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Horse demand is high, supply is low



11-YEAR-OLD BLAKE LARMON waits to show a horse during an auction in Marion. Blake traveled with his father, Jay, Oklahoma, to sell horses.

Simpson grand jury dismissed

Judge: Publicity may have prejudiced case

■ **Alan Derahowitz and F. Lee Bailey have joined the former football player's defense team**

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The O.J. Simpson double-murder case took another astonishing twist Friday when a judge aborted a grand jury probe after complaints that sensational news coverage may have influenced the grand jury.

The decision means the case will advance to a preliminary hearing on Thursday, during which prosecutors will have to say that evidence is open court as Simpson's lawyer had wanted.

If the grand jury had indicted Simpson first, no hearing would have been held.

The 34-year-old former football star remains in jail on charges of murdering his ex-wife and a friend of hers.

Prosecution defense lawyers Alan Derahowitz and F. Lee Bailey have joined Simpson's defense team and Bailey told CNN's Larry King Live they have been working on the case since earlier this week.

A source said "The Associated Press that Derahowitz helped on the action that led to Friday's move by Superior Court Judge Cecil J. Miles, halting the grand jury, is the only newspaper that has reported the story.

As an unanticipated result of the unique circumstances of this matter

pending before the 1983-94 grand jury, some jurors have become aware of potentially prejudicial matters not officially presented to them by the district attorney," said Miles, the court's supervising judge.

He said the 23-member grand jury to close its books on the Simpson case. The grand jury had been hearing testimony all week.

Simpson, wearing a dark suit and white, sportcoat, carried a briefcase, sat attentively during the hearing and appeared to be listening to the testimony.

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This is no one-horse town

Marion attracts thousands to its sales arenas

By Sherry Breving Kind
Post-Crescent contributor

Strangers driving through Marion on a weekend might wonder what attracts the many people wearing western hats and driving vehicles with lots of state horse plates.

The parking lots of the local support clubs are full. The Main Street taverns bustle with a crowd of thirsty customers. Markets are booked to capacity. What draws so many travelers to this small community?

Horses.

There are more horses going through Marion than any other place in Wisconsin," said Dean Nolan, describing how the city is emerging as the state's horse trading capital.


In an average year, more than 1,000 horses are brought here to be sold through consignment sales held at either Midwest Livestock Producers or the Nolan Arena.

Dean Nolan manages the sales held five or six times a year at Midwest. His cousin, Tim Nolan, owns the Nolan Arena and conducts nine sales a year. Though they are involved with separate sales, both Nolans trace the history of horse sales here to their grandfather, Perry Nolan.

During the 1930s, the Nolan family operated the auction barn, then located in the downtown. Perry Nolan made arrangements to sell West to sell livestock and purchase horses that he brought back to a sale held either on or just before Market Day.

Clayton, Midwest manager, worked at the auction barn all that time. He recalled that the greatest demand for horses there was for summer camp, and "that was the logic of the Mother's Day sale."

Midwest eventually purchased the auction barn and for the past 25 years has continued the



TERRY MCCORMICK waits for shoppers at a Saturday horse auction in Marion.

tradition of holding a horse sale in early May. Fourteen years ago, when Midwest built a new sales arena off U.S. 41, Carley sought to increase the volume of the horse sales and brought Dean Nolan on board to manage them.

"It worked real well to have Dean," Carley said, describing him as a well-respected horseman who has developed a rapport with traders throughout the United States. With his help, Midwest horse sales grew from an annual event to a bi-monthly occurrence attracting an

average of 2,000 people, including as many as 500 traders.

Tim Nolan, who regularly trades at the Midwest horse sales, realized that the horse market was growing, so in early 1993 he began to build his own sales at the arena located on State 110. He is now thought to have the largest operation in the state.

"Right now we have severely declining horse

Photo by **HORSES**, BACK PAGE

Five mills blamed for PCBs in river

■ **By naming potentially responsible parties, the federal government could undermine action currently under way to handle the problem**

By James Meyer
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In what could be the first step in a massive environmental lawsuit, the federal government has told five paper mills that they are potentially responsible for PCB contamination in the Fox River.

Included among the firms notified this week by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service are three Fox River mills: Riverside Paper of Appleton, Wisconsin Tissue Mills of Menasha and P.H. Glatfelter Co. of Neenah. Fort Howard Corp. of Green Bay and U.S. Paper Mills of De Pere also were notified.

"We sent notices to the five paper mills that both notify and define the cases which are, we believe, the primary contributors of PCBs in the river," Dave Allen, a damage assessment specialist with the Fish and Wildlife, said in an Associated Press story.

Raymond Camp, an attorney and lobbyist for the Neenah-based Wisconsin Paper Council, said Friday listing the five mills as "potentially responsible parties" usually signals the start of litigation.

"Nine times out of 10 these things do end up in court," he said.

Camp said while he thinks the Wildlife Service are three Fox River mills, Riverside Paper of Ap

Attempt to prop up dollar falls short

Worried investors push stock and bond prices lower

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States launched another international rescue effort to prop up the sagging dollar on Friday, but the attempt was branded a failure by financial markets and a Republican opponent of the president.

Critics derided the administration's third attempt since late April to halt the dollar's slide as poorly timed and badly executed.

The administration dispatched those comments with President Clinton maintaining that the whole issue of the dollar's instability was being overlooked.

"The American dollar is actually stronger again a lot of other currencies in the world than it was a year ago. I think it's important that we not overreact to this," the president said in a telephone call to a St. Louis talk radio station.

But in Capitol Hill, Sen. Pete Domenici, R-N.M., termed the dollar's instability a "global vice of no confidence" in Clinton policies.

"I, among many others, attribute

World War II record low of 109.35. Against the German mark, \$1 was buying 1.865 German marks, a 15-month low, down from 1.6905 marks on Thursday.

Seeing that Friday's effort to bolster the dollar backfired, Wall Street investors grew jittery, pushing stocks and bond prices lower.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 41.82 to 5,036.54.

The price of the 30-year Treasury bond fell sharply from Friday, pushing the yield up to 7.52%.

Many economists said that Wall Street is worried that the Federal Reserve will soon be forced to boost interest rates in this country for a fifth time since February as a last resort to defend the dollar's value.

Intervention never works unless it is followed by significant interest rate adjustments," said Stephen Stanley & Co. in New York. "Intervention without interest rate changes, is viewed as a waste of money."

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Mills blamed for PCBs

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federal government is making a big mistake, the notices come as no surprise.

"They've been making rumblings about it for several months now. In fact, they asked the (state Department of Natural Resources) to join in, to become trustees in this suit. The DNR declined, to its credit," he said.

If the notification leads to litigation, the issue to be decided in federal court probably will center on the financing of a PCB cleanup program for the Fox River.

PCBs, or polychlorinated biphenyls, are now-banned chemical compounds that were once widely used by Fox River paper mills.

Although no one knows how much an aggressive PCB cleanup campaign would cost, some estimates run into hundreds of millions of dollars.

Carey said the move by the federal government to identify potentially responsible parties comes at a time when a cooperative approach for dealing with PCBs in the Fox River was unfolding. Guided by the Fox River Coalition, an alliance that includes area municipalities, industries and the DNR, real progress was being made, Carey said.

"The Department of Natural Resources and the Fox River Coalition

have urged Fish and Wildlife to hold off and allow the cooperative process currently under way for the cleanup to unfold," he said.

"They decided to move forward with the initial stages of a natural resources damage suit. We believe it's extremely poor timing."

That view was stated earlier by the coalition, which warned the Fish and Wildlife Service by letter that identifying potentially responsible parties would undermine its work.

"Once (responsible parties) are named, our voluntary, 'no-fault' effort will be reduced to an adversarial situation which will likely result in the dissolution of the coalition," the coalition said.

Sal Cianciola, the president of Wisconsin Tissue Mills, downplayed the notification, saying it is far too early to say what it means.

"I don't even think it's a story now. It's something that's in its initial stages. You can make a lot of assumptions, people can say a lot of things, but who really knows?" he said.

But Cliff Bowers, a Fort Howard spokesman, was troubled by the Fish and Wildlife Service action.

"Progress was being made and this action to some degree may threaten that," he said.

■ *The Associated Press contributed to this story.*