



By Helen Bryant

Names & Faces

WHINE OF THE DAY

"My whine is trying to find some local news on the local news channels."

- LESLIE DUNNING of Dallas

Be lonesome no more

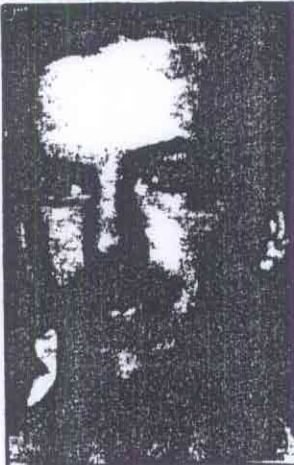
You should be able to rent "Lonesome Dove" at the video store very soon. Screenwriter-producer **Bill Wittliff** says now that the TV contract is up, there's nothing to keep the epic, based on **Larry McMurtry's** novel, out of your VCR. There's still talk of a sequel or "prequel", but don't look for Bill to be involved. "I wouldn't try it again," he said. "I don't think you could assemble that cast again. And so much of that was serendipity." Bill says he currently is working on a television series for CBS. He said "Ned Blessing," based on a character from a number of his tales, is tentatively scheduled to debut in January 1992. Bill said he doesn't have the script ready yet, but vowed the show "will be made in Texas with Texans."

Pass the roles

If you look like **Lee Harvey Oswald**, this may be your one chance to have something good come of it. Casting director **Kris Nicolais** says she's looking for people who look the way Oswald, **John Kennedy**, **Jackie Kennedy** and **John and Nellie Connally** looked in 1963. She also needs a young Russian woman in her early 20s to play **Marina Oswald**. These types are needed for **Oliver Stone's** movie about the Kennedy assassination, and the local search implies that the film's emphasis will be not on the event itself but on the subsequent investigative work. **Kevin Costner**, mentioned by sources in connection with the project, apparently is being considered for a role other than the aforementioned ones. The film is scheduled to start shooting on April 15 [after Ollie files his taxes]. If you look like any of these folks, send a photo and your phone number to **Carnelot Productions**, 2927 Maple Ave., 4th floor, Dallas 75207, marked "Attention casting." And it might not be a bad idea to write on there which one you think you look like.

Storm front

More Desert Storm troop-supporting



Lee Harvey Oswald



Gretchen Polhemus



Oliver Stone

him, alleging assault, battery, libel and slander. Yup, this is the same case we've written about before. The neighbor alleges that when she went to Axl's place to tell him to turn down his music, he whacked her on the head with a wine bottle, then afterward had the nerve to call her a FAN. She would like an unspecified amount of money for being thus wounded.

Meanwhile

The **Duke of Westminster's** wife, **Natalia**, has given birth to a son, and they have named the little boy **Huge**. He wasn't that huge; he weighed 8 pounds. But when you're the richest man in Britain, you tend to think expansively. The baby's entire name is **Huge Richard Louis**, and he automatically becomes the **Earl of Grosvenor**. Eventually, he'll be the duke. . . . **Brian Wilson** sat in with the house band at Hollywood's **China Club** this week and sang all sorts of **Beach Boys** tunes. Everybody was pleased. "I felt loved and accepted," said a happy Brian. . . . **Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter** have been chosen **honorary heads of Atlanta's Table**, a charity in which restaurants send fine meals to the homeless. Atlanta's Table feeds about 700 people a day.

. . . Conductor **Zubin Mehta**, who recently visited Israel, said in New York this week that he plans to go back soon and do a concert there. He can't do it now, though; no public assembly is allowed because of the war

The Associated Press contributed to this column.

