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Dustin Miller named officer of the year

By James Neal / staff

In a ceremony at the Garden Plaza Hotel Monday afternoon, Dustin Miller was named Police Officer of the Year by Rutherford County Crime Stoppers.

Assistant police chief John Waggoner said Miller was nominated by fellow officers.

"He is one of the finest individuals I have ever worked with," Waggoner said, calling him "... one of the future leaders of law enforcement."

Waggoner said Crime Stoppers solicited nominations for an officer who performed in an above-average fashion. The key, he said, was consistency. They did not want nominations based upon specific instances.

Miller said he was surprised, and honored to receive the award. "I was just about floored. I genuinely didn't expect anything like this," he said.

A major factor in Miller's selection is the extraordinary amount of work he does on behalf of the MTSU police department, and as a representative of MTSU to the Murfreesboro community, Waggoner said.

One of Miller's biggest accomplishments, Waggoner said, was writing a grant proposal which resulted in federal money to hire eight new campus police officers.

Miller has been very busy with programs on campus and in the community to educate and inform

citizens, Waggoner said, having presented over 50 crime awareness programs on campus and in the city; he has assisted in developing two neighborhood watches.

"I still patrol, but I try to take a particular focus to improve the standard of life," Miller said. "Everything I do with law enforcement is to improve the standard of life."

He worked with Campus Housing to open a satellite police office at family housing. Miller said it has bridged the gap between them and us, helping to make them feel safer.

"This lets us get to know the people there," Miller said.

He and other officers talk with incoming freshmen and their family about crime and preventive steps they can take. When talking with incoming freshmen, a family panel is set-up so parents can voice concerns and ask questions.

Miller teaches D.A.R.E. classes at Reeves Rogers Elementary School and Campus School, which educates elementary school children about the dangers of drug use.

"It's a positive thing," Miller said. The D.A.R.E. classes help build the self-esteem of the children.

Miller is also the full-time supervisor of the student patrol, which provides escorts at night and locks up buildings.

Crime Stoppers is a not-for-profit organization which pays informants for information leading to the arrest of criminals. ●



Julee A. Shelton / staff

Bicycle Safety

Campus police officer Dustin Miller educates local children about the importance of bicycle safety.

MTSU professor to teach wine making

By Mark T. Gibson / staff

Beginning Thursday, Tony Johnston, professor of Agribusiness and Agriscience will teach a course in home wine-making. Johnston holds a Ph.D. in Enology (wine making) from the University of Arkansas.

"Most people in this area consider wine a luxury item. It isn't," he said. "In California wine is a household word. There's no reason it can't be the same in Tennessee."

The class will cover the basic

chemistry of the wine-making process and will include field trips to a local winery.

"Because we're going as a class we'll get a more detailed tour than the standard one for tourists," he said.

No wine will be produced or consumed on campus due to University policies. With an eye to the future, Johnston said that he hopes to put a vineyard on campus this fall; it will take about three years to get the vines up, he said. ●

Associated Press

Same-sex sodomy is constitutionally protected in Tennessee.

The state Supreme Court declined Monday to hear the state's appeal of a lower court ruling that a 1989 law making sodomy between homosexuals illegal was unconstitutional.

"We are claiming victory," said Hedy Weinberg, executive director of the state American Civil Liberties Union.

Sharon Curtis - Flair, a spokeswoman for the state Attorney

general's office, declined to comment on the Supreme Court decision except to say there would be no further appeals.

Acting on behalf of the state and Gov. Don Sundquist, Attorney General Charles Burson had asked the Supreme Court to reconsider the Jan. 26 ruling by the state Court of Appeals that the anti-sodomy law violated the constitutional right to privacy.

The state had appealed an earlier ruling by Davidson County Circuit Court Judge Walter Kurtz in a lawsuit by five homosexuals who said they had violated the law in the past and feared

prosecution.

The appeals court upheld Kurtz's ruling that private sexual activity between consenting adults of the same sex was protected by state constitution.

The state argued that the Legislature was attempting to protect the public health and safety when it enacted the law in 1989.

State attorneys said homosexuals have a much higher incidence of AIDS and other problems, including depression and alcoholism, and public aid is sometimes used to treat those diseases. ●

LAMBDA chapter marches for gay pride

by Mark T. Gibson

Saturday's rain dampened the streets of Nashville, but not the spirits of the 40 MTSU students and alumni who marched in the Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Pride Parade.

"This is the second year we've participated in the Pride Parade," said Michael Grantham, spokesman for Lambda's MTSU chapter. "Our purpose was to participate in a bigger community activity."

"It was also an affirmation of our own community-sense. It's slowly developed since the group was founded in the early 80's."

Marchers listened to several speakers and were entertained by bands until the one o'clock parade kickoff, Grantham said. The parade itself started at the Legislative Plaza in downtown Nashville and wound its way to Broad St. he said.

"The parade was really an improvement over last year; the [organizers] didn't raise enough money so we just had to walk on the sidewalks. This year we were actually in the street," Grantham said.

Grantham characterized the MTSU group as "loud, vocal, and attention-getting," adding that some of the parade marshalls chose to



photo provided

Members of LAMBDA march in gay rights parade.

walk with the MTSU contingent because of the group's energy and spirit.

Rain threatened the parade, and in some parts of Tennessee the National Weather Service issued

severe thunderstorm warnings. The parade went on, however - damp but enthusiastic.

The MTSU Lambda Association is a gay, lesbian, and bisexual support group. ●

State pushes for CCA prison control

Associated Press

Gov. Don Sundquist is nearly finished with a contract to put a second state prison under the control of Corrections Corp. of America, lawmakers learned Tuesday.

The contract would let the Nashville-based company operate a prison it is building in Hardeman County. CCA operates a state prison in Wayne County.

Because of a state law limiting private prison management companies to one Tennessee prison, the contract will be with a non-profit corporation set up to own the prison.

The prison should be ready to house 1,504 prisoners in June 1997.

The plans surfaced when Finance Commissioner Bob Corker appeared before the Corrections Oversight Committee, the Legislature's watchdog over the state's troubled prison system.

There was some grumbling from the committee.

Sen. Thelma Harper, D-Nashville, complained about an "in-your-face

attitude" by the Sundquist administration.

"Whoever gave them the go-ahead on this is going to have to answer for whatever goes wrong," Rep. Lois DeBerry, D-Memphis, added.

The state would be liable for a per diem cost of about \$32 daily to CCA for each prisoner, plus the costs of principal and interest on about \$47 million in bonds to build the facility.

Corker said the plan "probably is not the way the state should be handling its prison needs," but this way is quicker than the state building its own prison.

A comparable state prison in Lauderdale County remains on the drawing boards 14 months after the Legislature approved its financing. It is not expected to open until 1999.

Hardeman County has pushed prison development as an industry. The county is in Lt. Gov. John Wilder's state Senate district. Betty Anderson, CCA's chief lobbyist, is the wife of Democratic House Speaker Jimmy Naifeh. ●

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Parrotheads look out

By Mak T. Gibson / staff

Parrotheads are still recovering from the long Jimmy Buffett album drought. Five years elapsed between *Off To See The Lizard* and *Fruitcakes*. Fortunately, Buffett appears to have resumed his former schedule of a new album each summer, with the release of his latest, *Banana Wind*.

A banana wind, as Buffet explains the liner notes, is an island term which refers to a wind weaker than a hurricane, but strong enough to blow bananas out of trees. Like that wayward wind, this album meanders all over the musical planet, and it is the most intricate Buffett album to date. Buffett's world beat is mixed with dirty blues riffs, 40's - era ragtime, gospel-type harmonies, and a fiddle and pipe duet that I swear has its origins in Ireland.

With this album, Buffett drifts somewhat from his storytelling roots to reveal a more personal side of himself. He resurrects some of his hippie ideals in *Only Time Will Tell*. "Are we destined to be ruled/By a bunch of old white men/Who compare the world to a football/And are programmed to defend/I'd like to try a princess/Or a non-terrestrial/Who is neither boast nor bashful/Is there really such a girl?"

Jamaica Mistaica stems from an episode earlier this year when Buffett, with passenger Bono (of U2) were mistaken for drug smugglers. Without warning, soldiers opened fire with automatic weapons, hitting their plane several times. "Just about to lose my temper as I endeavored to explain/We had only come for chicken we were not a ganja plane/Well you should have seen their faces when they finally realized/We were not some coked-up cowboys sporting guns and alibis."

The rest of the album is as excellent as any Parrothead could hope for. If there is a downside, it is the self-indulgence Buffett displays by singing about himself so much. It's almost a continuation of *Barometer Soup's* *Jimmy Dreams*. Still, if you get a little tired of listening to lyrics such as "I got a schoolboy heart/A novelist eye/Stout sailor's legs/And a license to fly," you can always just sit back and enjoy the artistry with which the lyrics are joined to music.

Bob Robert's Society Band is a treat, written in a style reminiscent of 40's era dance hall bands that almost (but not quite) makes you think of Spike Jones with its pacing and humor. The title track *Banana Wind* is the only instrumental that Buffett has released; music credits are shared with Roger Guth, Peter Mayer, Jim Mayer, and Russ Kunkel.

Overkill, *Cultural Infidel*, and *Happily Ever After (Now & Then)* are tasty Buffett-style songs. *False Echoes (Havana 1921)*, tells the story of his father's birth in Havana harbor in 1921. Buffett has written two songs about his daughters; this one concerns J.D. Buffett (Jimmy's father) and Jimmy's newly-adapted son, Cameron.

Parrotheads expect at least one pun-laden song per album, and with *Banana Wind* that requirement is met via *Mental Floss*. And, I might add, Buffett doesn't over-pronounce the pun to make sure the audience gets it as he did on live versions of *Last Mango in Paris*. The subtlety makes the song more enjoyable to listen to.

Banana Wind is the best Buffett I've heard. Buy it. Trust me. Now, I have a Macanudo and a bottle of rum somewhere around here. . . ●

Cool it down this summer with some free jazz

By Chris Stovall / staff

Every Sunday during this long hot month of June, there will be a free two hour jazz concert at Two Rivers Mansion. The series of summer concerts, called *Free Jazz On The Porch*, is part of The Performing Arts In Metro Parks Summer 1996 program. The shows will feature performers from various schools of jazz stretching from the traditionally influenced to those with unique Celtic influences.

"The series will feature a mixture of styles. It's designed to be middle of the road for everyone," stated Naomi Turek, an avid listener of jazz herself, who conceived of the idea after experiencing live music on the mansion's beautiful grounds during the many private functions held there.

"About three years ago, the symphony had some concerts here, but this is the first time ever for jazz," said Turek, the Metro Parks Director for Two Rivers Mansion. "I like jazz myself, so I compiled a list of groups I thought I'd like to see and that resulted in the line-up for the series."

Completed in 1859, Two Rivers Mansion is among the last of Nashville's elaborate country homes. A tour of the mansion which is listed in the National Register of Historic Places reveals its Italianate architecture, elaborate verandah, window facings and trim. The mansion has undergone over

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Naomi Turek
Metro Parks Director

\$200,000 in carefully researched renovations, and is itself well worth the trip. Currently, however, touring the house is only allowed during special functions such as the *Free Jazz On The Porch* concert series, which allows individuals to stroll through the mansion for free during the concert's intermission.

On Sunday June 9, the first concert date in the month long series, "The John Richards Group," a more traditional jazz group, showed up despite the possibility of rain.

The band set up on the mansion's newly restored back porch that overlooks the partially shaded rear lawn of thick grass. There were families and couples, both young and

old, relaxing on park benches, lawn chairs and blankets. The free concert was a great opportunity for everyone to eat picnic lunches, engage in chess matches and play with their dogs, all to the tune of smooth jazz. One concert listener even brought along their cat.

"I like sitting in the grass and listening to any kind of music," exclaimed Susan Martin, who came to the concert with her sister from nearby Old Hickory.

John Richards, the lead singer and guitarist for the premiering band, was more than happy with the sound achieved on the mansion's porch and the overall outcome.

"I play all over the country and outdoor concerts are the most fun to play, because of the atmosphere, the sun, the breeze, everybody's having a good time...I love it," exclaimed Richards, who feels that concert series such as this are a good opportunity for "people who haven't been initiated into jazz, that may not really know what it's all about, to get a taste of what jazz is like."

Also in attendance was Wayne Hill, "the best trumpet in Nashville," according to Turek. Hill's group, "The Easy Quartet," who play a nice and easy style jazz, will play the final concert of the series on June 30.

Other bands in the line up include "The Tachoir Group," a local favorite who will play June 16 and "Nashville Weather," a traditional jazz band with Celtic flair, whose repertoire

included Irish jigs, will play June 23.

"I hope to see this turn into a yearly event, continuing to grow," stated Turek. "I'd like to see three hundred people here eventually."

The Friends Of Two Rivers Mansion, who offered additional support for the series along with The Music Performance Trust Fund and Nashville Association of Musicians Local 257, is a non-profit organization that provides assistance to the Metropolitan Board of Parks and Recreation and that is committed to the continued preservation of the mansion and its grounds.

"We are responsible for getting things done around here," stated Jo Hughes, the current Director of The Friends Of Two Rivers Mansion. "We help to fund renovations and maintenance of the mansion and would eventually like to see it open to the public on a regular basis." The proceeds from refreshments sold during the June concerts will help to fund future projects.

Two Rivers Mansion, Two Rivers Golf Course, Two Rivers Park and Wave Country are all located in close proximity to one another. The mansion itself is situated on fourteen acres of well maintained property, with free parking and public restrooms. In the event of rain, the concerts will be moved inside. For more information about Two Rivers Mansion and *Free Jazz On The Porch* call 615-885-1112. ●

Local bar favorite goes out with a bang

By Dustin Schrimpscher / staff

For the last few years, MTSU students may have taken one of their favorite night spots for granted. The seemingly endless stream of cheap beer had run its course on Friday as a grand crowd of saddened and bewildered students tipped their glasses (at happy hour prices all night) to the memory of Squeezers.

The evening was not all memories and regret, three of Murfreesboro's most progressive musical acts performed for the last time amidst the wall sized murals of James Dean and motorcycles. Rub, Saturn V, and Aggie Colored Karma laid down the groove for what may have been the party of the summer.

"We had a lot of fun, everything went very well," says Aggie Colored Karma guitarist Victor Marin. "We've been playing Squeezers as long as its been open. It has always been my favorite local bar."

New arrivals to the Murfreesboro music scene, Saturn V, were also impressed by the crowds sentimentality.

"The crowd was very supportive of Squeezers," says Saturn V front-man Brian Carter. "Everyone applauded the announcement that Squeezers would relocate."

And why shouldn't they? Squeezers was always clean, they had a volleyball court, and they occasionally gave us the opportunity to drink beer out of half-gallon milk jugs for cheap. I get a little teary-eyed myself just thinking about it.

Rumor has it that Squeezers was not allowed to renew there lease because they were underselling other bars in town. But beer lovers can rest easy because Squeezers proprietor, lovingly known to all as Releanne, insists that the bar will relocate.

Whether it was forced out of business by some unethical beer vender or by legitimate business interests, Squeezers will be sadly missed. The faithful will keep Squeezers in that special place in their heart reserved for favorite aunts and Chia Pets. Ah, Squeezers, we hardly knew ye. You will be missed.

Au revoir. ●



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Increase in parking fees paves way for the future

Last week's announcement that parking fees are on the rise brought on mixed reviews from students and faculty alike. The majority of the response to the announcement was negative and that is something that is hard to understand. Granted, no one enjoys giving the university more money; but before the complaining starts students and faculty both should understand that without the increase in parking costs, there would not be parking improvements.

Compared to other universities, MTSU's cost for parking is on the light side. Some universities, such as the University of Tennessee at Knoxville, will charge \$115 to obtain a pass just to park on their campus. Other universities such as the University of Mississippi and the University of Memphis are charging in the neighborhood of \$50+ for their parking passes.

It is quite evident that we are lucky not only that our fees are lower than other universities, but that the fees will help to expand and maintain the current parking facilities. One day, hopefully in the near future, the excess revenue generated by the increase will be used to fund the building of a multi-level parking garage.

The main issue that needs to be taken into consideration here is that MTSU is expanding and growing at a tremendous rate. This not only stimulates the growth of the community as a whole but also puts MTSU in a class with larger universities that every alumni, faculty member and student has been longing for. So instead of complaining and bashing the administration for raising our parking fees we should be happy that the university is growing and that the administration is taking it into consideration by planning for the future.

Clinton traveling rocky road to re-election

If it is not one thing going wrong for President Clinton, it is something else. Clinton, who was in California on Sunday to answer criticism on his crime fighting track record, took some hard hits from his democratic colleagues for his stand on gay marriages and the issue of gambling.

Clinton took the stand on gay marriages that most Christians would. There is no reason that a government created under God should support and back the marriages of homosexuals. This seemed to ruffle the feathers of some of San Francisco's most bleeding hearted liberals when he chose not to back legislation that supported same sex marriages.

In addition to offending his democratic allies in San Francisco, he is now being scrutinized for his administration's access to confidential FBI files on some of Washington's most prominent Republicans. This is a practice that has proved to be tragic to some former presidents, such as Richard Nixon during the Watergate scandals. These two incidents alone just added to an already embarrassing month for the Clinton administration.

The next five months are of utmost importance to Clinton and his followers. If he continues this trend of offending citizens and marring his credibility, he will have no shot whatsoever when November rolls around. This is not a bad thing seeing how the White House needs to return to a steady conservative Republican agenda. An agenda that the American people supported for twelve years prior to the 1992 elections.

If Clinton was smart, he would withdraw from the race at the Democratic National Convention, before the convicted members of the Whitewater scandal start talking and ruin his reputation any more than it already is. It is inevitable that Clinton will be implicated further in the Whitewater scandal, seeing how neither Jim Guy Tucker nor Susan McDougal has any desire to spend quality time in a federal penitentiary. This will lead to the rolling over of more evidence and implications to both President Clinton and the First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, who played a large legal role in the real estate joint venture.

It is time for a change once again. The American people allowed a change in 1992 when they voted Clinton in. The results from that change have been a failed welfare reform plan, an unbalanced budget and a White House that has been plagued with sexual and power misuse scandals. These scandals do nothing for America as a whole but weaken the very ties that bind the American people to its government. They further instill the thought of mistrusting government in voters minds and that is something that the next administration needs to steer clear of in the future.

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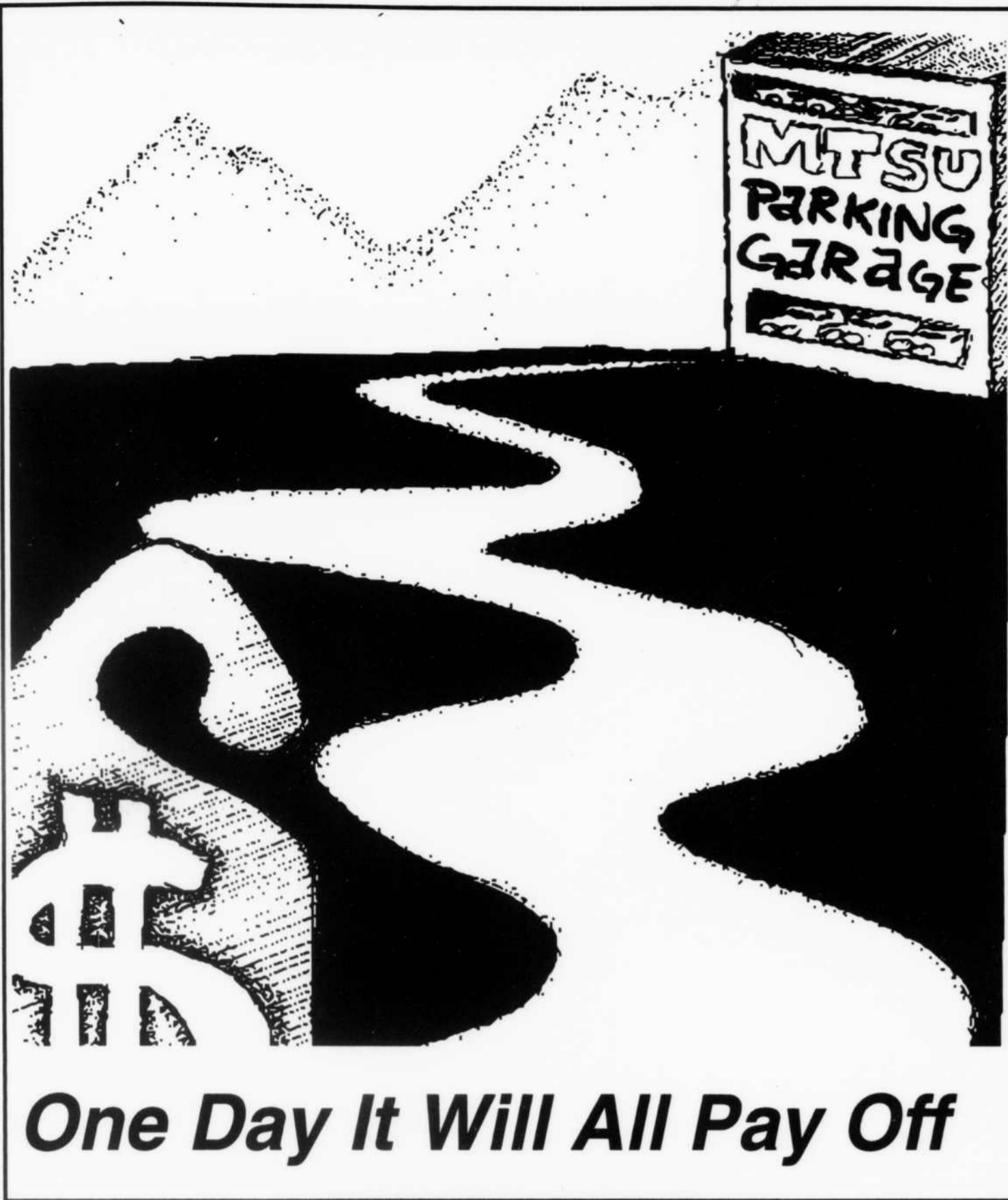
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One Day It Will All Pay Off

Democrats the lesser of two weasels

I take exception with the idea that Clinton should withdraw from the Presidential race. In the second place, there are no credible Democratic alternatives who aren't bona-fide socialists. But in the first place, the only other alternative is a Republican.

Of course, there are those who point to the many "scandals" of Clinton — the noisiest being Al "Godfather" D'Amato, who recently got caught with his hand in the same cookie jar Hillary Clinton's was in. His response? "It's old news."

Oh sure. "Godfather" D'Amato has spent a couple million dollars trying to prove Clinton is dirty — for no net result. But that's okay. He's willing to donate the last dollar I have to his goose chase. I feel better.

It's easy to pick on Clinton — it's harder than hell to actually find something concrete to point to, though. Fortunately, Republicans are easier to pin down. Let's look at them, shall we?

Bush broke the famous "read my lips" pledge. He was a Republican.

Bob Dole voted for all of those tax hikes. He's a Republican. Nancy Kassenbaum cast the deciding vote which continued the IRS' policy of "guilty until proven innocent." She's a retiring Republican.

"Godfather" D'Amato is in charge of the ethics committee. Excuse me a moment. I have to laugh or cry. . .

Okay. I'm wiping away tears.

Bob Dornan is a Republican. He's crazy.

Jesse Helms says with a straight face that cigarettes don't cause cancer. He wants to ensure the U.S. government continues to subsidize a few score thousand cancer and emphysema deaths a year.

Bob Dole wants to cut everybody's taxes by 15 percent — at the same time he's balancing the budget. Ted Kennedy got drunk and killed a girl. I know he's a Democrat, but he's still reprehensible.

I voted for Clinton in 1992 as the lesser of two weasels. Clinton has his problems...unfortunately, no one can prove he did anything wrong. In the private sector (something Dole knows nothing about) that's called business.

On the other hand, we just happened to build a boom economy and a declining deficit during his watch. But what did the Republicans say about that large gray mammal with a trunk?

It's irrelevant.

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To the Editor:

I am writing this letter in response to Sean O'Toole's comments in the June 7 edition of Sidelines regarding IndyCar racing. While I realize that this form of racing is not the most popular in this part of the country, I feel as though Mr. O'Toole should know the facts before he offers advice to people as to the series that they should follow.

I am not one of the rabid fans who lives or dies according to the outcome of the race each Sunday, but I do keep up with the world of IndyCar racing. The two series are CART (Championship Auto Racing Teams), in which the big names like Andretti, Fittipaldi, and Unser take part—the "good-old IndyCar league," and the newly formed IRL (Indy Racing League), led by the owner of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, Tony George. While the CART Series runs on both oval tracks and road courses and houses the bigger-budget teams, the IRL runs strictly on ovals and is composed of low-budget teams. Historically, the Indy 500 had been open to anyone who could qualify,

therefore making it a competition between the best IndyCar drivers in the world for the greatest prize in racing.

However, the CART series was forced to run the U.S. 500 this year because the power-hungry (or racing purist?) George reserved 25 of the 33 slots at the Indy 500 for drivers who participated regularly in his IRL Series. This is like telling the NASCAR Winston Cup drivers that only eight of them can compete at Daytona because the rest of the qualifying positions have been reserved for Busch Series drivers. All of the CART drivers would rather have been in Indianapolis on Memorial Day weekend than in Michigan, but it just was not possible under the circumstances. Therefore, Tony George is responsible for breaking the tradition, not the CART series, its owners, or its drivers.

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From the Editor

Once again I would like to apologize to our readers and advertisers for the delay in last week's and this week's edition of the Sidelines. Due to technical failures beyond my control and the staff's control the delay was unavoidable and we sincerely regret that the paper was not on the stands by both last Wednesday and this Wednesday.

Thank You,

Todd R. Cruse
Editor-in-chief

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Dennis Rodman... A Genius?

O'Fools
Gold
Sean O'Toole

First of all, before I start to throw down on various topics this week, I would like to say in response to my view in last week's *Gold* that the Sonics would put up a fight...*Jimmy Swaggart made me do it! It was the liquor talking!*

Now come on, people, you didn't really think I would take it like a man, did you? OK, so the Sonics are in more trouble than a midget at a urinal, but at least I had the guts to say it. Most people were too scared of the Bulls to even think about the Sonics putting up a fight, so sue me for betting on the underdog.

● My first topic of choice this week is Marge Schott. Okay, so she is a little outspoken and she glorifies Hitler. Okay, so she shut down the scoreboard at Riverfront Stadium because she didn't think it was important. Okay, so maybe she has caused more debate about the limits of free speech than Dr. Kevorkian has about suicide. But why is she such a target?

For one reason and one reason only...ignorance. I don't hate Marge Schott, even though she operates one of the most run-down and pathetic ballparks in history. And I don't hate her because she seems to have the baseball field confused with the backyard when she lets her dog come out and pee on it.

I don't like Marge Schott simply because she has opened her mouth one too many times about one too many things, and now she's getting kicked by it. The Reds have been in dire need of a serious makeover for far too long, and getting rid of Marge Schott is the first step to doing just that. Nobody hates Marge Schott, but the are not more than a handful of people who like her.

● And now, to the real topic of the day...Albert Belle, what else? In a recent editorial by Larry Woody of *The Tennessean*, he claimed that "Albert Belle is an MVP...Most Volatile Punk!"

In this editorial, Mr. Woody was right on the target. I have said it before and I will say it again, but Albert Belle is driving 90 mph on the road to nowhere, and if he isn't careful, he is going to hit a brick wall.

Yet there are still many supporters of Albert Belle. Legendary 'Charlie Hustle', Mr. Pete Rose himself, said, "If I was going to war, I would want to have Albert Belle on one side of me and Dennis Rodman on the other."

Now, I have heard the comparisons to Pete Rose many have used in reference to Belle. But what Pete Rose did and what Albert Belle is doing are two different things. Rose was an aggressive baserunner who used his speed as well as his strength to grab bases and be the best player he could be.

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Colorado wins the Cup



By Sean P. O'Toole / staff

104 minutes, 31 seconds. This number may mean nothing to the average bystander, but to the Colorado Avalanche, it means everything.

That figure was how long it took for the Colorado Avalanche to wrap up game four of the Stanley Cup Finals, the third longest game in NHL finals history, and in the process bring the first major pro sports championship to the city of Denver.

Patrick Roy, the hero of the game, said, "I just stayed focused. John (Vanbeisbrouck) played really good tonight. I just had to keep making saves, and I did."

Roy made an unbelievable 63 saves, outshining Florida Panthers' goalie John Vanbeisbrouck, who made 55 saves, but it was the 56th shot, off the stick of Uwe Krupp, that hurt him the most.

"Nobody expected us to get this far," said "The Beezer", "but we got here and played as well as we could play, but the better team won. We have nothing to be ashamed of in our first season in the playoffs. We just could not get anything past (Patrick) Roy. What can you say?"

The feat accomplished by the Panthers, even though the Cup slipped away, is a tremendous one. This was just the third year of operations in Florida, and just the team's first year in the playoffs.

This year was a tumultuous one, given all the disputes by Panthers players and coaches that the fans were not receptive to the sport in sunny southern Florida, talks were brought about by Panthers management to move the team to, of all places, Nashville.

But the price was even greater for

the Cup-winning Avalanche. A team that just one year ago was the Quebec Nordiques.

They started off the season with two great foundations in Peter Forsberg and Joe Sakic, added a tough-nosed veteran who knew how to win in Claude Lemieux, and also acquired arguably the greatest playoff goalie in the history of the game: Patrick Roy.

The Avalanche breezed through the playoffs, running over the competition all the way. Vancouver in the first round, Chicago in the second round, Detroit in the conference finals, and finally, Florida.

This victory brought the city of Denver its first major pro sports championship, and also made Claude Lemieux the fifth man in NHL history to win back-to-back NHL titles with two different teams.

Joe Sakic won the Conn Smythe trophy as the MVP for the playoffs, but the accolades went to Uwe Krupp and Patrick Roy in game four.

Krupp's goal at the 104 minute mark was the finishing touch on a tough season for the German-born player who blew out his knee early in the season, yet came back to become a major part of the Avalanche.

Krupp said of his goal, "It was just a good goal. Patrick (Roy) made all the big saves tonight. Florida fought hard, and played us tough all the way. It's just unbelievable, there are no words to describe it."

Roy, who won a Stanley Cup just three years ago with his former team, the Montreal Canadiens, solidified his place in history as perhaps the greatest playoff goalie of all-time. In his past eight Stanley Cup finals

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ESPNEWS to take off in November

By Sean P. O'Toole / staff

On November 1, ESPN, "the total sports network," moves one step closer to a monopoly on the sports world.

That day is when ESPN will launch ESPNEWS, a 24-hour sports news network, that will be shown aside from ESPN, much like ESPN2 is now.

Like ESPN, ESPNEWS may have some repetition. It has been noted that it would be too disastrous financially and time-wise to provide continuous 24-hour live coverage.

This announcement comes as a blow to CNN and Sports Illustrated, who are launching a similar news network in December. ESPN Executive Editor John Walsh denied the accusation that ESPN was trying to beat CNN-SI to the punch.

"That is not the case," Walsh said. "We wanted to launch this network in the fall and it is very different and independent of what anyone else is doing."

To the dismay of many viewers, ESPNEWS will not use such ESPN broadcast sensations as Keith Olbermann or Dan Patrick. Even

though they may borrow talent from their sister stations for their November debut, the new network will hire its own on-air talent and production staff.

ESPN has already planned to launch the new network in major cities, but the spread to smaller cities may be difficult. ESPN2, which took flight in October 1993, is growing, but a number of cable distributors, including many of the greater Nashville distributors such as Viacom Cable and Intermedia, do not carry it.

In any case, ESPN management said they will fight for ESPN2 and

ESPNEWS to be carried by more cable distributors.

"We can expect that this new service will be widely available domestically over time," said Walsh.

But the question remains, is there really a market for a third ESPN network, or, for that matter, a sports news network?

ESPN president and CEO Steve Bornstein said, "There will be room for ESPNEWS. When ESPN first ran, people said it would not last very long, and just look at it now." ●

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A whole lot of reviewing going on

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Movies

'The Rock' (Four full mugs) is exactly the reason I decided to become a movie reviewer. It is the kind of movie you walk out of and say to yourself, "Boy, that was the best movie I have ever seen!"

And I'm using absolutely no sarcasm in that statement. The movie starts off with a bit of evil in the air, as Major Francis Hummel (Ed Harris) visits his late wife's grave to tell her of the grave injustice done to his men in various covert operations.

Hummel then decides to steal a arsenal full of V.X. poison gas, a cute little gas that makes your skin turn into a canoli faster than you can say 'internal combustion'.

Enter FBI chemical weapons expert Stanley Goodspeed (Nicolas Cage, in his first film since taking an oscar for his role in Leaving Las Vegas). Goodspeed is not exactly in it mentally, however, after his girlfriend Carla (Vanessa Miceli of ABC's General Hospital) announces she is pregnant.

Nevertheless, Goodspeed decides to take on the duty of going along on the mission to defuse the bombs. However, Major Hummel has decided to hide the gas in four rockets pointed at San Francisco, along with 60-plus hostages, on the island of Alcatraz.

So enter federal prisoner John Mason (Sean Connery), a former British nationalist who, because of microfilm only he knows the whereabouts of, has been held in prison without trial for over 30 years.

And thus the plot begins to thicken. It has a happy ending, as you may have guessed, but the real surprise of this film is the staggering chemistry between Connery and Cage. They are funny as well as smart together, and are really the backbone of this film.

Having seen the majority of Cage's films, including Leaving Las Vegas, I was surprised at how funny Cage actually was. He had a dorkiness about him, but the part was very well played.

The real surprise of this film, however, past all the slapstick comedy and great action, was the little to no special effects used in this film. In a summer season that has been so far dominated by high-budget, medium-quality, special effects predominant films such as Mission: Impossible and Twister, it is good to see a great movie such as 'The Rock' that is just all-out worth your consumer dollar.

In summary, if you don't go see 'The Rock', you will be one of those people who is left out of a conversation at a party, because this is the film people will be talking about for quite a while.

Restaurants

It was a rainy summer day. I had worked diligently all morning and the four double cheese Krystals I had consumed at 2 a.m. (I know you should never do that but some times you just get a craving) were all but out of my system.

I'd searched my pockets for food money. What did I find? Lent, car keys, \$3 and some change. Hmmm. I was hungry but after torturing my stomach the night before I just couldn't eat greasy fast food again. What on earth could I do?

Only one thing to do: Take those car keys in my hand, dump that lint into the trash, and rush my money to the Klear-Vu Lunchroom.

The Klear-Vu offers a changing menu consisting of several different choices of meats and vegetables. The day I was there they offered two kinds of fish, baked chicken, fried chicken, three kinds of barbeque and at least a dozen vegetable options.

My meager funds supplied me with heaping helpings of black-eyed peas, macaroni (yes, macaroni is a vegetable), fried okra, and two of the best corn bread balls I've ever eaten.

Ah, the cornbread! If you need to avoid fatty foods avoid this stuff all together, once you try it you'll be hooked. This stuff is so good that any self respecting southern kid will go home and smack his mamma for making cornbread wrong all these years.

The atmosphere is reminiscent of a country afternoon in grandma's kitchen. Older people, as well as students and business folks who know, consider this place their best kept lunch secret.

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