

people in the news

Vanessa Williams stuck with a past

NEW YORK (AP) — Given the chance, Vanessa Williams would gladly erase parts of her past.

"There are times when I wonder, had I taken another path would I be happier?" the de-throned Miss America says in the July issue of McCall's magazine. "If I'd just graduated from college and gone to New York instead of doing the Miss America pageant."

Escaping from the past is the theme of Williams' upcoming thriller "Eraser," which also stars Arnold Schwarzenegger. Her character disappears into the witness protection program.

"Everyone wishes they could erase their mistakes," Williams says, "but that's not how life works."



WILLIAMS

For nearly 30 minutes Tuesday, Robothan lay flat against the giant, sun-baked wall, 90 feet from the top of the 727-foot dam. With a harness hidden under his clothing, Robothan looked as if he had no support.

"It was definitely an eye opener when you look down there," said Robothan, a 20-year stunt veteran.

Warner Bros. crews also shot a scene in which Chase's character swings on a rope, slams into the face of the mammoth dam and then waves to his horrified family.

Filming for the movie, also featuring Beverly D'Angelo and Randy Quaid, will continue for several more weeks.



CHASE

Few Chase stunts in Vegas Vacation

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Was that Chevy Chase clinging to the Hoover Dam?

No, it was stunt double John Robothan filming a scene for Chase's new movie "Vegas Vacation."

Allen White Story." Cronkite grew up reading White, editor of The Emporia Gazette from 1895 to 1944.

"He influenced my getting into journalism," Cronkite said. "During my young journalism days, everybody was reading his autobiography."

Before spending nearly two decades anchoring the "CBS Evening News," Cronkite worked as a correspondent for United Press. He called print journalism "a much purer form of journalism."

"I certainly hope that some of us in broadcast escaped the show-biz aspect of television news," Cronkite said. "But in broadcast, there is no way you can remove yourself from the fact that you are in the entertainment industry."



CRONKITE

hours of community service.

Glover, the 22-year-old creator and star of the award-winning musical "Bring in 'Da Funk, 'Da Noise, 'Da Funk," pleaded guilty Tuesday.

The case will be dismissed in six months if he completes the community service and is not arrested again. He had been charged with impaired driving and possession of marijuana.

Somebody stole Henry Rollins? Maybe.

NEW YORK (AP) — An independent record label is suing the upstart DreamWorks label for \$50 million, claiming it stole Henry Rollins.

The lawsuit, filed Tuesday, contends that DreamWorks interfered with Rollins' contract with Imago Recording and caused him to breach the contract.

Rollins, the former singer of Black Flag, recently released the album *Weight*. He won a 1995 Grammy for the spoken-word recording "Get in the Van: On the Road With Black Flag."



ROLLINS

Glover sentenced to community service

NEW YORK (AP) — Savion Glover, accused of carrying three small bags of marijuana in his truck, pleaded guilty to a reduced charge of disorderly conduct and was sentenced to 50

Shelter

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"I've always been a dog person until I got Ramona," Neeman said. "A cat is the perfect pet for a college student. They are low maintenance and very fun to play with. My girlfriend and I liked the idea of saving an animal's life, which is more or less what we're doing. It was a real easy process. The hardest thing was getting the pet deposit for the apartment."

The shelter accepts volunteers who are interested in working with animals.

Schwarm said owning pets motivated him to volunteer at the shelter.

"My wife and I have two dogs ourselves," Schwarm said. "We had read about how you can call up the shelter and volunteer. We felt we needed to do something positive for the animals' lives."

Schwarm said he feels adopting an animal is like

adopting a child.

"I think it's a responsibility that we should take care of all animals around us," Schwarm said. "It's just like adopting children. They are excellent animals, they prolong people's lives and they make their lives better."

Bice said people interested in adopting a pet should consider the shelter.

"A cat is the perfect pet for a college student."

— SCOTT NEEMAN
senior math major

"I think it's important that everyone looking for a pet will look at the Brazos Animal Shelter," Bice said.

"Because our animals are spayed and neutered, it helps save lives. One-third of our animals are purebred. We have pure-breed waiting list so the can get the animals they're looking for, and it's not any more expensive. They are part of the overpopulation, too."

Provisional

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"This program is important because the University Admissions [board] have to look at complicated students," Boyd said. "It is also a good predictor of (students) achievement in college."

Once students have been admitted to the program, they are provided with a tailor-made schedule by the Department of General Academics designed to help the students be successful throughout the summer.

"Students are assigned their classes based on their strengths and weaknesses and the availability of classes for the summer," Boyd said. "And the majority of students are required to attend both summer sessions to maintain a 2.0 average without any F's."

Of the approximately 6,000 admitted freshmen, only around 400 students are chosen to enroll in the provisional program. But only an average of about 200 students actually accept the invitation to enroll in the program each year.

"The success rate is about 75 to 80 percent," Boyd said. "But if a student doesn't make it, they will not have gained admission to the university and are told they must gain admission through the transfer process. In general, the office really enjoys

working with the students in the summer because they are really motivated and they realize it's now or never."

Lisa Day, former provisional program participant and a senior psychology major, said she was lucky to have been given the opportunity to participate in the program.

"I think it's a fantastic program," Day said. "If my SAT scores had been higher I would have been able to get in. But they (admission board) reviewed my extracurricular activities and I got in."

Dr. Sallie Sheppard, associate provost for undergraduate programs and academic services, said the program has been successful at helping students make the change from high school to college.

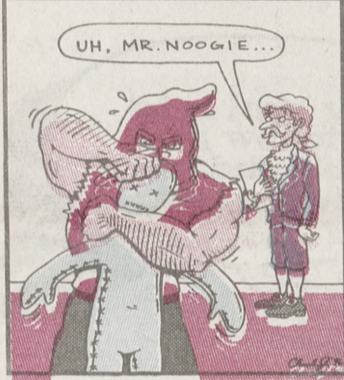
"It has been a very successful program," Sheppard said. "It's an access kind of program for students who would not otherwise have a chance to succeed at Texas A&M and most of the students become valuable additions to our Aggie family."

Dr. J. Malon Southerland, vice president for student affairs, said the program is important for students who cannot get in because it gives them a chance at being admitted to the University.

"My perception is you need some form of provisional program to have a reasonable way to have a shot at the program," Southerland said.

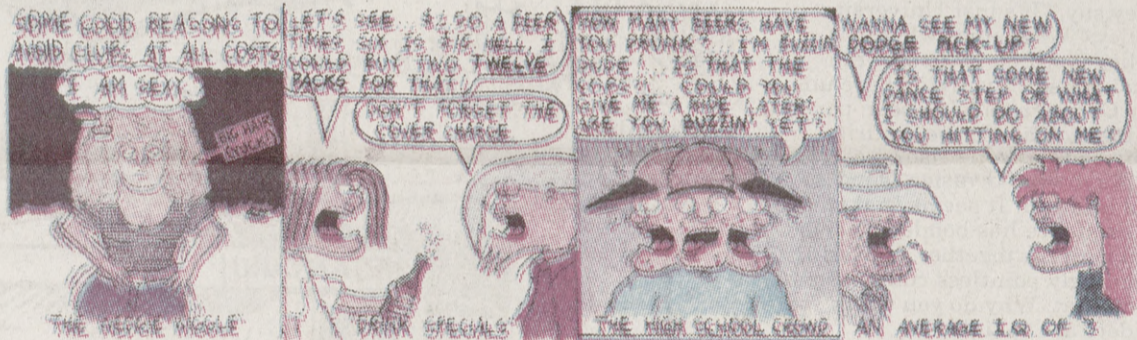
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