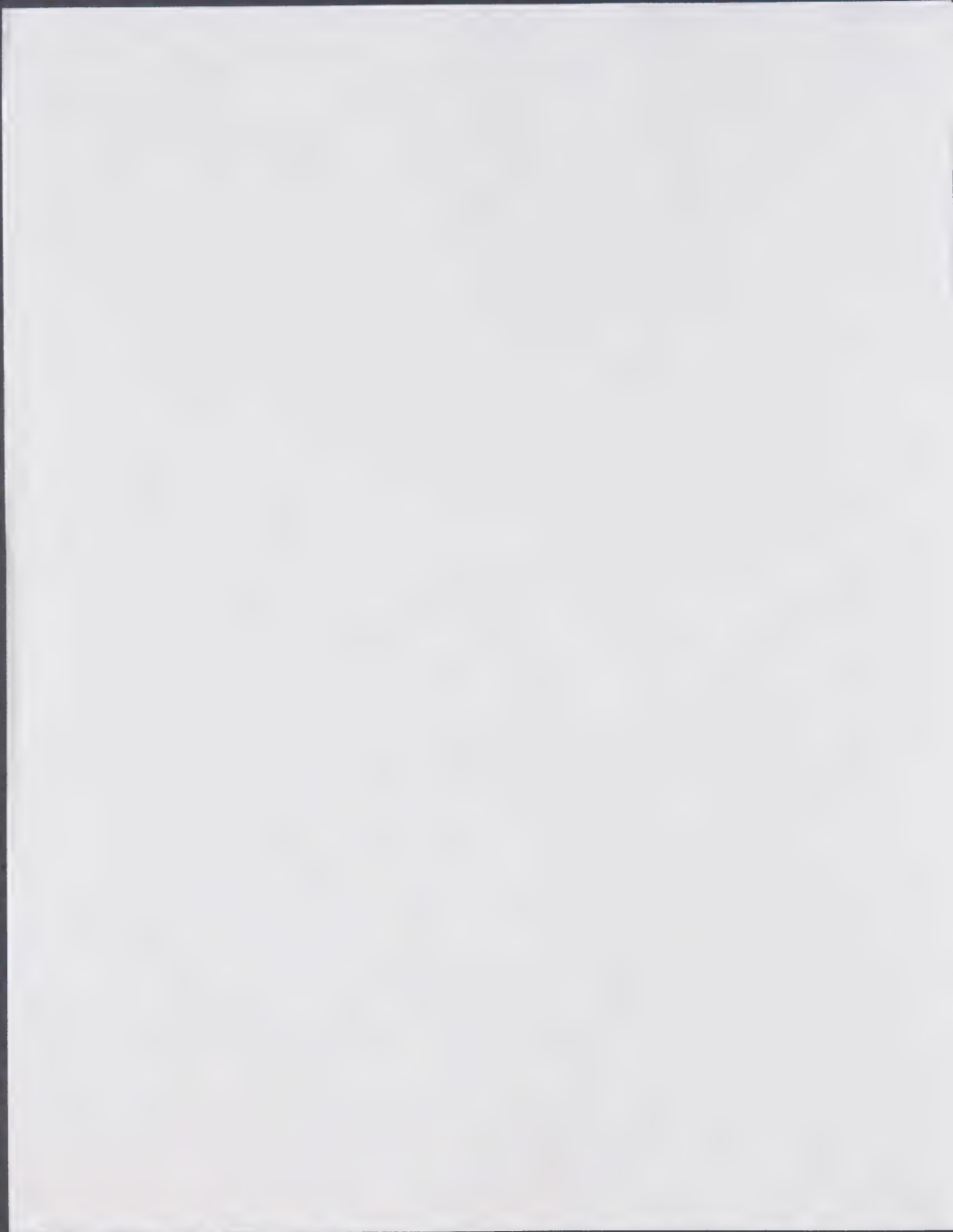
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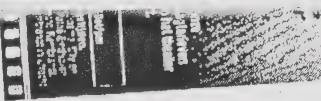
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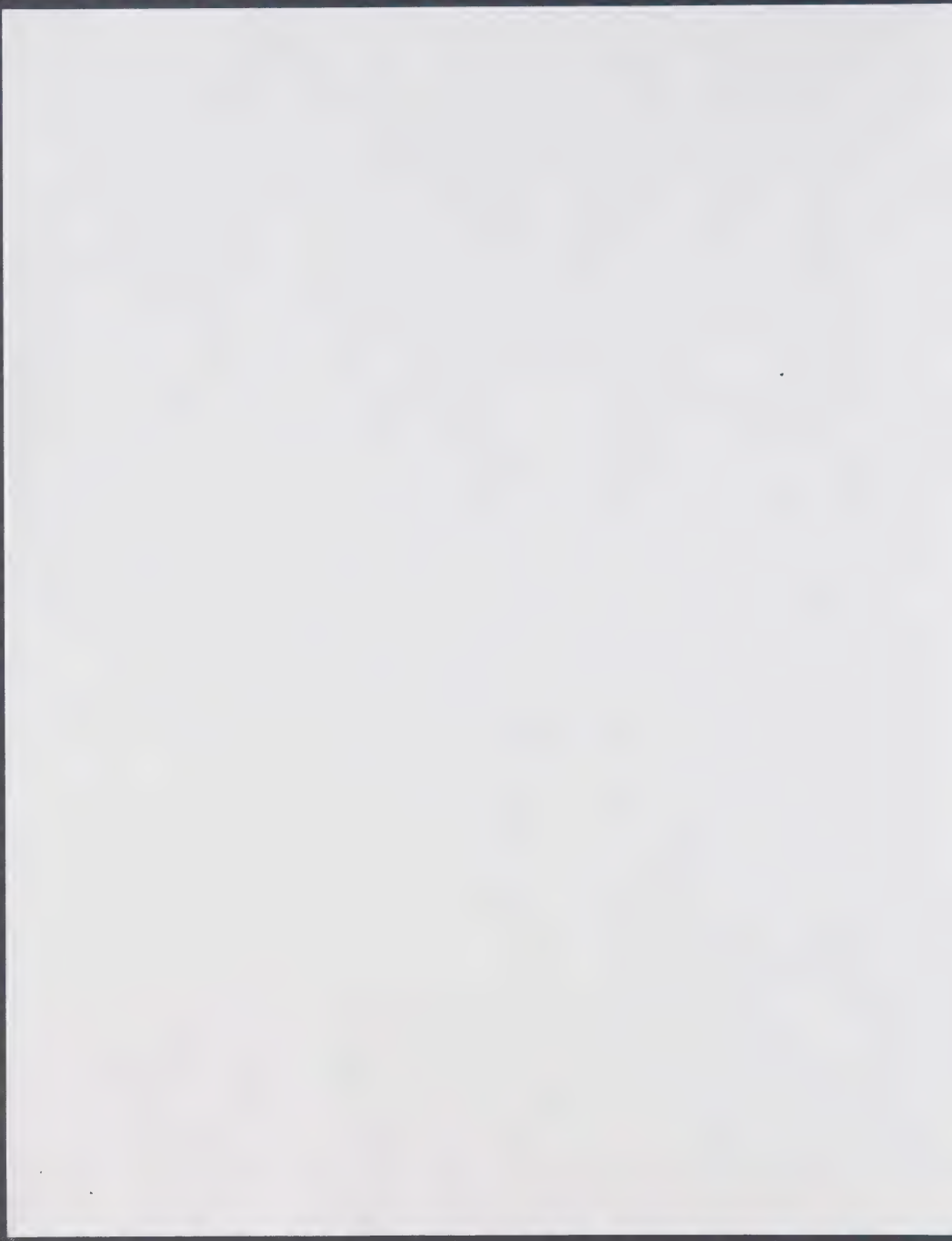
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Accuse the police? Of course Alfred Bader did consider this. He has a case as strong as iron, he thinks himself. But the cost of the lawsuit would not offset the value of the paintings by Rembrandt students, that were wrongly believed lost. And he does not recover them anyway.

Truska Bast

Alfred Bader, an American art collector, was robbed at the end of 1994 before the Central Station of three paintings - or rather, little paintings (the smallest one does not measure more than 8 by 10 cm) - that he bought the day before from a London Gallery. He makes a declaration at the police. One canvas turns up immediately the next morning. Someone found it next to a refuse-bin, and succeeds in tracing Bader via a telephone-list that accompanies it.

Bader has included the other two paintings in 'IFAR Reports', an international register of stolen art. He sends a copy to the police. But the collector of 17th century Dutch Masters does not recover the 'Portrait of a Man', dating from around 1630, and a canvas called 'Rembrandt's Mother', from the same period.

Also not when he learns, at the end of previous year, that they did turn up again: the police got hold of them a couple of months after the robbery. Instead of delivering them again to Bader, they brought the canvasses to the department of lost property, where they gathered dust for three years.

Then the legal term expired, and they are transferred to the auction house 'de Eland', that auctions them during the summer of 1998.

One of the buyers is an art lover from Utrecht. He pays 600 guilders for 'Rembrandt's Mother' By comparison, Bader paid in London about 10,000 guilders for it. A lot of knowledge does the Utrechter, a zoologist, not have: his preference is normally for 19th century paintings. And therefore he makes to the 'Rijksdienst voor Kunsthistorische Documentatie' (RKD) in Den Haag, hoping to learn something about the origin.

An attentive cooperator discovers that the canvas figures in the list of stolen paintings. This is beyond doubt, inasmuch as on the reverse are written the words 'Partment Reuni' and the initials 'BB'.

Nevertheless the police in Den Haag determines that the canvasses were bought in good faith: the legal term of 3 years after the theft has elapsed, and therefore the zoologist is the legal owner.

'I am not at all concerned with that former owner', says the man, who does not want his name in the paper. 'But when I heard they were stolen from him, I thought perhaps he is a rich American, who is willing to pay a nice price for it. By letter he informs Bader, who is a good acquaintance of the RKD, that he can buy back the canvas for 35,000 guilders.



According to the zoologist, he therewith makes the American a splendid offer: in a few years he believes he will certainly get 50,000 guilders for the painting. Afterwards he admits that this asking-price was too high. 'But he could have made a counter-offer? Instead he tries to morally blackmail me to recover the canvas'.

'Of course I still want the portrait back', says Bader from his home in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. 'I would regret if it were lacking in my collection as an object for study. And clearly I want to pay the new owner. It is not necessary that one more person becomes a victim of the theft. But the price he was asking, that was really going too far'.

And, after all, the painting, according to him, is not worth all that much. 'I have about a hundred paintings from the school of Rembrandt, and many of them are better than this one'. But that is not the only reason he believes the zoologist will have difficulty selling the painting: 'Neither a good person would buy it, nor a well informed one, as it does not get a beautiful title'.

What surprises Bader is that the police did not trace him a legitimate owner. Why then has he made a declaration just after the robbery? And apparently the IFAR-register, that lists the paintings with their image, has not been consulted.

But it did turn out differently. In March 1995 the police arrests a drug addict, who appears to own two paintings. The suspicion is that the stuff is stolen. On the reverse is a sticker of auction house 'de Eland' with a number. It corresponds with the person who offered the canvasses a month before at the auction, but they did not sell as the asking-price was too high.

The polices takes the line that this person is the legitimate owner, but can not trace him: he does not live in Amsterdam anymore. The paintings are temporarily stored in the office Warmoesstraat, and are moved, by order of Justice, to the depot of 'lost property'. It is true, the canvasses appear to be included in the Tracing Publication for Arts and Antiques of the 'Centrale Recherche Informatiedienst' (CRI), but this includes only a description, no image. The link with the seized paintings is not made. The IFAR-register is not consulted.

Remains the question what happened with the 'Portrait of a Man'. The police does not have any data in this regard, the auction house does not provide any information.

And Bader? He waits for the day that the owner will join him. 'I hope he is a reasonable man'.

Gestolen doek niet naar eigenaar

Van onze medewerker

Jeroen Junke

AMSTERDAM

De Amerikaanse kunstverzamelaar Alfred Bader kan het nog steeds niet geloven. Vier jaar geleden werden drie schilderijen van hem gestolen en deed hij aangifte bij de Amsterdamse politie. Drie jaar later duiken er twee op bij een veilinghuis waar ze worden aangeboden door diezelfde Amsterdamse politie.

De onzwerfingen van de 17de eeuwse schilderijen beginnen als Bader in Amsterdam wordt bestolen. Hij heeft de doeken een dag eerder in Londen gekocht en wil ze laten onderzoeken door het Rijksbureau voor Kunsthistorische Documentatie. Omdat hij ze nog maar net bezit, kan hij geen gedetailleerde aangifte doen. Een schilderij krijgt hij één dag later al terug van een eerlijke vinder die het uit een vuilnisbak vist.

De andere twee duiken een half jaar later op, als de politie ze vindt in de plastic tas van een junk. Bader zit dan alweer in Amerika. Achterop de doeken zit een sticker van het Amsterdamse veilinghuis De Eland, waar ze een kort daarvoor werden aangeboden maar niet werden verkocht. De eigenaar blijkt vervolgens onvindbaar. De poli-



'Rembrandts moeder', gestolen.

tie kijkt nog wel in de lijst van het Centrale Recherche Informatiedienst (CRI), waar Baders schilderijen volgens de politie zeer vaag in staan omschreven. 'Geen foto, geen signatuur en zelfs geen afmetingen', zegt een woordvoerder. De politie verzult de *IFAR Reports*, een particuliere lijst van gestolen kunst waarin de doeken wel uitgebreid staan beschreven, te raadplegen.

De doeken komen terecht in het depot. Als ze daar drie jaar stof hebben verzameld - de wettelijke bewaartermijn van ge-

vonden voorwerpen - worden ze aangeboden bij De Eland. Normaal gesproken legt dit veilinghuis haar catalogus voor aan de CRI en soms ook aan het *Loss Register*. Maar deze schilderijen komen van de politie en zijn vast niet gestolen, denkt het veilinghuis.

* Een schilderij *Rembrandts moeder*, wordt gekocht door het Utrechtse verzamelaar, voor zeshonderd gulden. Deze verzamelaar wil meer weten over ze, aankoop en gaat ermee naar de RKD. Daar wordt ontdekt dat dit het gestolen schilderij van Bader is, die wordt ingehakt.

Zijn schilderijen krijgt Bader daarmee niet mee terug. De Utrechts koper is de rechthoudige eigenaar: de man heeft het doek te goeder trouw gekocht. Wel biedt hij Bader een kans zijn doek terug te kopen, vraagprijs 35 duizend gulden. Te veel, oordeelt Bader, die er tienduizend gulden voor betaalde.

Bader heeft nog gedacht over een rechtszaak tegen de politie. Maar dat zou meer kosten dan de schilderijen waard zijn. En hij wil hij helemaal geen geld. Hij wil zijn schilderijen. Maar ja, dan had hij maar een precieze omschrijving met foto van zijn schilderijen moeten geven, reduceert de politie, die de zaak als afgedaan beschouwt.

Volkskrant, 24 april 1999



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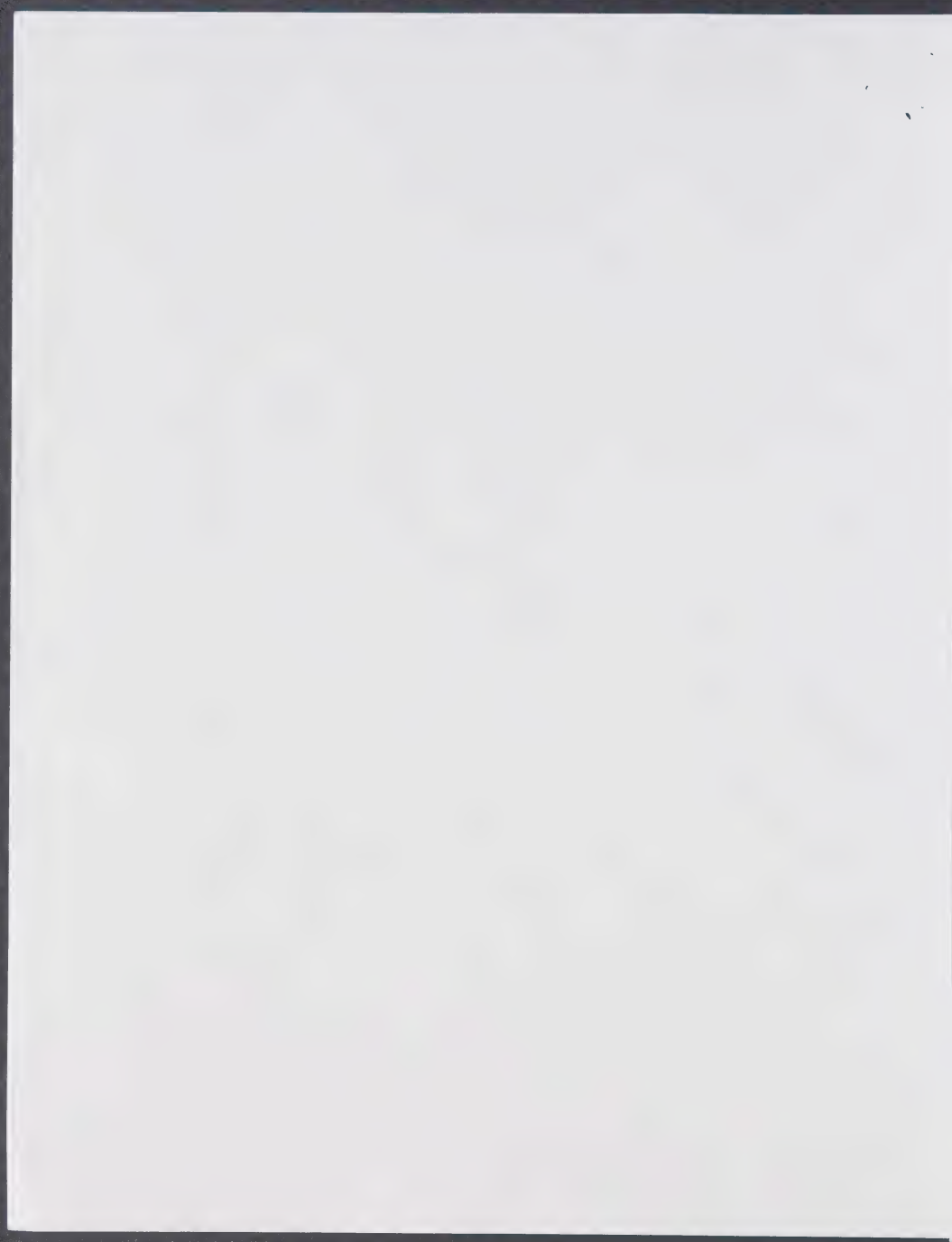
I was happy to note from a fax which I received today from the curator of the museum in Leiden that your article about my stolen paintings appeared in last Saturday's issue.

I would very much appreciate your sending me the page on which this appeared, by Air Mail.

With best regards I remain

Yours sincerely,

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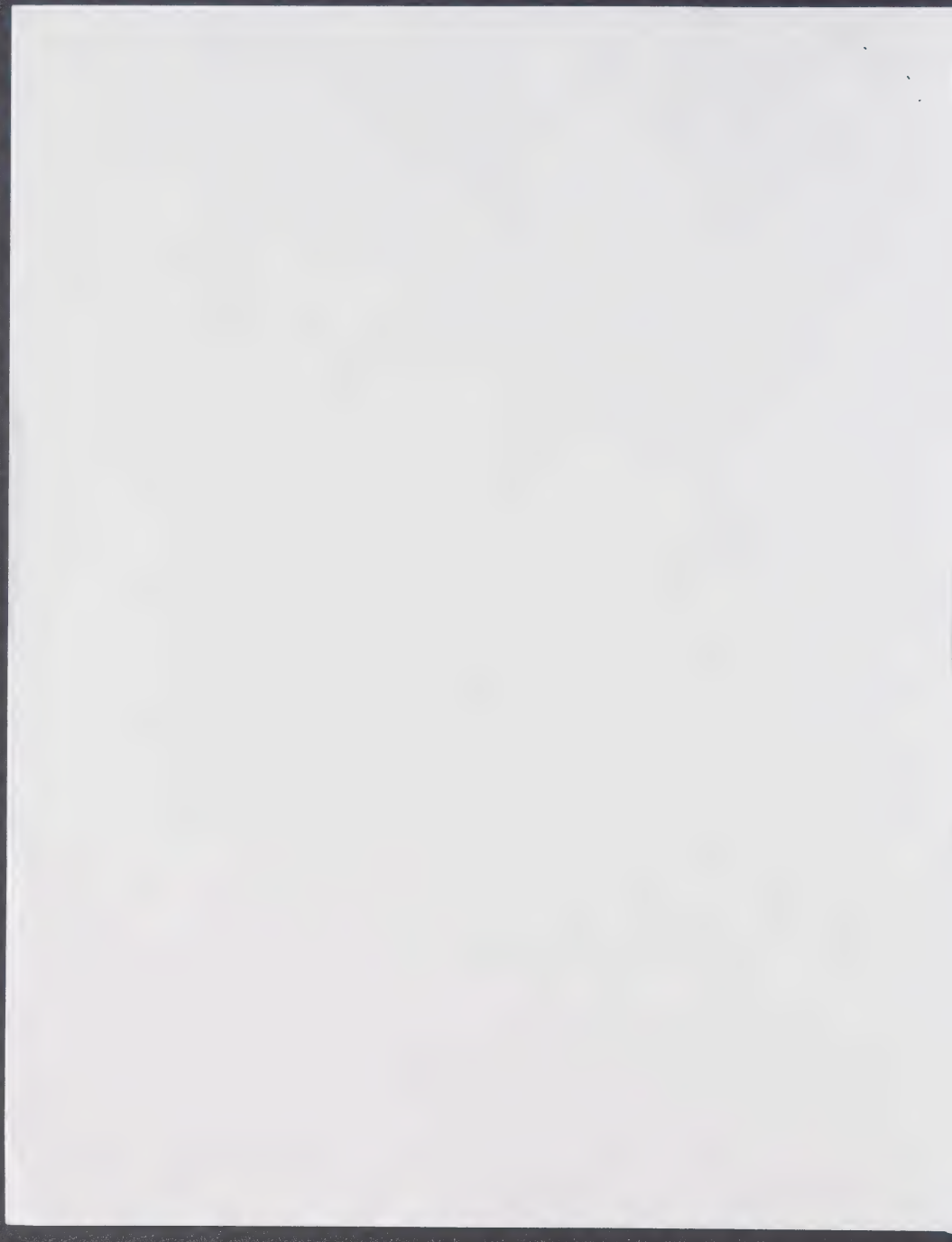
In view of the involvement of a Dutch depiction of *Rembrandt's Mother*, of ca. 1630, the enclosed dossier may interest you.

On November 12, 1994 three old master paintings were stolen from my wife and me in Amsterdam. One of these paintings was found by a wonderful man, Bert Vos, and returned the next day. The enclosed article from *Het Parool* and my aide memoire will give you the background.

Since then there has been a truly astounding turn of events: the Amsterdam police recovered the other two stolen paintings but didn't check either with their own police report (copy enclosed) or with the IFAR Report (copy enclosed), where both stolen paintings were illustrated.

The police kept the paintings in their lost and found department and then sent them to a small auction, de Eland in Amsterdam, last summer. There a zoologist at Utrecht University, Dr. M.B.H. Schilder, bought the painting of *Rembrandt's Mother* for a hammer price of Hfl 600. He then took the painting to the RKD in the Hague and the art historians there told him, of course, that the painting had been stolen from me. However, under Dutch law the buyer at an auction may legally keep a painting if it was purchased in good faith more than three years after the theft.

As you will see from Dr. Schilder's letter to me and from my reply (copies enclosed), Dr. Schilder offered to sell me the painting for Hfl 35,000, an offer which I declined.



Ms. Lucette ter Borg

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April 13, 1999

The Amsterdam police has been stonewalling me. My letter to them dated February 22nd was received in Amsterdam on February 26th, but I have received no reply to my questions.

Recently, Dr. Christiaan Vogelaar at the Leiden museum told me that the museum would have an exhibition devoted only to depictions of *Rembrandt's Mother*, and he asked me to loan the museum one of the finest of these, a painting by Jan Lievens, in my collection. Naturally I suggested to Dr. Vogelaar that he should borrow both my painting and the painting in Utrecht (copies of my correspondence are enclosed). Since then Dr. Schilder has written to me that he is considering that loan.

I enclose good photographs of both stolen paintings.

I also plan to advertise the facts, and enclose a draft of the advertisement.

Enclosed please also find my CV. I presume that you have my autobiography, *Adventures of a Chemist Collector*, in your library, because Chapters 17 and 18 deal very extensively with Dutch paintings, particularly with the work of the Rembrandt Research Project and with the Rembrandt which I sold to the Rijksmuseum.

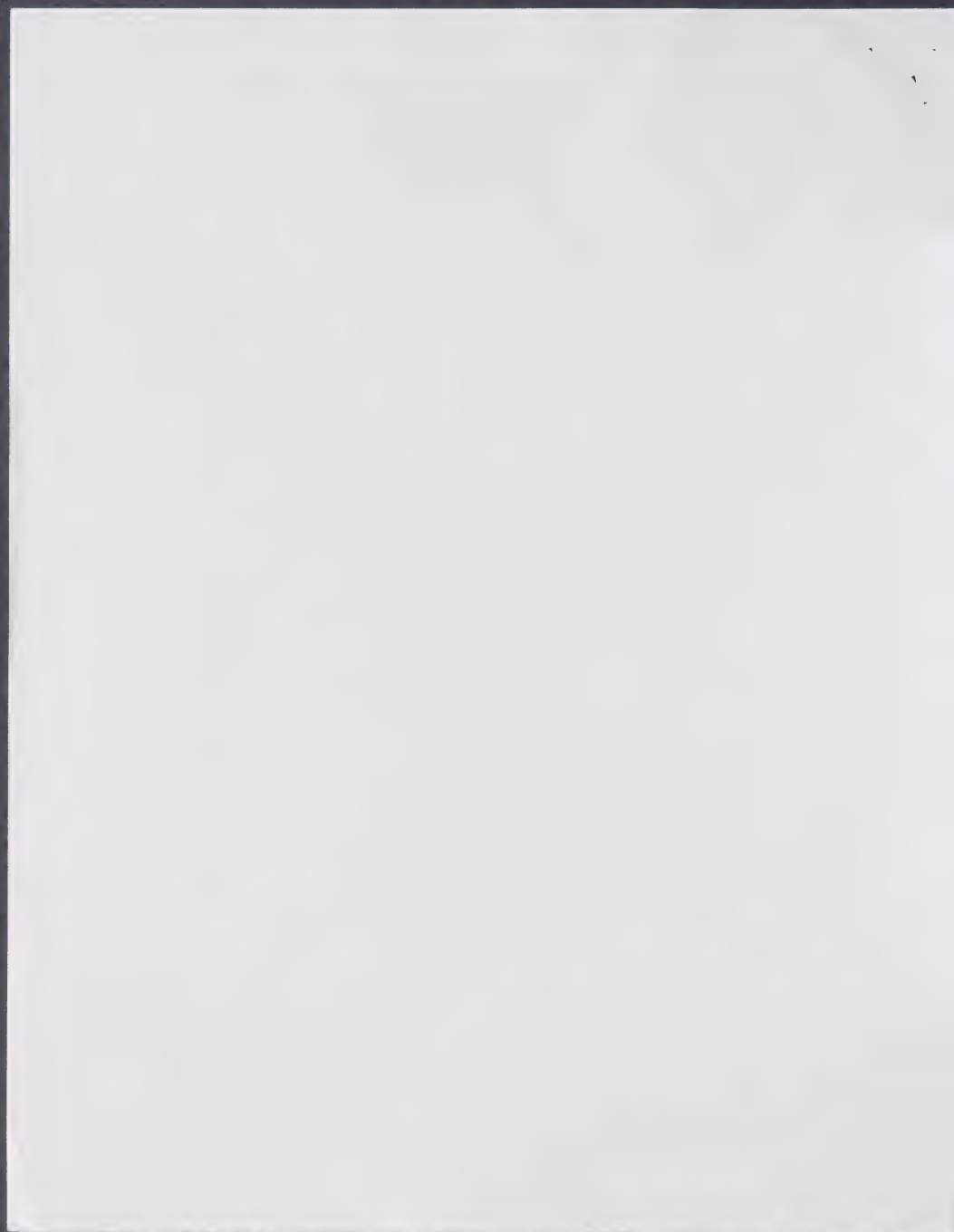
Please do send me a fax if you need any further information. Of course, I will reply by return.

If you publish this story, I would be very grateful if you would send me the complete page from your newspaper by Air Mail.

With many thanks for your help I remain

Yours sincerely,

Alfred Bader
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Duke Ellington krijgt postuum muziekprijs

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Ellington overleed in 1971 op 84-jarige leeftijd. Hij werd geboren in 1899 in de Amerikaanse stad Washington.

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Art collector puts on his detective cap

BY JAMES AUER
Journal Sentinel art critic

Alfred Bader isn't exactly a submissive man. Indeed, he delights in describing himself as an "ornery cuss."

Still, nothing in his five-plus decades as a chemist, industrialist (he founded Aldrich Chemical Co., now part of Sigma Aldrich Corp.), art collector and gallery owner quite prepared him for the battle he has waged for the last 4½ years.

It has involved a mysterious, as-yet unidentified Moroccan scam artist who may or may not be a drug dealer; a personable Dutch angel of mercy who leads a Boy Scout troop; polite but uncommunicative Amsterdam police officers; national laws governing lost and stolen property; and three kidnapped Old Masters, one of which still eludes Bader's trans-oceanic grasp.

As the 75-year-old chemist-collector tells it, it's a perfect three-act morality play with a beginning, a middle, and - at least as of now - an incomplete ending.

"I may have to go to court," the soft-spoken connoisseur sighed during an interview in his picture-lined office at Alfred Bader Fine Art, a by-appointment-only gallery tucked away in the Astor Hotel, 924 E. Juneau Ave.

Bader, characteristically, is not giving up. Struggle and persistence are part of his makeup - and his personal history.

A native of Austria, he escaped the Nazis as a teenager and came to the New World. In Canada, he acquired an education at Queens University. In the United States, he built both an industrial empire and an enviable art collection.

Quick Hands

The story of a small - and elusive - part of that collection started on Nov. 12, 1994.

Bader and his wife, Isabel, had arrived at the central railroad station in Amsterdam and were preparing to take a tram to their hotel. Later in the week, they intended to journey on to The Hague, where they would be showing three small but choice 17th-century artworks to experts at the Netherlands Institute for Art History, familiarly known as the RKD.

The smallest of the artworks, all three of which were safely stashed away in Alfred's ample briefcase, was a sketch of a man. Bader suspected it was from the hand of Gonzales Coques, a skilled portraitist who had flourished in Antwerp, Belgium, around 1635. He had purchased it at Sotheby's in London the previous July.

The other two works, both on wooden panels, he had acquired from London dealers the day before. One depicted Rembrandt's mother; the other was titled, appropriately, "Portrait of a Man." Both begged for research and were potentially valuable.

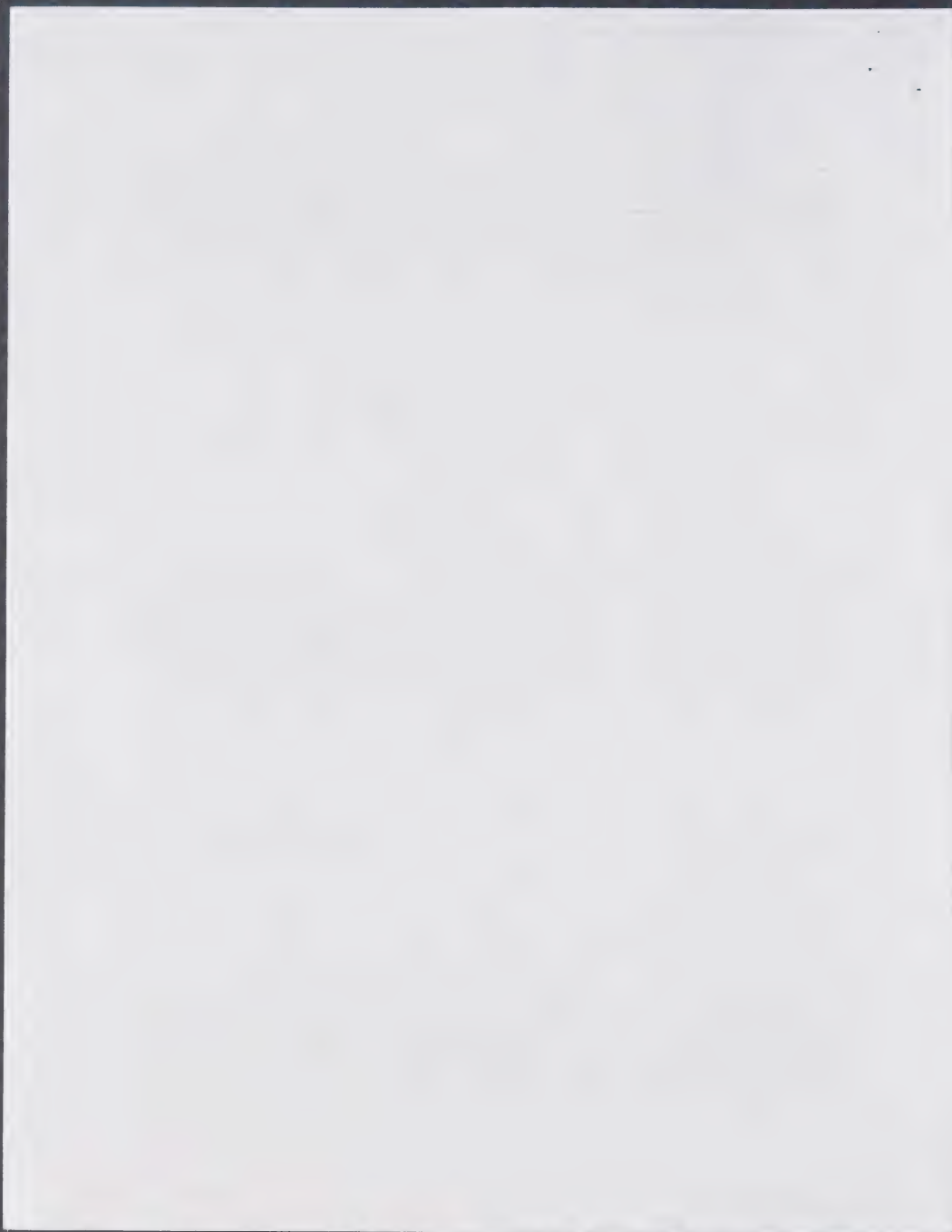
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Alfred Bader has relentlessly pursued his stolen paintings.

*The Amsterdam Police
asked for help*



Bader/There's no quit in art collecto

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"I had gone into the station to get a map of (the city) and left Isabel with the luggage," Bader recalled.

"While I was gone, a swarthy, bearded fellow came up and asked a question about a tram, to distract her. Before Isabel realized it, a woman had stolen my briefcase. It contained money, checkbooks, papers, lots of photographs — and the three small paintings."

Stunned by their loss, the Baders rushed to the police in nearby Voorburgwal. Here, M. Te Pas, "a very pleasant officer," told them: "You'll never get the money back, but you may get the paintings back."

Hoping Te Pas was right, Bader made two calls — one to a friend in London, about the missing checks; the other to an art dealer friend in The Hague, who told him: "Keep calm, we'll see."

He did just that.

It was a dank, drizzly evening, and their predicament did not cheer them as they waited glumly for news in their hotel room. No traveler's checks, no papers, no photographs, no paintings. Not even Alfred's list of telephone numbers for Dutch museums and other agencies that might help them.

A True Boy Scout

Elsewhere in Amsterdam, however, a minor miracle was unfolding.

At about 11 that night, miles from the train station, a Boy Scout leader named Bert Vos was walking home. In the moisture and murk, he spotted what appeared to be a pile of papers and photographs lying between two rubbish bins. Something told him it was not stuff somebody would toss away. He picked up the damp pile and took it to his modest apartment.

Yes, it was the bulk of the materials from Alfred Bader's briefcase. And yes, too, the cash and traveler's checks were gone. But something more important was still there: a series of telephone numbers — for the Rijksmuseum (to which Bader had

earlier sold a Rembrandt); for a Dutch art dealer in The Hague; for Bader's son in Milwaukee.

Vos didn't wait long to start calling.

At the Rijksmuseum, he reached a guard who told him to call back in the morning. But the art dealer, whom he contacted next, was within reach of the phone. Apprised of the situation, she urged Vos not to put the papers on the radiator.

This advice proved invaluable, for lurking among the letters and photographs was a small but precious painting: the oil-on-panel "Portrait of a Man."

The painting, as Bader was soon to inform Vos, was almost certainly the best of the three works that had been in the briefcase. It had once belonged to the Hermitage Museum in St. Petersburg, Russia, which had sold the work in 1935. The thief apparently had missed it because it was mixed in with the photos.

(The portrait was thought at one time to be the work of Rembrandt himself. Bader now believes it is the creation of a "very good" Rembrandt student.)

"The thief didn't realize it was a painting," said Bader, who was alerted to the discovery by the art dealer. "It was in a glassine folder, hidden among about 50 photographs. 'Rembrandt's Mother' was more obvious. And the Coques painting, which had been attributed to Van Dyck, was in a fancy carved frame. The miracle is that Vos found the painting..."

Alas, both "Rembrandt's Mother," which Bader believes is the work of a Rembrandt student of 1630, and the elaborately framed sketch of a man, which he credits to Gonzales Coques, were still missing.

Bader's response was swift and decisive. He touched every base possible in his quest to get the works back.

As any good collector of Dutch and Flemish Old Masters would do, he made sure that Interpol, the international police agency responsible for tracing stolen artworks, was notified. Too, he touched down with relevant museums, dealers and Rembrandt study groups.

Should the missing pictures ever come to market, they would be spotted almost immediately.

Bader also offered Vos a reward for finding the painting — which the scoutmaster promptly turned down. In the end, Vos did let Bader to make a contribution to his scout troop. Impressed, the Baders invited Vos to visit them in Milwaukee — an invitation Vos was to accept several months later. A long-term friendship has grown out of that experience.

As for the two missing pictures — silence.

No sightings. No mysterious messages. No efforts to sell or to extort money.

In the Lost-and-Found

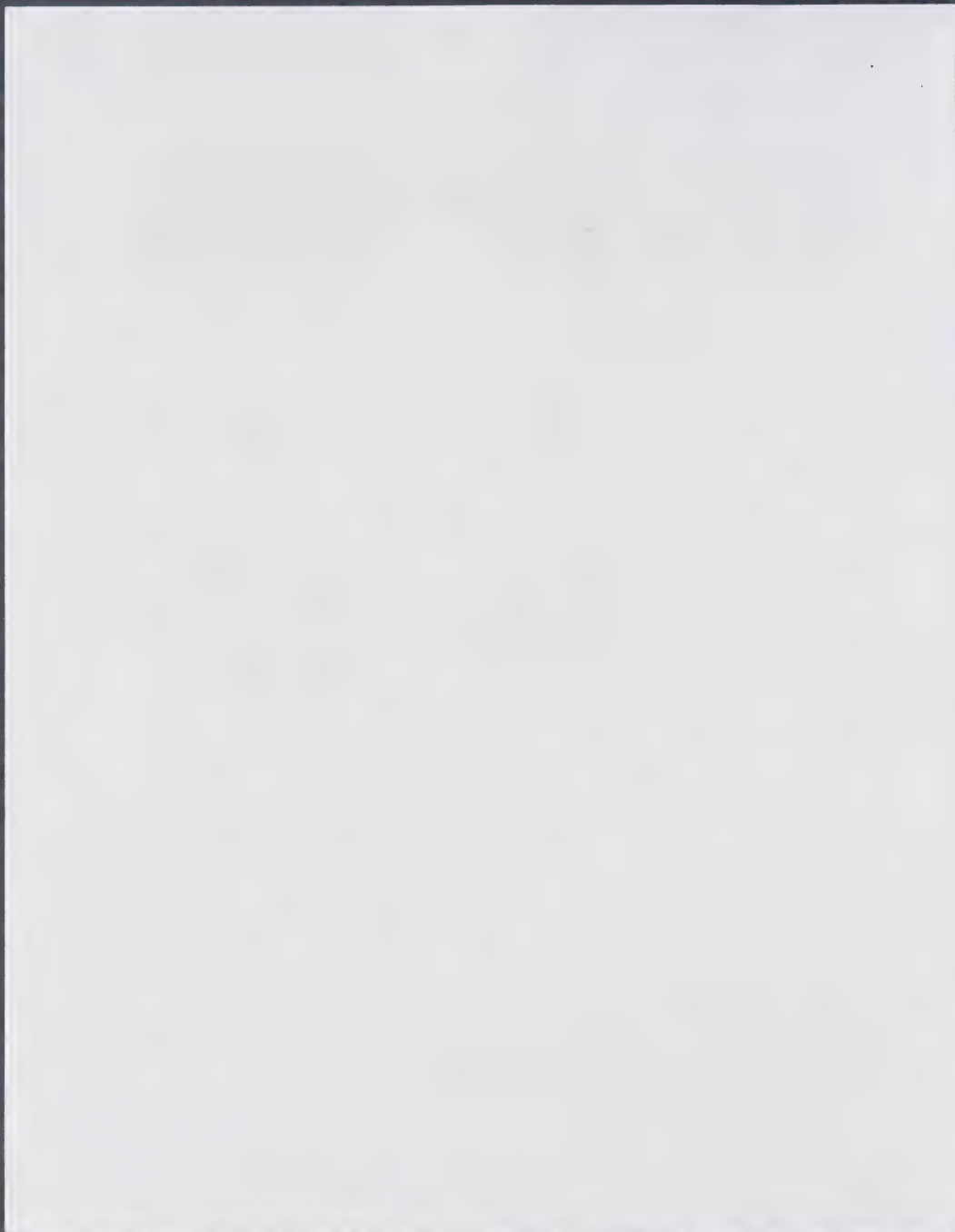
Years passed.

Finally, last December, Bader received a two-page fax from the director of the RKD, which keeps tabs on missing Old Masters. The fax informed him that an M.B.H. Schilder, a socio-ecologist who teaches at the University of Utrecht, had come by to ask about a painting, and they had had to tell him that it had been stolen — from Bader.

It turned out that the two artworks had been recovered from a suspected drug dealer of Moroccan descent and placed by Dutch police in their lost-and-found department. There the pictures remained for the required three years, after which they were consigned to an auction house. The Baders were never notified.

Rudi Ekkart, director of the Institute for Art History, noted in a fax, dated Dec. 23, 1998, that according to the Dutch civil code, a work of art that has been bought in good faith longer than three years after the theft is the legal possession of the buyer. Thus, the RKD could do little more than suggest that Bader negotiate with Schilder directly.

Bader was now aware that both of his paintings had been sold at auction: "Rembrandt's Mother" to Schilder, the sketch of a man to a still-unknown purchaser. Only by accident had he learned the identity of the first buyer. He also was informed



that the Dutch police had asked the auction house not to give Bader the name of the new owner of the second piece.

"It never occurred to me to go to 'lost and found,'" Bader said, "because I had given a two-page report to the police. All details were put in it."

Bader said he is particularly distressed because the Dutch police apparently never checked their own files before sending the stolen works to be sold at auction.

But the story doesn't end there.

Bader, ever the determined acquirer, set out to recover what he saw as his property. According to Dutch law, Schilder was now the legal owner of "Rembrandt's Mother." A sometimes tense exchange of letters followed, with Schilder holding out for a price Bader saw as fairly high. Finally, a sum was mutually agreed upon.

"Rembrandt's Mother" is currently in the hands of the RKD, which will forward it to Bader when he visits England in July.

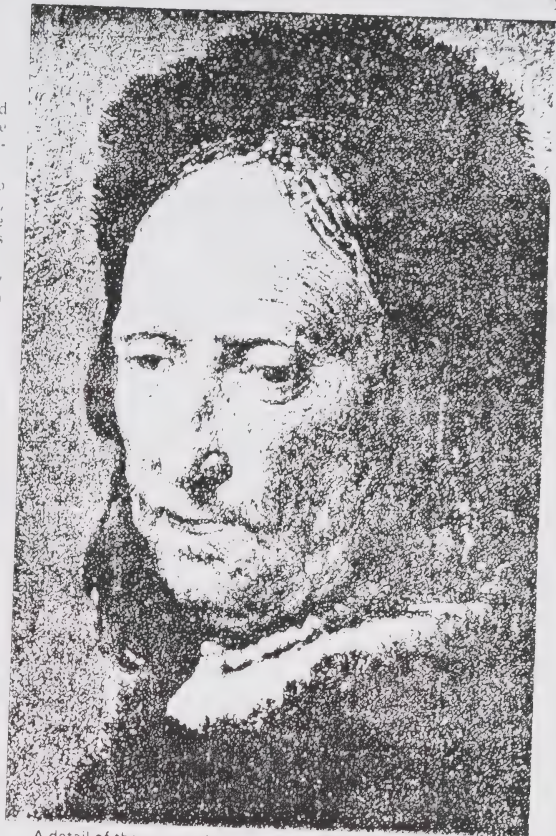
Bader has now set his sights on the Amsterdam police, who, he says, are preventing the auction house from giving him the name of the purchaser of the second stolen work, Coques' sketch of a man Bader recognizes the buyer's title to the painting, but he is anxious to recover it.

"My argument," he stressed, "is with the Dutch police, not with the present owner ..."

Bader said he is particularly incensed because he wrote to the Dutch police in February by certified mail and received no response.

In his letter, Bader asked the police to tell him who bought the second painting, and the price paid for it. Those questions remain unanswered.

Willem Russell, a specialist in art law, has already tried to convince the police to re-acquire the picture for Bader, "but in vain," Bader said. The intrepid art collector has also gained the ear of the U.S. ambassador to the Netherlands, Cynthia P.



A detail of the once-stolen 17th-century portrait of Rembrandt's mother that is now in the hands of the Netherlands Institute for Art History. The institute is to return the work to Alfred Bader this summer.

Schneider, who happens to be an art historian. Schneider has assured Bader she will do what she can for him.

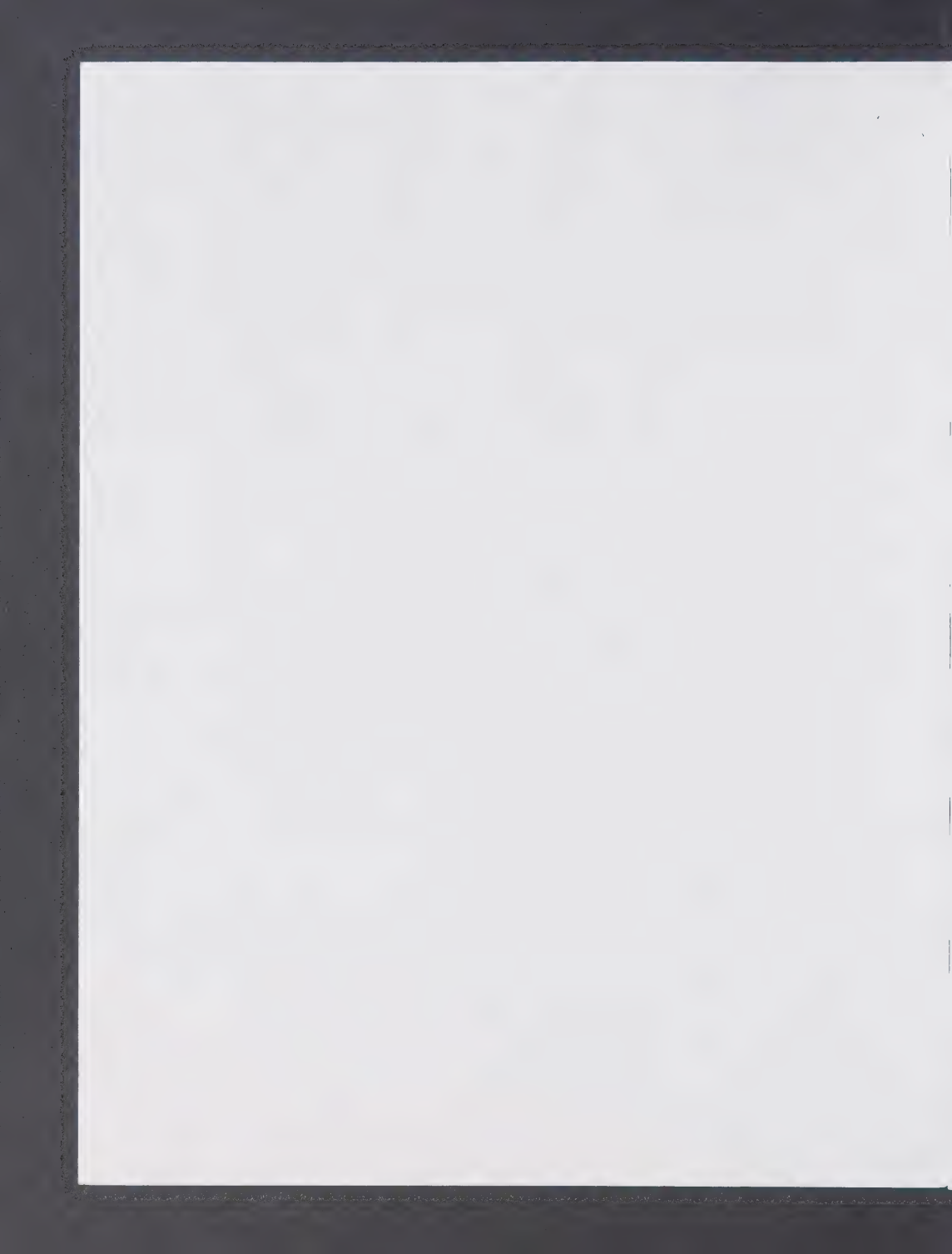
And so it stands. For the moment.

The missing sketch will be difficult to sell because it can never be shown outside Holland, for fear it will be seized, Bader said. Under U.S. law, the time limit for recovering stolen property is 40 years, as opposed to Holland's three. If the pilfered work is brought into the United States within the legal time limit, for sale or exhibit, Bader can reclaim it.

In the meantime, Bader persists in his efforts to re-acquire the diminutive but affecting "Portrait of a Man." If he succeeds, the 364-year-old portrait, handsomely mounted in its elaborately carved gilt frame, may one day materialize on a wall of his tiny Milwaukee gallery. But that is by no means certain.

What is clear is that Alfred Bader, a survivor of many kinds of war — military, political, industrial and artistic — has no intention of giving up.

Not now. Not ever.

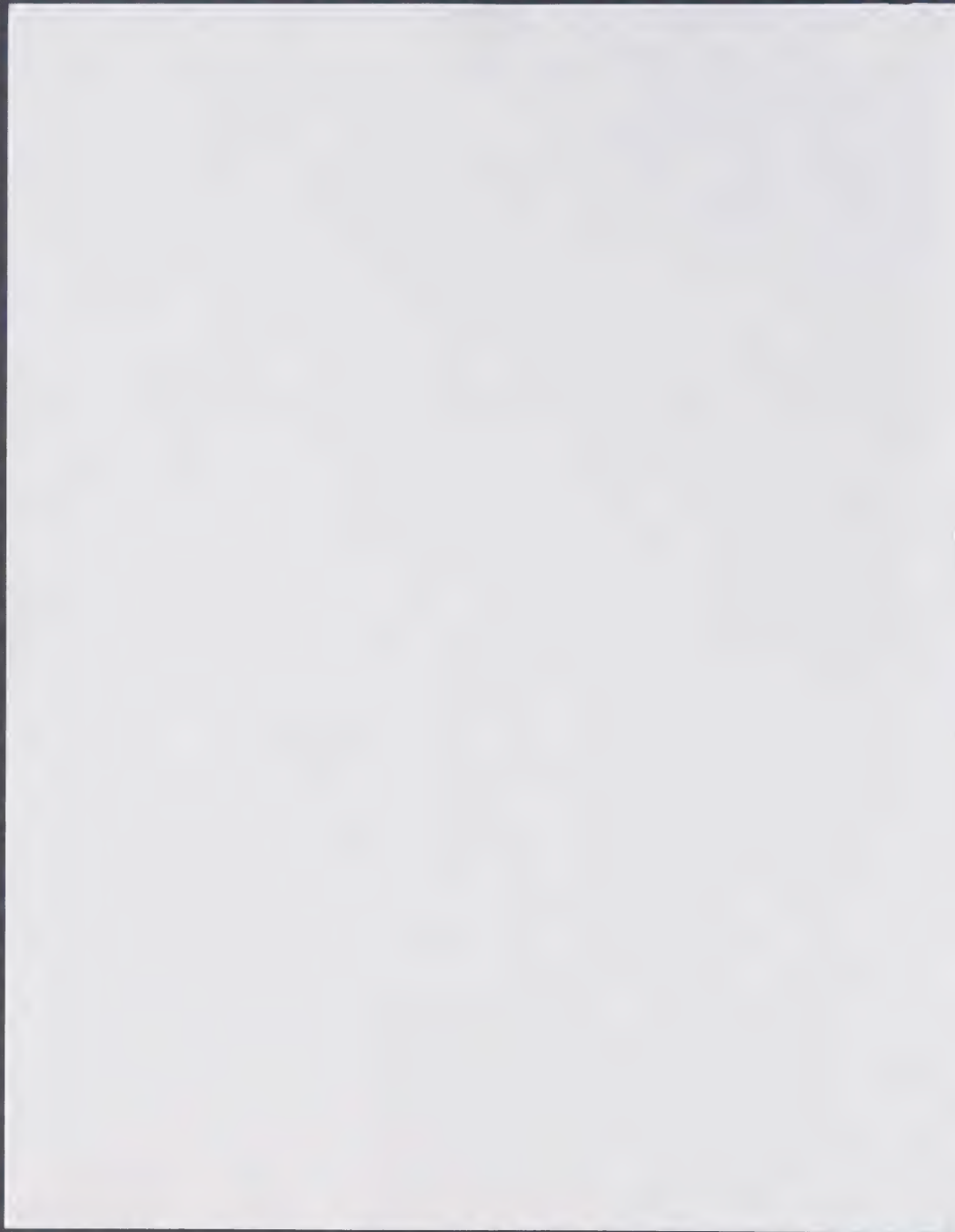


Schilderijen en grafiek
Donderdag 25 juni, aanvang 19.00 uur

1419	HOLLANDESE SCHOOL, 19 ^e EEUW, Gemijn, visverkoopster en marktkoopman bij ochtendstemering, paneel 16 x 12	200-400
1420	HOLLANDESE SCHOOL, 17/18 ^e EEUW, portret en buste van oude vrouwe, paneel 24 x 19	300-600
1421	HOLLANDESE SCHOOL, 17/18 ^e EEUW, miniatuurportret van Jansen, de Wit, paneel 10 x 8	500-1000
1422	HOLLANDESE SCHOOL, ONBEEKEND, in de smide, paneel 17 x 11	a.t.p.
1423	BAHUE JULES, ges. r.o., pers., paneel 18 x 13	400-700
1424	VERMUNDT, A., met sign., schilderij, paneel 16 x 13	200-400
1425	DOMBURG, C., met sign., Donsker rozen, bord 30 x 40	50-100
1426	RUSSELSCH SCHOOL, ONBEEKEND, winterlandschap, bord 12 x 17	200-300
1427	HOLLANDESE SCHOOL, gemen., onduidel. loo, berkenboom, paneel 20 x 11	100-200
1428	HOLLANDESE SCHOOL, ONBEEKEND, heeren in de kerktank, inkt 12 x 19	a.t.p.
1429	BORSSELEN, VAN, NAAR, beordelij linsje zandweg, paneel 18 x 27	200-300
1430	MORN, L., met sign., twee kwalingen, doek 42 x 21	200-420
1431	WEITFERBEEK, C., met sig. r.o., Eelderlandschap, paneel 21 x 30	300-500
1432	POGGEBEEK, GEO, ges. r.o., eenden in venne, paneel 23 x 41	500-1000
1433	HOLLANDESE SCHOOL, COMB., Schapen en landschap, gemengde techn., div. maten	100-200
1434	BECKER, A., met sign., stilveen, paneel 42 x 37	500-1000
1435	FEIJZE, onduidel. ges. r.o., stilveen met timen kam en amajyllisen, doek 70 x 50	200-400
1436	AKKERMAN, A., met sign., besneeuwde boslandschap, doek 60 x 50	80-120
1437	KONING, JEF, ges. r.o., figuren, gemengde techniek, 60 x 70	100-200
1438	FRANSE SCHOOL, MET ONDUID. SIGN. LOO, studegezicht, aquarel 36 x 46	300-500
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1440	MOISVIHRICGL, met sign., combin., loo van 5 div. landschappen, doek div. maten	100-200
1441	MEDVARI, MAURICE, ges. r.o., beoekd bloemrn, paneel 35 x 24	500-800

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1443	GULUS, ges. r.o., stilveen met flessen, doek 30 x 40	a.t.p.
1444	ONBEEKEND, christelijk stilveen met appel en brood, bord 60 x 37	200-400
1445	OTTER, M., met sign. r.o., Frans dorpsplein, doek 50 x 40	80-120
1446	GELEEN, J., met sign. loo, vader en zoon, paneel 33 x 32	300-400
1447	HONGAARSE SCHOOL, onopvallendschap, al for glas en huldiging 24 x 33	200-400
1448	HOLLANDESE SCHOOL, ONBEEKEND, stilveen, doek 51 x 40	50-100
1449	ENGELSE SCHOOL, onduidelijk sign. r.o., beordelij aan water, paneel 16 x 22	100-200
1450	HOLLANDESE SCHOOL, rivierlandschap, doek 50 x 70	300-600
1451	NOEL, V., combin., met sign., loo van 2 stilveens, doek div. maten	80-120
1452	KARMEINK, G., met sign., rivierlandschap, miniatuur 49 x 34	300-500
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1454	HOLLANDESE SCHOOL, berkenbomen aan duipeparij, doek 40 x 60	100-200
1455	FEIJZE, met sign. loo, boslandschap, doek 40 x 30	100-200
1456	KOUW, C., met sig. r.o., meerdlandschap, paneel 36 x 40	a.t.p.
1457	OVERDUJN, I.O., O.A., op van 5 div. landschappen, gemengde techn., div. maten	a.t.p.
1458	HOLLANDESE SCHOOL, combin., bloemen, bomen en stilveen, doek div. maten	a.t.p.
1459	KRUIJP, S.J., met sign., bloemen, paneel 34 x 24	40-70
1460	HARDENBERG, LAABERTUS, ges. loo., dopgezicht, aquarel 20 x 30	500-1000
1461	HOLLANDESE SCHOOL, ONBEEKEND, rozen in vaas, doek 40 x 32	150-250
1462	CINSEBURG, MAX, ges. en getid., '66 r.o., paneel Van Gogh, miniatuur 50 x 40	a.t.p.
1463	NELKINS, MAJ, gesig. r.o., dorps in muvel, doek, 70 x 80	500-800
1464	DIJKSRA, met sign., kavels, inwen, doek 39 x 58	300-600





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erde zaterdag voor de 25ste keer een kerstdiner voor dakloze en eenzame Amsterdammers.

Eerlijkheid verzacht pijn diefstal

(Van een verslaggever)

AMSTERDAM - Wonderen gebeuren nog steeds. In november maakte A. Bader, een bekend kunstverzamelaar uit het Amerikaanse Milwaukee, er nog een mee. Kort nadat hij en zijn vrouw in Amsterdam waren aangekomen, werd een tas gestolen met drie zeventiende-eeuwse schilderijen. Niet dat dat was zo verwonderlijk, wel echter dat de dag erna een eerlijke vinder één schilderij bleek te hebben gevonden en, nog miraculeuzer, hij geen beloning wilde.

Bader werd op het Centraal Station het slachtoffer van een klassieke gasdiefvertrac. Zijn vrouw stond met de bagage bij de tramhalte, terwijl Bader een kaart ging kopen bij de VVV. Een man leidde even de aandacht van Baders vrouw af, waarop iemand er met een kofferje vandoor ging. Behalve geld en sieraden zaten daarin drie schilderijen.

Wie de kunstenaars van de drie schilderijen zijn, is niet geheel duidelijk. Bader wilde ze in Nederland juist bij het Rijksbureau voor Kunsthistorische Documentatie laten onderzoeken. In elk geval is er een portret bij van de moeder van Rembrandt, waarschijnlijk van een leerling. Een ander portret, van een man, is waarschijnlijk ook van een leerling van Rembrandt. Dit schilderij zat niet in een lijst, zoals de andere, maar in een plastic mapje.

De volgende morgen werd Bader in zijn hotel gebeld door een vriendin uit Den Haag. Zij vertelde die nacht te zijn gebeld door een man die zei een van de schilderijen te hebben. Bader vermoedde dat de beller een van de dieven was, die losgeld voor de schilderijen wilde.

Het bleek echter te gaan om een eerlijke vinder die op weg naar huis een stapel papieren en foto's had zien liggen. Bij na-

dere inspectie werd het de vinder, Albert Vos, duidelijk dat het niet om oud papier ging. Hij nam alles mee naar huis, waar hij op het portret van de man stuitte. Via de telefoonnummers in de papieren kwam hij in contact met Bader.

De kunstverzamelaar bood Vos een beloning, maar deze weigerde geld: "Ik hoef niet te verdienen aan andermans sores." Ook op het aanbod van een schilderij ging hij niet in. "Op de trap is al drie keer ingebroken." Pas na aandringen van Bader stemde hij in met een gift van 200 dollar aan de scouting, waarbij Vos betrokken is. Ook nodigde Bader Vos uit Milwaukee te bezoeken. Die uitnodiging nam de vinder graag aan. Bader heeft de andere twee schilderijen nog niet terug. Hij hoopt dat nog ergens opduiken. Maar veel belangrijker zegt hij het te vinden 'een goederlijke man' te hebben ontmoet.

Acht maande celstraf voor homeopaat

(Van een medewerkster)

AMSTERDAM/EEMNES - Amsterdamse homeop. B. M. (44) is vrijdag door het gerechtshof in Amsterdam acht maanden onvoorwaardelijke gevangenisstraf veroordeeld omdat door zijn schuld een vrouw die hij behandelde is overleden.

Tegen M. was twaalf maanden geest. Het slachtoffer, een 37-jarige vrouw uit Eemnes, kwam bij de homeopaat voor suikerziekte onder behandeling. De homeopaat had met haar afgeproken dat ze steeds minder insuline zou spuiten. De vrouw raakte de nacht van 11 op 12 januari 1991 in een zogenaamd comabieticum en stierf.

De homeopaat - die geen huisarts is - was bij de vrouw aanwezig toen zij in coma raakte, maar de ernst van de situatie niet. Het hof vindt dat de homeopaat zeer onachtzaam en onoordeelkundig heeft gehandeld.

Om toekomstige patiënten van de homeopaat te waarschuwen heeft het gerechtshof beslist de uitspraak openbaar moet worden gemaakt. Daarvoor werd drie kranten aangewezen: *Trouw*, *Volkskrant* en deze krant. Kosten van de publicatie komen voor rekening van de homeopaat.

De homeopaat vindt zich niet schuldig. Hij gaat tegen zijn arrest aan het hof in cassatie.

Uitstoot dioxine binnen de norm

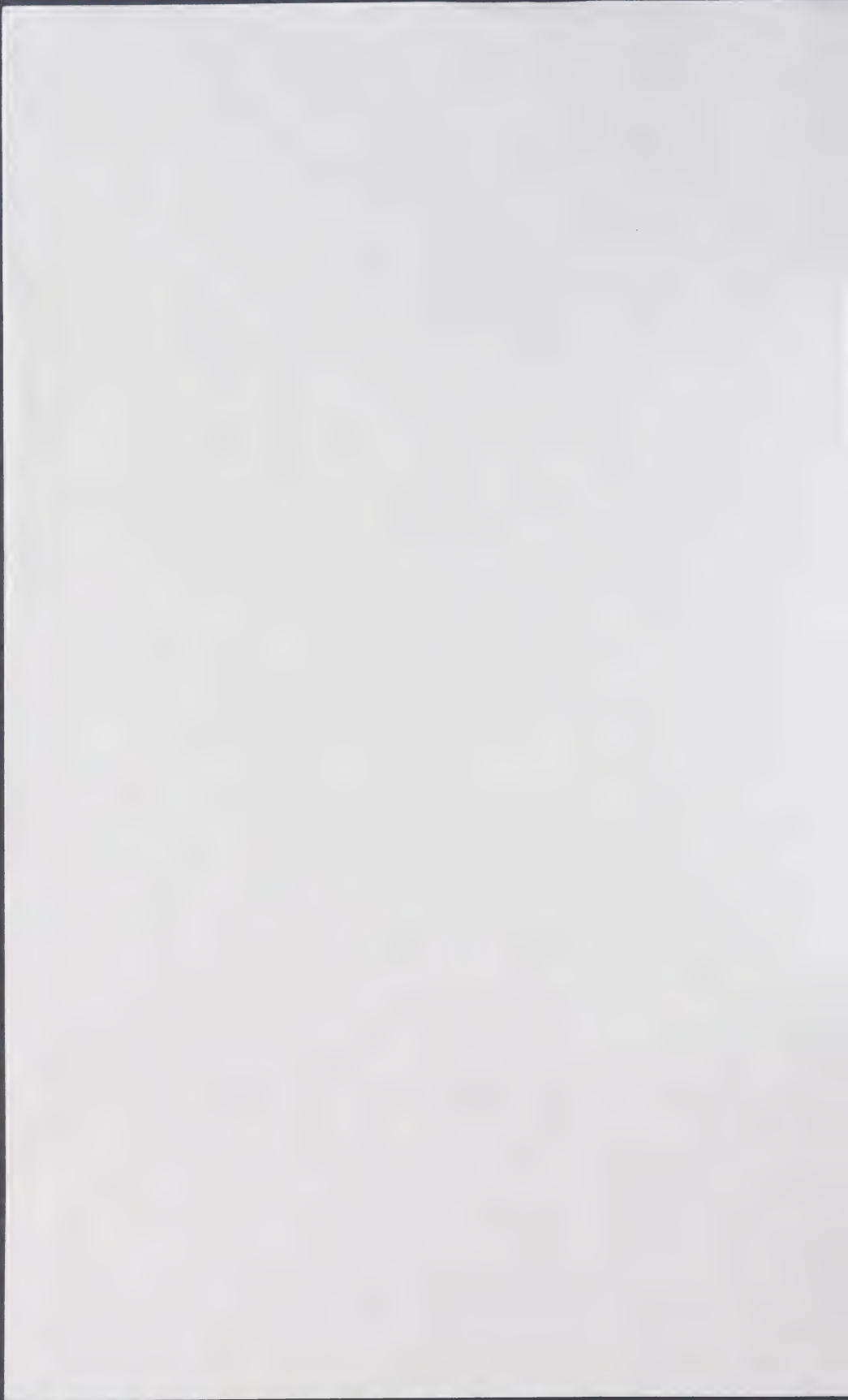
(Van een verslaggever)

AMSTERDAM - De afvalverwerkingsinstallatie AVI-West voldoet aan de normen voor dioxine-uitstoot. De maatregelen die deze zomer zijn genomen om de te grote uitstoot te beperken, hebben resultaat gehad.

Dit blijkt uit onafhankelijk onderzoek van het bureau Fictus Gedeputeerde Staten van Noord-Holland hadden AVI-West in het Westelijk Havengebied tot 1 januari 1995 een gedoogbesluit gekregen.

Begin dit jaar bleek de uitstoot van de in juni 1993 geopende afvalverwerkingsinstallatie te voldoen aan de wettelijke norm. De provincie gaf de AVI-West een gedoogvergunning tot juli dit jaar in afwachting van een onderzoek. Deze vergunning werd de zomer verlengd tot 1 januari 1995.

Uit het onderzoek blijkt de uitstoot van de vier verbraten dingslijnen nog niet voldoet aan de norm voor dioxine-uitstoot. Desondanks wordt voldaan aan de voorwaarden die aan de vergunning zijn gesteld.



Coekartel stevige kap toegebracht

(Van een verslaggever)

DE HAAG. - De negenpolitie Haaglanden deukt het Colombiaanse Cali-kartel toebracht met het onderschrijven, zaterdag, van drie reeds klaar cocaine op diverse locaties in Amsterdam en omgeving, en de arrestatie van 24 mensen. Veel van de arrestanten zijn Colombiaanse.



De Doopsegerijde Gemeente in de hoofdstad organiseert zaterdag voor de 25ste keer een kerstviering voor dakloze en eenzame Amsterdammers

Weer met bedrijven om de tafel Eerlijkheid verzaakt pijn diefstal

door MARION BOUWEN en JOS VERIGAN

AMSTERDAM. - De gemeente Amsterdam heeft haar contact met het bedrijfsleven jarenlang verwaarloosd. Het probleem wordt maar even uit het zicht van de politiek. Dit heeft de raad van bestuur van de stad, die nu de raad van bestuur van de gemeente is, nu eenmaal weer in de hand en een reëel contact met de ondernemers. Het eerste resultaat is een advies van de raad van bestuur van de gemeente Amsterdam om de contacten met het bedrijfsleven te herstellen. Het advies is gericht op de komende jaren.

in het college. Maar dat college voor de strategie voor extra vijf procent, voor landbouw, voor de kansen en de marktovername. Het bedrijf heeft nu een plan om te proberen te krijgen. Het bedrijf heeft nu een plan om te proberen te krijgen. Het bedrijf heeft nu een plan om te proberen te krijgen.

(Van een verslaggever) AMSTERDAM. - Winsten groeien nu steeds. In november maakte A. Bader, een bekend kunstvervoerder uit het Amerikaanse Milwaukee, er nog een aantal opmerkingen. Het bedrijf heeft nu een plan om te proberen te krijgen. Het bedrijf heeft nu een plan om te proberen te krijgen.

Wie de kunstwerken van de drie schilders zijn, is niet geheel duidelijk. Bader wilde in Nederland juist bij het rijbewijs van kunstvervoerder. Het bedrijf heeft nu een plan om te proberen te krijgen. Het bedrijf heeft nu een plan om te proberen te krijgen.

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EERSTE REDACTIE

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Tijdens de kerstgaten tekende kunstenaar Meindert van Soest in Galerie W 139 onder een biënné. Hij tekende op straat in Beeldhuis. Alleen het centrum van die biënné. Zijn stukke hoofd en de grote ogen van de mens die het papier met een groot wit vlak rondde. Dat maakt 'n' tekening visueel spannend.

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door HAMBROERS PEN

AMSTERDAM. - Het aantal flatwachten van Veilig Buisen met 1000 onderdelen van het Bureau Stadsbouw, wordt met honderd uitgebreid tot honderd flatwachten. Deze flatwachten krijgen als vertrekken de flats in Zandvoort van de woonwoningvereniging 'Nieuw Amsterdam'.

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Actrice Lous Hensen (74) overleden AMSTERDAM - De actrice Lous Hensen is zaterdag 24 januari overleden in Amsterdam... Belangrijke mededeling voor gebruikers van medische hulpmiddelen...

Expositie tekeningen in Boymans ROTTERDAM - Het Twee tentoonstellingen zijn op 27 december 1994 te zien in de tentoonstellingszaal van het Koninklijk Museum voor Etnografie in Rotterdam... Het is de eerste keer dat de tentoonstelling wordt bezocht door meer dan 100.000 mensen...

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