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ON GUARD — Armor-clad Greg Colter, billed here as Sir Roderick de Rampart, prepares for a jousting tournament at the Tennessee Renaissance Festival last weekend in Triune. See additional photos on pages 6 and 7.

Search for new president begins

From Staff Reports

Six new applications for the president's position at MTSU were recently received by the search committee named to find a replacement for departing President Sam Ingram.

The selection committee formed to advise the Board of Regents on its choice includes several MTSU personnel

and Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce President Logan Hickerson.

Ingram retires effective Jan. 1, 1990.

According to a recent story in the *Daily News Journal*, additional members of the committee will be ASB President Doug Holder; undergraduate education major Annette Tipton; Carolyn Gray, a secretary in the MTSU bookstore and George Gardner, president-elect of the MTSU Alumni Association. Lester Levi, Sondra Wilcox and Rosemary Owens will represent the faculty on the committee.

State Board of Regents Chancellor Tom Garland will chair the committee.

Only two of the 56 candidates are local residents — Cliff Gillespie, dean of admissions and records at MTSU, and John Hodge Jones, superintendent of Murfreesboro City Schools.

The six most recent applicants for the position include:

■ Howell Todd, vice chancellor and executive assistant to the chancellor.

■ Virginia L. Baker, dean of the Mary Black School of Nursing, University of South Carolina in Spartanburg, S.C.

■ E. Harvey Jewell, executive vice president, American Conservatory of Music in Chicago, Ill.

■ Robert M. McChesney, vice president for academic affairs, The University of Central Arkansas in Conway, Ark.

■ John Maestas, president of Fundraising Consultants Associates and senior consultant at McKinley Institute.

■ A. Robert Thoeny, executive director, Washington Higher Education Coordinating Board in Olympia, Wash.

Condoms nixed

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn (AP) — Chancellor Frederick Obear on Tuesday turned down the idea of condom vending machines on the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga campus, despite support for the machines by UTC students.

"It is awareness and proper self motivation that will provide answers (to fighting AIDS), not machines," Obear said, calling the machines, "neither necessary nor appropriate at this time."

Vanderbilt and East Tennessee State have such machines on campus, and last March students at UTC voted 628—238 in favor of putting them at selected sites.

But Obear said a review since that vote showed on-campus machines at other Tennessee schools have not been used as often as predicted and also have been the target of vandalism.

"Since UTC already makes condoms available at both our Student Health Service and at the residence hall mini-markets, I do not feel it is in the best interest of this campus to install machines as suggested in the referendum," he said.

China students welcomed here

By DOUG STULTS
News Editor

Students fleeing China due to that nation's tumultuous political conditions will be welcomed to MTSU in a newly announced program that may be the first of its kind in the nation, President Ingram said yesterday.

"What we're attempting to do is find assistance for any Chinese students who wish to study in this country. We want to make aid available to them," Ingram said.

Ingram speculated that the university would raise private funds to finance the program. Winston Wrenn, financial aid director, believes that area donors are preparing to fund the project.

"I'm not aware of any other university starting such a program, but I can't be certain that we are the only ones doing something like this," Ingram said.

According to the President, MTSU will accept students who are able to leave China in the future as well as those who wish to remain here rather than returning to their native country.

MTSU is the home of the John Seigenthaler Chair of First Amendment Studies, the nation's only chair endowed solely to study the rights of free expression, and Ingram says he wants to solidify the university's dedication to free speech.

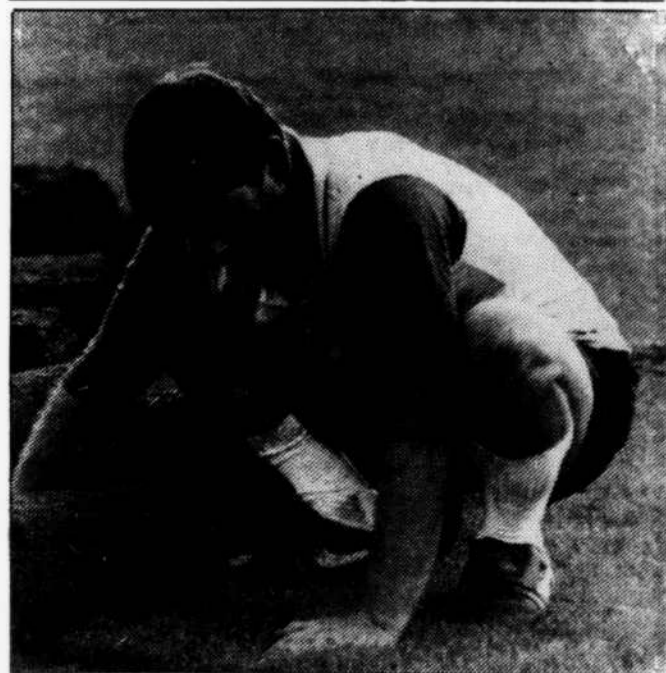
"We have a strong commitment to free speech and to free political expression at this university," Ingram said. "Many Chinese students have attempted to exercise rights that we Americans take for granted, and those students are now suffering the consequences."

Those students who desire information about entering MTSU under this program should contact Winston Wrenn, Cope Hall 212.

"Once this program is publicized, we expect to begin getting inquiries," Ingram said.

Students who apply under the program will have their

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Sandra Rennie/Staff

Head baseball coach Steve Petterson places new sod on the field to improve drainage.

Tiananmen Square killings probed

Area Chinese react to massacre

By DOUG STULTS
News Editor

Chinese-American members of the MTSU campus community remain generally optimistic despite the turmoil in China, though many of them acknowledge that the so-called "pro-democracy" movement has been badly damaged by the Chinese government's swift and brutal crackdown on political dissent.

"I think the demonstrations will have some permanent effect," said Dr. Thomas Tang, a psychology professor who is an advisor to MTSU's Chinese Student Association. "People will continue to seek democracy. People who have studied in the U.S. will return to transmit information."

However, Tang adds that he thinks some Westerners are naive in thinking that demonstrations alone could effect ideological or permanent change.

Tang attributes the Chinese government's violent reaction to the protests in Tiananmen Square to press coverage.

"It's like the government is saying, 'This is very embarrassing. We don't want the American people to reveal our dirty secrets to the whole world,'" Tang says.

Though he credits media coverage for inciting the hardliners in the Chinese government to action, Tang believes that news coverage ultimately will help the protest movement.

"If we can deliver information, that is best," he says.

Asked why the open dissent occurred at this point in time instead of any other period in the 40-year history of Communist rule in China, most local Chinese credit increased contact with the West as the protest movement's spark.

Beginning in 1987, mainland China allowed visitors from Taiwan to travel into the country for the first time since 1949. Also, the government has sent several thousand students abroad to learn Western management techniques and technical skills in an effort to modernize the economy.

"Travel to America and Taiwan led to the demonstrations," Tang says. "This wouldn't have happened a couple of years ago. The protestors felt deprived and frustrated. You might compare the scene in Beijing to a safety valve exploding."

Undergraduate Liu Hsing says he believes the demonstrations will have a lasting effect, though the difference cannot be noticed over the course of a few short weeks.

"Change won't happen in one day. This is a small spark leading to a fire. It won't burn itself. You have to do something," Hsing says.

MTSU History Professor Newell Moore, who teaches

courses on Chinese history, notes that "anytime you make economic reforms, people are going to demand political reform. We haven't seen the end of the protests, but they have certainly been stopped."

Current protests have been nullified by frenzied government tactics, including a propaganda campaign that even the normally reserved Associated Press has termed a "whitewash" in some of their dispatches. Several of the student-leaders have been arrested and most Chinese here believe the organizers will be executed.

"I think the remainder of the protesters will go underground," Hsing says. "I don't believe that the people will tell the government (about the student leaders' whereabouts.)"

"The student leaders are trapped in a Catch-22," Tang says. "If they surrender, they admit guilt. If they run, they admit guilt."

"People need to write a letter — no matter what their race — to express their support for the protesters"
—Liu Hsing

Though the Chinese government continues to maintain that only a small number of people were killed during the raid on Tiananmen Square and subsequent attacks, many estimates state that 5,000 people were slaughtered in Beijing alone.

MTSU graduate Chiu Liu, who relocated to the U.S. from Hong Kong in 1977, says relatives there have heard reports stating 100,000 people have been killed across China as the government takes any available measure to suppress dissent.

Some fault the movement's organizers for not taking sufficient precautions to preclude government retaliation.

Susan Lin, a Nashville resident whose family is of Taiwanese origin, says "the students didn't set a good plan. They protested too long in Tiananmen Square, making the government think they must respond with arms."

"The government might have been more willing to meet demands if they stayed a couple of weeks in the square and then tried to establish some sort of dialogue," Lin continues. "Many of the government intellectuals share the student's feelings."

Liu agrees that the students could have benefited from improved organization, but he thinks that the occupation of Tiananmen Square was necessary.

"They had to stay in the square to communicate their message. Otherwise, they would not get the attention of the world," Liu argues.

"A better-organized group would have had a better chance of succeeding," Hsing concurs. "They'll learn from this."

After the killings began the first weekend in June, several members of the United Nations responded by severing most of their economic ties with China. President Bush ceased arms sales to the nation, pledging further retaliation if the hostile activity didn't cease.

Local Chinese are generally pleased with the President's reaction.

"I think Bush has done his best," Liu says. "He is familiar with Chinese customs and knows how to act towards them." Bush served as an ambassador to China in the early '70s.

"Bush's response has been generally correct," Moore says. "We simply cannot intervene in China's affairs. It's not possible."

Liu Hsing believes Bush could do more to prevent the Chinese government from annihilating dissent.

"All of us need to write letters to encourage the Bush administration to do something. Write a letter — no matter what your race — to express your support for the protesters," he says.



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financial status analyzed. Wrenn said.

"We'll work with the government's immigration and naturalization offices to verify that these students are caught over here without any funds," Wrenn said.

Wrenn noted that in situations such as the current China turmoil, students studying abroad often have their assets frozen by their home countries.

"I saw this once before in 1979-80 when several Iranian students were left stranded," Wrenn said, referring to the late Ayatollah Khomeini's takeover of Iran ten years ago. Khomeini severed ties with the United States upon seizing power.

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Campus Briefs

MTSU ROTC unit garners award

Classes on emergency medical care and real estate fundamentals are among the courses being offered this summer by the MTSU Office of Continuing Education, Director Emily Miller said.

Emergency Medical Care for First Responders will meet on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from June 26 through August 1 from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. in the Alumni Memorial Gym. Registration costs \$65, not including a textbook.

"Real Estate Fundamentals," a 30 hour course required for affiliate broker candidates, will run from July 6-11. The class will meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6-9 p.m. in Peck Hall 211. Registration, including textbook, costs \$135.

Interested persons may register in Room 113 of the Cope Administration Building. There is a \$5 late fee for day-of-class registration.

Continuing Ed classes offered

The MTSU Military Science Department has been honored for having the best ROTC in the medium division of the U.S. Army 2nd Region, beating out 25 other institutions for the honor, ROTC officials said.

The MTSU ROTC unit received the title from the Virginia-based MacArthur Foundation, an organization that "is in the business of recognizing military excellence," according to Lt. Col. Cecil Calloway, an MTSU military science professor.

Purdue University received the title in the large division while Austin Peay won top honors in the small classification.

Four candidates named to replace departing publications coordinator

From Staff Reports

Four candidates and one alternate — including three local applicants — have been selected by the committee formed to locate a replacement for outgoing Student Publications Coordinator Jackie Solomon. Committee Chairman Chris Haseleu announced yesterday.

The committee members, appointed by Vice President of Student Affairs Robert Lalance, chose the following candidates from over 35 applicants:

- Gina Fann, who currently works as a state writer for the *Nashville Banner*
- Dan Goodwin, a reporter for the *Daily News Journal*
- Jenny Tenpenny Crouch, managing editor for the Smyrna-based weekly *The Rutherford Courier*
- Virginia Evans-Baxter, editor of the Lenoir City, Tenn. *News Herald*
- Steven Hooks, a graduate assistant at the University of Georgia in

Athens, Ga. who is currently completing his master's thesis. Hooks was selected as an alternate in the event that the other candidates decline the position.

"Interviews will probably take place the last three days of next week and continue the following week," Lalance said.

To prepare the candidates for the interview process, Haseleu suggested mailing them copies of the MTSU arts magazine, *Collage*, the yearbook *Midlan-*

der and *Sidelines*.

Committee members include Gloria Jordan and Ivan Shewmake from administration. Glenn Himebaugh and Chris Haseleu representing faculty and *Midlander* Editor Janna Wheatley and *Sidelines* Editor Marla Cartwright representing student publications.

Himebaugh suggested that the applicants meet with Publications Secretary Kathy Slager, publications editors and their staffs.

Although Lalance stres-

sed in an earlier meeting that committee members should consider the hiring a minority candidate, the selection process Tuesday did not include this factor.

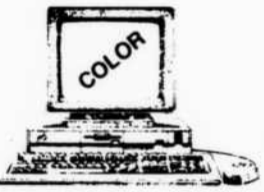


"There's a lot of good candidate to choose from," said Shewmake. "Some of the applicants were obviously not qualified, but choosing one from the top-notch ones will be tough."

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Opinion

Chinese mourn dead thousands

By DOUG STULTS
Co-opinion Page Editor

Chinese history is cyclic; a seemingly closed loop of war and recovery from war. What we have witnessed via telecasts and photos these last few weeks is a China descending once again to the ritual of destruction.

Monday night I visited a Chinese-American family who live in north Murfreesboro. They showed me Chinese-language newspapers from Taiwan and elsewhere carrying pictures of the carnage in Beijing.

Chiu Lui moved to the U.S. from Hong Kong in 1977. He proceeded to earn an accounting degree from MTSU and took a job with the state. These newspapers and isolated television snippets are some of his few tangible ties to a nation that is his historical midwife.

Liu's wife hails from Taiwan. Together with their two young daughters they have forged a life of stability that they hoped the changing political climate in China might one day foster.

But now, the stark reality of totalitarian repression — of army jeeps purposely veering into crowds of people as if they were mannequins to play war games with — has rendered the heady promise of a month ago nearly bitersweet.

Images of smiling protesters proudly displaying captured army paraphernalia and wickedly funny caricatures of Deng Xiaoping have been replaced with graphic shots of tanks lumbering over corpses.

"They are destroying the future," Liu says. "These students were the next generation of lawyers and doctors — leaders." Now though they are statistics, and the government seeks to obliterate even the numbers, to warp the past and ensure a tragic tomorrow.

Liu does not cater to false optimism. The government has displayed no compunction after killing thousands, he says, and only a drastic upsurge in international condemnation may keep the army from murdering thousands more.

Sympathetic Chinese all over the globe — Taiwan, Australia, France, Mexico, the U.S., England, among others — have staged stirring protests attended by many times the number of Chinese shot by their own countrymen. Still, these are only screams, and as Liu says, the rich and powerful cabal that rules China is notoriously deaf to the din that surrounds them.

Words are not useless, however. The government may jam signals, but they cannot open every piece of mail that enters the nation. They can't keep information from being disseminated in the end.

White history distorts, ignores truth

By VINCENT WINDROW
Staff Columnist

Do you know me? Call me Ishmael . . . No, this isn't *Moby Dick*. Who is this guy? I am the totality of all and nothing.

Herodotus (477 B.C.), the father of Western history, called me an Ethiopian. He said that I am "often black or dark brown with a flat nose, frizzy or woolly hair and protruding jaws." He also describes me as "the tallest, most beautiful and long-lived of the human races."

Dr. Albert Churchward, in his book *Signs and Symbols of Primordial Man* stated that all mankind (Caucasians, Semites, Hamites and Indo-European Aryans included) originated from the pygmies!

In his work, *Key to Culture*, Joseph McCabe, the English scholar, concludes, "There is strong reason to think that man was at first very dark of skin, woolly-haired and flat-nosed and as he wandered into different climates, the branches of the race diverged and developed their characteristics."

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Thinning garden forces decisions

By DAVID ROBINSON
Staff Columnist

A week ago I planted radish seeds in my garden along with a few other vegetables. With all the rain, the radish seedlings are already up two inches and needed thinning out. So I set about the hard task of thinning.

Thinning a vegetable garden has never been an easy task for me. Each of those seedlings that I pulled out this morning had the full potential of becoming a fruitful plant, bearing its own little harvest. But without thinning, they would have become overcrowded and would never have had the opportunity to grow into full maturity.

Such choices are necessary in our daily living as well. Every day we have to choose between the good and the bad. Of course, we can always choose what is bad. In a garden, they're called weeds. With weeds, there is no question. They get jerked and tossed. I can usually tell the difference between weeds and true-blue seedlings in a garden.

In daily life it is not always so easy to discern between the bad and the good. It is even harder to choose between the good and the best.

I remember at the University of Washington, looking over the class list for the next quarter. I would go page by page, regardless of my major, writing down all the courses which interested me.

As a Comparative Religion major, why not take a theatrical makeup class from the drama department or a jazz composition class from the music department? These were interests of mine, and I was in college for more than pursuing a money-making career. I would usually end up with a list of 25-30 courses. Then I would begin the painful process of thinning. What will fit into my schedule? What will balance with the other stuff I'm taking? And so on, until I had chosen the best out of all the good options.

This process of thinning continues as one of the most important tasks I do each week as a person in a full-time professional career. Every day, I have to decide how to spend my time. What will I choose? How am I to choose? Among all these good possibilities, which will bear the most fruit? Which will bring me greatest satisfaction? Which has the highest priority? Every day I look at my "To Do" list with these questions in mind.

A university is a dangerous place, offering a tempting banquet table of options from which to choose. How easy it is to burden my schedule with a lot of activities, courses, clubs, events, meetings and never allow those few areas of true giftedness to come to full maturity and fruitfulness.

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Bush wage veto characteristic; President ignoring U.S. workers

By DOUG STULTS
Co-opinion Page Editor

When our Fabled Leader nixed the minimum wage hike proposed by Congress last week, he demonstrated the compassion that he and the chaps down at the club are revered for expressing.

"This bill would stifle the creation of new job opportunities," Prez Bush said, adding that low-budgeters' greedy request for \$4.55 an hour would ultimately hurt minimum wage workers because of the inflation such a jump would fuel.

Not that the affable old Yalie is opposed to an increase in minimum wage, mind you. It's only that he desires a wage that's less, well, just less.

George prays nightly for a compromise, we are quickly told, an occasion where elephants and donkeys roll around in the hay and smooch, arriving at a prim figure of \$4.25. (Riddle: What do you call the offspring an aforementioned elephant-donkey union? Answer: Bart Gordon).

Ah, but wait, Paul Harveyites, for the rest of the story. The King has agreed to dispense the sum of \$4.25 from the royal coffers of the military-industrial state, but only after a six-month trial period in which beginning workers would labor for a "sub-minimum, training" wage.

As anyone who has ever logged on for a \$3.35 an hour job will tell you, this means the rookie employee will be scheduled somewhere in the neighborhood of 106 hours a week that first half-year, waking up suddenly one musty day to find some new guy cleaning the toilets while he is relegated to a two-days-a-week, part-part-time status.

The Bush Administration don't want no ugly wage hike; they pine away solely for continuity: the enrichment of the ruling class at the expense of the working poor. Because, you see, while George was busy protecting minimum wagers from their own malignant impulses, he was also preparing to hand out government-issue rebates to those taxpayers whining about the high, disgraceful levee placed on earnings from capital gains.

Not many of the people working at Taco Hell are particularly concerned about the ethereal realm of financial wizardry that allows the moneyed to invest in mutual funds, collect capital gains, etc. More likely, they are trying to palm some burritos and a Dr. Pepper so they won't have to spend two hours' wages just to scarf down lunch.

Capital gains are for the charming muses who pull through fast-food drive-throughs at 1 a.m. in their Acuras, bitching at the window clerk because she didn't put exactly 19.6 grams of imported Mayan peppers on their awfully Big Feeding Bag o' Nachos. (Just insert head and crunch.

Driving is optional.)

Bush's insistence that pumping extra bucks into the money cycle via wage hikes would jump-start an inflation spiral is not without justification. What we need then is an alternative, a way to improve the standard of living for shit workers without altering the overall money supply.

One way to accomplish this feat is to divert funds from elsewhere in the economy to those working in the nether regions of the labor market. One possible source might be capital gains redistribution — taking *your* after-tax bonanza and giving it to *them*. Better yet would be a 100 percent tax on excess profits, leading to a comprehensive profit-sharing plan that might make workers of low caste feel that they are getting their fair shake from the Big Boss rather than a swift shot with an ungreased auger.

Bush's smiling veto illuminates the dehumanizing character of the still-kicking conservative agenda. Some fella named Walter Karp, quoted in a new book by rock critic-cum-historian Greil Marcus, wrote in 1981 — the last year the minimum wage was upped — that the Reagan Administration "intends to bestow wealth upon the wealthy because it is their function to invest in productive enterprises. The administration intends to impoverish the poor because it is their function to perform menial services and not be a drag on investors."

And that is what has transpired. Under Reagan, job growth occurred primarily in what are known as the "service industries," a euphemism for those businesses that swallow the "disposable income" of the "public."

Note the division here. Increasingly, we are segregated into those who serve and those who are being served.

Any employer who still doles out the bottom dollar to their drones is sending out a message: "We don't give a damn about you. We're only interested in the blood we can squeeze from your pathetic body. If you quit, another slave will drift by to take your place."

The Bush boys, sequestered in their cordial confines on Pennsylvania Avenue, are administering an identical sermon. Only they grin when they put the knife in.

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So then, how am I to choose? How can I know that the choices I make today will indeed produce a fruitful future? Where can I go to get the guidance I need to make fruitful choices in college?

The following five reminders not only spell out FRUIT but might help the next time you are trying to answer such questions about making fruitful decisions:

FEEL: Let the intensity of your feelings about the decision play a role in choosing. Feelings aren't good or bad but often reflect what's happening deep inside.

RECEIVE: Go and receive counsel from several trusted sources, including friends, advisors, instructors, family or a pastor or clergy.

USE: Put into use the gifts, strengths and abilities you have.

INVEST: Involve myself, my mind, time, energy, money and heart into my decisions. Personally own the decisions I make.

TRUST: Put your trust in God, resting in God's wonderful way of leading and guiding those who look to Him for guidance.

As Jesus says in the Good Book, "I am the true vine and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit." (John 15: 1,5).



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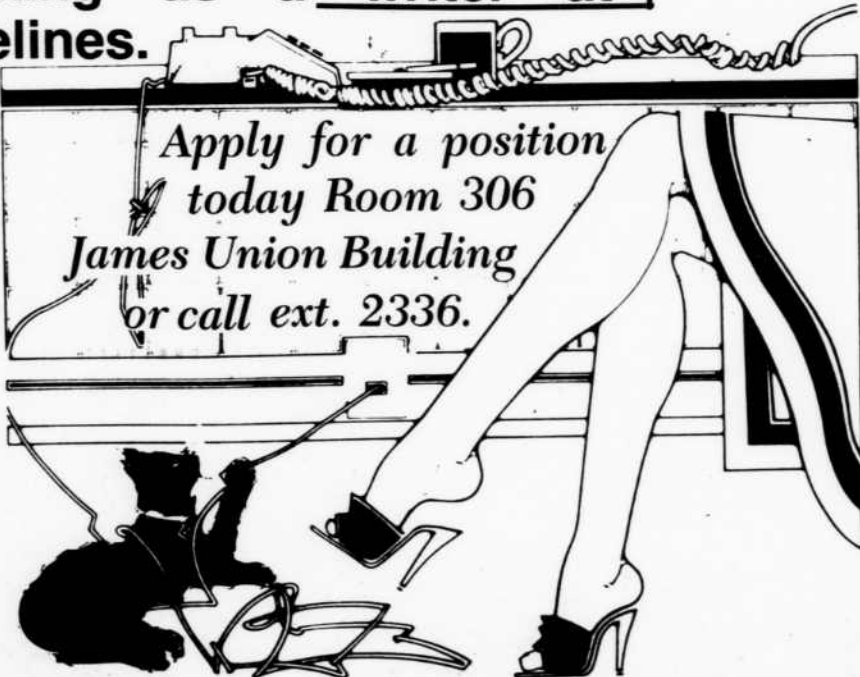
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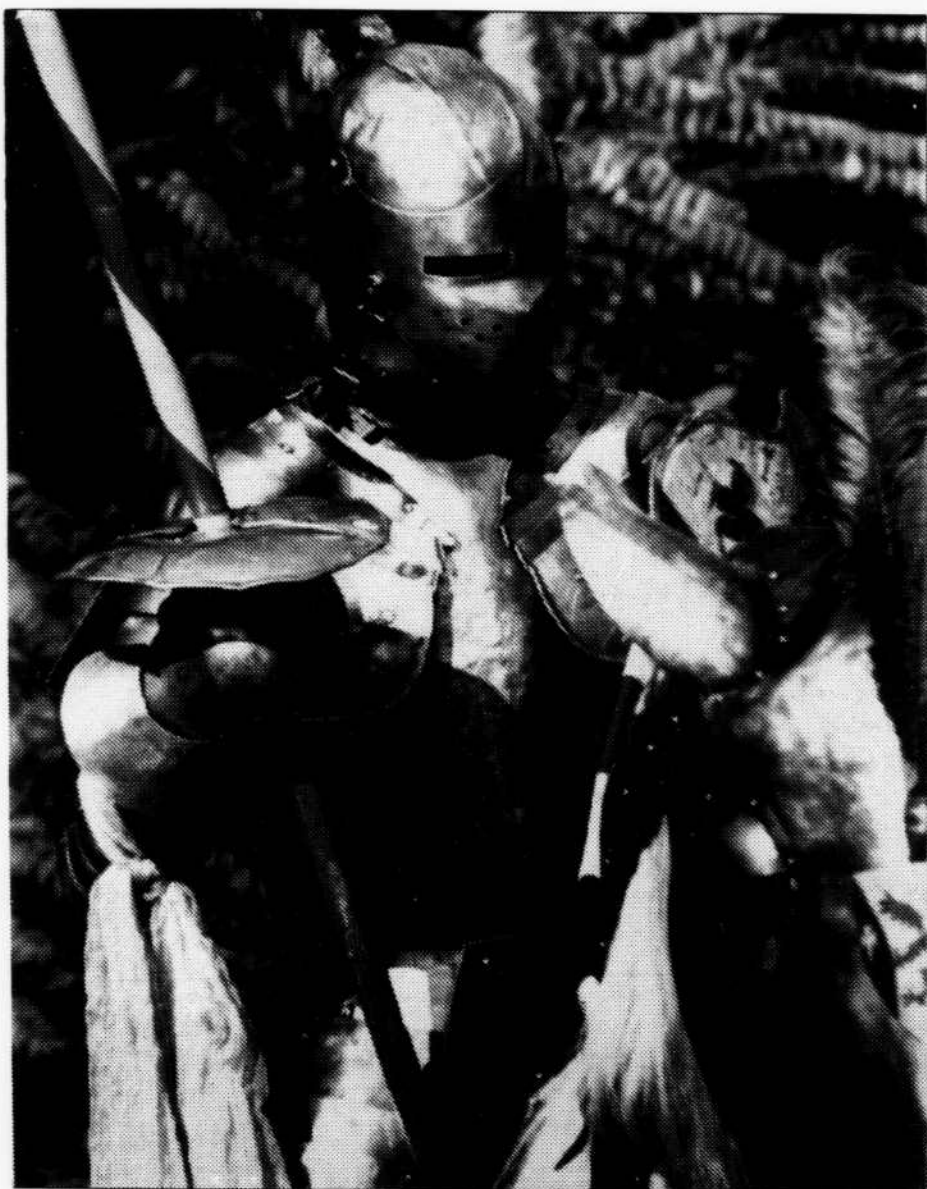
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Tenn. Renaissance Festival offers a portal to the past

The Middle Ages visit Middle Tennessee



By **MARLA
CARTWRIGHT**
Editor

Careful of tree roots and stones, I skip through the sun dappled woods, not making a sound.

Quickly I pause and hide behind a friendly tree, to see the humans walking by. They are dressed in such strange garb with bright, unnatural colors and talk in their high, loud voices.

Sometimes, if I'm not careful, they'll see me and then they'll stop to look.

"Oh my! There's some little elves over there. Look Charlotte!" the women exclaim to their children.

I'm usually never around this many humans at once, but once a year, all of us camp in the woods and go to the Festival.

The best part of the Festival are the craftsmen. They set up their colorful tents and hawk their wares to passerbys. Although most are human, they are gentle in selling to our kind.

Their wonderous wares include tiny crystal figures dangling and sparkling in

the sunlight. They have mighty steel swords, too heavy for me to pick up, and sleek daggers. Beautifully ornate clothing, some hand-painted and hand-beaded, crowd the gypsy's tent.

Not only the sights, but also the smells are wonderful. Roasting turkey drumsticks and large chunks of steak make my mouth water, although I really prefer fruits. There's even an exotic food called "eggrolls" but I've never tried one — I couldn't bring myself to eat raw eggs.

But it's the Castell Gwyn that I love the most. It's the largest dwelling I've ever seen. It seems to me that the King and all his relatives must never see one another in this grand abode.

This year the Castell has another great white tower and the sight of the twin towers impresses visitors with the King's obvious wealth and might. But my friends say that the King plans yet another mighty tower, a Great Hall and a draw-bridge.

My least favorite things

are the black-masked executioners wielding their wicked axes and the joust.

What? You've never seen a joust. Well, it's a boisterous affair, with a lot of yelling and the King proclaiming here and there.

Huge horses, taller than I, are dressed in shining armor along with their masters, the knights. Once the event commences, it becomes even louder. Swords and lances bang-clang-clatter back and forth.

Finally one gallant warrior is unhorsed and the battle becomes hand-to-hand.

My friends and I watch from the safety of the trees, sometimes venturing out a bit. All the people are crowded around the roped off field and pay us no attention.

I walk out a little too far sometimes but only because I want to see the Queen and her silken white gowns and golden crown.

So for three times out of the year, I come to the Festival. I invite you to attend, even if you're not an elf.





OPPOSITE PAGE: (UPPER LEFT) Sir Roderick de Rampart rides into battle with his lance hoisted. (OPPOSITE LOWER LEFT) One of many craftsmen at the Festival offers medieval weaponry ranging from two-handed swords to daggers.



UPPER LEFT: Brother Donald spins a tale from days of old. UPPER RIGHT: Smee the Singing Executioner carries his daughter Gracian Olson. LOWER RIGHT: Castell Gwyn has expanded to two towers this year. BELOW: Heather Cain of Nashville, attends Hume Fogg High School when she's not an elf.



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Lifestyles

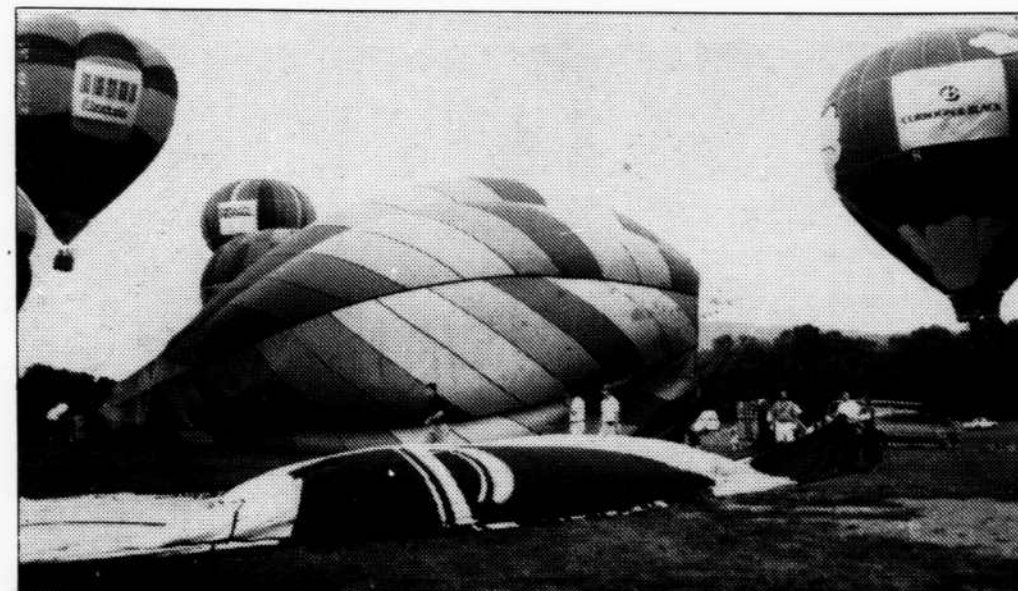
Annual balloon benefit held in Nashville

By MARLA CARTWRIGHT
Editor



Wayne Cartwright•Staff

Balloon pilot Bob Mock of Paonia, Co, looms overhead during the count down to a simultaneous firing of the propane burners. Over 60 balloons light up the grounds at Edwin Warner Park like huge fireflies, skimming above the surface.



Wayne Cartwright•Staff

As darkness approaches, the chase teams carefully fold the voluminous folds of nylon and pack up the balloon envelopes. The wicker baskets are loaded onto the team trucks in preparation for the next day's activities.

Have you ever ridden in a hot-air balloon? It feels strange, not at all like I expected. Not like an elevator, or an airplane or even a high building, in fact, it really doesn't feel like anything at all until you land.

Then the sensation hits that, gee, I was up that high — floating. Buoyed up by a pretty sturdy basket (gondola in ballooning lingo) and supported by flimsy-looking nylon, for gosh sakes! I mean, it's alot of nylon, but it looks onion-skin thin. And this get-up is propelled by flaming natural gas. All quite safe, I'm assured by the pilot but still it's a little unnerving.

The site of this unique experience was Nashville's Edwin Warner Park last weekend, where the 1989 Dr. Pepper Balloon Classic was held. The non-profit three-day event, in its fifth year, benefits the Educational & Auditory Research Foundation at Baptist Hospital.

Proceeds from the Classic go to the EAR Foundation which sponsors programs for individuals with hearing and balance disorders which include the following:

- The Minnie Pearl scholarship for 8 hearing impaired high school seniors to enable them to further their education.
- The Dial-A-Hearing Screening Test, a free, over-the-phone hearing screening test to identify those with a hearing loss but who have not had a recent examination.
- Young Ears which is a comprehensive educational program on hearing health for school children.
- The Hearing Ear Dog program which provides hearing-impaired individuals with a trained dog. The specially trained canine alerts its deaf guardian to sounds by making physical contact with him and leading him to the source of the sound.

But aside from benefiting a worthy cause, the Balloon Classic is just plain fun, whether you're watching or riding. Imagine a wonderfully flat, grassy area with over 60 balloons tethered like silently looming beasts straining to be free in the sapphire blue sky. The balloons' colors are incredible: fiery orange-reds, sun-bright yellows, deep oceanic blues and plush clover greens.

Most balloons are striped, or checkered but some depict scenes like Dan Davis', 1988 piloting champ, balloon, on one side a tropical paradise complete with palm trees and dolphins and on the other an arctic area with the midnight sun and polar bears.

But the massive balloons are more than just beautiful to look at, they present a challenge to control. The balloon pilots' skills are tested at the classic with two events: the Hare and Hound race where one chosen balloon, the "hare" takes off first and drops a target and the rest follow, trying to drop a marker as close as possible, and the target trials where all the pilots attempt to place a ring over a 20 ft. pole.

For their efforts, the pilots are rewarded \$10,000 for the target trials and \$15,000 in other prize money. This year's top winner is Bob Corey of Louisville, Ky who won \$3,000 total.

But, however cumbersome they may be to control, their beauty can't be ignored, especially when they simulanenously fire-up in the fading sunset. If you missed it this time, I recommend you catch this hot-aired event next summer.



Wayne Cartwright•Staff

Despite its apperance, the basket of a balloon are quite sturdy. While in flight, the gondola of the balloon doesn't sway or rock back and forth. Once the balloon lifts off, it's quite stable and makes a perfect platform for taking video movies or still photographs.

Batman craze explored

NATHAN M. AMPLEY
Staff Writer

Note: The following is part one of a series about the phenomenon, its reasons for its

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on for the re- Knight, a spec-

ial limited series published in 1986 by Frank Miller that foretold the last days of Batman.

Retired for ten years, an aging, alcoholic Bruce Wayne comes out to save Gotham City from the evil that has taken hold since his departure. Along the way he picks up a new female Robin and fights the last fight with the Joker — to the death.

"Batman was dead when the *Dark Knight* came out," says Rick Frogge, owner of Collector's World on East Main in Murfreesboro and in Nashville. He is one of the major retailers of comic books in the state.

"People were tired of the kiddie-book attitude in *Batman*. *Dark Knight* introduced an adult oriented comic book," Frogge says. "Since then, DC's catch phrase has been 'Comics aren't just for kids anymore.'"

The story at Collector's World is pretty typical of the rest of the nation. "I can't keep Batman material in the stores," says Frogge. "There's stuff now that's bigger than *Dark Knight*."

Among the recent hot Batman products is "A Death in the Family", a four part story in the pages of *Batman* in which Jason Todd, the second Robin (Dick Grayson, the first Robin, has grown up and become the superhero Nightwing), was the victim

of a murder attempt by the Joker.

Readers of the *Batman* were allowed to vote on the outcome of the story via a special 1-900 number. Needless to say, the readers voted that Robin should die. DC heeded their wishes, and the resulting storyline made national headlines; the news stories were even picked up by the foreign press.

"A Death in the Family" is the biggest selling Batman product ever," says Frogge, adding that the value of the comics has skyrocketed; an inexpensive paperback reprint of the four stories has been published and it, too, is selling off the racks.

Jan Bull agrees that the upcoming movie will draw even more new fans. Bull runs the Bookstop, a comic book store located at Greenland and Crestland in Murfreesboro.

"Batman products are coming in waves," says Bull. "The majority of items are of high quality, especially a line of T-shirts that has been released," she explained.

Bull adds that she can't keep up with the demand for the original Batman comics or the spin-offs.

"There are also several new comics coming out," she says. "There will be an alternate history of Batman set in a Victorian Gotham City — he'll be chasing Jack the Ripper in that one."

Harlem starts this weekend

From Staff Reports

A four day symposium to complement the landmark exhibition entitled *Harlem Renaissance: Art of Black America* will be held at the Cheekwood Fine Arts Center June 22-25.

The symposium will offer a full schedule of events which will cover all aspects of this unique period of American history.

Experts from every field of the arts: literary, visual and performance will be presented. There will also be a discussion on the impact the Harlem Renaissance had on our culture.

Highlights for the symposium will include internationally known actor Ossie Davis as the keynote speaker who will open the symposium on Thursday.

Here is a partial schedule of events for the symposium:

Sounds of the Harlem Renaissance — Thursday June 22.

Ossie Davis, internationally known actor presents dramatic readings of the era and his personal remarks about the Black experience which resulted from the Harlem Renaissance. This will take place in the Massey Auditorium, Botanic Hall, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Harlem Renaissance: Aspects of Art and Ideas — Friday June 23.

This presentation is moderated by Richard Long, Ph.D., Atticus Haygood professor of Interdisciplinary Studies at Emory University. There will be box lunches available from Pineapple Room for \$6.00 by advance reservation. This will be held in The Loggia Fine Arts Center beginning at 12:30 p.m.

Black Photographers and the Harlem Renaissance — Friday June 23.

This display will be presented by Deborah Willis, Head of Photographs and Prints and Exhibition Coordinator at Schomburg Center in Black Culture for the New York Public Library.

The Jazz Tradition: A History of African American Music — Friday June 23.

by John Arnwood, jazz historian. Box lunches available from the Pineapple Room for \$6.00 by advance reservation. This will be held in the The Loggia, Fine Arts Center, beginning at 12:30 p.m.

Harlem Renaissance: Art of Black America — Sunday June 25.

by Mary Schmidt Campbell, Ph.D. This will be held in the Stallworth Gallery beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Compiled by Brian Williams
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Sports

Philly trades upgrade team

Philadelphia is no stranger to the pennant races throughout the 1980s, but the last couple of years the Phillies have been one of the worst teams in baseball.

Early in this season, however, the Phillies have decided to try to end their reign as the last place team in the National league East division by making some key trades.

A few weeks ago, Philly traded a slumping Chris James to the San Diego Padres for John Kruk and Randy Ready.

This trade is already paying off for the Phillies. Ready has been one of the National league's hottest hitters for the last two weeks and has raised his average considerably while filling James' position and Kruk has filled the first base position well since coming over.

Meanwhile, James has continued his slump in San Diego and is currently day-to-day with an injury suffered while crashing into a wall against Cincinnati.

This trade, however, is only the start of a rebuilding team and a new look.

Sunday the Phillies traded outfielder Juan Samuel to the New York Mets for outfielder Lenny Dykstra and pitcher Roger McDowell. Dykstra is a proven hitter with great speed and is one of the best defensive fielders in the league. McDowell, who has been a consistent relief pitcher with the Mets throughout the past four years, plays maybe



FIRST PITCH By CECIL JOYCE

an even more important role because of the third trade the Phillies made.

Late Saturday, Philadelphia traded relief ace Steve Bedrosian to the San Francisco Giants for starting pitcher Dennis Cook and relief pitcher Terry Mulholland. The Phillies also got minor leaguer Charlie Hayes in the deal. Cook had just come off of a complete-game victory over the Reds when the deal was made and should help Philly considerably.

With McDowell replacing Bedrosian in the bullpen, Dykstra replacing Samuel in the outfield, and the addition of promising new starting pitcher Cook, not to mention Mulholland, means that the Phillies are off on the right foot on their walk out of the National league East cellar.

With a few more trades, there could be a start of winning in the City of Brotherly Love.

●Valenzuela's comeback: Long time Los Angeles ace Fernando Valenzuela went almost a whole year without a win, but the screwballer is back on the winning track again.

Valenzuela started the season 0-5 with an E.R.A over 5.00, but the Mexican wonder won his first two weeks ago and has been impressive ever since, winning two more since then to make his record 3-5, lowering his E.R.A to around 4.00.

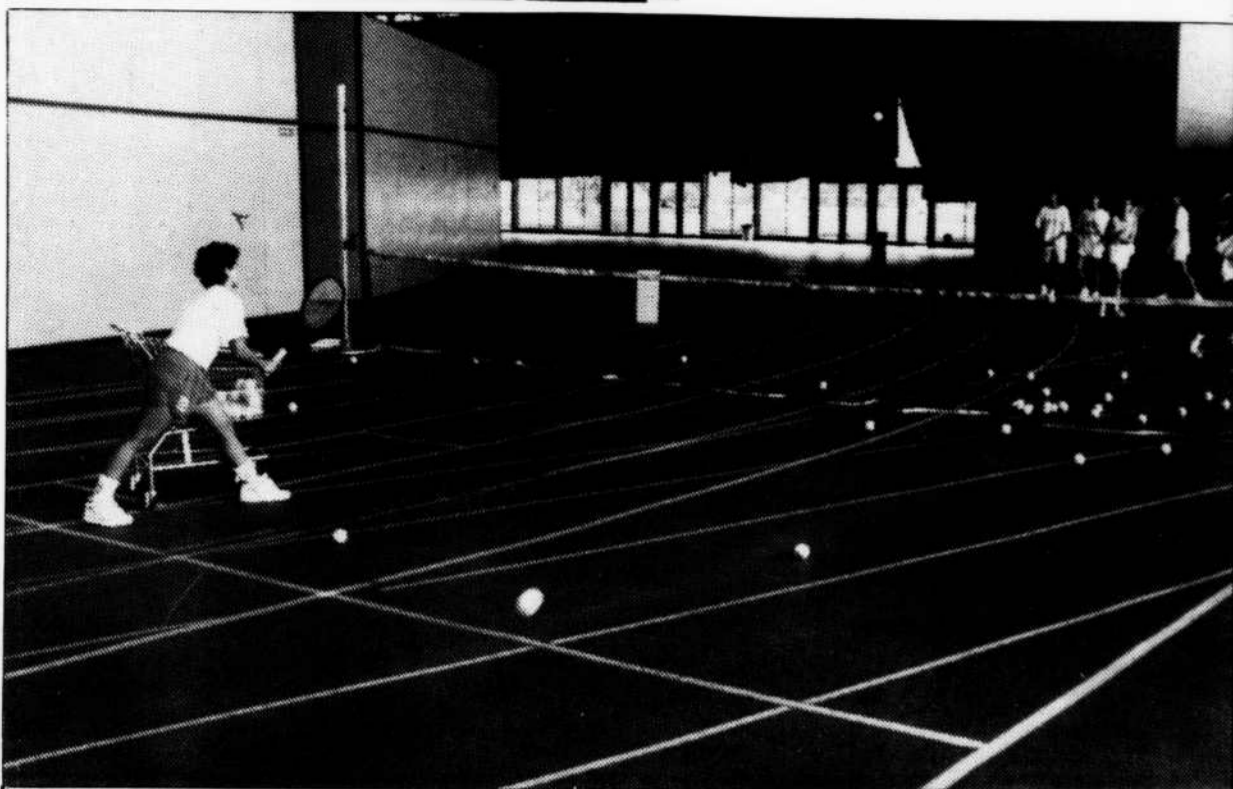
Fernando's comeback adds to the league's best team E.R.A (2.66) and has enabled the Dodgers to remain close to the top of the National league West standings, boasting a 34-33 record.

If he can keep his walk total down, Valenzuela could become one of the best pitchers in the league again.

●All-Star Update: Oakland Athletics slugger Jose Canseco continues to be one of the American league's leading vote-getters in the outfield and will start the classic if he continues to get votes at this pace.

Canseco, however, has not played in a major-league game this season and has appeared in only four at-bats in the minors due to a wrist injury suffered in the off-season.

If he is voted as a starter, Canseco has the o.k. to play by manager Tony LaRussa. The 40-40 man will be off of the disabled list by that time, and if healthy, will make his first at-bats of the season in the All-Star game.



Susan Incardone hits practice balls to members of the Bolletteri Tennis Academy's summer camp. The first time Bolletteri has had a camp at MTSU. According to MTSU tennis coach Sandra Neal, the designed for intermediate players, ages 10 — 16, both boys and girls. The students were driven inside of the rain and went through their drills at Murphy Center's track area.

Gooden wins 100 game

NEW YORK (AP) — In six major league seasons, through good times and bad, Dwight Gooden has kept his golden touch.

It's a touch that wins games like no other major leaguer has done before.

Of all the pitchers to win 100 or more games, the statistics say Gooden is the best.

Gooden became the third youngest pitcher in the modern era to win 100 games Monday night when he beat Montreal, 5-3. The victory gave him a 9-2 record this year and a career mark of 100-37. The .730 winning percentage is the highest ever among pitchers with 100 or more wins.

"Gooden has a golden touch," Expos right fielder Hubie Brooks said. "When he takes the mound, the Mets expect to win."

Gooden reached 100

wins at 24 years and seven months. Bob Feller reached 100 victories at 22 in 1941 and Frank "Noodles" Hahn won his 100th game in 1903 at 24 years and two months.

Prior to 1893, 11 pitchers won 100 games before their 25th birthday.

"Winning 100 games is important, the high point of my career so far," Gooden said. "But there's a lot ahead and who knows what's next."

In a short time, Gooden has already accomplished a lot.

His pitching marks rank with Walter Johnson, Herb Score, Whitey Ford, Sandy Koufax, and Grover Cleveland Alexander.

"When I was a kid I watched a lot of the games, as many as possible with my father, and I used to always say one day I would be there," Gooden said.

In 1985, Gooden's second season in the majors, he was 24-4 with a 1.53 earned run average and 268 strikeouts.

Gooden was the youngest modern pitcher ever to win 20 when he did it on Aug. 25, 1985, at 20 years, nine months and nine days. Prior to that, Feller was the youngest to do it at 20 years, 10 months and five days.

Only Ford had a better percentage after winning 100, with a 100-36 mark for .735.

"Dwight is going to be in the Hall of Fame someday," Mets infielder Howard Johnson said. "Sometimes I just enjoy watching him."

His 1985 season gave Gooden an unreal aura and the pressure of repeating it contributed to a drug problem in 1987, when he missed the first two months

of the season while going through rehabilitation.

His image was but the golden remained. Gooden the fans, kept baseball games, his dreams alive.

Of the 100 pitchers of all time has won more than all but Nichols, who had nearest to Gooden Johnson with 93.

"Once I got away from 100, I think about it," said. "Now I want for higher standards. Like 300 victories."

"That would Gooden said. plenty left to do."

"I've gotten point of thinking records really. I just and try and win."

Both Twins & White Sox w

CLEVELAND (AP) — Jim Dwyer had his four four-hit game in six years and the Minnesota Twins had 15 hits off four Cleveland pitchers Tuesday night, beating the Indians 7-4.

Tom Candiotti, 7-5, had his nine-game home winning streak snapped. Candiotti, who last lost in Cleveland Stadium on June 9, 1988, is 14-3 at home since the start of the 1988 season. He gave up four runs and 10 hits in 6 2-3 innings.

With the score tied 1-1 in the third, Dan Gladden singled and Kirby Puckett walked. Dwyer singled in Gladden with the go-ahead run to make it 4-1.

NEW YORK (AP) — Dan Pasqua and Harold B hit three-run homers and had four RBIs and 4 Jerry Reuss won his fifth straight decision as the White Sox defeated the New York Yankees 13 season highs in hits and runs.

The White Sox had 17 hits, three each by Dave and Ivan Calderon, who tripled, singled, and d his first three at bats.

Reuss overcame a three-run first inning to record to 7-2 and win his 218th career game.

The White Sox batted around in a four-run first starter Rich Dotson, 2-5, who retired just two

Square's clock shop keeps craft alive

By SANDRA RENNIE
Chief Photographer

Murfreesboro's downtown square has a unique flavor that can only belong to a city that was once a bonafide small town.

Among the charming shops is the Clockworks.

Wayne Griffith has owned and operated the Clockworks clock shop on the square in Murfreesboro for 5 years.

Griffith sells and works on chain driven mechanical clocks including antiques. He also has an expertise in spring driven clocks.

In addition to mastering the age-old craft, Griffith has also come up with a new technology-oriented idea.

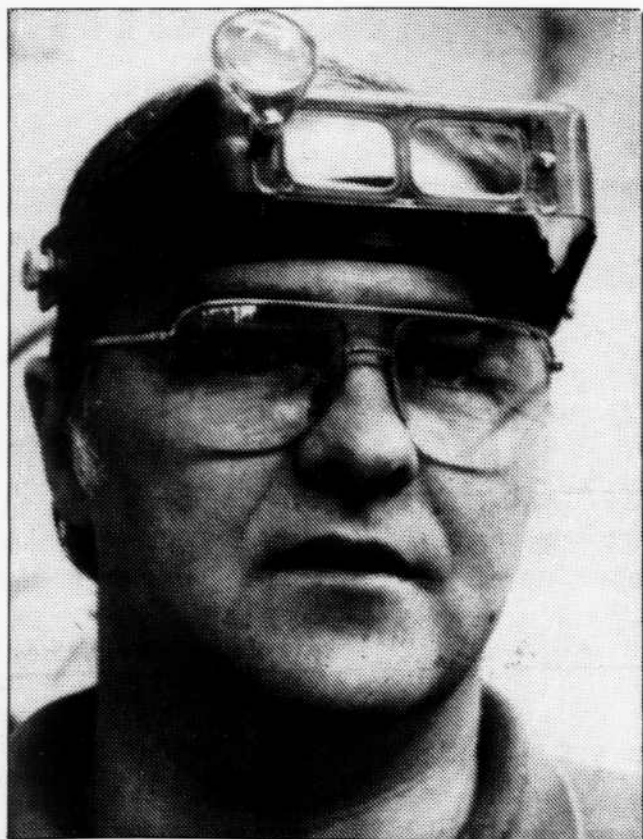
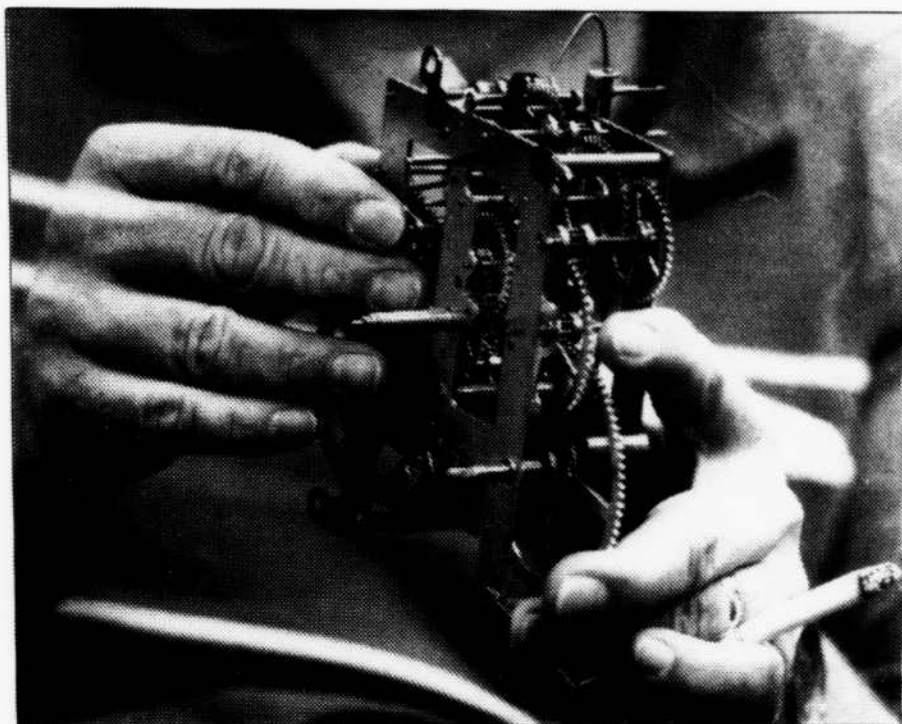
In May of 1986, he came up with the first-ever clock repair instruction video and has sold over 3,000 copies to date.

Cigarette in hand, he inspects the inner clock workings. All clocks should be cleaned and oiled every five to seven years. The buildup

of dirt wears down the inner brass mechanisms.

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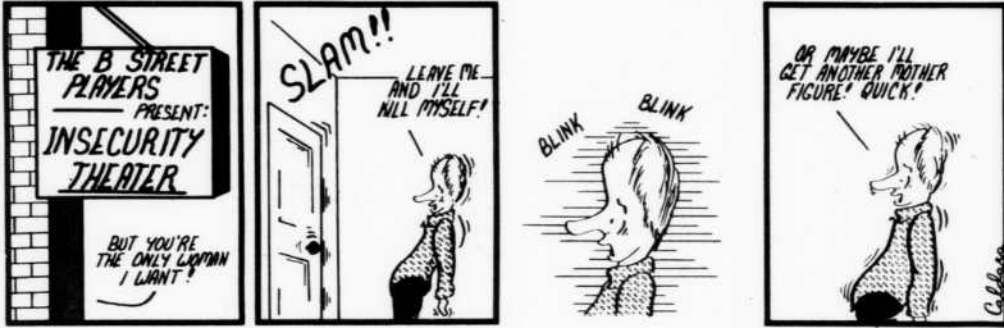
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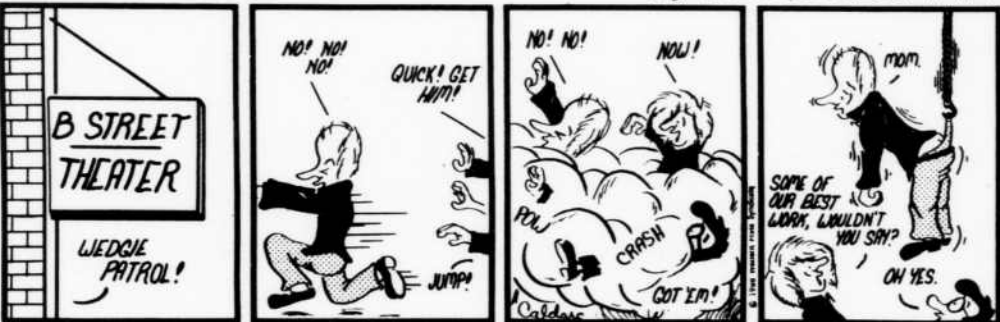
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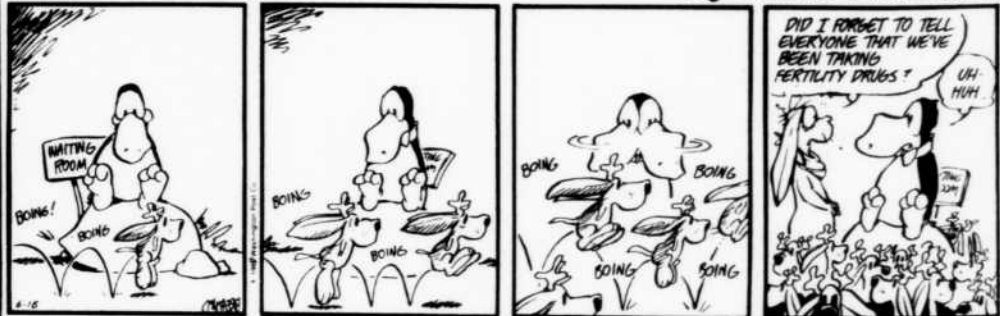
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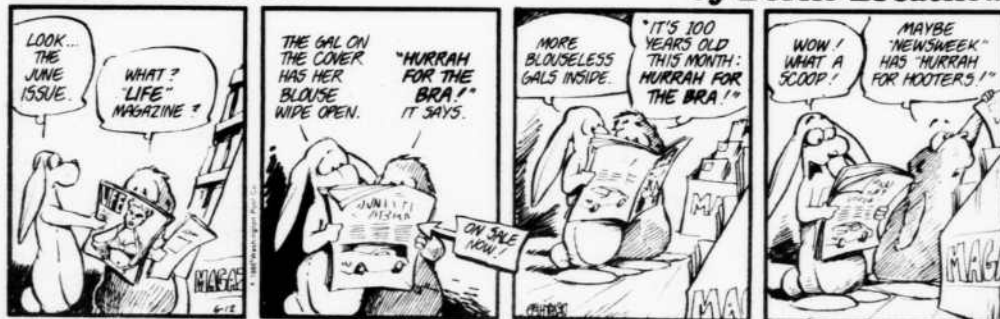
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