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Leave it to Jane

TED TURNER was not amused. At a late November cable TV bash in Anaheim, Calif., wanna-be movie magnate Barry Diller reminded the audience that Turner wouldn't get the top job if the Time Warner/Turner Broadcasting deal went through. Apparently stung, Turner responded: "Well, [vice chairman's] not much of a title, but I've

got horses. I've got another life I can go to if I have to." He smiles fondly at his wife Jane. Came Robert Redford to the support of old friend Diller. Redford: "My life is about independent films. It's tied to what I do and my profession. I don't have Jane . . . but I did." Redford grinned. The crowd broke up. Turner didn't even crack a smile.



Robert Redford and Jane Fonda in the 1967 film "Barefoot in the Park" **Says Redford: "I don't have Jane . . . but I did."**



Bad boy Eric Douglas **Erstwhile insurance salesman.**

Angeles in July. He was met at the airport by the cops after pinching the rear end of a female flight attendant and then assaulting her colleague (whom he allegedly called "fag-got") who tried to restrain him. He was dragged from LAX to the hoosegow kicking and screaming. Sounds like a voice to inspire trust funds, rather than trust.

Heavy water

FORTY ACRES, riv view, fire-sale price. What was once going to be Germany's first plutonium-fired nuclear power plant may become an amusement park on the Rhine riv-

er near the Dutch border. Following the Chernobyl disaster in 1986, the German government scrapped the unfinished plant, which had been under construction since 1973.

Henny van der Most, a Dutch businessman who owns a chain of amusement parks, bought the site from the government and plans hotels and sports facilities featuring a variety of water rides. Presumably the customers won't need to wear radiation suits.

Flighty insurance

PROOF THAT IRONY is not dead in the insurance industry: The voice narrating a new television commercial for the staid, Wausau, Wis.-based Wausau Insurance Cos. (1994 revenues, \$1.8 billion) belongs to the unstaidd, often-arrested Eric Douglas, 33, youngest son of Kirk and half-brother of Michael. You may recall Eric's shenanigans on a flight bound for Los

Beating the Dow

SINCE BEING NAMED to the board of directors of Dow Jones last year, Mexican ex-president Carlos Salinas has missed three of the last five board meetings. Can it be that Salinas is staying away to avoid facing the horde of Mexican reporters who besiege the Dow Jones offices on the date of each meeting?



Former Mexican president Carlos Salinas **Where are you, Carlos?**



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CONGRESSIONAL MUTTERINGS of disapproval notwithstanding, more wealthy Americans are renouncing their U.S. citizenship and becoming tax refugees. The latest defectors: Mark Harris Getty and Christopher Ronald Getty, grandsons of the eccentric billionaire oil tycoon John Paul Getty. The Getty heirs now carry Irish passports. They were granted Irish citizenship under a special deal that requires them to invest 1 million Irish punts (around \$654,000) in Ireland.

Smoke and mirrors

HARVEY MYERSON sank the high-flying 1980s law firms Finley, Kumble and Myerson & Kuhn, and bilked clients out of millions of dollars. He also became mildly famous for wearing a different toupee every day in court in order to give the illusion that his hair was growing.

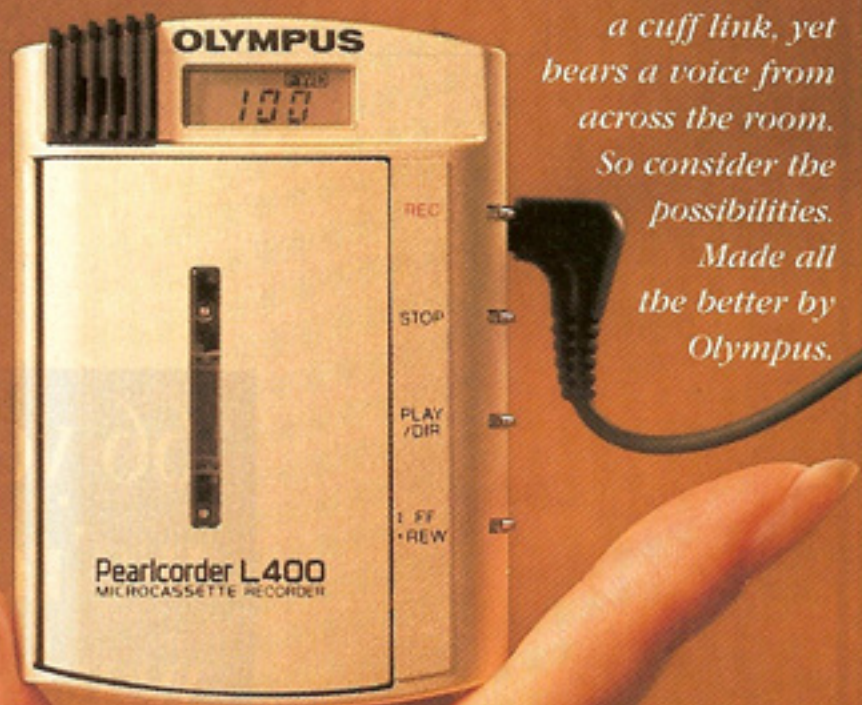
In tracking him down for the



FORBES list of highest-paid lawyers, our reporters found Harvey serving time in a low-security prison on an old Air Force base in Florida. A jailer tells us that Myerson hasn't lost any of his moneymaking zeal. "Yeah, Harvey's been to a couple of prisons already," the jailer told us, "moved around a lot. He got caught smuggling cigars and selling them to inmates. . . ."

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