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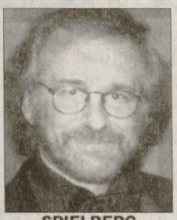
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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Spielberg honored by Director's Guild

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Steven Spielberg isn't talking about his latest honor—the Directors Guild of America's Lifetime Achievement Award.



SPIELBERG

"He's going to save it all for when he gets the award," spokesman Marvin Levy said Monday. The award will be given to Spielberg during the 52nd annual DGA Awards on March 11. Past honorees have gone to Cecil B. De Mille, John Ford, Orson Welles, Billy Wilder, John Huston and Frank Capra. Among the films Spielberg has directed are *Schindler's List*, *Saving Private Ryan*, and *E.T. the Extraterrestrial*. "It is truly astonishing that Steven Spielberg, with so many great films still ahead of him, is already such a perfect choice for the ultimate directorial honor," DGA president Jack Shea said.

Singer Parton parts with radio station

SEVIERVILLE, Tenn. (AP)—Dolly Parton is selling the radio station where she first performed as a child.



PARTON

Parton bought WSEV-AM, on which she first sang at age 10, and its sister FM station in 1991. She renamed the FM station WDLY.

"Since that time, we have tripled sales and developed the station to be a solid business serving the community," Parton said Monday.

Parton and her partners, Orr & Earls of Branson, Mo., believe the new owner,

the East Tennessee Radio Group, "can take the station to the next level since radio is their primary business."

The sale price was not disclosed. Hollywood general manager Ken Bell said the main change will be new call letters for WDLY.

Honor for Susan B. Anthony requested

CANANDAIGUA, N.Y. (AP)—The town where Susan B. Anthony was prosecuted for voting in an 1872 election is asking President Clinton to exonerate her on Feb. 15, her birthday.

Anthony was arrested after registering and voting in Rochester, her nearby hometown. A year later, she was tried, convicted and fined but refused to pay the \$100 penalty. To avoid a federal challenge, the judge refrained from imprisoning her.

Anthony's protest drew national attention for the suffrage movement. Women eventually won the right to vote in 1920, 14 years after Anthony died at age 86.

A White House official says the Clintons are aware of Canandaigua's request, but have not yet made a decision.

Crystal and Curtis honored by Harvard

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP)—Billy Crystal will soon find out just how "mahvelous" he looks in drag, when he and Jamie Lee Curtis are honored at Harvard University.



CRYSTAL

Crystal and Curtis have been chosen to receive the annual Hasty Pudding awards, given out by the nation's oldest undergraduate dramatic organization.

advice of Hoagwood, and he gave them several ideas.

"I told them that the publicity ads for the film should state that the film is critical of pornography," Hoagwood said. "This movie shows that pornography is a) destructive, and b) a metaphor for the corruption of America." The film had all but been accepted into the festival, it had a slot on the festival's temporary schedule, but the final decision was to not exhibit the film.

"I agree that the majority of the negative opinions about different forms of art come from people who don't view the film's content for what it really is," Whitworth said. "I'd say that the majority of the backlash is an uneducated backlash."

"In this case it was our choice not to

Curtis, who has starred in such movies as *Halloween* and *Trading Places*, will lead a parade through the streets of Harvard Square on Feb. 10 with male Harvard students in drag.

Crystal will be the guest at a roast Feb. 17 and will appear in bra and wig.

Previous recipients of the Hasty Pudding prize include Jodie Foster, Meg Ryan, Julia Roberts, Steven Spielberg, Tom Cruise and Harrison Ford.

Actor Kevin Spacey wins Guild Awards

LOS ANGELES (AP)—*American Beauty*, a satirical look at a midlife crisis gone over the edge, received a leading four nominations Tuesday for the Screen Actors Guild Awards.



SPACEY

The film got nominations for best actor for Kevin Spacey, actress for Annette Bening, supporting actor for Chris Cooper and ensemble acting.

"The Sopranos" led TV nominations with five, including best actor for James Gandolfini. Nominations for best actor in television drama also went to David Duchovny for "The X-Files," Dennis Franz and Rick Schroeder for "NYPD Blue" and Martin Sheen for "The West Wing."

"Ally McBeal" earned nominations for lead actress Calista Flockhart and co-star Lucy Liu, best actor for Peter MacNicol and ensemble acting in a comedy.

The other nominees for lead actor in a movie were Russell Crowe for *The Insider*, Philip Seymour Hoffman for *Flawless*, Denzel Washington for *The Hurricane* and Jim Carrey for *Man on the Moon*.

Other nominees for lead actress in a movie were Julianne Moore for *The End of the Affair*, Meryl Streep for *Music of the Heart*, Janet McTeer for *Tumbleweeds* and Hilary Swank for *Boys Don't Cry*.

show the film, to avoid the backlash from the community," Whitworth said.

"It was not an easy thing to decide," Sethuraju said. "Issues like this are complex. It is difficult to determine what path to take. As a festival, I don't know if we are gaining or losing by not showing this movie."

"It's a cultural issue, as opposed to just being about A&M. It's a depiction of where we are as a society. In our culture, this is a film that has very distasteful images. In this particular case, the producers of the film did a good job of showing how the porn industry demeans women and how it is just out to make money, but it is those same images that prevent us from understanding the message."

"Were we right or wrong in not showing this movie? We're not sure," Sethuraju said.

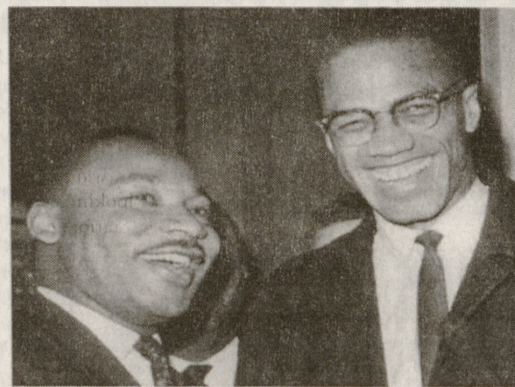
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