

BITS AND PIECES

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Ted Turner: Hitler couldn't have stopped WWII coverage by CNN

CNN and Ted Turner are still headlining the news as critics continue to blast the entrepreneur and the cable network for its media coverage of the Persian Gulf war. Turner's not taking any flack, though. He told his company's shareholders he would have kept a reporter in Berlin if the network had existed during World War II.

NBC read off the top ten replacements for Johnny Carson, and David Letterman came in second. Letterman reportedly is miffed by the network's decision to crown Jay Leno king of *The Tonight Show*. Rumor also has it ABC has approached Letterman.

First there was UB40, then there was UB43. Well, not quite. Three men claiming to be members of the British pop band have committed a rash of crimes in the Deep South. The real band, currently recording in England, has issued a statement asking those with information about their impersonators to contact police.

Oscar-nominee Rodney Grant is back on the range. Grant, Kevin Costner's *Dances With Wolves* co-star, is currently in Jackson Hole, Wyo., filming *Lakota Moon*, a new pilot for TV. The film dramatizes the Lakota Sioux's Rocky Mountain adventures.



TV entrepreneur Ted Turner

Forest Whitaker (*A Rage in Harlem, Bird*) will play slugger Joe Louis in *The Brown Bomber*, set to begin filming early next year. Whitaker, a Golden Gloves fighter in his teenage years, must not only drop a few punches for the role, but 85 of his 285 lbs.

Two acceptance speeches? Sort of ...

By Steven Alan McGaw

Questions:

1. Identify the actress who accepted her Oscar both orally and in sign language.
2. In the movie *Shall We Dance?*, Fred Astaire sang the delightful "Let's Call the Whole Thing Off." Here's the question: While he was singing, what did Astaire wear on his feet?
3. This actor has written several books, including *The Michelangelo Bible* and *A Treasury of Great Recipes*. On-screen, he's cut people's heads off, encased folks alive in hot wax and created a lonely boy with scissor blades for fingers. Name him.
4. *The King and I* was the musical version of what successful Broadway play?

Answers:

1. Louise Fletcher.
2. Roller skates.
3. Vincent Price.
4. *Anna and the King of Siam*.

THURSDAY



Experimental, innovative video work continues to emerge as an important new art form. PBS explores this field in the series *New Television*, which premieres Thursday on PBS.



Former Joffrey Ballet dancer Steven Bradley tells what it's like to be *Living With AIDS*. Friday on PBS.