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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Downey Jr. drug appeal denied

MALIBU, Calif. (AP) — Robert Downey Jr.'s pleas for a lighter sentence and release from a prison drug treatment center were rejected yesterday.

The Judge, Lawrence A. Mira, called the actor manipulative and said he had already given him several chances to rehabilitate himself.

Downey, 34, was sentenced in August to three years in prison for violating probation from a 1996 drug conviction. He admitted during a hearing that he had missed scheduled drug tests.

Wooden leg of Sox owner for auction

CHICAGO (AP) — Baseballs and jerseys are a dime a dozen, but here is something most sports fans do not have: a wooden leg.

Next month, a Chicago auction house plans to auction off former Chicago White Sox owner Bill Veeck's wooden prosthesis, the *Chicago Sun-Times* reported Tuesday.

Veeck had given the wooden leg to a Chicago bar after having a new prosthesis made. He signed it: "To Rich. Can't beat the mileage. Hope it fits. 2-23-77. Bill Veeck."

Veeck died in 1986.

Stills, Young talk about new album

NEW YORK (AP) — Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young have a new album on the way this month and a U.S. tour — the band's first since 1974 — slated to begin in January.

Asked yesterday how they have changed to make touring possible now, David Crosby said, "I'll be awake, for one thing," alluding to his well-publicized, former drug habit.

Steven Stills said he was finally playing guitar the way he had been striving to for 15 years.

"We're a little more mature, compassionate and sensitive of

each other's feelings," Graham Nash said.

Added Neil Young, "We're happy to be together."

Their new album, *Looking Forward*, is scheduled for release on Oct. 26.

Dern and Thornton reveal relationship

NEW YORK (AP) — Laura Dern of *Jurassic Park* fame says her relationship with *Sling Blade* star Billy Bob Thornton is her safe haven.

It was a friendship that blossomed, and they are now "very committed to each other," the 32-year-old actress says in *Redbook* magazine's November edition.

"It's like, all of a sudden you look at this person who knows you, who you feel safe with, and you say, 'Wait a minute, I've been thinking about sharing my life with someone who really knows me and here he is.'"

Dern said she was hurt by rumors that she and Thornton, 44, were involved before his divorce from his fourth wife, who alleged abuse.

"They said Billy and I were dating when we had just met at a Miramax party. I think I said, 'I really liked *Sling Blade*, [for which Thornton won a screenwriting Oscar in 1997] and the tabloids portrayed it as, 'Honey, I'll meet you in the car.'"

The two play a couple in Thornton's new comedy *Daddy and Them*.

Trogdon involved in boat accident

COLUMBIA, Mo. (AP) — Author William Least Heat-Moon, a.k.a. Will Trogdon, is in a tiff with a boat operator after he crashed while being filmed by "CBS Sunday Morning."

Trogdon lost control of one boat on the Missouri River and rammed a second boat with the camera crew aboard last week.

"His boat starts swinging back and forth, he hits the throttle and lurches the boat forward into the back end of my boat, running up alongside and scraping the side," Mike Ruh, who rented both boats to CBS for the interview, said.

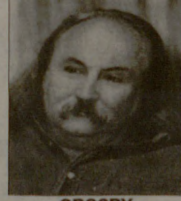
Trogdon says the crash wasn't his fault. He says the other boat's wake broke the throttle and caused the boat to speed up.



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"I am just an actor scene," he said.

Trogdon, who wrote *Blue*, has a new book due out about exploring America's west. He says he was accused throughout the 5,300-mile chronicle in *River Horse*.

McCain signs to film memoirs

NEW YORK (AP) — Presidential contender John McCain has signed the ultimate campaign ad.

The Arizona senator is signing the screen rights to his memoirs, *Faith of my Fathers*, to USA Films, according to Variety.

USA and McCain representatives would not release terms of the deal, reached Friday.

The book is about three generations of dieters and tells of McCain's survival as a POW in Vietnam.

No release date has been set, but USA Films Chairman Greenstein indicated it would be done quickly.

The McCains "already occupy a distinctive place in American history, and this timeless story of the love of family and country and its consequences will resonate with audiences," Greenstein said.

Cuomo pens new children's book

NEW YORK (AP) — Former New York Mayor Mario Cuomo is sharing his wisdom to a younger audience these days.

He has written a children's book, *The Blue Spruce*, due out in bookstores this November.

"It's a beautiful story," Cuomo says in Tuesday's *New York Post*.

The Blue Spruce is about a uprooted in a windstorm and boy and his father try to save Cuomo relates the story's lessons — never give up — to his own as he grew from the son of immigrants into a political leader.

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