ENTERTAINMENT

Names In The News

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Is **Mike McCurry** feeling any pangs of regret for leaving his job as White House spokesman? Doesn't look like it.

McCurry jumped in the air, spread his arms wide and shouted "Free at last!" when he was asked Monday how he felt about quitting his job nearly three weeks ago.

And he doesn't appear to miss the boss too much either, describing President Clinton as "an enormously gifted and richly qualified leader for our nation but someone who is exasperatingly stupid in his personal life."

He said Clinton's presidency "will always be marred — stained — by the episode with Monica Lewinsky."

The speech to about 200 people at the University of Pittsburgh was McCurry's first public lecture since he left the White House on Oct. 1.

McCurry admitted he was duped by Clinton's initial public claim that he didn't have an affair with Lewinsky.

"I was aware of the potential for deception, but I just didn't want to believe he had the capacity to deceive," McCurry said.

He spared no criticism for the White House press corps, saying he was "literally stunned" in many press briefings during the Lewinsky scandal when reporters failed to ask a single question about other issues.

KINGSTON, N.Y. (AP) — Lucille picked a fine time to leave **B.B. King.**

The warm-up act was over and the blues great was ready to go on stage Sunday night in Kingston, about 55 miles south of Albany. But the tour bus carrying his well-known guitar was lost.

Mayor T.R. Gallo, who was among those in the waiting audience, dispatched police to find the missing bus and escort it to the theater. Ten minutes later, an officer spotted the bus heading out of town.

The patrolman flashed his lights and told the driver, "You're looking for me, follow me to the theater," said Sgt. James Brophy.

Gerry Harrington, who attended the show, said a "fast-moving police car with a fast-moving bus" approached the theater. The show started about 45 minutes late.

"There were huge cheers" when King recounted the story on stage and thanked the mayor, Harrington said. "Even greater than when it was announced the Yankees were beating the Padres."

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A line of athletic shoes and clothing that **Florence Griffith Joyner** was working on when she died will be introduced as planned.

The 38-year-old Griffith Joyner, Olympic gold medalist and holder of world records in the 100- and 200-meter dashes, died Sept. 21. The cause of death is still unestablished.

Al Joyner, the 1984 Olympic triple-jump champion, said his wife had been working since last year on the "FGJ" collection, participating in every step of the design process. The line is to appear at Lady Foot Locker stores next month.

A portion of the sale proceeds will go to the nonprofit Florence Griffith Joyner Memorial Empowerment Foundation to help children.

"As with everything in her life, she put a tremendous amount of time, energy and passion into making this line a success," Joyner said Monday. "By continuing the work she started, we are adding to her legacy."

NEW YORK (AP) — **Montel Williams** says he always knew it was empty talk when former employees accused him of sexual harassment.

"Today I feel completely exonerated, vindicated, validated," the TV talk show host said Monday, as the last plaintiff dropped her lawsuit.

The federal lawsuit was filed in 1996 by Stacy Galonsky, a former associate producer of "The Montel Williams Show," and Mahri Feldman, a former executive assistant. The two claimed Williams groped them and made lascivious remarks, and that they were fired when they complained.

The lawsuit was joined by four others. The claims of two plaintiffs were thrown out and the rest gradually withdrew.

The last to go was Ms. Feldman. Her lawyer declined to comment Monday.

From the start, Williams called the lawsuit groundless and said he would never settle.

The claims "weren't even rooted in anything resembling truth," he said.

"So I stood firm and fought back, and one by one these charges fell away."

Spooky films top box office

LOS ANGELES (AP) — With Halloween right around the corner, two films with supernatural themes were the top draws at theaters over the weekend. The dark comedy "Happiness" also did well in limited release.

Starring Sandra Bullock and Nicole Kidman as witches, "Practical Magic" made its debut at No. 1 with $13.1 million on a weekend that saw an 18 percent increase in business from the same time a year ago.

"Bride of Chucky" was second with $11.8 million, the best debut for any film in the evil doll series. "Beloved" also debuted well, finishing fifth with $8.17 million and the best per-theater average ($5,400) of any film in wide release.

Maintaining box-office strength were "Antz," which collected $11.2 million for third place, and "Rush Hour," which brought in $8.2 million.

Making an impressive debut in limited release was the black comedy "Happiness," which grossed $130,303 for a huge per-location average of $21,717.

The top 20 movies at North American theaters Friday through Sunday, followed by studio, gross, number of theater locations, average receipts per location, total gross and number of weeks in release, as compiled by Exhibitor Relations and released Monday:

1. "Practical Magic," Warner Bros., $13.1 million, 2,652 locations, $4,941 average, $13.1 million, one week.
2. "Bride of Chucky," Universal, $11.8 million, 2,412 locations, $4,905 average, $11.8 million, one week.
3. "Antz," DreamWorks, $11.2 million, 2,903 locations, $3,863 average, $51.4 million, three weeks.
4. "Rush Hour," New Line, $8.2 million, 2,724 locations, $3,028 average, $109.9 million, five weeks.
5. "Beloved," Disney, $8.17 million, 1,501 locations, $5,440 average, $8.17 million, one week.
6. "What Dreams May Come," Polygram, $6.4 million, 2,506 locations, $2,555 average, $41.1 million, three weeks.
7. "A Night at the Roxbury," Paramount, $3.8 million, 2,169 locations, $1,760 average, $23.4 million, three weeks.
8. "Urban Legend," Sony, $2.9 million, 2,063 locations, $1,400 average, $30.9 million, four weeks.
9. "Ronin," MGM/UA, $2.8 million, 1,982 locations, $1,415 average, $35.4 million, four weeks.
10. "Holy Man," Disney, $2.4 million, 2,013 locations, $1,200 average, $9 million, two weeks.
11. "There's Something About Mary," 20th Century Fox, $1.9 million, 1,416 locations, $1,320 average, $164.8 million, 14 weeks.
12. "Saving Private Ryan," DreamWorks, $903,995, 851 locations, $1,062 average, $187.7 million, 13 weeks.
13. "One True Thing," Universal, $809,360, 1,072 locations, $755 average, $21.8 million, five weeks.
14. "Everest," MacGillivray, $666,134, 63 locations, $10,574 average, $46.5 million, 33 weeks.
15. "Simon Birch," Disney, $584,874, 708 locations, $826 average, $16.3 million, six weeks.
16. "Armageddon," Disney, $536,506, 653 locations, $822 average, $199.6 million, 16 weeks.
17. "The Negotiator," Warner Bros., $524,544, 734 locations, $715 average, $43.7 million, 12 weeks.
18. "Blade," New Line, $393,574, 544 locations, $723 average, $67.7 million, nine weeks.
19. "The Impostors," Fox Searchlight, $350,216, 162 locations, $2,162 average, $1.2 million, three weeks.
20. "The Mighty," Miramax, $347,453, 129 locations, $2,693 average, $472,616, two weeks.

Court won't remove 'Huck Finn' from reading list

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A federal appeals court has rejected a black woman's request to remove "Huckleberry Finn" and a William Faulkner story from the required-reading list at her daughter's high school.

Courts cannot "ban books or other literary works from school curricula on the basis of their content ... even when the works are accused of being racist," the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals said Monday.

The court allowed the parent, Kathy Monteiro, to sue the Tempe Union High School District for allegedly failing to respond to complaints that white students were harassing blacks with racial slurs and graffiti.

But the judges said the Arizona school could not be required to remove the books as a way to reduce harassment.

Ms. Monteiro had sought to remove Mark Twain's "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" and Faulkner's "A Rose for Emily" from the required-reading list for ninth-grade English classes.

She was unhappy that her daughter, now a senior at McClintock High School, had to read books which repeatedly use the word "nigger."

The lawsuit said the assignment of the books discriminated against black students, created a racially hostile environment and caused an increase in harassment.

U.S. District Judge Stephen McNamee dismissed the lawsuit in January 1997, saying he was aware that the language in the books was offensive and hurtful but did not find their assignment discriminatory.

The appeals court said a student's constitutional rights are violated when a book that has educational value, as determined by the school district, is removed from a required-reading list by threat of a lawsuit.

Odds & Ends

SANTA FE, N.M. (AP) — Norma Hayduk noticed an envelope marked "For You" sticking out of the slats of a park bench as she strolled by.

So naturally she looked.

Inside was $100 and a note that read: "Hello. Yes, this is for you and yes, this is for real. Money comes in my life and I am grateful for it. This is my way for me to express my gratitude. We live in a vast and infinitely abundant universe. There is more than enough for all of us. Enjoy, a friend."

She ran back to her husband, Kenneth, to show him what she had found.

"I've never run into anything like this before," said Kenneth Hayduk. "We sure can use this. We're just average folks."

Hayduk, 51, is a heat, ventilation and air conditioning technician apprentice. Mrs. Hayduk, 48, is a customer service representative.

Hayduk said he hopes whoever left the money knows it was appreciated and that yes, the recently married couple will enjoy it.

"I guess there are some decent, caring people left in the world," he said. "I don't know what else to say."

DURHAM, Maine (AP) — **Don't call anyone a dirty rat in June Harding's home. That would insult her pets.**

"They're actually very clean," Harding said recently as two of her eight pet rats scurried up and down her arms and neck. "They can live in dirty surroundings, but they keep themselves very clean and they're sweet and they're not vicious."

They're also intelligent and affectionate, she said. In her three years as a rat owner, Harding says she has never been bitten.

She has eight Norway rats with names like Zorro, Velvet, Molli, Elizabeth and Little Bit. "They know their names, and they're like kids; they come when they want to," Harding said.

She breeds rats, but only sells to people who want them as pets. "I make sure they're not snake food," she said.

Harding recently attended the North American Rat and Mouse Club international competition in Hershey, Pa., with 200 other enthusiasts.

It was Harding's third convention and she took her three male rats. They all placed in various categories.

Peter Bear was recognized not for his size but his general good demeanor, placing fourth in the "pets" category.

A couple of years ago, Molli placed "Most Inquisitive" because, Harding said, "When they opened her cage, she ran right over to the judges."

MILFORD, Mich. (AP) — **The alligator could take being arrested — until he got a look at the police officer's shoes.**

A truck driver spotted the 3-foot alligator sunning itself Monday afternoon on a road near Milford, 40 miles northwest of Detroit. The trucker called police after managing to tape the reptile's mouth shut.

"The trucker was pretty gutsy," Officer Tim Seguin said. "But alligators are cold-blooded, so they're going to be pretty sluggish around this time of year."

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3 WTBS	MOVIE: 'Straight Talk' ★★				MOVIE: 'The Shaggy Dog' ★★★				MOVIE: 'Grizzly' ★★			
4 KMOL	Mad About You	Jesse	Just Shoot Me	Will & Grace	Dateline		News	Tonight Show		Extra	Late Night	
5 KENS	JAG		MOVIE: 'The Girl Next Door' Premiere				News	Friends	Late Show		Cheers	Access H'wood
6 UNI	Vivo por Elena		Desencuentro		Primer Impacto: Edición Nocturna		Primer Impacto	Noticiero Uni.	Al Ritmo de la Noche		El Blablazo	Gordo y Flaca
7 ESPN	Superbouts	Billiards		Fitness America Pageant		Dallas Cowboys Cheerleaders		Sportscenter		Bloopers	Track and Field	NBA's Great
8 FX	X-Files		NYPD Blue		Instant Comedy	Bobcat's-Show	X-Files		NYPD Blue		In Living Color	In Living Color
9 KLRN	Newshour With Jim Lehrer		Africans in America			Moyers on Addiction: Close to Home		TBA	Charlie Rose		Nova	
10 USA	Walker, Texas Ranger		MOVIE: 'Heart and Souls' ★★½				New York Undercover		Silk Stalkings		Silk Stalkings	
11 CNN	World Today		Larry King Live		Late Edition		Sports Tonight	Moneyline	Larry King Live		Late Edition	
12 KSAT	Home Improve.	Hughleys	Spin City	Sports Night	NYPD Blue		News	Inside Edition	Nightline	Coach	Jenny Jones	
13 NICK	Wild Thornberrys	Cousin Skeeter	Brady Bunch	Wonder Years	Happy Days	Laverne & Shir.	I Love Lucy	Bewitched	Mary Tyler Moore	Taxi	Newhart	Dick Van Dyke
14 KABB	World Series						News		Frasier	Ricki Lake		Judge Mills Lane
16 TNN	Grand Ole Opry 73rd Anniversary		Prime Time Country		Celebrating the Hitmakers		Dallas		Dukes of Hazzard		Prime Time Country	
18 TDC	Wild Discovery		New Detectives		FBI Files		Justice Files		Wild Discovery		New Detectives	
20 PLEX	MOVIE: 'Curly Sue' ★★★ Cont'd		MOVIE: 'Von Ryan's Express' ★★★				MOVIE: 'The Bedford Incident' ★★			MOVIE: 'Rough Cut' ★★½		
22 TELE	PELICULA: 'King Kong Lives' ★½				Aguamarina		NoticieroTele	PELICULA: 'Tres Alegres Comadres'			ProgramPagad	ProgramPagad
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25 MTV	Eye Spy Video	Say What?	Total Request Live		Real World	Biorhythm	Cut	Loveline		Sifl & Olly	Eye Spy Video	After Hours
26 LIFE	Chicago Hope		Any Day Now		Maggie	Oh Baby	New Attitudes	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Unsolved Mysteries		Homicide: Life
27 SHO	MOVIE: 'Jerry Maguire' ★★★½					Red Shoe Diaries	MOVIE: 'Walking and Talking' ★★★			Compromising	Hot Springs Hotel	Return-Beach
28 TMC	MOVIE: 'Twists of Terror' Cont'd		MOVIE: 'Absolute Power' ★★½				MOVIE: 'All the President's Men' ★★★★					Alone-Woods
29 HBO	MOVIE: 'The Man Who Knew Too Little' ★★½			John Leguizamo's Freak				MOVIE: 'Shot Through the Heart'				Random Enc.
30 AMC	MOVIE: 'Along the Great Divide' ★★½				Hollywood Soundtrack Story		MOVIE: 'The Third Man' ★★★★			MOVIE: 'Springfield Rifle' ★★½		
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32 EWTN	Mother Angelica Live		Religious Catal.	Rosary-Land	Icons-Windows	Why Be Faithful	Fr. Groeschel	St. John-Cross	Our Lady of the Angels Daily Mass		Visionaries-Stig	Religious Catal.
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40 DIS	MOVIE: 'Cats Don't Dance' ★★½			MOVIE: 'Blank Check' ★★			Walt Disney Presents		Zorro	Mickey Mouse	'The Cat From Outer Space' ★★½	
41 MAX	MOVIE: 'Wisdom' ★½				MOVIE: 'The Assignment' ★★				Emmanuelle	MOVIE: 'Midnight Temptations 2'		
42 FAM	AXN	Life, Camera	MOVIE: 'Munster, Go Home' ★★				700 Club		AXN	Life, Camera	Paid Program	Paid Program
44 TNT	MOVIE: 'Stripes' ★★½				MOVIE: 'Kelly's Heroes' ★★★						MOVIE: 'Fireball Forward' ★★½	
49 STARZ	MOVIE: 'In the Name of the Father' ★★★					MOVIE: 'The Prince of Tides' ★★★				MOVIE: 'Eye of God' ★★½		
46 ENC	MOVIE: 'Von Ryan's Express' ★★★				MOVIE: 'The Bedford Incident' ★★			MOVIE: 'Rough Cut' ★★½				Lost in Yonkers
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