

LISA COLLINS

Behind
The
Scenes



Overworked: Complete exhaustion and dehydration is the explanation offered from comedian Martin Lawrence's publicist for a recent episode of bizarre behavior that left him hospitalized and almost in jail. But



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that doesn't explain for most why the pistol-packing actor/comedian ran out into traffic at a busy Southern California intersection screaming obscenities at high noon on a Tuesday.

An earlier unofficial report was that Lawrence had suffered a seizure resulting from failure to take a prescription medication. Lawrence was eventually restrained by police, taken to a local hospital and released to his physician, who admitted him to Cedars Sinai Medical Center.

At press, detectives had not decided whether to charge him with a misdemeanor weapons violation. Still, fans hope the

best for the 30-year-old actor whose latest film, "A Thin Line Between Love and Hate," has thus far grossed \$30 million. Meanwhile, production on the set of Martin's latest movie, "Nothing to Lose," has gone on as planned. But health issues could slow production and Lawrence is set to go to work on "Bad Boys II" with Will Smith in July for Columbia Pictures. That's just two weeks after "Nothing to Lose" was set to wrap. So for the moment, Lawrence's health has execs at two studios on edge.

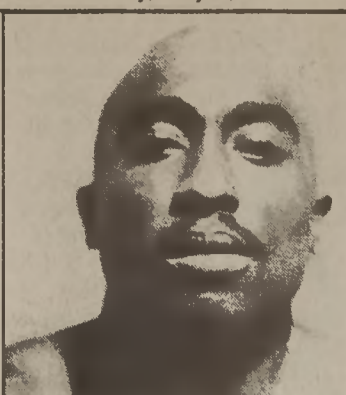
On the home front: It appears that the nephews of Michael Jackson - Tito, Tariamo, and Taryll Jackson - will be filing a lawsuit against LA businessman Don Bohana over the death of their mother 39-year-old Delores Jackson. Jackson, who died in Bohana's swimming pool on Aug. 27, 1994, had been married to Tito Jackson. The three charge that their mother - whose blood level was three times the legal limit - sustained 58 head injuries before dying in Bohana's pool. Injuries include a ripped earlobe, forehead cuts and bruises, fingernail gouges on her nose and chin and multiple bruises on her breast and chest. Additionally, there were reportedly signs of strangulation. Paramedics were called to Bohana's home to find her naked and near death. The 54-year-old Bohana filed bankruptcy in 1994 and did not attend services for Jackson, though he had been dating her prior to her death. No charges had been formally filed against Bohana. The suit is reportedly not about money.

Contemptible: It is now official that Paramount

Pictures will make LA prosecutor Chris Darden's best selling book "In Contempt" into a film. Details are sketchy as to when that film will be made or released, but names being tossed about as possible lead actors on the project include Denzel Washington, Laurence Fishburne, Samuel L. Jackson and Andre Braugher. But that's just talk. No negotiations have been reported. However, look to hear more about Darden, who reportedly has a deal for a reality-based TV show that is centered around the law.

Back in hot water: Tupac Shakur will be going directly to jail if he does not comply with a judge's orders to stay out of trouble for four months and to organize a benefit concert for underprivileged youth. The order came from an L.A. judge during a court appearance for a recent probation violation. Response from the 24-year-old rapper who pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor weapons violation was that he would do both. He'll be back in court in September, to be judged on how well he has done.

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By the way, Mykelti Williamson has been cast opposite Keffer Sutherland in "Truth or Consequences" which also stars Rod Steiger and Martin Sheen. Williamson will play an undercover DEA agent who infiltrates a gang that goes on the lam when a heist goes bad.



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"Twister" blows over box office

By Jeff Meyer
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES - "Twister," a special effects-filled tale of scientists who chase down tornadoes, blew away the competition in its debut weekend, grossing more than \$41 million.

The action adventure's opening more than doubled the \$19.3 million total of the other nine films in the Top 10, and was the biggest May opening of all time, including four-day Memorial Day weekends.

Trailing "Twister" in distant second place was the romantic comedy "The Truth About Cats and Dogs," which earned \$3.9 million, followed by "The Craft" with \$3.6 million and "Primal Fear" with \$2.4 million.

The Top 20 movies at U.S. and Canadian theaters Friday through Sunday, followed by studio, gross, number of theater locations, receipts per location, total gross and number of weeks in release, as compiled Monday by Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc. and Entertainment Data Inc.:

1. "Twister," Warner Bros., \$41 million, 2,414 locations, \$17,009 per location, \$41 million, one week.
2. "The Truth About Cats and Dogs," 20th Century Fox, \$3.9 million, 1,651 locations, \$2,351 per location, \$20.2 million, two weeks.
3. "The Craft," Sony-Columbia, \$3.6 million, 1,762 locations, \$2,050 per location, \$12.2 million, two weeks.
4. "Primal Fear," Paramount, \$2.4 million, 1,887 locations, \$1,275 per location, \$48.4 million, five weeks.
5. "The Quest," Universal, \$2.1 million, 2,092 locations, \$1,025 per location, \$16.3 million, two weeks.
6. "The Birdcage," MGM, \$1.6 million, 1,281 locations, \$1,254 per location, \$115.3 million, nine weeks.
7. "The Great White Hype," 20th Century Fox, \$1.32 million, 1,499 locations, \$883 per location, \$5.6 million, two weeks.

8. "James and the Giant Peach," Disney, \$1.3 million, 1,590 locations, \$819 per location, \$24.7 million, five weeks.
9. "Original Gangstas," Orion, \$1.1 million, 474 locations, \$2,442 per location, \$1.1 million, one week.
10. "The Pallbearer," Miramax, \$1.015 million, 829 locations, 1,225 per location, \$3.9 million, two weeks.
11. "The Last Dance," \$1.014 million, 1,563 locations, \$649 per location, \$4.6 million, two weeks.
12. "Mulholland Falls," MGM, \$962,202, 1,433 locations, \$671 per location, \$9.8 million, two weeks.
13. "A Thin Line Between Love & Hate," New Line, \$679,649, 722 locations, \$941 per location, \$31.9 million, five weeks.
14. "Sunset Park," TriStar, \$603,516, 1,020 locations,

- \$592 per location, \$8.5 million, two weeks.
15. "Fear," Universal, \$602,565, 867 locations, \$695 per location, \$18.6 million, four weeks.
16. "Barb Wire," Gramercy, \$595,067, 1,284 locations, \$463 per location, \$3.1 million, two weeks.
17. " Fargo," Gramercy, \$538,964, 394 locations, \$1,368 per location, \$20.2 million, 10 weeks.
18. "Goldeneye," MGM, \$501,448, 867 locations, \$578 per location, \$105.2 million, two weeks in re-issue.
19. "Flirting With Disaster," Miramax, \$500,673, 323 locations, \$1,550 per location, \$12.5 million, eight weeks.
20. "The Substitute," Orion, \$451,525, 640 locations, \$706 per location, \$13.1 million, three weeks.

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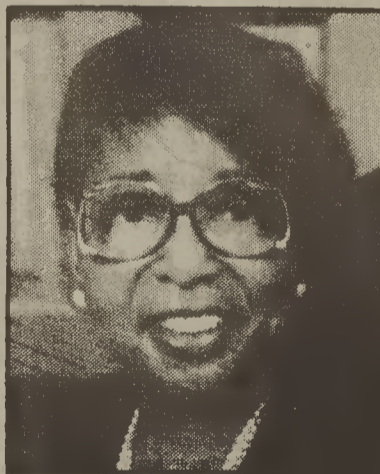
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ANNA HOOD
CHAIRMAN,
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Hood, affectionately described as a beacon of light, has touched many lives, fought many battles, encouraged countless efforts and even founded programs for the humanity of Charlotte.

Anna was the first person of color hired by the Social Security Administration, Charlotte, N.C. on June 17, 1963 in Mecklenburg County and the greater Piedmont area. She continued to advance within the Administration until her retirement in September 1990.

As an active member of Memorial Presbyterian Church, she is an elder, choir member, past president of the women's organization, Chairperson of the Personnel Committee, member of the Social Action Committee and was the first chairperson.

In 1965 Hood was the coordinator of "Accent on Barber-Scotia College" - Concord, NC and challenged churches in the former Catawba Presbytery to support the college, to this effort raised \$5,000.

Hood was the first chairperson, of The Hunger Committee in 1976, for The Catawba Presbytery. Appointed because of her keen sense of sensitivity for the less fortunate and the oppressed.

In 1977 she co-founded, the Charlotte Club, The National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Club, Inc. The club emphasizes greater service to mankind. This club gives a scholarship which bears her name.

Other community involvement includes: Past Treasurer - Synodical of the Piedmont, United Presbyterian Church, Past Curriculum Chairperson - Piedmont Middle School, Chairperson, Fundraising Committee - Charlotte Chapter, SC State College Alumni, Board Member - Nursing Home Community Advisory Board, Past Board Member - Char/Meck Public Broadcasting Authority, Past Membership Chairperson - Char/Meck Branch NAACP - membership more than tripled during this period, Past Treasurer - League of Women Voters, Char/Meck, Board Member - Continuing Education Advisory Board, JCSU, Board Member - Afro American Cultural Center, Committee Member - Charlotte Clean City Committee.

Anna has received many awards to include: Sojourner Truth Award - by the Charlotte Club, Knight of the Queen City Award - by former Mayor Eddie Knox, NAACP Nat'l Membership Award, Service to Humanity Award - Iota Chapter, Chi Eta Phi Sorority, Inc., Appreciation Award - State of NC - by Governor Hunt, Community Service Award - Women's Commission, The Order of The Long Leaf Pine - by Governor James B. Hunt.

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