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In the News

Former postal worker accused of embezzlement

KINGSPORT, Tenn. (AP)—A former postal worker has been indicted on charges he embezzled more than \$41,000 from the post office where he worked.

Michael Lynn Tribble, 31, was charged in a 21-count federal indictment, U.S. Attorney Carl Kirkpatrick said.

Tribble is accused of cashing checks from Kingsport businesses that used postage meters. Many of the checks ranged from \$1,000 to \$9,000, Kirkpatrick said.

Thirteen-year-old shot in face by younger brother

KINGSPORT, Tenn. (AP)—An 11-year-old boy shot his 13-year-old brother in the face while playing with their father's revolver, apparently unaware it was loaded.

The older boy escaped with relatively minor injuries in the Sunday afternoon accident, said Capt. Gary Calhoun with the Kingsport Fire Department.

A single .38-caliber bullet entered the boy's cheek and exited through his neck.

Space engineers lose contact with sun- watching satellite

WASHINGTON (AP)—European and American space controllers have lost contact with a \$1 billion sun-observing satellite, and officials said they were not sure the problem could be corrected.

Art Poland, mission scientist for the Solar and Heliospheric Observatory, said Monday that radio contact with the craft dropped out suddenly last week while it was going through an alignment procedure that involved firing control jets.

Four more children infected with E. coli

ATLANTA (AP)—Four more children were confirmed Monday as having contracted a dangerous strain of E. coli from a suburban Atlanta water park, bringing to 17 the total number of children infected.

The newest cases mean the infection has spread to children in five states, including 10 children from Georgia, two from Alabama and Tennessee and one child from Kentucky, Arizona and Illinois.

The four additional children were believed to be infected June 17.

Vice president tours neighborhood where 19 homes lost to wildfires

PALM COAST, Fla. (AP)—Vice President Al Gore toured a burned-out subdivision Monday, talking with residents who lost everything in wildfires that have charred about 237,000 acres in Florida.

While help in the form of equipment and firefighters have come from around the country and federal dollars are on the way, residents are mostly at the mercy of nature.



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Crimestoppers rewards 'tipsters'

□ John Garner/ staff

MTSU's Crimestopper program makes it possible for students to get paid for doing the right thing, according to Public Safety officer Rick Roberts.

"The main difference between our Crimestopper program and the county program is that we reward tips leading to arrests on misdemeanor crimes as well as felonies," Roberts said.

Most of the crimes which occur on campus are misdemeanors, according to Roberts. The MTSU Crimestoppers program will pay up to \$300 for tips on misdemeanors and up to \$1,000 for

tips on felonies.

Rewards are paid on arrest and are not dependent upon conviction.

"If a person has information about any crimes on university property, they can report it by calling 893-STOP [893-7867]. Complete anonymity is guaranteed," Roberts said.

Information relating to any crimes on the MTSU campus is forwarded to Roberts' office.

"Callers are never asked their names. They're given a code number and told to check back with us to see if their information has led to an arrest."

"The code number is the only connection between the tipster and the

report," Roberts said. "When we pay the reward we use that number on the receipt, not the informant's name."

The theft of stereo speakers from the construction site at Horace Jones field will likely be named "Crime of the Month," according to Roberts.

Three speakers, valued at over \$2,900, were reported stolen sometime between November 18, 1997, and March 6, 1998, by Earl Bogel of construction administration.

In April of this year, Bogel reported another theft of three more speakers valued at \$1,500 from the same site, occurring sometime between

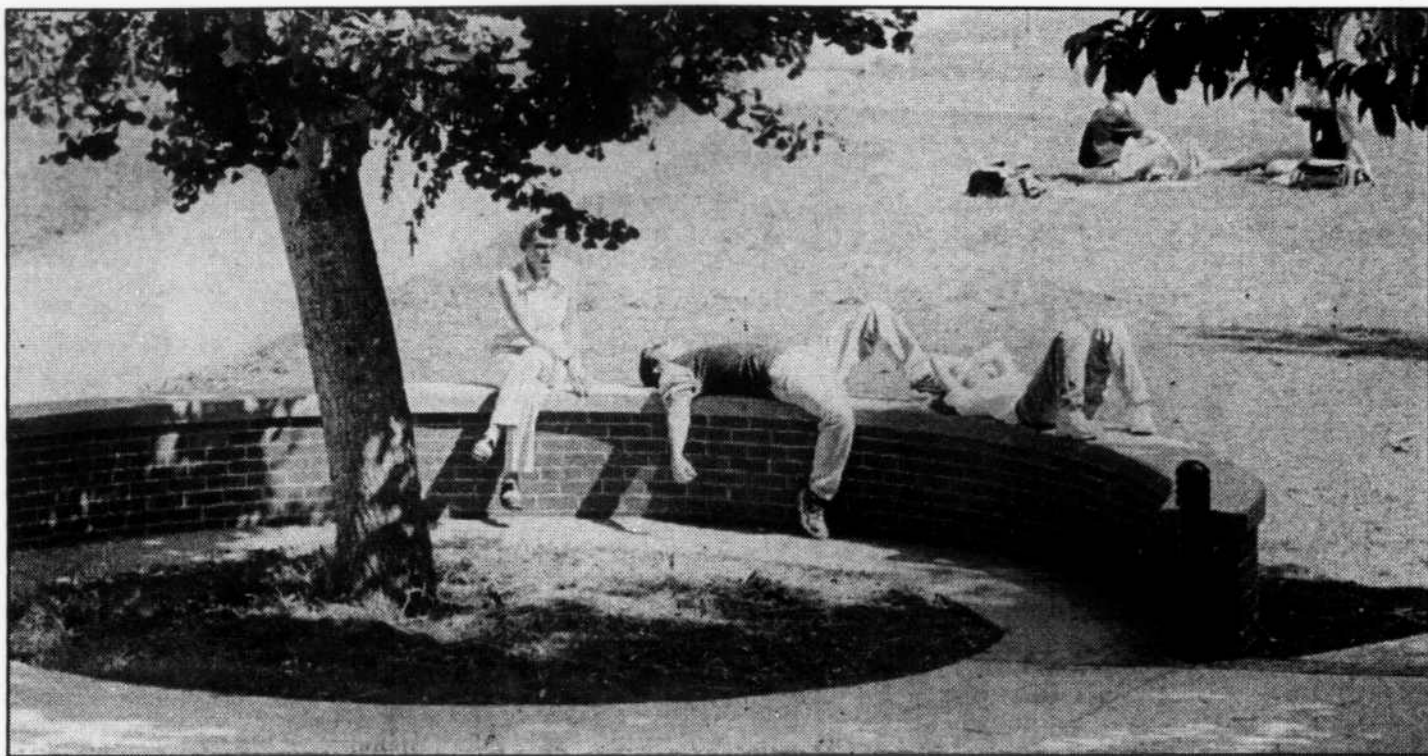
April 7 and April 21.

"We expect to pay \$1,000 to the person who can help us close this case," Roberts said.

Roberts has a 20-year history as a police officer, including 12 years as the Murfreesboro Police Department and six years as a Public Safety officer for MTSU. He organized the MTSU Crimestoppers program last year.

Support and funding for reward money have been provided by Rutherford County Crimestoppers and Vice-President for Executive Affairs R. Earl Thomas of MTSU.

Sleeping in the sun



Emily Parker/staff

Despite the raging heat and sticky humidity, students rest in between their classes out in the newly constructed KUC courtyard.

Adult Services Center offers guidance for non-traditional students

□ John Garner/ staff

The Adult Services Center (ASC), located in room 320 of Keathley University Center, is an oasis set amid the maelstrom of college life. The ASC is where the "non-traditional" student (typically anyone over the age of 24) can receive guidance, tutelage, scholastic advice and the companionship of peers, all focused on the peculiar challenges faced by adult students.

"Age really isn't a factor in who qualifies as an adult learner," ASC Director Carol Ann Baily said. "To me, it means a person who shoulders adult responsibilities along with their college obligations."

"I've known 19-year-old students who were married, had children, worked full-time and carried a 16-hour school schedule. Anyone with that agenda should be considered adult. They would be welcome here."

The national trend for adult students either returning to college or attending college for the first time is growing, according to Baily.

"In the 1970s, 30 percent of all college students were adult learners," she said. "Today, that figure is more like 50 percent."

One of the most important services the ASC offers is providing information.

"Our office workers make a point

of really listening to the people who come here for help," Baily said. "It's easy for a student to get the wrong information, or get shuttled from one office to another, if you don't really hear what they're asking in the first place."

The ASC can provide forms and applications, catalogues, schedule books and financial aid and change of address paperwork at hours when most of the offices on campus are not open.

"The student who has to work a full-time job might not be able to stop by Cope Administration during regular office hours," Baily said. "We're here from 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and from 7:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. on Friday."

The ASC can also sell parking permits and discounted Relax 'n Ride bus passes, saving the student from a special trip to the MTSU Parking Authority.

Workshops designed to assist the adult student are held throughout the semester in the ASC. Seminars that offer advice on time management and stress relief can be of particular help to students facing adult responsibilities outside the classroom, according to Baily.

In addition to these, Baily conducts a course entitled "Five Steps to a College Paper" once every fall and spring. "It's probably been several

years since many of the adult learners have had to write academic papers," Baily said. "It helps to have a system to follow if you can't remember how to get a paper started."

The process of fitting in with the student population can be more than a little disorienting. The ASC can designate a peer mentor to help get you through your first few months on campus.

"Peer mentors are carefully paired up with the new student. We try to match people whose majors are in the same college, who share similar interests," Baily said.

"Many returning students feel anxiety about coming back to school. Statistics show they do well, but they may still have doubts about taking this step in their lives."

A mentor will meet with the adult student every week. They can answer questions and offer advice based on experience, make suggestions on finding tuition and keep you reminded of drop dates, if necessary.

"It can be hard for an adult student to tell a stranger that he or she just doesn't know how to get something done," Baily said. "A relationship with a peer mentor is more like a friendship."

The lounge of the Adult Services Center is a relaxing environment.

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Computer Based Training software available on the Web

□ Staff reports

The Office of Information Technology has made Computer Based Training (CBT) software available over the Web for MTSU students, faculty and staff.

Because the self-paced courses from CBT Systems are available over the Web, instruction on a variety of programs are available from an individual's desktop or portable computer whenever it is needed. The courses can be played from the Web or downloaded to the individual hard drive.

CBTWeb is the CBT Systems Web site for the training courseware. The site provides information about what courses are available and detailed instructions about the software. The courses can also be installed or run on home computers but are available only to MTSU students, faculty and staff.

MTSU currently has approximately 300 courses licensed. A few of the topics are HP-UX, Access, Excel, Word, PowerPoint, SQL, UNIX, Visual Basic, Windows 95, Windows NT, C++, Microsoft IIS, Internet and Intranet Skills, Networking, Java, Office, PowerBuilder, TCP/IP and OOP.

CBT Systems only makes players for Windows #.x/95/NT. Macintosh users are encouraged to use a PC lab on campus including Kirksey Old Main 350/351, Building S137, LRC 101B and LRC 101.

OIT officials are asking that CBT materials not be downloaded to computers located in computer labs or other multi-user areas without checking with the person responsible for those machines.

To get started with CBT, a CBT training account will need to be set up. Telnet to acad1.mtsu.edu and enter MAKECBT when prompted for username. Follow the prompts to create the CBT username and password that are required for downloading the player software and courseware.

CBT usernames and the six-character password should be noted for future reference. If the username or password are forgotten, telnet to acad1.mtsu.edu and enter MAKECBT again. Choose the option for making a password change and follow the prompts.

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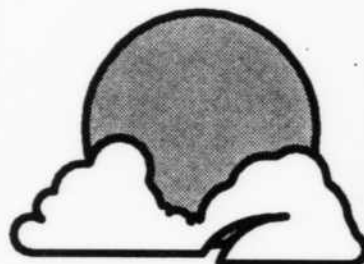
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WEATHER

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at 5 to 10 miles
per hour.



Jury rejects claims of official misconduct in sex ring case

SEATTLE (AP) — A jury rejected claims of police misconduct brought by three church leaders and a parishioner who said they had been wrongly accused of child rape and molestation.

After five days of deliberations, the jury on Monday decided that the central Washington town of Wenatchee, the town's police officials and three members of the Douglas County sheriff's department did not violate the civil rights of the four, who said they were falsely accused in 1994-95.

Pastor Robert "Roby" Roberson, his wife, Connie, and his daughter sat silently as the verdict was announced.

"It's a verdict," he said later. "It doesn't mean it's the end. It doesn't mean they're right."

His wife was in tears.

"We lived the injustice. We know the truth," she said.

Besides Roberson and his wife, the other plaintiffs were Honnah Sims, a Sunday-school teacher at Roberson's

Pentecostal church; and parishioner Donna Rodriguez.

They claimed that overzealous investigators encouraged children to falsely accuse them of child rape and molestation. They and their families sought up to \$60 million in damages.

Douglas County Sheriff Dan LaRoche said the verdict allows police to keep investigating sex abuse and molestation cases without fear of lawsuits.

"When your livelihood is threatened for doing your job, and your family's jeopardized, that's pretty hard to take," LaRoche said.

Robert Van Siclen, the plaintiffs' principal attorney, said he would analyze the jury's findings before deciding whether to appeal.

The Robersons and Sims were acquitted of child-rape and molestation charges in 1995. Charges against Rodriguez were dismissed in 1996 when four of her five accusers recanted.

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offering a comfortable study area, a fully-equipped kitchenette and a computer for student use. It's a place to gather, study, relax and talk. ("And if you like jigsaw puzzles, won't you please come by and finish the one on the coffee table," Baily laughs.)

The ASC is also the home for the Older Wiser Learners (OWLs). Boasting a membership of more than 100 men and women, these are the more active, social service-minded adults.

"The OWLs successfully lobbied for scholarships with the university administration and financial aid," Baily said. "They now offer 12 different scholarships, which are awarded in the spring."

Applications and information on scholarships and OWLs membership can be found in the ASC.

Pinnacle is a club for adult students involved in community service and academic achievement. It was established at a time when honorariums were not commonly offered to adults. Membership in Pinnacle is available for juniors and seniors who have at least a 3.0 average, and graduate students with a 3.4 average or better.

If you are an adult student new to MTSU, or if you've simply haven't found the time to visit KUC 320, Baily and her staff invite you to stop by and introduce yourself. You are also welcome to call them at 898-5989.

NAACP urges hotel boycott

BALTIMORE (AP) — The NAACP is urging people to boycott three national hotel chains that the civil rights group says have poor track records in minority hiring and business development.

In a survey released Monday, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People ranked Best Western International Inc., Adam's Mark Hotels and Omni Hotels Corp. at the bottom of a 14-chain list, earning grades of D+, D and D-, respectively.

"Hotels that receive a D will not receive NAACP business dollars," said Kweisi Mfume, president of the Baltimore-based organization. "And we will take every opportunity to inform consumers of our decision and urge them to make similar choices."

The NAACP ranked hotel chains in five areas: the percentage of black employees, franchise owners and vendors, the percentage of advertising dollars going to minority media, and the percentage of donations going to black charities. The rankings were based on information the chains themselves supplied.

In each case, the percentage needed to get an "A" was 14 percent. Ten to 13.9 percent rated a "B," 6 to 9.9 percent was a "C" and anything less than 6 percent was a "D." Failure to report rated an "F." Blacks make up 13 percent of the U.S. population.

Cendant Corp., the parent company of Days Inn, Howard Johnson and TravelLodge, was at the top of the list with a B rating, followed by Promus

Hotel Corp., the parent company of Doubletree, Embassy and Hampton, with a B-. Promus is headquartered in Memphis, Tenn.

Marriott International Inc., Westin and Choice received grades of C+; Holiday Inn, Wyndham, Radisson and Hilton earned Cs; and Hyatt and ITT Sheraton were given C-s.

Best Western, which has 3,400 hotels in 77 countries, said it was unfairly penalized because it was unable to provide all the information the NAACP had requested.

"We have never had a disagreement with the NAACP or its objectives and goals. But our problem is, we feel the survey is comparing apples and oranges," said Skip Boyer, a spokesman for Best Western.

Best Western is an association of independently owned hotels, and its headquarters doesn't have access to information about individual properties and their operations, Boyer said.

Michelle Bennett, a spokeswoman for Omni, said the 42-hotel chain didn't provide all the information the NAACP had asked for because Omni is privately held and some of the requested information was proprietary.

Both companies received failing grades on the NAACP report card last year, but they were minimally affected by a boycott, Boyer and Bennett said.

The lodging industry takes in about \$80 billion a year, with blacks contributing an estimated \$4.6 billion, said NAACP spokeswoman Jeanne Hitchcock.

Concentration camp survivors sue Swiss bank

WASHINGTON (AP) — Five survivors of Nazi concentration camps have sued the Swiss central bank to recover plundered gold accepted by Switzerland during World War II, one of their lawyers said today.

The class-action lawsuit is on behalf of victims of the German genocide against Europe's Jews. The suit filed Monday in U.S. District Court in Washington seeks compensatory and punitive damages from the Swiss National Bank, which, like the better-known private Swiss banks, accepted Nazi deposits.

Paul T. Gallagher, a lawyer for five survivors, said the suit is the first against the Swiss National Bank.

"It is a lawsuit against a branch of the Swiss government that during World War II was headed by individuals who had very close ties to Nazi Germany and who as a result enabled Nazi

Germany to obtain assets that permitted them to prolong World War II," Gallagher said.

A spokeswoman for the Swiss Embassy did not respond to a request for comment today.

In Bern, Swiss National Bank spokesman Werner Abegg said the bank had not been served with the suit, but added the bank will fight any such suit.

The bank maintains it settled any obligations arising from World War II in a 1946 treaty, and its officers say American courts have no jurisdiction in such a case.

The plaintiffs are Freda Rosenberg and Ernest Knopfler of New York City; Gertrude Jorisch of Westbury, N.Y.; Andor Mittelman of Louisville, Ky.; and Eva Garai of Winnipeg, Manitoba.

"They potentially represent tens of thousands of people," and an unknown amount of money, Gallagher said.

The same law firm also represents plaintiffs in a separate, multibillion-dollar lawsuit in New York against Swiss commercial banks.

The latest suit described how the Nazis sent the five or their families to concentration camps and stole gold, jewelry, cash and other possessions.

"Gertrude witnessed Nazi soldiers moving from house to house in her town looting gold and other valuables, which they put into pillowcases," the 29-page suit said.

An independent panel of historians recently reported that the National Bank apparently unknowingly received 263.4 pounds of gold melted from the possessions of concentration camp victims.

This was in addition to gold looted by the Nazis from the national treasuries of occupied countries and used to buy war material and supplies from Switzerland and other neutral countries.

The lawsuit accuses the

bank of "unlawful behavior ... in trafficking in and disposing of and concealing looted assets" or the products of slave labor, knowing that it was dealing with "the fruits of Nazi violations of international law."

The lawyers ask the court to order an audit of the bank's transactions from 1939 to 1950 and to direct it "to return all identifiable property looted from plaintiffs."

"As a result of their conduct for a period of over 50 years, Swiss National Bank has retained and profited from illegally obtained assets," the lawsuit said.

A U.S. government report issued in June said Switzerland held \$250 million to \$750 million in German private and government assets during the war. An earlier U.S. report said Swiss banks handled \$400 million of Nazi gold, about \$300 million of it looted from European banks.

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Fed warns of speculative bubble in business lending

WASHINGTON (AP) — With the economy apparently heading for a slowdown, the Federal Reserve warned banks Tuesday to "maintain their lending discipline" so they don't wind up with a mountain of delinquent business loans.

The directive came as economists expressed increasing concern about the buildup of speculative bubbles in the stock market and in commercial real estate.

"Banks should resist any tendency to assume in evaluating credits that the unusually favorable economic environment of the last few years will continue indefinitely," wrote Richard Spillenkothen, director of the Fed's Division of Banking Supervision and Regulation.

"This is a critical time for banks to maintain their lending

discipline, and indeed to continue to enhance their controls and practices where they can," he said.

His memo to bank examiners accompanied a study that found "noteworthy and measurable easing in bank lending terms" between late 1995 and late 1997.

"If carried too far, such easing can undermine a bank's financial health, especially if the economy weakens or the extraordinary recent performance of business profits and cash flows does not persist," Spillenkothen said.

Bank profits hit a record \$15.9 billion in the January-March quarter and the industry reported one of the lowest levels ever of delinquent loans. But economists expect an imminent slowdown in economic growth, from the torrid 5.4 percent

annual rate of the first three months of the year to about 2 percent for the rest of the year. They predict loss of export sales to Asia and competition from cheap Asian imports will crunch U.S. manufacturers' profits.

Release of the Fed memo and study, as monetary policymakers began a two-day meeting to consider changes in short-term interest rates, was seen as an effort to cool speculation within the United States, thus reducing the need for a rate increase that could touch off a new and more devastating bout of financial turmoil in Asia.

Higher U.S. rates could draw investment money into the United States that otherwise would remain in Asia, so analysts expected the Fed to leave the benchmark

rate on overnight loans between banks at 5.5 percent, where it's been for 15 months.

"They're very concerned ... a rate tightening here would undermine the Asian economy and ultimately drag down the U.S. economy," said economist Mark Zandi of Regional Financial Associates in West Chester, Pa.

"But they also fear that once Asia stabilizes, the primary risk will be the imbalances that develop as a result of speculation within the United States and they're using regulatory policy to try to head this off," he said.

Right now, the Fed is in a particularly strong position to wield its regulatory influence.

"They hold the key to whether a bank can acquire or merge," Zandi said. "In today's banking world, if you can't

acquire or merge, you're history. So the banks are very, very cognizant of the wishes of the Fed."

Spillenkothen directed bank examiners to pay particular attention to whether banks, before approving a loan, are formally considering its risk of default should the economy weaken and whether they are charging a high enough interest rate to cover the risk.

He also asked them to consider whether banks are lending too much to Real Estate Investment Trusts, or REITs, tax-favored, shareholder-owned property development companies. They've been one Wall Street's hottest investments for several years.

Banking analyst Bert Ely of Alexandria, Va., said that the 1990-91 recession fades to a distant memory, regulators are

concerned about the possible re-emergence of the type of boom-bust cycle in commercial real estate that toppled hundreds of savings institutions in the late 1980s.

"I have some of the same people saying some of the same things to me today that they were saying 10 or 12 years ago: Some lenders are getting too aggressive," Ely said. "The question is how much longer before that bubble bursts on us."

But underscoring the sense of buoyant optimism in the economy, the Conference Board, a business research group based in New York, said Tuesday that the strong labor market helped boost consumer confidence to a 29-year high in June.

Doctors strive for AIDS cure, but obstacles remain

GENEVA (AP) — A cure for AIDS? Not yet. But scientists are seriously mapping strategies to achieve this ultimate goal, once so distant it was hardly mentioned at all.

Treatment with drug combinations can stop the inexorable progression of HIV infection to sickness and death. But this means a lifetime of expensive treatment with 15 or 20 daily pills that often carry unpleasant side effects.

At this week's 12th World AIDS Conference, researchers talked of plans for taking the next step. Their intention: to rid the body of HIV completely or reduce it so dramatically that the body's own immune defenses can hold the virus in check without drugs.

"Cure of HIV infection is not a myth," Dr. Roberto Siliciano of Johns Hopkins University said Tuesday. "I think this is a problem that can be solved."

He and others acknowledged that would not be easy, however. Several

reports at the conference described one large barrier to wiping out HIV, and there may be more that scientists haven't even discovered yet.

The barrier identified thus far is this: Even though AIDS drugs can eliminate all detectable signs of the virus in the bloodstream, researchers have learned that some cells stay infected for many years, leaving a reservoir of potentially deadly virus.

These are called memory T cells. Ordinarily, their job is to sit quietly, holding the image of a germ in case it comes back. Perhaps 1 million of these HIV-infected cells linger on after AIDS treatment. They would amount to no more than a tiny dot if somehow isolated in a test tube.

No one knows precisely how long these cells live.

Dr. David Ho of the Aaron Diamond AIDS Research Center in New York presented new evidence that they gradually die off, although it would take 10 years for them to go away completely. But in the

meantime, they are often replaced as tiny amounts of virus in the bloodstream continue to infect more memory T cells.

Dr. Anthony Fauci, head of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases in Bethesda, Md., attempted to purge the infected memory cells by triggering them to spring to life with hormones.

In theory, the activated memory cells would release their virus and die. Antiviral drugs would catch the released virus, and the infected memory cells would be eliminated. However, Fauci said a single round of this treatment left some infected cells still living, although repeated attempts might eventually clean them out.

This approach will ultimately fail if memory cells keep getting infected. Another strategy is to first give patients higher doses of existing AIDS drugs in an attempt to halt the new infections. Then doctors could try to erase the remaining reservoir.

"It may be that you don't have to eliminate it," Fauci said.

For various reasons, some HIV-infected people have stopped taking their medicines after a year or two. Ordinarily, this makes virus levels shoot up. To doctors' surprise, their virus counts sometimes stay undetectably low.

Researchers theorize that these people's immune systems recovered enough to keep the virus in check, meaning they have stayed well without taking drugs.

Doctors are looking for ways to re-create this situation more predictably. Ho suggested giving a vaccine to stimulate the body's natural anti-HIV defenses before AIDS drugs are withdrawn. The immune system could keep the virus in check, which seems to be happening in those who stopped taking their drugs.

A cure for AIDS is the ultimate goal, Ho said, and "we shouldn't apologize for wanting to achieve it."

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Despite risks, number of multiple births multiplying

WASHINGTON (AP) — A record 6,000 babies were born in sets of three, four or more in 1996, a one-year leap of 19 percent and a huge jump from the days before fertility drugs, the government said Tuesday.

That means more people who previously could not have children are now able to have them, but experts warn that babies from multiple births are much more likely to be born premature and underweight.

"Despite our great efforts in trying to convince them, they do not see the risk until it happens," said Dr. Robert Stillman, a fertility specialist in Washington.

In fact, the increase in multiple births in 1996 contributed to an increase in low birthweight babies, the government said. And that often leads to vision and hearing impairments, mental retardation, developmental delays and even death.

Still, the annual report by the National Center for Health Statistics, which includes data from every live birth in 1996, had a lot of unvarnished good news, including details of previously reported data documenting a long-term drop in

teen pregnancy. It also found a record low number of black unmarried women having babies as well as a drop in births for unmarried women overall.

"Obviously the idea is to have as many children as possible who are intended and wanted," said Stephanie J. Ventura, lead author of the annual report that reviews every birth certificate in the nation. "There is a lot of good news."

The report, which included data from nearly 3.9 million births in 1996, also found:

—A continued drop in the number of women smoking while pregnant, although there was an increase in the number of pregnant teen-agers who smoke. Overall, 13.6 percent of pregnant women smoked, down steadily from 20 percent in 1989.

—An increase, for the seventh year running, in the number of women receiving early prenatal care. Improvements were tallied for women in all racial and ethnic groups, with more than eight in 10 women seeing a doctor during the first trimester. Teen-agers were least likely to get this important early care.

—A small drop in the

percent of all out-of-wedlock births, down 1 percent. About 1.2 million children were born to unmarried mothers, or about one-third of all births.

Births of unmarried black women have dropped 18 percent since peaking in 1989. A total of 7.4 percent of unmarried black women of childbearing age gave birth in 1996, the lowest level since the government began keeping statistics in 1969. The rate for Hispanic women was 9.3 percent, and for white women, 2.8 percent.

But the report's most dramatic statistics involve the unprecedented increases in multiple births involving at least three children.

"It's hard not to find it pretty amazing," said Joyce Martin, a statistician at the National Center for Health Statistics, part of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The number of twins has also increased, but not as dramatically as triplets, quadruplets and more, which saw the largest jump in a single year since 1971, when the government began keeping these statistics.

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An art building is serious business

What: Marshmallow roast

Place: Art Barn

What happens to a structure that's wood coated with dry manure, that has sat around for almost forty years and shelters multiple explosive and flammable materials? That's right – a match or lit cigarette turns it into a bonfire to which the entire campus can come and toast their marshmallows.

The Art Barn (literally) stinks.

The perimeter hallway, the guide to classrooms, has its occupants staggering from side to side around abrupt turns.

Students who follow the path are bounced up and down between low ceilings and warped, wooden ramps that lie in snickering compliance with federal handicap regulations.

Air conditioning? Well, yeah, it works – those old window units sure are great, that is, compared to none at all.

The building really appeals to climbers. The incline of the stairs is like Mt. McKinley's and has prompted letters of complaints from handicapped students.

The upstairs consists of three workrooms and a couple of cubby-hole offices. The floor and ceiling tiles, at least the ones that are still in place, are broken or marred by temporary fix-it jobs, which seem to have somehow lost importance in the eyes of their instigators.

How can the university handle it, especially when each summer, as the air conditioning goes out, innocent high schoolers (read: potential college students -- potential tax benefits) from across the state are herded in to live in this department's custody for a whole month?

It's crazy.

This is the building that has been comically designated as the place where students are sent to earn a degree in fine arts and then produce a portfolio and reputation "that reflects proudly on this university." Wasn't this dairy barn, converted 38 years ago, supposed to be "temporary?"

When will MTSU get down to business in the art department?!!?



From the Mailbox

Semi drivers not solely responsible for road rage

To the editor:

In the June 24th issue Patti addressed what appeared to be her **Road Rage** against Truckers. She stated that she had went "to a safe driving class **TO GET OUT OF A SPEEDING TICKET**"; she also stated that a trucker was following her in a 55 mph construction area doing 70. Well, if he was following her at 70 mph, just

how fast was she going? Also, turning off the cruise control can mean several things--tapping the brakes, hitting the brakes or properly decelerating. I bet she HIT the brakes; in that case anyone would have to "swerve violently" to avoid hitting her. Is she aware of the weight in an 18-wheeler, does she know what it's like to have 70-80,000 lbs. of weight behind you? When she took her driver's exam, was she asked the blind spots of a trucker? No the only time a trucker is aware that a car or any other vehicle is behind him is **IF** the car is at least 15 ft. behind his trailer or right beside the cab.

As far as the virtual reality test, people in cars should take it so they will

think before acting. Let's educate society about roadside manners, put these things in driver's examination books, being tested periodically to make sure we are all safe. After all, if it wasn't for truckers, we couldn't eat, wear clothing, watch TV, type these letters, etc. By the way, I want my husband to come home at night, not end up in the hospital or emotionally disturbed for the rest of his life due to some driver like Patti who wants to shove blame when, after all, **she was speeding also.**

Thank you,
Anita M. Butcher
nutrition major

Birth control pills get the shaft

□ Slaci Hupp/ CPS

Hooray for Viagra, the wonder anti-impotence drug that has nearly 300,000 men popping the little blue pills, and many more who undoubtedly will consider taking them in the future.

The drug's debut and overwhelming response from our sex-obsessed society has been the talk of the town lately, as everything relevant to sex always is.

Unfortunately, the drug also represents a bias that's making women's blood boil across the United States: the fact that insurance groups are considering coverage of Viagra as a prescription drug, while prescribed birth control pills are getting the shaft (no pun intended).

Currently, 97 percent of all large group plans pay for prescription drugs, while just a third compensate contraceptives, according to the Boston Globe.

In a society that condones—no, advances is a better word—sexual activity, doesn't it make sense to simplify the process of preventing unexpected pregnancy?

Doctors' and women's groups are

going nuts with this, spouting accusations of sex discrimination. Sure, impotence is a medical problem and preventing pregnancy is not. But both have to do with having sex, and unwanted pregnancy is more of a problem these days than impotence.

Women also pay 68 percent more for medical expenses than men. The difference lies in reproductive costs, including annual exams and Pap tests, which locate reproductive cancers. In fact, only in recent years has women's health care been taken seriously as a medical necessity.

Contraception should be included in that health care because last time I checked, rates of sexual activity haven't slowed down. And birth control may not be a medical necessity, but it is a necessity.

Granted, birth-control coverage is available, but many employers deny the benefit because it hits them in the pocketbook, a report by the Associated Press states.

What message does this bring to sexually-active women who struggle financially? If they can't come up with enough to pay the bills, they certainly

can't afford birth control. And the financially-challenged aren't going to quit having sex.

Also, one study found that funding 10 Viagra pills per month would cost about \$100 million a year, which is nearly twice what some insurance companies pay for anti-HIV drugs.

However, women can take comfort in knowing that societal support for contraceptive coverage is profound; a Kaiser Family Foundation poll showed that three-fourths of Americans advocate insurance coverage for contraceptives. Meanwhile, only half of those who answered the poll agreed that coverage should include Viagra.

The Equity in Prescription Insurance and Contraceptive Coverage Act could get a hearing this election year. In addition, states such as California, Alaska and Connecticut are supporting the movement.

I'm all for sexual liberation, and I'm sure the men whose sex drives have been recharged a la Viagra can say the same. The walls of impotence are coming down, so let's prepare for it.

But let's not discriminate against women's health in the process.

Wealth can help prevent pregnancy

□ Kathleen Parker/ CPS

In absolutely marvelous news, rich people gathered in Oakland, Calif., last week to figure out what to do with all their money.

No longer content to hold 40 percent of the nation's wealth, they want to be noble, too. They want to give some away.

But how to do it?

Take Alan Greenberg, Wall Street gazillionaire. He recently parted with \$1 million so poor men could take Viagra, the miracle drug for impotence. No word on how poor women feel about this, but hey, it's not fair that only rich men should get that old feelin' again.

Given the difficulty of shedding wealth in appropriate ways, I'm offering, free of charge, my own two cents.

One word: Time.

Specifically, air time. If rich people really want to make the world a better place, they should buy the smartest advertising talent, as much commercial air time as possible and put out a single message: Getting pregnant isn't cool.

This is a tough message to sell in the

wake of Greenberg's celebration of virility, but nothing would improve America's lot more than to convince girls and boys that getting knocked up on Saturday night makes snails look smart.

I figure if we can turn smokers into pariahs, why can't we put shame back into unwed pregnancy? I realize this isn't what some want to hear. In some neighborhoods, having a baby is a status symbol. Getting a girl pregnant is the newest notch on the bedpost.

A perinatal educator and lactation consultant, "Robin," wrote me recently. Robin is trying to convince legislators to enact a law requiring a father's name on birth certificates. The thinking is that the specter of having to pay child support will make fathering babies seem less cool.

See how money talks? But money never talks better than when it's buying public opinion. Anyone who has ever worked in public relations or run a political campaign – or watched TV, for that matter – knows you can change the way people think by the messages you feed them.

The messages we've been feeding

our youth over the past two decades – Have more sex immediately and never say no! – would wear out Seymour the Bull. And it's not getting better despite all the talk about putting the family back into "family hour." In one episode of "Friends," for example, a couple had sex in a dentist's chair.

Of course, the real-life consequences of such libidinous effluvia are babies born to poverty, abuse, neglect, drugs, violence and a cycle that repeats itself in the next generation.

I don't have an advertising campaign handy, but a quick call to the anti-smoking headquarters would be a good place to start. In less than 20 years, anti-smoking crusaders have turned smokers into social outcasts. You light up in a public place these days, and people look at you like you're torturing a puppy.

Why not make pregnancy at least as unappealing as smoking? Cigarettes may be bad for one's health, but unwed teen pregnancy is destroying society.

That's where I'd put my money, dahling.

Got a gripe? Let us hear about it.



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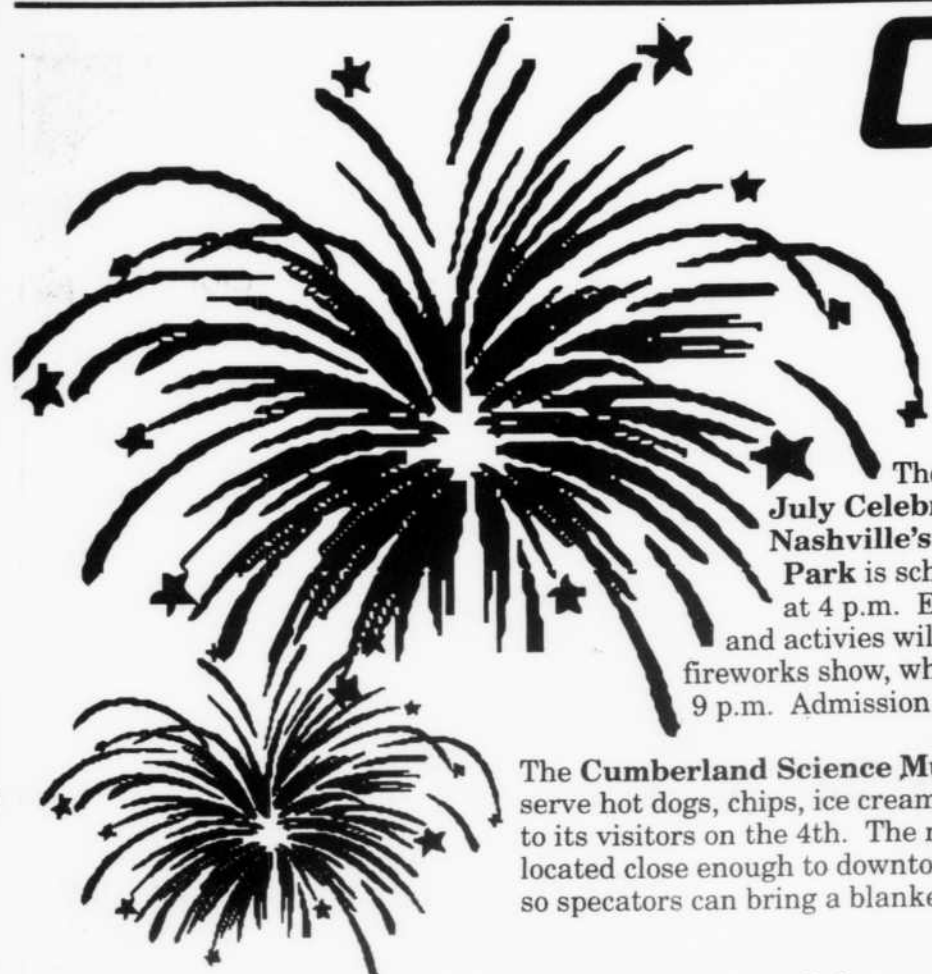
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Celebrate with a bang

Stick with tradition and catch a light show this weekend in celebration of Independence Day. Here are some local fireworks shows scheduled for Saturday.



The annual 4th of July Celebration at Nashville's Riverfront Park is scheduled to start at 4 p.m. Entertainment and activities will precede the fireworks show, which will start at 9 p.m. Admission is free.

The Cumberland Science Museum will serve hot dogs, chips, ice cream and soft drinks to its visitors on the 4th. The museum is located close enough to downtown Nashville, so spectators can bring a blanket and catch the

fireworks show at the Riverfront Park. Admission for non-members of the museum is \$4 for all ages (children under 2 years old are free). The museum is located at 800 Fort Negley Blvd.

MTSU will be hosting a 4th of July celebration scheduled to start at 5 p.m. and will end roughly around 9 p.m. Activities planned include a picnic, family and children's games, patriotic music and a fireworks show at 8:50 p.m. The festival will be held on the intramural field located east of the Mass Comm building. Families are encouraged to bring lawn chairs, picnic baskets and blankets.



Carol Burnett gives tribute to Lucille Ball

LOS ANGELES (AP) — There's a nice touch of irony in the Turner Classics Movies' month-long tribute to Lucille Ball's film career.

Television, which made the most of her comic gifts, is highlighting how the movie industry squandered them.

From the early 1930s until the 1950s, Lucy often was relegated to supporting roles in generally mediocre films. Then it was TV to the rescue, allowing Lucy and husband Desi Arnaz to package her genius properly on "I Love Lucy."

"Lucy" reruns are as much a part of the atmosphere as oxygen. Films like "Panama Lady," "The Affairs of Annabel" and "Twelve Crowded Hours" are forgotten.

For true fans, the cable channel's July festival of 29 movies featuring Lucy is a chance to see their heroine as a dewy-eyed youngster in early bit parts and in a few rare dramatic roles.

There's also the opportunity to play the entertaining "Hollywood-must-be-run-by-idiots" game in which viewers discern her star quality that should have hit studio executives like a cream pie in the kisser.

Maybe Lucy, who died in 1989 at age 77, was just too much of a challenge for them, suggests comedienne Carol Burnett.

"Nobody knew what to do with her. It could be possible that her beauty might have thrown them," Carol said. "In that era, the only really glamorous comedic actress was Carol Lombard."

As part of TCM's tribute, Carol narrates a short film on her friend's career that plays throughout the month. Each Thursday, a half-dozen or so of Lucy's films will be shown beginning at 5 p.m.

Among the best bets, all times EDT: the Marx Brothers' "Room Service" (1938), 8 p.m. Thursday; "Easy to Wed," a musical remake of "Libeled Lady" (1946) 10 p.m. July 16; "The Big Street" (1942) in which Lucy played a crippled showgirl cared for by Henry Fonda, 1:30 a.m. July 30, and "Dunbar Was a Lady," (1943) co-starring Red Skelton and Gene Kelly, 10 p.m. July 30.

Also showing is "The Long Long Trailer" (1954), 8 p.m. July 23, which paired Lucy and Arnaz and was released during the first run of "I Love Lucy."

As Carol remembers it, Lucy never lamented her movie misuse. She was low-key about her TV success as well.

"She was very grateful for any accolades she got. She was very gracious and pleased that the show was the success it was. But she never talked that much about it," said Carol.

Parnell comes home to sing

□ Lynnette Wirz/staff

Music may have brought Texas-born hitmaker Lee Roy Parnell to Nashville a decade ago, but the celebrated slide guitarist and artist has never wanted anything more than to return to his roots.

"For me, it was always my dream to go back and to be able to live in Texas," said Parnell, who recently purchased a 120-year-old home situated on 80 acres in Fredricksburg, Texas. "But if you've never had to restore a house, you just don't have any idea what it entails," he said, laughing. "You just have to be there."

Actually spending time at his dream home is another story, though, since Parnell's touring and recording schedule occupy the majority of the redressed performer's time.

Touted by "Billboard" magazine as one of "country music's true treasures," the often-underappreciated Parnell—along with his supercharged backing band, The Hot Links—will bring his high-energy, guitar-driven sound to the area

beginning at 7 p.m. July 4 for a free concert in a new venue.

Nonetheless, Parnell said, "I am still holding on to that dream (of returning to Texas to live), but it is necessary for me to be here (in Nashville) to do a lot of business. And if it wasn't here, it'd be somewhere else."

"I guess you could say that I am officially living in Texas again. ... I mean, as much as I can be there, I'm there. But there, then again, about a third of my time is spent on the road and then another third of it is spent being here, so once again, my life is cut up into thirds," he added.

Currently, the Arista/Nashville Records artist is busy penning songs for possible inclusion on his first-ever "greatest hits" album. The upcoming disc's material will be culled from his four-album discography, which includes the country hits "Crocodile Tears," "The Rock," "Tender Moment," "Love Without Mercy," "A Little Bit of You," "Heart's Desire" and "When A Woman Loves A Man," among others.

Parnell's latest Arista album, the 10-tune "Every Night's A Saturday

Night," has served the blues-influenced performer equally well, however, thanks to "Lucky Me, Lucky You," a recent Top-10 single that Parnell inked with fellow Texan and tunesmith Gary Nicholas. Moreover, Parnell's current single, "All That Matters Anymore," also appears to have secured widespread acceptance at commercial-country radio, with its "heart-on-your-sleeve lyric" and soulful interpretation.

"Sometimes you sit down to write a song and the lyrics just seem to have been there all along, almost like they came from another

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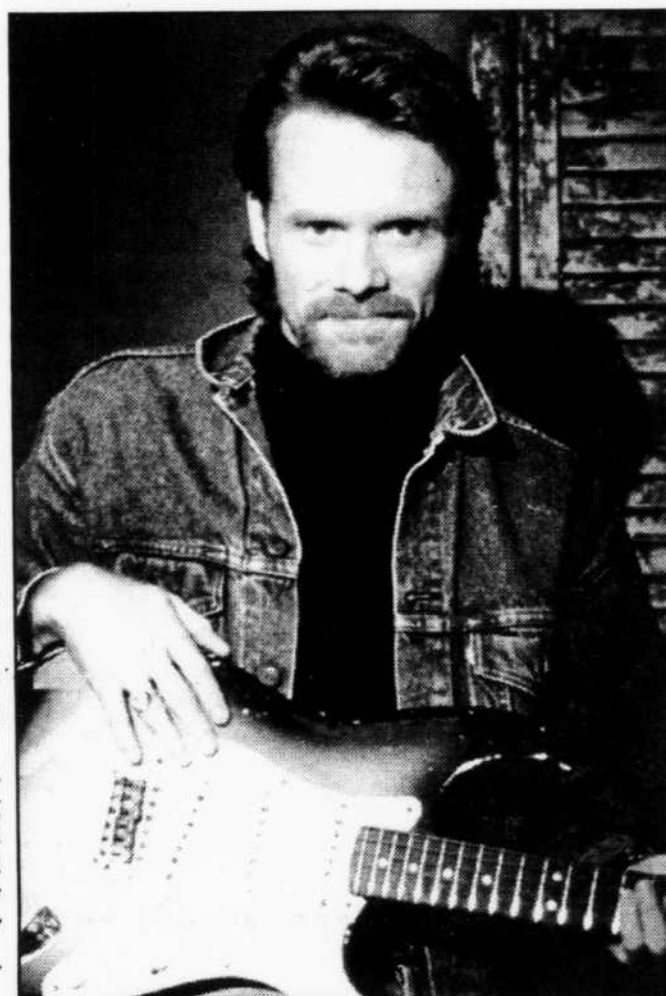


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Tobacco issue smolders in Hollywood

LOS ANGELES (AP) — When producer-writer Chris Carter needed to create a villain for "The X-Files," he opened a pack of Cigarette Smoking Man w puff his way through one plot after another, from television to the big screen.

When writer-director Don Roos needed a villain for "The Opposite of Sex" he came up Christina Ricci tart-tongued, chai character, someone who cigarette butt into her fat

grave at his funeral. Julia Roberts lightin in "My Best Friend's Wedding." Passengers ta drags in "Titanic."

American movies c reek of cigarettes even states and politicians tal the tobacco industry.

Oddly, the cinen puffing comes while

tobacco is said to be playing a lesser role on the business side of Hollywood. Although Minnesota's

... billion with the industry a ban on product deals in producers' t entered or years. al Trade report to ind that nies have on film nce 1989. product- is have o a video o to get ing issue olers in llywood.



Filmmakers insist they have a First Amendment artistic right to use cigarettes for character development. Activists say filmmakers wield a powerful influence over young and impressionable audiences and therefore have a social responsibility not to glamorize smoking.

"I'd like to get rid of smoking on the screen," said Jack Valenti, president of the Motion Picture Association of America. "I've talked to a number of directors and producers, but they tell me that even though many of the actors and actresses don't smoke, they still use cigarettes for character development."

"In 20 seconds, with a cigarette, you can show nervousness, arrogance, anxiety."

But critics like Stanton Glantz, a professor of medicine at the University of California, San Francisco aren't convinced.

"I think the creative thing is a

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Lamb's new novel takes on many tough topics

NEW YORK (AP) — For a warm, well-adjusted guy, writer Wally Lamb is surprisingly intimate with the darker side of life.

His first novel, "She's Come Undone," plumbed the depths of a young woman's despair, tackling topics like obesity, bulimia, depression and rape.

In "I Know This Much Is True," released June 14, Lamb's characters struggle with schizophrenia, domestic violence, infant death and a basic inability to form meaningful relationships.

Happily for Lamb, his own life isn't so grim. And, luckily for readers, his novels are leavened by well-rounded characters who hold on to a sense of humor despite their troubles.

The down-to-earth Connecticut author credits his knack for writing about troubled hearts to his 25 years as a high school English teacher.

Handing out writing assignments to teen-agers, "I began to be on the receiving end of all these voices, these kids' voices, writing about their lives, and writing about their concerns," he said in a recent interview.

"I never stole an idea, or anything like that ... but you can hear the voice of a young person in struggle."

"I Know This Much Is True" tells the story of Dominick Birdsey, a forty-something Connecticut house painter with a schizophrenic twin brother, a dead infant daughter and an ex-wife he still loves. Dominick's story unfolds through nearly 900 pages of engrossing if sometimes melodramatic prose.

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Murphy brings in the money

'Mulan' still on high in ticket sales when 'Dr. Dolittle' opened last weekend

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Eddie Murphy hit the jackpot this weekend when "Dr. Dolittle" took hold atop the North American box office and "Mulan," in which Murphy provides the voice for a wisecracking dragon, took No. 2, according to industry estimates Sunday.

"Dr. Dolittle" earned an estimated \$29 million in ticket sales during its opening weekend. In the latest release, the animals' mouths move as they talk, thanks to the

clever use of computer-generated special effects.

"Most scenes were shot three different ways to capture the most realistic moments," said Producer John Davis. "We used the facial expressions for emotion to make you think you were watching live animals bantering with Eddie."

Davis, who also produced "The Firm," "Water World," and "Grumpy Old Men," said the film's opening surpassed Murphy's "The Nutty Professor," which was his last comedy.

"Mulan" took in \$17.3 million and held the No. 2 spot for the second week, according to Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc.

The film is based on an ancient Chinese story about a girl who

dresses up like a man to take her ailing father's place in fighting the invading Huns.

"Mulan" had the biggest debut for a Disney animated feature since "Toy Story," which opened at \$29.1 million in November 1995.

"Mulan" also fell only 24 percent from its opening weekend to the second weekend, surpassing Disney's normal decrease of between 30 and 40 percent, said Phil Barlow, president of Buena Vista Pictures Distribution. "The Lion King" fell 31 percent during its second weekend.

Two other Disney films remained in the Top 10: "Six Days Seven Nights" was in the sixth spot,

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place," said Parnell, who produced his latest record with The Hot Links players. "This might be my favorite song on the record—it might even be the best song I've ever had a hand in writing. This is Gary Nicholson and me again."

Influenced by the likes of Delbert McClinton, Muddy Waters, Bob Wills and The Texas Playboys, and Merle Haggard, respectively, Parnell said that when it comes to songwriting, "I'm always thinking about peeling away the layers and finding

something at the inner core that each person shares. Merle Haggard is good at that, and I guess that song reminds me of something he might write."

"Everybody—everybody—can relate to 'All That Matters Anymore,'" Parnell said. "They hear it for the first time and they respond to it, which is very gratifying. It talks about kids, about making up for lost time and figuring out what's really important in life, and that's something we all have to come to terms with sooner or later. Eventually, you figure out that it's not money, it's not possession, it's the human things."

As for his "greatest hits" package, the Abilene-born singer said, "We're gonna put three new sides on this record somehow or another. Five of my singles have gone No. 1 and five others have gone in the Top 10, so I guess we'll figure something out. Somehow or other they want to put three bonus tracks on it, though."

In spite of the fact Parnell has lent his slide-guitar prowess to recordings by artists such as McClinton, Mary-Chapin Carpenter and Trisha Yearwood, to name but a sampling, don't expect any gratuitous surprise guest performances on the 1999

release, he said. Unless, of course, Parnell happens to hear a little voice in his head.

"We really haven't decided on the three (bonus) tracks yet. I continue to write for this thing and I haven't decided what three I want to put on the album yet, so that (the appearance by guest artists) is always determined by what I pick. Like with Trisha or whatever, if I hear Trisha's voice on the song in my head and it warrants it, then I will ask Trisha. But I won't just do it for the sake of having a guest."

As for his future, at least for the next four years, Parnell said he expects that he

will still be splitting his time between the Texas and Music City—never mind that he has plenty of underbrush to clear from his Fredricksburg homestead before he can make it fit for anything other than goats, he said.

"I do still have my house here," Parnell remarked, regarding his local digs. "My son just enrolled in a small college here in Tennessee. He got a baseball scholarship so he's going to be going to school here for the next four years, which is another reason why I want to keep a place here. I'm gonna see as many baseball games as I can."

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and "The Horse Whisperer" held No. 10.

"The X-Files," the movie version of the popular TV show, fell to No. 3 this weekend with \$13.6 million after leading the box office in

its opening last weekend.

"Out of Sight," an action comedy starring George Clooney as a bank robber and Jennifer Lopez as a federal marshal, opened this weekend with \$12.9 million and holds the No. 4 spot in the box office.

"The Truman Show" was No. 5 with \$8.6 million in

ticket sales.

"Godzilla" moved off the Top 10 list to the No. 12 spot this weekend.

Overall, the expected \$103.97 million gross for the weekend's Top 10 films was up 11 percent over the same weekend last year.

desperately necessary to be creative."

Glantz's study of top-grossing movies found that movie smoking has returned to 1960s levels after three decades of decline. Only about 14 percent of on-screen tobacco use is contextually linked to "adverse social or health effects."

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A lifetime of looking out for his identical twin, Thomas, has left Dominick filled with anger he doesn't know how to express. The death of his daughter and the departure of wife Dessa have fed his bottled-up rage, leaving him almost completely incapable of forming emotional ties.

"When you're the sane brother of a schizophrenic identical twin, the tricky thing about saving yourself is the blood it leaves on your hands—the little inconvenience of the look-alike corpse at your

feet," Dominick reflects.

When Thomas chops off his own hand to protest the Persian Gulf War and is committed to a psychiatric prison, Dominick's downward spiral quickens.

Lamb says that during the six years he spent writing "I Know This Much Is True," he learned to let his characters do most of the work.

"I can't write as the master puppeteer," he said. "What drives me up the stairs in front of the computer is sort of what happens when a reader gets into a good book. I have to write to find out what's going to happen."



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bunch of BS," he said. "The fact is that the amount of smoking going on in movies has skyrocketed, and I haven't seen any big change in the overall plot lines of films that somehow made this

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Chad Gillis
Editor in Chief

Rodman belongs in the ring

The NBA must surely be hanging its head in utmost shame.

Two years ago I said, among a group of friends, that Dennis Rodman's style of play belonged inside the ropes of the World Wrestling Federation, instead of on the court of the National Basketball Association.

Within one year my assumptions had come true.

Professional wrestling is the place to punch fellow athletes like Joe Wolf in the genital area. It is also the place to kick photographers and bully nice guys like Grant Hill — who are either incapable or unwilling to retaliate.

Now I'm not picking on the Chicago Bulls' power forward because he dyes his hair and occasionally dresses in drag — that stuff's great. But it seems that Dennis Rodman, with his cheap and unsportsmanlike play, could have invented the WWF all on his own. But Karl Malone?

I guess that knock-out elbow shot to David Robinson was a practice run for Malone's true calling.

It was obvious that he meant to establish position with his throwing his meat hook of an elbow, but I really didn't think he meant to knock the guy out.

And do these two guys ham it up or what? Making childish appearances on the Jay Leno Show to promote a fake sport is horribly demeaning to the Utah Jazz, the Chicago Bulls and to the greatest player to ever don a jersey.

And what's with these guys acting as though they are really going to fight? I mean Malone and Rodman both performed to Shakespeare-like standards during the Finals, but as Michael Jordan proved during his limited baseball career: individuals excel differently at different tasks.

Making comments in the media that tie the NBA to the WWF makes me wonder if the basketball Finals were rigged.

Malone said that if he can't beat Rodman on the court that he will beat him in the ring.

He'll do and he's done neither, but what a shame to see an NBA season MVP lower himself to such a dreary level.

Rodman's antics belong in the WWF, and maybe Karl Malone's do as well. Maybe the NBA needs to place ropes around the court and allow fake punching while the crowd counts the blows. Maybe, just maybe — for the better of both sports — they should stay there.

Six NBA players elected to Hall of Fame

□ Howard Ulman/AP

Larry Bird was one of five elected into the Hall of Fame

Larry Bird, whose talent and tenacity led the Boston Celtics to three championships and the NBA into a new era of prominence, was elected to the Hall of Fame today, along with five others.

Also chosen were another basketball wizard, Marques Haynes of the Harlem Globetrotters, former coach Alex Hannum, early NBA big man Arnie Risen, current Texas women's coach Jody Conradt, and ex-Yugoslavian coach Aleksandar Nikolic.

Last Monday, Lenny Wilkens joined John Wooden as the only two-

time inductees. Already in as a player, Wilkens was honored as a coach.

Bird's candidacy in his first year of eligibility — having been retired five years — probably didn't require much discussion from the 24-member selection committee.

Bird thanked his high school, college and NBA teammates and coaches.

"I hope they all share in this because, like other awards I have received, this is as much a team accomplishment as an individual accomplishment," he said in a statement. "I'm very honored to be part of the Hall of Fame."

He planned to comment further at a news conference in Indianapolis on Tuesday.

"All the Celtics who made the Hall of Fame deserved it," said Red Auerbach, Boston's former coach, general manager and president who is among 23 other Celtics already in the Springfield, Mass., shrine. "Larry

absolutely deserves it."

Bird was rookie of the year in 1980, MVP in 1984, 1985 and 1986 and Finals MVP in 1984 and 1986. With him, the Celtics won titles in 1981, 1984 and 1986 and the league soared to unprecedented popularity. He was designated one of the NBA's 50 best players ever and often is mentioned among the top five. And he was chosen coach of the year with the Indiana Pacers last season, his first as an NBA coach.

He went to Indiana State after playing high school ball in tiny West Baden, Ind., and took the Sycamores to the 1979 NCAA title game where they were beaten by Michigan State, their only loss of the season.

Bird joined Boston in 1979-80 and transformed a franchise that had missed the previous two playoffs. The Celtics went from 29 to 61 wins in his rookie season and won the championship the next year with coach Bill Fitch. The other two titles came under K.C. Jones.

"Larry was the epitome of what a player should be," Jones said. "He had the total game ... great shooting, passing, defense, rebounding, court sense and heart, as demonstrated every time he dove for a loose ball."

Back problems forced him to retire after the 1991-92 season, his 13th. He was chosen for 12 all-star games and had career averages of 24.3 points, 10 rebounds and 6.3 assists.

He and Magic Johnson could have been inducted together at ceremonies set for Oct. 2 had Johnson not ended his retirement on Jan. 29, 1996, when he returned to the Los Angeles Lakers for 32 regular-season and four playoff games. Johnson had sat out 4 1/2 seasons, just short of the five-year eligibility requirement. Now he must wait until 2002.

Haynes, nominated for the first

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Ready, aim, shoot!



Emily Parker/staff

Lady's basketball teams from regional high schools get a few lessons in the sport at basketball camp held here this summer.

Gordon wins race, regains Winston Cup lead

□ Mike Harris/AP

SONOMA, Calif. — Sometimes a driver has to make his team's strategy work.

That's just what Jeff Gordon did Sunday when he charged from the middle of the field to win the Save Mart-Kragen 350-kilometer race on the road course at Sears Point Raceway.

Gordon, who regained the series points lead with his fourth victory of the season and the 33rd of his Winston Cup career, led the first 36 laps before making the first of his scheduled pit stops.

Several of the leaders chose to pit at the same time, while others remained on the 1.95-mile, 11-turn course. Gordon found himself back in the middle of the pack, and he didn't get back into the lead until he bumped past Bobby Hamilton on lap 102 of the 112-lap, 218-mile race.

As the race played out, Mark Martin, who Gordon said he expected to be the man to beat, never completely recovered from a flat tire in the early going.

Instead of Martin, the defending race winner and one of NASCAR's best road racers, it was the NASCAR's Hamilton who Gordon had to catch.

"I don't have a clue what to do around these places," Hamilton said after winding up second in his best road racing performance ever.

Gordon found that hard to believe.

"I didn't know if I could catch Bobby, then I didn't know if I could pass him, then I didn't know if I could keep him behind me," Gordon said.

On a track where most of the drivers said passing would be all but impossible, Gordon cut a swatch through the field, coming from 20th in the second half of the race.

And most of his passes, including the one that put him back in the lead, came in the hairpin, a 35 mph turn that carries the drivers onto the main straightaway.

The hairpin did turn out to be the favorite passing spot on the track shortened from 2.52 mile by cutting out the three-turn Carousel and replacing it with the faster but shorter Chute, a short straightaway and a sweeping right-hand turn.

"I made one pass in the Chute and I was as amazed and shocked as the guy I passed," Gordon said.

Hamilton, who won earlier this season on the short oval at Martinsville, Va., had taken the lead on lap 85. At that point, Gordon was running 11th, but he came back in a hurry.

Gordon's big move came on lap 90 when Geoff Bodine and Ricky Rudd both spun out in the hairpin, starting a melee among the leaders that

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Serena retires, sister Venus continues

□ Stephen Wilson/AP

WIMBLEDON, England — There won't be a Wimbledon showdown between the Williams sisters after all.

Serena retired from her third-round match with unheralded Virginia Ruano-Pascual on Monday, hobbling with a leg injury and trailing 7-5, 4-1.

"I could have carried on if I wanted but I have to think about the future," she said. "I don't want to hurt myself over something silly and be out for maybe two months just because I didn't stop."

Serena, 16, had easily won her first two matches and was heavily favored to beat Ruano-Pascual and set up a fourth-round encounter against 18-year-old sister Venus, who was playing Chanda Rubin on Monday.

A Williams meeting would have been their third this year and Wimbledon's first match between sisters since Gail and Carol Sherriff of Australia played in 1966.

"We were going to be pretty excited about facing each other again," Serena said. "It was going to give something exciting for England for once."

Serena, playing her first Wimbledon and third Grand Slam, declared that she had been on course to win the title.

"I had all the expectations for this Wimbledon," she said. "I expected to go all the way. I guess I just won't be able to this year. ... In the future, I

definitely see myself as one of the champions."

Serena said Venus, who is seeded No. 6, could be a champion this year.

"She might go a long way now that I'm out of the draw," she said. "I'll give her a couple of tips."

Serena fell behind right away and never recovered against the 47th-ranked Spaniard. At 4-5 in the first set, Williams took a three-minute injury timeout while a trainer sprayed and strapped her left calf.

Williams said she injured herself while slipping on the slick grass during the middle of the set.

Williams broke in the next game for 5-5, but Ruano-Pascual won the next two games at love to take the set and ran off the first four games of the second.

Williams was clearly slowed by the injury, favoring her left leg and failing to run after some shots.

After winning the fifth game of the

second set, Williams walked over to the chair umpire and announced she could not continue. She packed her bag quickly and left the court as her mother Oracene, sitting in a wheelchair with a broken ankle sustained two weeks ago, watched solemnly.

"Early in the match, (the injury) wasn't getting any worse and I thought I can keep going," Williams said. "But when I saw it wasn't getting any better, I figured it was time to stop play."

Serena Williams neglected to shake hands with her opponent, describing it as oversight because she had never retired during a match before. She paid little credit to Ruano-Pascual.

"She had a pretty good today but if I was in better shape, it wouldn't have been happening at all," Williams said.

Ruano-Pascual seemed stunned at her victory. As she sat in her chair,

she shrugged and flashed an embarrassed grin.

Williams also pulled out of the women's doubles, in which she was paired with her sister, but said she may still play in the mixed doubles.

"I think (the injury) will clear up in a short time," she said. "It's not hurting as bad as it was on the court. It's already feeling a little better."

On another rainy day at Wimbledon, French Open champion and No. 5 seed Arantxa Sanchez Vicario moved into the fourth round with a 7-5, 6-2 win over Sylvia Plischke.

Todd Martin completed a rain-delayed third round match against Todd Woodbridge, winning 6-4, 4-6, 7-6 (7-1) 6-4.

Martin is the only American man left in the tournament other than defending champion Pete Sampras, who was resuming his third-round match against Thomas Enqvist.

In the day's featured Centre Court match, No. 6 Patrick Rafter, the reigning U.S. Open champion, was to face No. 12 Tim Henman of Britain for a place in the quarterfinals.

The second week started under cloudy skies, and play was suspended by rain in early afternoon.

Four days of play were delayed by rain last week, leaving the tournament 13 matches behind schedule, but officials kept with tradition and permitted no play Sunday.



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Haynes, nominated for the first time, graduated from Langston University in 1947 after leading it to a 112-3 record over four seasons. In more than 12,000 games over more than 40 years with the Harlem Globetrotters and Harlem Magicians, his ballhandling and showmanship dazzled audiences in 97 countries.

Hannum spent 16 seasons as a coach with seven NBA and ABA teams, winning three championships.

Hannum, retired and living in San Diego, reacted to his election with "utter and complete shock."

"I think it's a tremendous honor and it's something you can only dream about," he said.

He led the Philadelphia 76ers to a 68-13 record in 1966-67, when they won the NBA title, a team Hannum still considers the best of all time. They were 62-20 in 1967-68. The next season, he took the

Oakland Oaks to the ABA title, becoming the first coach to win championships in both leagues. Bill Sharman did it later.

Hannum began coaching as player-coach of the St. Louis Hawks in 1956-57, when they lost Game 7 of the finals to Boston, then won his first NBA title as coach of the Hawks the next season.

Conradt, the winningest women's coach of all time, has spent the last 22 seasons as coach of Texas. Her 709 wins make her one of 14 college coaches of men's or women's teams with at least 700, and she took Texas to 14 of the last 16 NCAA tournaments.

"If I had dreamed every dream imaginable, I could not think this could be a reality," said Conradt, reached during a recruiting trip in Indianapolis. "It's just amazing to me the whole process by which women's basketball has claimed credibility."

Risen, 6-foot-9 and about 200 pounds, had the size of a small forward in today's game. But he was an aggressive

rebounder in a 13-year career that began with Indianapolis of the National Basketball League in 1945-46. He moved to Rochester of the NBA in 1947-48 and stayed there until his last three NBA seasons in Boston.

With him and Bird, the Celtics will have 25 Hall of Famers.

Nikolic began coaching the Yugoslavian national team in 1953 and led it to two silver medals and a bronze in European Championships in the 1960s. He later became an outstanding coach in Italy.

Nominees not selected were: Larry Costello, Adrian Dantley, Artis Gilmore, Gus Johnson, Sidney Moncrief, Chet Walker and coaches John Thompson and Tex Winter in the regular category, former Wayland Baptist coach Harley Redin in the women's basketball category, shoe company executive Grady Lewis in the veterans category and Ubiratan Pereira Maciel of Brazil in the international category.

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allowed Gordon's Chevy to jump from seventh to fourth.

He passed Rick Mast for third on lap 92, grabbed second from John Andretti on lap 96 and went after Hamilton, cutting the margin steadily.

On the pass for the lead, Gordon bumped Hamilton, and Hamilton bumped him back and then tried to make his own move.

Both teams were quickly warned by NASCAR to calm down their drivers, but Gordon and Hamilton laughed it off.

"We touched accidentally,

but you don't have to worry about him retaliating," Hamilton said. "He knows what good, hard racing is."

Gordon, who took his only other road course victory last August at Watkins Glen, N.Y., agreed, saying, "Hey, we were just racing hard and having fun. Just trying to stay ahead of him was something because he was on my heels. I couldn't shake him."

Hamilton did everything he could to regain the lead, drawing alongside Gordon at the hairpin on lap 103 and staying right on the leader's rear bumper for several laps. But Gordon, with somewhat fresher

tires, finally pulled away, winning by 2.748 seconds — about 15 car-lengths.

"Once he made a little slip I was able to get some space between us and be smooth and run my own race from there on out," Gordon said.

The win, combined with an 18th-place finish for Jeremy Mayfield, moved Gordon, the two-time and defending Winston Cup champion, from 36 points behind to 40 ahead in the season standings.

Andretti finished third, followed by Bobby Labonte, Rusty Wallace, Mark Martin, Sterling Marlin and Mast.

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