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Festivities honor veterans Parade, fireworks part of holiday celebration

Murfreesboro's Fourth of July Military Homecoming will be an all-day celebration honoring veterans who served in battles from World War I to America's latest foreign battle, Operation Desert Storm.

Most of the day's activities will take place at Old Fort Park and will begin at 10 a.m. with "Art in the Park". This event will feature the artistic creations of people from the region.

Residents can enjoy the outdoors by picnicking and participating in games when family activities begin at 11 a.m. Free soft drinks will be available in the park as well as a limited supply of commemorative T-shirts.

Alcoholic beverages are not permitted in the park and the fire department has advised that for safety reasons personal fireworks not be permitted in the park.

Later in the evening at 9 p.m. the city's largest firework display will take place. Corporate sponsors have donated over \$10,000 for the display. Events in the park end with a dance for

base will also send a HumVee military four-wheel transport vehicle and helicopters for an active display.

Walker discourages parade watchers from parking

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Lee Ann Walker
Parade spokesperson

teenagers which will begin after the fireworks display.

The day's largest event is the parade which begins at 4:30 p.m. on East Main, continues around Public Square across Broad Street, up West Main Street, turning right at the railroad tracks and going into the back entrance of Old Fort Park.

The Tennessee National Guard and a platoon from the Fort Campbell, Ky. military will march in the parade. The military

along the parade route.

Parade officials expect the parade to end at 6:30 p.m. when a special presentation will be made to Desert Storm troops and veterans in the parade.

"It will be a special salute to all veterans from World War I to Vietnam," said Lee Ann Walker, parade spokeswoman, "Families and all citizens are invited to participate by attending the parade and program to cheer our military people - past and

present."

State Senator/decorated Vietnam veteran Andy Womack, D-Murfreesboro will lead a contingent of fellow Vietnam veterans.

Members of the family of Alvin C. York - one of the nation's most celebrated World War I heroes and namesake of the Alvin C. York VA Medical Center - will also attend.

Outlet's Limited Mall will have patriotic clowns for handing out treats for children and well-known Murfreesboro resident Birch Bryant will march in the parade as Uncle Sam.

Individual veterans interested in being a part of the parade can register on the day of the parade by coming to the registration desk on grounds of the park where registration will start at 2:30 p.m. for the 4:30 p.m. parade.

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Partly cloudy today with a 40% chance of rain. Thurs.-Sat., hot with a chance of scattered showers each day. Highs: mid 80s. Lows: 70s.

TRUE BLUES



Patricia Tenpeny/Photographer

Enjoying the festivities: At freshmen orientation, from left to right, future students Sherri Ricardson and Stacy Shelton, SOA Jack Russell, Andrew Arehart (with student programming), and SOA Todd Tabor pose for a photo.

Responsible driving encouraged on fourth City ups DUI patrol

The Murfreesboro police department will increase patrol during the four day holiday weekend in hopes of cutting the number of drinking and driving accidents.

According to Sergeant Atkinson of the Murfreesboro police department, the DUI task force will be out in full force patrolling the city.

"Extra police forces will be patrolling throughout the holiday period. Each year we have to increase patrols, said Atkinson.

Statistics provided by the Tennessee Department of Safety show that during the 1990 fourth of July holiday a total of six fatal crashes occurred on July 3 and 4. Fifty percent of these crashes happened between 6:00 p.m. and midnight.

Over half of the accidents which took place during this period involved alcohol. The

average blood alcohol content of all tested drivers was .06% and the average BAC of drivers who tested positive was .24%.

Those involved in the accidents were between the ages of 17 and 35.

During the 1990 fourth of July holiday one death occurred every 5 hours.

The accidents occurred in Jackson, Knox, Hawkins, Morgan, Cocke, and Montgomery counties.

According to the report provided by the DOS 80% of the occupants involved in accidents during this period were not wearing safety restraints.

The highest number of deaths for a 102 hour fourth of July holiday was in 1985 and 1989 when 24 people were killed.

The lowest number of deaths for a 102 hour fourth of July holiday was in 1978, when 22 people were killed.

The 1991 fourth of July holiday period will begin at 6:00

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Campus Briefs

Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia Enjoy Classes at MTSU.

A van load of young sisters pursuing degrees in English, history and education commuted from their convent in Nashville to attend Intercession classes at MTSU. They are sisters at the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia Convent a teaching community whose goals are to provide students quality academic education and a clear understanding of the Catholic faith.

The sisters chose to attend MTSU because, "the schedule was convenient and the reputation of the college," according to Sister Marion, a teacher at the convent.

Many of the sisters will begin practice teaching in the fall, so

habits may not be as common at MTSU next semester.

"It was an overall good experience, not just for the credit, but for the people they met," said Sister Marion. She explained their lifestyle is sometimes misunderstood, so they enjoyed the interaction with the friendly students and instructors they encountered at MTSU.

"There was a positive response to the whole situation," according to Sister Marion.

Based on the reaction of the sisters' fellow students, it is safe to assume the feeling was mutual.

MTSU Student Interns with Debbie Gibson Tour.

"Only In My Dreams," sings Debbie Gibson, but MTSU

student Huntley Biggs is not dreaming at all. As assistant to the road manager for Gibson's worldwide tour, the MTSU junior in recording industry management is gaining hands on experience in his field of study.

The Gulf Port, Mississippi native, began traveling with the tour after Chris Cuevas the opening act for Gibson asked him to join the staff. The opportunity to travel with the tour was one the ambitious student could not refuse.

Biggs arranges for transportation, coordinates security, accompanies the tour to most appearances, and fulfills a list of other responsibilities.

The 21 year old is currently working with Gibson Management Incorporated based

in New York. He will accompany the tour as they travel countrywide and then make appearances in Europe after a few stops in Japan.

Gibson Management Incorporated has acknowledged Biggs' potential to be successful and his ability to contribute to the prosperity of their company for years to come. They consider him in training for an even more significant position in the company within the near future, according to the MTSU student. It seems he is well on his way down the road to success.

Sharber Retires From MTSU/Development Office

After spending the last six and a half years with the MTSU

Development Office and more than 40 years in the insurance industry, T. Jackson Sharber is retiring, effective June 30.

Sharber, who serve as director of estate planning for MTSU, was associated with National Life and NLT Corporation for 34 years when he accepted early retirement in January 1985.

Following his early retirement, he came to MTSU where he, his wife Babara, and two of his three children graduated. Sharber, a MTSU Distinguished Alumnus, and his wife have been active in the MTSU Foundation since the 1960s. He served as Foundation president in 1971 and has been a strong advocate during the intervening years.

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The Governor's School of the Arts will be sponsoring cultural events here on campus from June 16- July 13. The last performance is tonight in the Wright Music Hall. Admission to performances is \$3 for adults and \$2 for children under 12. For more information on performances, call the Governor's School office at 899-2223.

Child and adult care food program public release for nonpricing programs. MTSU

Day Care Lab announces the sponsorship Tennessee Department of Human Services Child and Adult Care Food Program. Meals will be available at no separate charge to enrolled children at the centers who are eligible.

A sales tax workshop offered to assist small business owners, accountants, lawyers, and others. The workshop will deal with sales tax, regulations, problems and procedures is scheduled for August 15 from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. at the KUC theater. For more information call the Division of Continuing Studies.

A support group for women of color offered. The group will deal with domestic violence problems. This is being sponsored by the YWCA on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. For more information call 297-8833. Location of the workshop is confidential.

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p.m. Wednesday, July 3 and continue until midnight Sunday, July 7.

careful on the roadways this holiday and to not drink if planning to drive and if you have to drink please allow someone who has not been drinking to do the driving.

Sidelines

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outside stage

July 5
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inside stage

Laughing Stormdogs & Bobby Gray
outside stage

July 6
Hank Flamingo & Joker's Wild
inside stage

Ballistic Whiplash & Doctor Gonzo
outside stage

Opinions

Consensus

State's (in)ability hits MTSU hard

Sir Issac Newton's work in physics proved that for every action there is an equal and opposite reaction. Recent events in Tennessee politics and education shown that no action can produce an even more severe reaction.

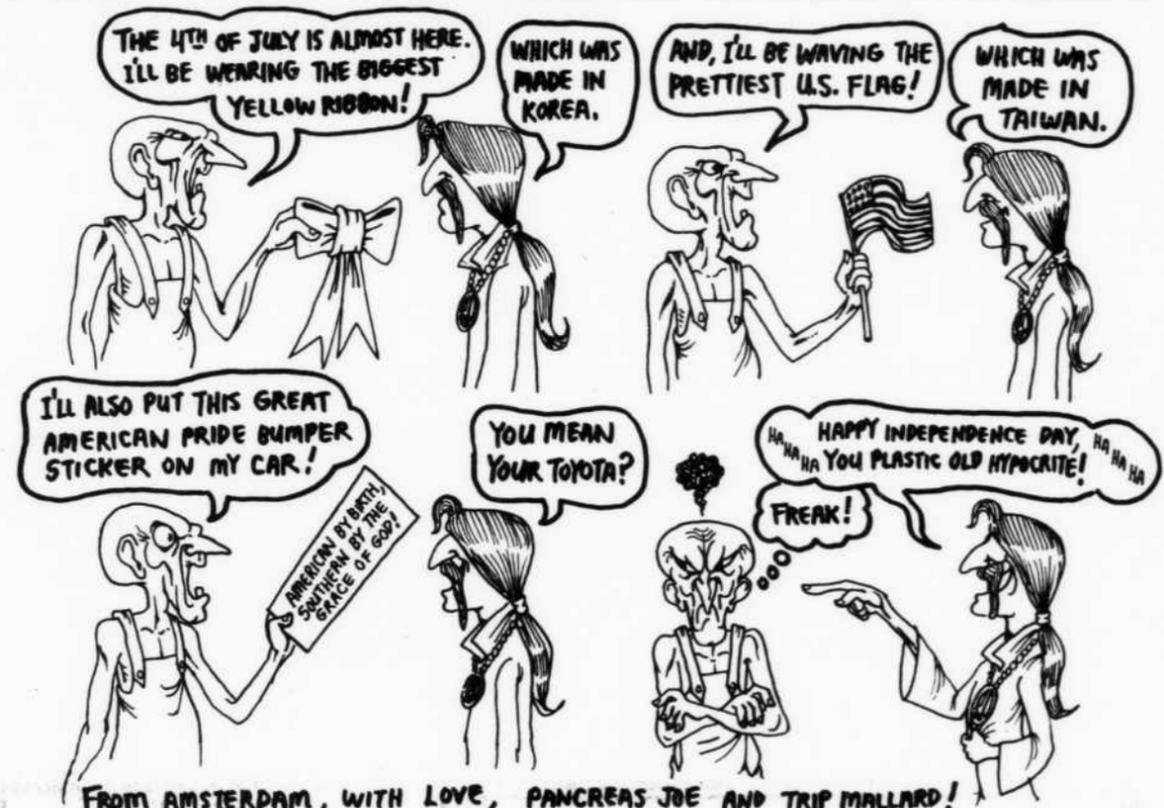
The 97th General Assembly's Law of Irresponsibility in government came into existence after state lawmakers spent six months talking a lot, but doing little. During the session, they failed to make reforms in neither taxation or education leaving themselves with only one alternative - too many deep and painful cuts to the state's already suffering school systems.

The reaction is evident; schools and public universities are struggling to find ways to stay above water. The price of the legislator's indecision will be paid by students, teachers and the overall state of education in Tennessee.

For MTSU, the cuts will mean a five percent increase in tuition, the freezing of 180 positions and other money-saving measures that will diminish the services and devalue the quality of our school.

Five percent may not seem like much, but the increase will be bad medicine for students. Coupled with tough economic times and the decrease in available federal and state financial aid, tuition will be harder to meet. More students will be broke many will spend more time at jobs than at the books and some will be forced to drop out. These people will be the victims of a lazy and important state legislature.

Regardless of how you feel lawmaker's should have handled the budget crisis, we all would agree that they should have done something. That's their jobs - to make the tough decisions that will benefit our state. Because they failed to realize that their actions, or lack there of, have a direct impact on their constituents, we will all get a lot less for more dollars this fall.



FROM AMSTERDAM, WITH LOVE, PANCREAS JOE AND TRIP MALLARD!

Columnist laments efforts of Israel to save their Ethiopian brothers

Founded in the aftermath of the Nazi holocaust, Israel has been a literal haven for persecuted Jews from Europe, the Middle East and the Soviet union. Under nation's Law of Return, any Jew upon arrival in Israel, is eligible for citizenship. Despite high

Aviv. This massive evacuation took more than 36 hours to complete and involved more than 40 flights. The Israeli government has stated that if possible it would return to rescue the other 3,000 people who were left behind.

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VINCENT WINDROW Special to Sidelines

inflation and unemployment, Israel has continued to accept more and more Jewish immigrants.

Ethiopia, located in the Horn of Africa, is one of the oldest nations on earth. Christian since the 4th century. It has a proud religious history. Recently this ancient country has been devastated by famine and civil war. Millions have died due to both circumstances. Many more will also suffer and die.

For over 2,000 years, a community of black Jews have lived in Gondar, the northwest region of Ethiopia. They are called Falashas which is an Amharic word meaning outcast. They call themselves Beth Yisrael, meaning House Israel. In due respect they will in this article be referred to as Beth Yisrael.

As aforementioned, Ethiopia is currently under siege. The Marxist government led by Mengistu mariam, has fled to Zimbabwe. The capital, Addis Ababa, is in the control of rebel forces who seek to reverse the cruel treatment of Ethiopians perpetuated by Mengistu. Having suffered tremendously throughout history from Muslims, Christians, and the government, Beth Yisrael, invariably would have to endure more bloodshed because of their religious beliefs.

In an undercover and daring move called Operation Solomon, Israel airlifted more than 14,000 of their brothers and sisters out of Addis Ababa headed for Tel

Aviv. This massive evacuation took more than 36 hours to complete and involved more than 40 flights. The Israeli government has stated that if possible it would return to rescue the other 3,000 people who were left behind.

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During Operation Moses, the Ethiopian government called the rescue a "sinister operation" and warned the countries involved to stop this "illegal trafficking of Ethiopians from Sudanese territory to Israel". The government also stated that the operation was a "massive kidnapping of the Falashas... the entire operation conjures up the revival of the slave trade".

A German television station accused the Israelis of uprooting a hungry people from native soil and transporting them to an alien land for publicity purposes. Some Ethiopians declare that Israel is stealing away one of their national monuments.

Aside from the above accusations, some concerns have arisen due to the treatment received by Beth Yisrael upon reaching Israel. Although they believe in the Torah (the basic Jewish scriptures), observe the Sabbath and dietary laws and are circumcised according to Jewish tradition, Beth Yisrael, who have been Jewish for over 2,000 years have had to undergo certain religious re-enactments in order to "renew the covenant". They have also been required to repeat their marriage vows and their oaths to Torah.

Critics of Israel have

constantly insisted that Zionism is racist in nature. Some ask why hasn't Israel done more for Beth Yisrael before now. Lest, we somehow forget that we live in a racist world some Ethiopians were denied water and electricity by the city of Eilat. One municipal official stated, "We don't want blacks here."

Other concerns have arisen over an alleged arms deal with the Sudanese government in 1984 and the Ethiopian government recently in exchange for Beth Yisrael, which leaves a bad taste of possible slave trading in your mouth. Israel denied the accusations, however, Lieutenant Colonel Ra'anun Gissian, a senior army officer, said, "It was a last minute payoff... there was no other way". Some reports estimate that the payoff was worth over \$35,000,000.

What is the real deal Israel? Did you buy your Jewish brothers and sisters or did you get them in an arms deal? Why has it taken you so long to recognize them as Jews? Was it because of the skin they're in? "Are you not like the Ethiopians unto Me, O children of Israel?" (Amos 9:7).

Since its establishment in 1948, Israel has certainly had its problems. Palestinians lost their homes and lives in order that there might be a "safe haven for Jews fleeing persecution". Israel has not known peace for over 40 years and will not have peace until the Palestine issue is resolved once and for all. However on this day, the Star of David shines brightly indeed. In a time when the country has severe economic problems, Israel has been their brother's keeper. In a time when the worked is polarized by races, the Israelis have proven that their God is more important than the color of their brethren's skin. Beth Yisrael left Ethiopia penniless, hungry and sick but found love, hope and charity in the Promised Land. Blessed be the ties that bind us.

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Features

True essence of independence lost

Watermelon is all that is left of great Fourth of July long forgotten

GREG ADKINS
Features Editor

Fourth of July celebrations have changed over the years but some things have remained the same. Independence days of times past were family affairs. Small, wide-eyed boys named Tommy, Johnny and Jimmy awoke with thoughts of fireworks, picnics and juicy watermelon.

Families would gather for a huge breakfast, and fathers would tell sons why we celebrate the Fourth of July. Stories of independence, freedom and war were swapped by older brothers and uncles over Tommy's, Johnny's and Jimmy's heads.

After their morning feasts, all families came to meet on the town square for an Independence Day parade. Veterans of foreign wars and Boy Scouts in uniform would march. American Legion representatives would drive by in shiny Cadillac convertibles. All the young boys would point at the uniforms and medals and whisper, "I wish that was me."

When the parade was over,

all the people would go to the park, spread blankets on the ground and unpack picnic baskets full of fried chicken, sandwiches, cole slaw, potato salad, pies and

America's sport. Family played family, but no one cared who won; it was all in fun.

Nights were filled with fireworks. Huge bursts exploded

babes and beer. They have convinced their parents to journey on to the grandparents' house without them, citing sickness and work schedules as viable excuses.

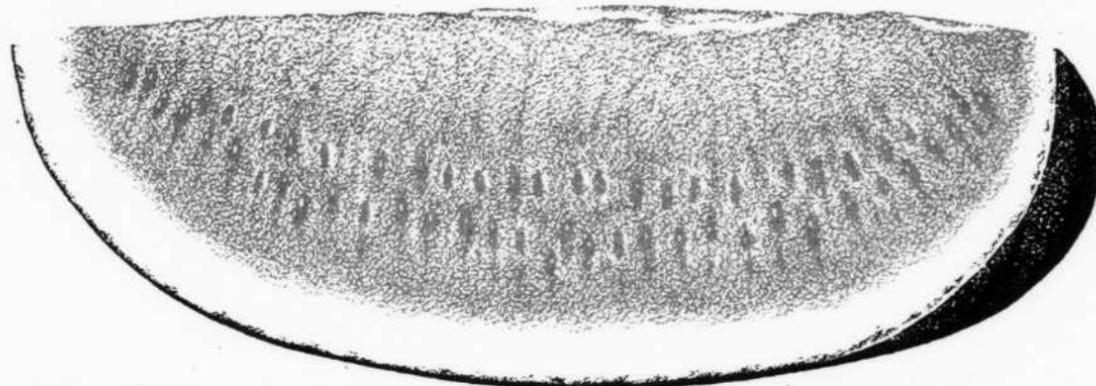
grilled in mass and the keg is sloppily tapped. This picnic takes place in the backyard on a wooden deck. Hopefully the host can talk some of the girls into sunbathing.

Baseball isn't usually thought about unless someone is discussing the major league standings. The only make believe is the pick up line being fed to the ladies by the guys.

Night usually brings drunkenness and, finally, a few people pass out. In the distance a few firecrackers are heard, set off by unsupervised children in the street. When Blair, Butch and Bingo sleep, their thoughts won't be of heroes or independence.

What do these days have in common besides the date? A large, green fruit called watermelon. No matter how you slice it, watermelon is the only Independence Day staple. We all eat it differently, but we all eat it!

Some salt it, some fill it with liquor, some just cut out the heart and gobble it down. At least one thing hasn't changed.



watermelon. For the second time that day, families would feast in celebration. Again, tales were swapped along with harmless lies, and a good time was had by all.

Afternoons were filled with baseball, wading barefoot in the creek and make believe. Boys became generals and admirals; together they fought wars centuries past. Older boys and young men played baseball,

in the air, answered by gasps from the crowd. The fireworks were the day's final tribute to the freedom of American men and women. Finally, Tommy, Johnny and Jimmy would be put to bed. Dreams of local heroes danced through their heads.

Today's Fourth of July's are a little different.

Boys named Blair, Butch and Bingo awake with visions of

Blair, Butch and Bingo skip breakfast; it's for wimps. After the coast is clear, they call Scott and Scooter, reminding them to bring ice for the keg. Then watermelons are plugged and vodka poured in quantity.

After the plugging, morning is over because they have slept too late. While the burgers are still being patted out, the guests being to arrive. Burgers are

Cool tunes are the best thing to break up Summer heat

ERIC WALKUP
Feature Writer

Summertime usually includes sunbathers, cool dips in the pool and new music from some of your favorite artists. And this summer seems to be no exception, with four artists debuting on MCA

Records and dishing out their own styles of entertainment.

Son of Bazerk, featuring No Self-Control and the Band, who all hail from Freeport, Long Island, describe themselves as "a hard-core R&B-reggae-heavy metal rap group with a touch of

love." The debuting album on Soul/MCA Records, entitled "Bazerk, Bazerk, Bazerk", is produced by Hank Shocklee, who now directs Soul. Bazerk sounds like Public Enemy's Chuck D, but with a Slick Rick mentality.

The debut album from Liquid Jesus, "Pour In The Sky", is an experimentation of lots of adventurous sonic twists which periodically make use of guest musicians, including keyboardist Bruce Hornsby and several "operatic" backing vocalists which appear in the first 45 seconds of the album called "The Intro." Together since 1988, Liquid Jesus has risen like a flaming star out of Los Angeles with original, forceful sounds and spectacular live shows. This band will "shake the very soul of any listener within earshot."

World Entertainment, debut with "Popular Metaphysics" is about as much fun as you can have playing war. This album is a 60-plus minute masterpiece of 14 killer songs, interwoven with a conceptually rich tapestry of sly subliminals, hilarious media critiques, satirical commercials and snippets of benevolent propaganda. World Entertainment War, based in Santa Cruz, California, would expect to be

compared to, say, Frank Zappa and Janis Joplin sitting in with Faith No More on a Midnight Oil set.

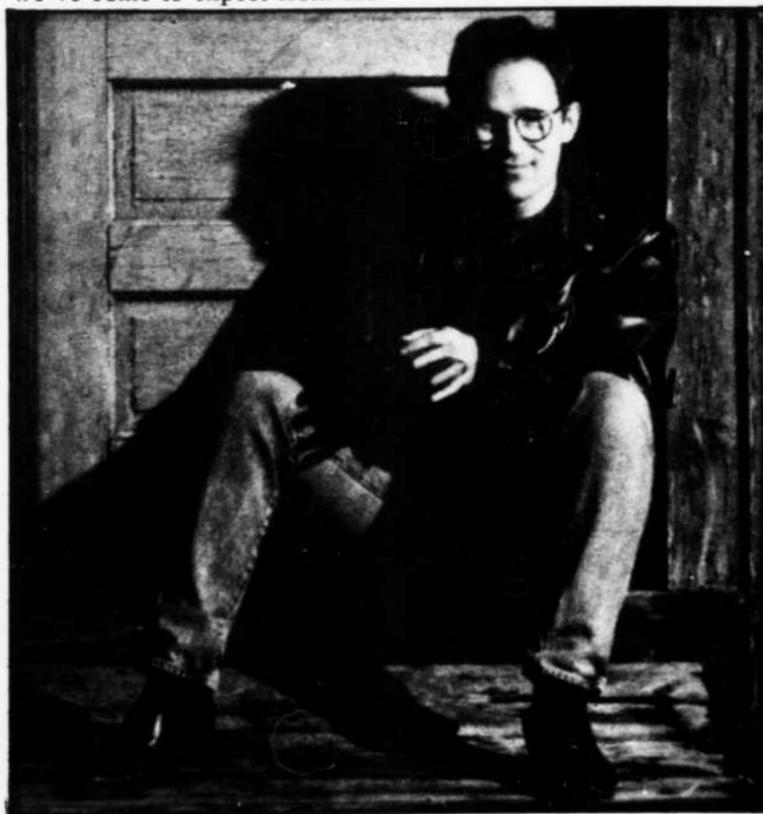
"Life's Too Short", Marshall Crenshaw's, sixth album overall and his first for MCA/Paradox, contains the unforgettable melodies and thoughtful lyrics we've come to expect from the

Detroit-bred, New York-based singer/songwriter/guitarist. The quality of this album won't come as much of a surprise to anyone who has followed Crenshaw's decade-long recording career. His five previous LPs, along with his reliably exciting live shows, have

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SON OF BAZERK



MARSHALL CRENSHAW

Kevin Costner leads an all star cast in a movie that will touch your heart

Okay, okay, okay, okay! Even a movie reviewer has a bad day once in a while.

You're getting married in a month; you're bride-to-be demands that you have a guy-girl shower; a million relatives come from the North and South. You can't go home because of all the phone calls from visiting relatives wanting you to come to your parents' house to play Monopoly. You can't go to work because it's your day off. So, you go to a movie.

Big mistake!

GREG ADKINS Movie Review

I went to see "Robin Hood", starring the ever popular Kevin Costner and the eternally and naturally beautiful Mary Elizabeth Masterantonio. I lean back in my seat and I paid about as much attention to the movie as you do to the fine print on your insurance forms. Plain and simple, I had a case of the one-day burnouts and therefore, hated the movie.

But relatives who love Kevin Costner, and friends who dig Masterantonio wouldn't let me write the review until I saw Robin Hood one more time. They were right. It wasn't "Gone With The Wind", or "Goodfellas", or "The Blues Brothers", but it was worth watching one and a half times.

It is one of those movies that makes your adrenaline go! It taps emotions. You know when it's coming; you can see it a hundred miles away. But when it hits, it hits like a freight train and you react.

"Robin Hood: Prince Of Thieves" is a classic when it comes to the tapping of raw emotion. You wouldn't give Bambi the Academy Award, but you watch it a million times. Each emotion is represented.

Strength is demonstrated by, of course, Kevin, King of the Cinema, Costner. He looks weary through the whole movie, but he is supposed to look that way. He just spent five years in an Arab prison. I'd be weary too. Hell, I'd be dead! He taps that

"stand up and help the little guy" emotion in all of us. Every time he gives a speech about being free, and fighting for this freedom, you want to grab a sword and march into battle with him.

Wisdom is held by Morgan Freeman who plays a fantastic Arab mentor. He makes it painfully obvious that the European cultures conquered the world through force, not brains. He is a brilliant counter-weight to Costner's strength. He makes you feel the loneliness of an Arab lost in an English culture, just as he would a Black man lost in the White, Southern culture (which he did wonderfully in "Driving Miss Daisy"). Over and over I kept repeating to myself: "That's the guy who played Easy Reader on the Electric Company!"

Duty best describes Mary Elizabeth Masterantonio performance and represents someone you'd want to take care of you. She was the strong piece holding her fragile family together. Her belief in King Richard's return was so strong that no one else had to believe. Her motherly responsibility to the peasants was so great that they loved her as much as they could love any king. She never lost her sense of duty, even when she falls in love with Robin Hood; she makes that a duty and a need in her life.

Hate is emotion provoked by Allen Rickman who played the perfect Sheriff of Nottingham. His total disregard for custom, law, order or religion made him the epitome of evil. While at times his performance was hilarious, the audience never lost sight of the fact that behind every joke was a death or a wrong. I do not know what Rickman's childhood was like, but it must have been twisted for him to make such a good bad guy. After all, his resume does include chief bad guy in "Quigley Down Under" and the original "Die Hard".

Order is personified by the very last character to appear. This character brings complete order to the country and a sense of well-being to the audience with only a minute of air time. Who is he? Go see the movie!

Pay full price; it's worth it!

Massey is a master at mixing rock and poetry

ERIC WALKUP Feature Writer

The debut album from Will T. Massey could be the freshest lyrical vein coming out of small town Texas these days. His album *Will T. Massey*, out on MCA Records, is a mix of impassioned rock, poetry and story-telling reflecting his personal experiences of life growing up as a maverick.

At age 22, Will's album is a dazzling display of rock 'n roll, splashed with country and folk music that might be credited with some of the sounds of his early influences including Bob Dylan, Jerry Jeff Walker, Willie Nelson and Tom Waits. Even though Will Massey grew up on country music in San Angelo, Texas, he always "felt connected" to rock music because it provided an outlet in his personality that country music just could not express verbally. "Early in my career, people always commented on how good my lyrics were, so I just focused on that and let the music take care of itself," says Massey.

The songs on Will's debut album seem to be generated from events that knock him

around or something that's out of a disturbance. The first two songs on the album "I Ain't Here (reality is nowhere near)" and " send up the smoke," a rallying cry for a generation of disfranchised young people, are perhaps the two most expressive songs written for this album. Other features on his album include " Coffee Break," and "It's Midnight All Day Long."

When Will was a senior in high school he sold a tape called *Pickin', Poker, and Pickup Trucks* to students in his classes. Then after some local success with his band, he moved to Austin, Texas to "get in" on the music scene. Eventually, one of his tapes fell into the hands of Peter Philbin, the former A&R chief at Electra Records and talent scout at CBS Records. Philbin suggested Roy Bittan — keyboard player in Bruce Springsteen's E Street Band (and co-producer of his next album) and Thom Panunzio as producers.

So get on down to your nearest record store and pick up a taste of some Texas novelty that you'll want to hear again and again.

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Sports

MTSU to star in four TV games

Raiders to be on WZTV-Channel 17

GREG ADKINS
Sports Writer

MTSU fans will finally be able to watch their favorite team on television.

It was announced yesterday that the Ohio Valley Conference has agreed to its' first ever television package for football. Eleven games will be broadcast on WZTV-Channel 17 in the fall.

Four of the 11 telecast games will feature the MTSU's Blue Raiders. This will make MTSU the

most seen team in the OVC.

Tennessee Tech will be featured in three games. Tennessee State will play in two of the televised games. Austin Peay will not appear in any of the games.

Of course, Blue Raiders' officials think it is about time. MTSU is seriously considering a move to the Southern conference. Lack of televised exposure is one of the key items looked at by the

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The following games will be shown on WZTV-17 in the fall. All games will start at 2 PM CST.

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Games</u> |
|-------------|-----------------------|
| Sept. 14 | EKU at SE Missouri |
| Sept. 21 | MTSU at EKU |
| Sept. 28 | EKU at Tenn. Tech |
| Oct. 5 | Murray at Tenn. State |
| Oct. 12 | Tenn. Tech at SEMO |
| Oct. 19 | Morehead at Murray |
| Oct. 26 | SEMO at MTSU |
| Nov. 2 | EKU at Tenn. State |
| Nov. 9 | EKU at Murray |
| Nov. 16 | MTSU at Morehead |
| Nov. 23 | MTSU at Tenn. Tech |

Ruddock, Tyson a rip-off

Thirty-five dollars is a lot of money to pay for a few hours of television. Some might think it insane when \$35 will buy basic cable for a whole month. But none the less, when one has the boxing bug, they'll pay that much in hopes of seeing blood and violence in Friday's Razor

GREG ADKINS
The Right Hook

Ruddock/ Mike Tyson fight.

So I ventured out June 28 into the warm, summer night, to Nashville. Why Nashville? Because Murfreesboro's United Artists cable company is either too cheap or too dumb to have pay-per-view programming.

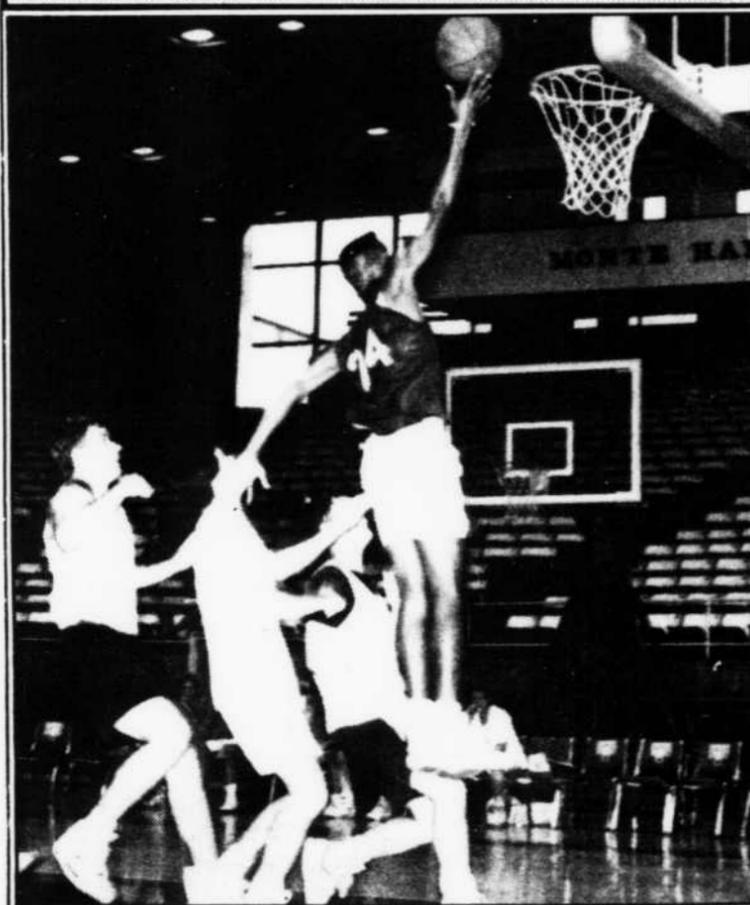
After much caffeine-laced cola, hands full of stale chips, much pleasant company, several channel changes to check the Braves score and two, count them, two preceding fights to fill out the three-fight bill, IT was underway. IT being Don King's latest battle of the century.

How was the Razor Ruddock/Mike Tyson blood feud No. 2? Boring, ho-hum, lackluster, etc., etc., etc.

More good strategic fighting has been seen in the Edith and Archie Bunker late-night fights of cable television. Tyson and Ruddock did little more than dance. I often mistook them for Fred and Ginger, and Ruddock wasn't the only skirt dancing.

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Vertical Hold



Shelley Mays/Photographer

TEAM CAMP ACTION: A player from Mottoil High School prepares to lay in the ball during action against Union High earlier this week. Mottoil High is located in Calera, Ala. while Union is in Blairsville, Ga.

Long time friend knows Bivens will be back

Editors Note:

"Make new friends,
Keep the old.
One is silver,
One is gold."

Lewis Bivens is a new friend of mine, Tony J. Arnold. He is a silver friend who I have the deepest respect for in all sentiments.

GEORGE STARR
A Friend in Trouble

In such a time when the odds of life have been stacked against him, it makes us all think and appreciate what we have.

George Starr has been a friend for most of coach Bivens life. They shared many fun times together and the two are golden friends.

There have been numerous articles and editorials that have been written about the coaches situation. However, none has seemed to capture the publics attention like Mr. Starr's.

The following is that editorial which was published in the Cleveland Daily Banner on June 16, 1991.

A long time friend is in trouble, fighting an illness that has left him paralyzed from the waist down. He promised me on Saturday morning that he would not go down without a fight, but your prayers on this Sunday would sure be a big help.

Lewis "Pee Wee" Bivens is a native of Etowah. He made his mark as a top flight softball player, then as a girls' coach at Calhoun high School, Carson Newman College and now at Middle Tennessee State University.

We became close friends while playing for a softball team known as "Tuft Street." These were the greatest days of my life. I've never enjoyed playing ball like I did with Pee Wee, Chuck Pickens, Murl Hampton, Dennis Riden, Marvin Newman, Don Check and many others. We not only had a great time, but we did a fair job of winning softball games.

Pee Wee was a free spirit in those days. He and Chuck talked me into coaching a team known as the "Oilers" a couple of years

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Austin Peay Governors admit to NCAA allegations

If the NCAA decides not to add to that self-imposed penalty, the Governors would remain eligible for postseason play which is a common punishment.

Austin Peay admitted completely or partially to four allegations of violations. There were originally six charges but the other two were lacking complete information.

The alleged major violations centered around former Governor assistant Rick Stansbury, who is currently an assistant at Mississippi State, and recruit Bashir Ahmad, who never played at APSU.

They included cash payments, special gifts, illegal transportation and, most seriously, that Stansbury provided the NCAA will false information during the investigation.

TONY J. ARNOLD
Sports Editor

MTSU was not the only OVC school being threatened by punishment from the NCAA.

Conference affiliate Austin Peay was sent a preliminary letter of inquiry back in June. The NCAA then started the interview process resulting in the accusations that the program was guilty of several violations. APSU received notice of those on April 9.

Last week, APSU responded to their allegations in a 460-page response to the NCAA and its committee members. Austin Peay president also handed out a little punishment of his own as he reduced the number of scholarships by one - from 15 to 14.



American League standings

| East Division | | | | | | | | | West Division | | | | | | | | |
|---------------|----|------|------|-----|--------|--------|-------|-------|---------------|----|------|------|-----|--------|--------|-------|-------|
| W | L | Pct. | GB | L10 | Streak | Home | Away | | W | L | Pct. | GB | L10 | Streak | Home | Away | |
| Toronto | 43 | 33 | .566 | — | 8-2 | Won 2 | 24-15 | 19-18 | Minnesota | 45 | 31 | .592 | — | 5-5 | Won 1 | 25-16 | 20-15 |
| Boston | 37 | 36 | .507 | 4½ | 4-6 | Lost 2 | 22-17 | 15-19 | Texas | 39 | 31 | .557 | 3 | 6-4 | Won 2 | 19-13 | 20-18 |
| Detroit | 37 | 37 | .500 | 5 | 6-4 | Won 3 | 23-15 | 14-22 | California | 41 | 33 | .554 | 3 | 6-4 | Lost 2 | 18-18 | 23-15 |
| Milwaukee | 34 | 39 | .466 | 7½ | 5-5 | Won 2 | 20-18 | 14-21 | Oakland | 41 | 34 | .547 | 3½ | 3-2 | Won 2 | 25-13 | 16-21 |
| New York | 33 | 38 | .465 | 7½ | 6-4 | Lost 2 | 17-16 | 16-22 | Chicago | 38 | 35 | .521 | 5½ | 8-2 | Lost 1 | 20-17 | 18-18 |
| Baltimore | 30 | 43 | .411 | 11½ | 7-3 | Won 2 | 12-23 | 18-20 | Seattle | 39 | 36 | .520 | 5½ | 4-6 | Lost 2 | 20-14 | 19-22 |
| Cleveland | 24 | 48 | .333 | 17 | 1-9 | Lost 4 | 12-23 | 12-25 | Kansas City | 33 | 46 | .452 | 10½ | 2-8 | Lost 2 | 14-25 | 19-15 |

National League standings

| East Division | | | | | | | | | West Division | | | | | | | | |
|---------------|----|------|------|-----|--------|--------|-------|-------|---------------|----|------|------|-----|--------|--------|-------|-------|
| W | L | Pct. | GB | L10 | Streak | Home | Away | | W | L | Pct. | GB | L10 | Streak | Home | Away | |
| Pittsburgh | 45 | 27 | .625 | — | 6-4 | Won 5 | 22-15 | 23-12 | Los Angeles | 45 | 29 | .608 | — | 6-4 | Won 3 | 23-15 | 22-14 |
| St. Louis | 40 | 34 | .541 | 6 | 5-5 | Lost 2 | 22-17 | 18-17 | Cincinnati | 41 | 33 | .554 | 4 | 7-3 | Won 1 | 24-16 | 17-17 |
| New York | 39 | 34 | .534 | 6½ | 3-7 | Lost 1 | 20-18 | 14-25 | Atlanta | 37 | 36 | .507 | 7½ | 5-5 | Lost 3 | 17-22 | 20-17 |
| Chicago | 34 | 41 | .453 | 12½ | 6-4 | Won 2 | 20-16 | 19-25 | San Diego | 38 | 39 | .494 | 8½ | 4-6 | Lost 2 | 16-22 | 22-17 |
| Montreal | 33 | 42 | .440 | 13½ | 2-8 | Lost 7 | 17-18 | 16-24 | San Francisco | 33 | 42 | .440 | 12½ | 8-2 | Won 2 | 18-18 | 15-24 |
| Philadelphia | 32 | 43 | .427 | 14½ | 4-6 | Won 1 | 17-17 | 15-26 | Houston | 29 | 46 | .387 | 16½ | 4-6 | Lost 1 | 17-21 | 12-25 |

NOTE: Records don't include Monday or Tuesday's game.



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MTSU task force.

"The more exposure we can generate at the conference, the better off we'll be," MTSU football coach Boots Donnelly said. "That's what we've been lacking for years."

A current co-host of radio sports talk show, Bob Bell on WLAC will do the play-by-play announcing. No color commentator has been named as of yet.

"The OVC is not having to pay for the production, as has been the case in past OVC packages," said Jon Verner, assistant commissioner of the OVC.

MTSU's Sept. 7 match against Tennessee State will not be televised. Both colleges' athletic directors agreed that the program would hurt attendance numbers.

These broadcasted football games are aimed at a wider audience than just middle Tennessee. The package also hopes to gain viewers for Lexington, Ky., and the Paducah, Ky.-Cape Girardeau, Mo. areas.

Nine appearances will be made by teams in the Nashville area, seven by teams in the Lexington area and six by teams in the Cape Girardeau area.

TYSON

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Occasionally, one of these sleeping giants would wake up

and take a swipe at the other. Nine times out of ten they would miss. But even less frequently, they would connect with their opponent and send him reeling. These earth-shattering blows would snap back necks and launch mouth pieces. But guys, even my sister knows that ya gotta keep punching.

My God, Iron Mike Tyson can't follow through? I was dismayed; I was hurt; and, yes, my \$35 had been wasted.

If I had to pick the winner, I would have agreed with the judges. Tyson was the better fighter; he woke up more often. And, of course, he did break the poor Jamaican's jaw. But that's judging on ability alone.

Picking a winner based on sportsmanship, one would have to pick Razor Ruddock. First, he answered slanders against his sexuality with simple requests to leave the interview. Second, Tyson repeatedly and almost maliciously struck him below the belt.

The one bright point in that night's viewing was the common sense shown by the referee, who at one point paused the fight and told both the fighters to "cut this shit out" (he was also a little ticked at Ruddock for holding Tyson's head).

After the fight, one thing

became painfully obvious: the whole Tyson/Ruddock blood feud was simply a Don King promotion gimmick. Tyson's first response was to hug Ruddock, a gesture Ruddock returned. Were these the actions of two men who hated the other? I think it is safe to assume that King manufactured the friction in order to sell tickets.

Was this fight a set up for a second, bigger rematch? No, I think Tyson has enough love left for the sport to draw the line there, but enough greed in his blood to foster the feud.

In conclusion, I love boxing and I love a good, clean fight. But it is becoming horribly apparent that the only way to watch a good fight is to shoot all the promoters. Back to Olympic boxing for me!

Friend

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later. Pee Wee loved to play ball and then party the rest of the night. Chuck would always arrive about two minutes before game time. I'd be mad enough to kill both at times, but we shared a love and sense of competition that very few people ever realized.

Bivens always had this high-pitched voice and had a special way of getting the players and the fans of other teams fired-up. But he was good enough to back up almost everything he said. During

his prime he was a super outfielder and was a tough man to get out at the plate.

We entered the big games like they were the World Series. I mean you never saw a group get more fired up for a key assignment. That's why I know he'd be a success as a coach. These type have ways of transferring their own feelings to the players.

I covered many of Pee Wee's games when he was at Calhoun. I was extremely pleased when he landed the Carson-Newman job and then moved on to MTSU. He was doing what he loved best - being involved in sports.

I haven't seen or talked to Bivens much since his duties began at Middle Tennessee. I'd call him and we'd joke for a minute or two, but there was nothing serious in our conversations.

I didn't know he had medical problems until this past week. I understand he'd been battling arthritis for a couple of years; and he found out a year ago he was a diabetic.

He went to the doctor a few days ago with what he thought was a pulled calf muscle. The problem continued and he entered

the hospital with a blood clot on May 30.

Treatments didn't help and the leg was in serious trouble with severe swelling talking place. Blood thinner was used without success and somehow seeped into the spinal column causing the apparent nerve damage and finally his being paralyzed.

Surgery was required to remove the blood from the spinal column and Bivens is now fighting the long battle back. He's in the Baptist Hospital in Nashville for rehabilitation. His room is 3510 for those who'd like to write.

"I'm a battler, you know that Starr," he told me on Saturday morning. "I hope to be back coaching in the fall. I've got some awfully good girls coming back and signed some good recruits."

Bivens will be back, I'm sure. I've watched him battle difficult odds all his life. "I don't know what happened," he admitted, "and I don't think anyone else wants to know. This is a one-in-a-million thing. I've just got to do the best I can. They say my chances for walking again are less than 50-50 but that's all the odds I need."

Rehabilitation started on Saturday morning. "I've got the best people working with me," he declared. "They'll take good care of me. I've had thousands of calls. I never realized so many people were concerned."

Pee Wee has two strikes against him. He's in the bottom of the seventh inning. I'm positive he'll get a rally going like he used to in the good old days.

Then the cocky little guy will turn to the fans and say in that high-pitched voice. "I told you I'd do it. I told you we'd be back."

Get well soon Pee Wee. I still believe in you. Chuck and Murl will get up a team and play one more game.

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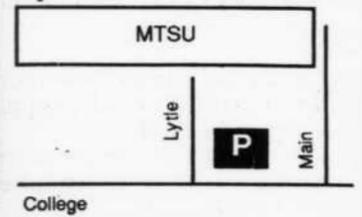
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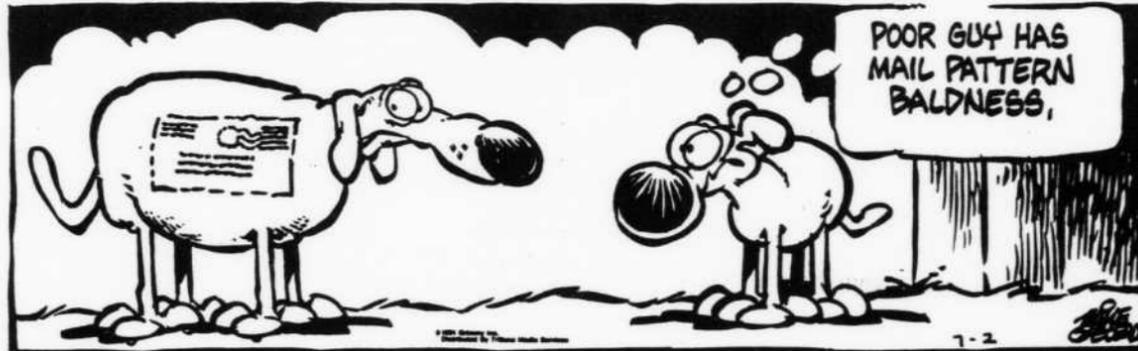


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