

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Smith plays self in new sitcom, *The Naked Truth*

RADNOR, Pa. (AP) — The death of jeans model Anna Nicole Smith's 90-year-old husband has meant some quick editing of the first episode of a new ABC sitcom, *The Naked Truth*.

The storyline features a tabloid photographer assigned to snap pictures of Smith at the gynecologist's office to determine whether the model is pregnant. Smith plays herself in the episode.

Producers are deleting jokes about her husband, the late millionaire J. Howard Marshall II, and the unlikelihood of a senior citizen conceiving a child.

"The loss of human life won't necessitate any reshooting or abandonment, just some simple editing," says executive producer Christopher Thompson.

Campbell remembers *Rhinestone Cowboy*

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — *Rhinestone Cowboy* wasn't written for him, but it was fated to become his theme song, Glen Campbell said, reminiscing about the tune that hit No. 1 20 years ago this summer.

Campbell said he first heard the song on the radio, as performed by its writer Larry Weiss.

"I got the album in 1974 and carried it to Australia on tour," he said. "I got back and took it to the head of everything at Capitol Records, Al Coury, but he said he wanted to play me a song first that was perfect for me."

"He played me *Rhinestone Cowboy*. The record hit the top of the country and pop charts in June 1975."

Hagman recovering after recent liver transplant

LOS ANGELES (AP) — J.R. traded his smirk for a smile Thursday.

Larry Hagman was fully awake a day after receiving a new liver in a 15-hour operation.

"He had a smile on his face and was the Larry Hagman we know," Dr. Leonard Makowka, director of the liver transplant program at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, said Thursday.

The former *Dallas* star was still listed in critical condition but had shown no complications from the surgery and his new liver was working, Makowka and hospital spokesman Ron Wise said.

Wise said the critical condition listing is typical for patients undergoing such an operation.

Simpson judge faces tough decision on Fuhrman tapes

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Judge Lance Ito wrestles with one of his toughest decisions in the O.J. Simpson murder trial this week: whether to let jurors hear an incendiary cache of tapes portraying a key prosecution witness as a lying, racist thug.

If the defense can show jurors through the recordings that Detective Mark Fuhrman may have planted evidence in the past and harbored hatred for blacks, the theory that he framed Simpson seems less far-fetched than it did at the outset.

It must decide how much of Fuhrman's racial invective is relevant to the jury's decision on Simpson's guilt or innocence.

SCUBA: Results of audit prompted cancellation

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Armstrong said he was not aware of any misconduct in the program before the investigation was conducted.

However, Meinecke said the entire department was aware of how the classes were conducted.

"We worked off of a syllabus, and it was made clear in the syllabus that students did not have to be certified to complete the course," he said. "The whole department was aware of how it worked."

Cotter said he was mainly concerned with unfair competition, when he submitted the letter. The Internal Audit report found that Meinecke made efforts to promote purchases and rentals of equipment from Sea-U Underwater,

a local dive store that he co-owns.

The report also found that Woolsey sold books directly to students, violating a System policy, which prohibits the University to compete with private businesses.

Cotter said he did not expect the University to cancel all classes.

"The program needed a Band-Aid, but [the University] killed the whole thing," he said.

Meinecke said he was fired without being given any other options.

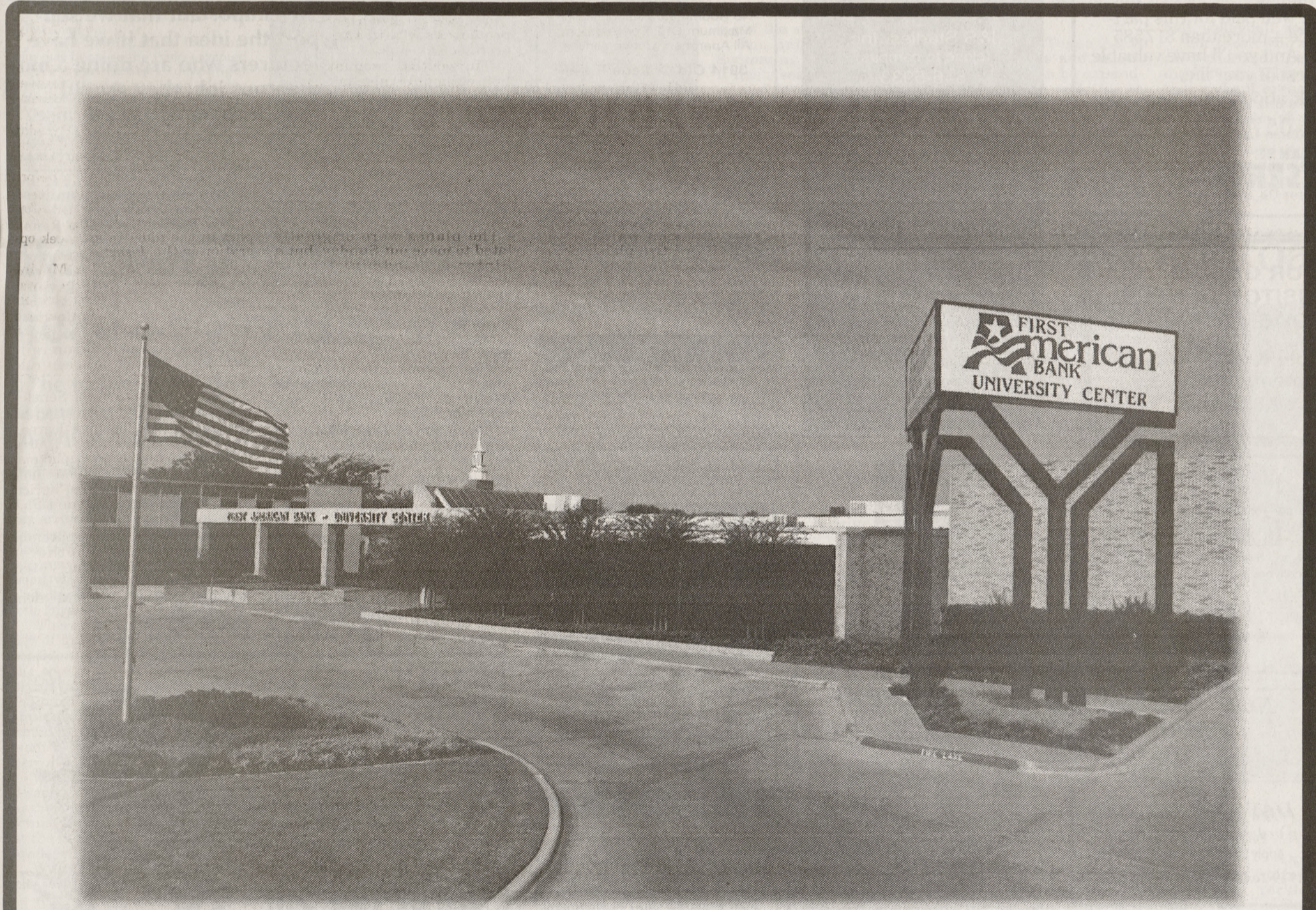
"They did not tell me to leave Sea-U Underwater or tell me that I would be teaching something else in the fall," he said. "I wasn't given any options. I was released just like that. I'm still shocked."

Meinecke also said he did not refuse to sign referrals, which forced students to either pay an instructor or retake the course a local dive shop.

"It's not that I wouldn't sign referrals, it's just that I wouldn't sign them if I didn't know that the student was going to complete their certification with a competent instructor," he said. "I'd be making myself liable if anything happened to that student when they were out in a lake doing their final dives."

Meinecke and Cotter said they are interested in seeing A&M's scuba program reinstated.

"It only hurts my business when A&M isn't offering the classes to generate interest in scuba diving," Cotter said. "I hope the kinesiology department can get it going again."



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