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# Take that, prime-t Saturday morning cartoons and theatrical

movies display large share of TV violence

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Theatrical movies and children's shows, not prime-time series television, bear much of the blame for TV's blood-and-guts reputation, a study released Tuesday says

The UCLA Television Violence Monitoring Report found that, of 121 TV series airing during the 1994-95 season, 10 were frequently violent or used violence in questionable ways — graphically or hero-ically, for example, said Jeffrey Cole, director of the university's Center for Communications Policy.

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However, nearly half of the theatrical films shown on network television raise serious concerns about violence, as did many Saturday morning children's shows as well as promotions for programming.

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Of 118 films in the study, 50 — about 42 per-

cent — raised concerns about violence. In one, *Marked for Death*, Cole said, "you can hear the spine crack and almost see an impalement.

In children's programming, the study part larly criticized shows that featured what 0 called "sinister combat violence" - unrelen fights between figures of good and evil. She singled out include X-Men and Teenage Mat Fis Ninja Turtles.

Cole stressed that the study did not sim count up the incidents of violence in any progr but tried to look at violent scenes in context, s as whether scenes are particularly gory or whether viewers are made aware of the consequences violence depicted.

The series that had the most incident questionable violence - 12 over the season were Walker, Texas, Ranger, Mantis and The Files.

Others were Due South, Lois & Clark: The N Adventures of Superman, Fortune Hunter, " from the Crypt, VR.5, Marker and America's A niest Home Videos.

The \$500,000 study was financed by ABC, @ NBC and Fox Broadcasting Co., but Cole said researchers were not under network control. said the networks received copies of the 1817 Aggie study at the same time it was publicly released states

Although he welcomed the networks' decision take part in the study, he noted it was largely fresh result of political pressure brought to bear members of Congress and others concerned and violence in the medium.

The study is the first of three reports that part of the network-financed project. The net neerin port, reviewing the 1995-96 season, will be though leased next year.

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#### Carter teams with daughter for book

ATLANTA (AP) — Peace negotiator, poet and former president, Jimmy Carter, has written his first chil-

dren's book. The Little Baby Snoogle-Fleejer, scheduled for release in November by Times Books, was written by Carter and illustrated by

Amy

his daughter, Carter

The book, about a sea monster that befriends a boy, is based on a story Carter used to tell his children when they were young.

Amy, a graduate student in art, said the collaboration with her father worked well.

"My father and I have had a pleasant relationship, but meeting the ambitious publisher's deadline has been quite difficult for me," she said

### Bochco denies

Simpson inspiration LOS ANGELES (AP) Steven Bochco denies the O.J. Simpson murder trial inspired his new legal drama Murder One, which follows the same trial over an entire season.

Nor is Bochco, who produced LA Law, concerned about the Simpson trial sapping public appetite for legal thrillers. 'I suppose there's a risk

there, but I think court trials, murder trials, murder mysteries, you know, all of which are sort of embodied in this kind of a show. have always been fascinating to people, to the degree that they're compellingly told," he said.

Washington was mevery quick to pursue da time LOS ANGELES (AP) - A.L.C

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zel Washington credits an boys education with making painfully shy around women 'When I was in college

couldn't get a girlfriend, I wa anybody's sex symbol then," actor told the TV show Extr By Ta a segment to be broadcast tot THE

'I went to a private school all-boys school in high school I came out, what I like to say, cially retarded," Washingt said. "I just had no clue of h of 19 you talk to girls.'

In college, secretly in h mem with a fellow student, he str prais gled to muster the courage to: New proach her.

"I was like, 'Come Tuesd soph I'm going to talk to her," her was called. "I was a little slow man those days.

Washington, 41, has been married for 13 years.

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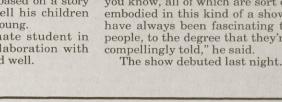
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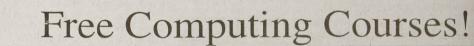
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