

# MR POPHistory

Week of May 24 1995

Philip Morris launches a massive recall involving its top-selling cigarette brands saying defective filters could cause dizziness and irritation. The company says it asked retailers to remove from their shelves many lines of its Marlboro, Benson & Hedges, Merit, Virginia Slims, and Basic brands among others.



Serb rebels continue to hold more than 200 U.N. soldiers hostage and three French peacekeepers are killed after pitched battles with Serbs who captured a U.N.-held bridge near the center of the Bosnian capital, Sarajevo.

Bosnia's foreign minister is killed when his helicopter is shot down over Serb-held territory and Bosnian Serbs stepped up their defiance of the world's major

powers by capturing yet another group of U.N. hostages, this time Britons.

Three days after an intruder was shot on White House grounds, an unarmed man climbs over the mansion's 10-foot fence and is seized by Secret Service agents.

President Clinton declares he is ready to permit the temporary use of American ground forces in Bosnia to help U.N. peacekeepers move to safer positions if necessary. Republican lawmakers quickly asserted that he would need Congress' approval.

President Clinton, speaking at a televised "town hall" meeting in Billings, Mont, denounces members of self-styled militias while defending his support of certain restrictions on firearms. "The most important thing we can do to make your father safer is to have everybody in this room, whatever their political party or their views, stand up and say it is wrong to condemn people who are out there doing their job and wrong to threaten them."

O.J. Simpson case update- Los Angeles Police Department criminalist **Collin Yamauchi** acknowledges that some elements of the evidence handed in the O.J. Simpson case were imperfect, but he narrowly avoided being drawn back into a fierce debate over the admissibility of a statement Simpson gave police.



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Kmart says it will close 72 least profitable outlets, following the closing of 110 stores late last year and early this year. Kmart also relocated, consolidated or closed 120 stores earlier in 1994. The chain says it plans to remodel 85 stores and build 43 discount store and 22 Super Kmart Centers in 1995.

Internet - everyone is eying Microsoft as it recently announced an exclusive on-line service agreement with NBC television. The on-line service is set to debut in August, but it could pose a threat to the Big Three of on-line services: America Online, H&R Block's CompuServe and Prodigy.



Passing - animator **Friz Freleng** (89). Warner Brothers artist and a prime force in Bugs Bunny, Daffy Duck, Porky Pig cartoons. He was the inspiration for Yosemite Sam. With Chuck Jones, Bob Clampett and Tex Avery, Freleng was a primal force in the history of the film cartoon.

Actor Christopher Reeve is in stable condition at the University of Virginia Medical Center after being thrown from his steed during a horse-jumping competition outside of Charlottesville. Not much else is known about his condition.

Courteney Cox and Jim Lovitz will host the fourth annual MTV Movie award, set to tape June 10 and air June 15.

NBC News drops its daily updates on the O.J. Simpson trial. CBS suspended its updates several weeks ago. The decisions were prompted by the lengthy, detailed testimony regarding the DNA of the blood found at the murder scene of Simpson's ex-wife Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman.

A 1961 jam-session recording of "La Bamba" by then-unknowns Mick Jagger and Keith Richards fetches \$81,000 at a Christie's auction in London. The tape was sold by an unidentified pal of Jagger and Richards who recorded the session in his living room.

Rapper **Flavor Flav** is sentenced to three months in jail for firing a gun at a neighbor in his New York apartment building.



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## Bestsellers -

The Rainmaker - John Grisham

Ladder of Years - Anne Tyler

Let me Call You Sweetheart - Mary Higgins Clark

The Bridges of Madison County - Robert James Waller

Out Game - John Le Carre

Thin Air - Robert Parker

Moo - Jane Smiley

Men Are From Mars: Woman are from Venus - John Gray, Ph.D

In Retrospect: The tragedy and lessons of Vietnam - Robert McNamara

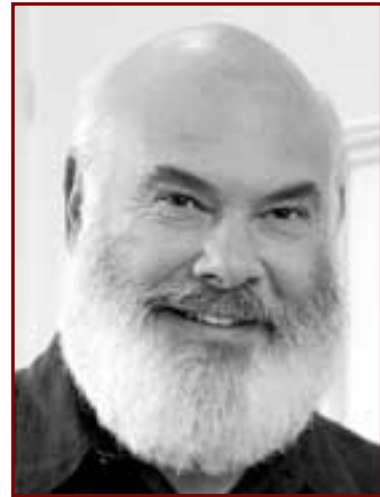
The Hot Zone - Richard Preston

How to Argue and Win Every Time - Gerry Spence

Spontaneous Healing - **Dr Andrew Weil**

Mars and Venus in the Bedroom - John Gray, Ph.D

The Death of Common Sense - Phillip K. Howard



Researchers identify a flawed gene that is linked to about 20% of colon cancers. Called the R11, the receptor plays a key role in the protective action of a substance called transforming growth factor-beta, or TGF-b. This substance, when activated through the R11 receptor, prevents cells from turning cancerous. Without the R11 receptor, TGF-b doesn't work. The findings are revealed by Dr **Sanford Markowitz**, cancer researcher at University Hospitals of Cleveland and Case Western Reserve University.

New Michael Jackson video promo seen on MTV - it's the one shot in Hungary during Jackson and Lisa Marie Presley's honeymoon last year, the one featuring Jackson as a heroic liberator of an oppressed Eastern European dictatorship.

MTV and VH1 will present "The Good Presents: Think Positive," a special profiling young people and their experiences with HIV and AIDS. The program airs next week

Television trends - comedies are in this fall. With hits "Seinfeld," "Friends," "Home Improvement," and "Grace Under Fire," the networks will be offering 23 new comedies among their upcoming 34 freshman series

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Sunday Night Television -

CBS - 60 Minutes, Murder, She Wrote, 500 Nations

NBC - Earth 2, Seaquest DSV, Movie

ABC - America's Funniest Home Videos, Lois & Clark: The New Adventures of Superman, Movie



PBS - National Memorial Day

Concert, Masterpiece Theatre

Fox - **Tiny Toons Night Ghouly**,

The Simpsons, The Critic, Married...

With Children, My Wildest Dreams

MTV - Unplugged, Beavis and Butt-

head, Oddities: The Maxx, 120

Minutes

Discovery Channel - Fangs!, Wildlife

Chronicles, Space Shuttle

## Top albums -

Cracked Rear View - Hootie & The Blowfish

Friday - soundtrack

Amor Prohibido - Selena

Throwing Copper - live

II - Boyz II Men

This is How - Montell Jordan

Forest Gump - soundtrack

Astro Creep: 2000 - White Zombie

Medusa - Annie Lennox

Hell Freezes Over - The Eagles

## Pop music this week in 1995 -

Have You Ever Really Loved A Woman?

- Bryan Adams

I'll Be There For You - Method Man

Freak Like Me - Adina Howard

This Is How - Montell Jordan

Keep Their Heads Ringin' - Dr Dre

Water Runs Dry - Boyz II Men

Deam Mama - 2Pac



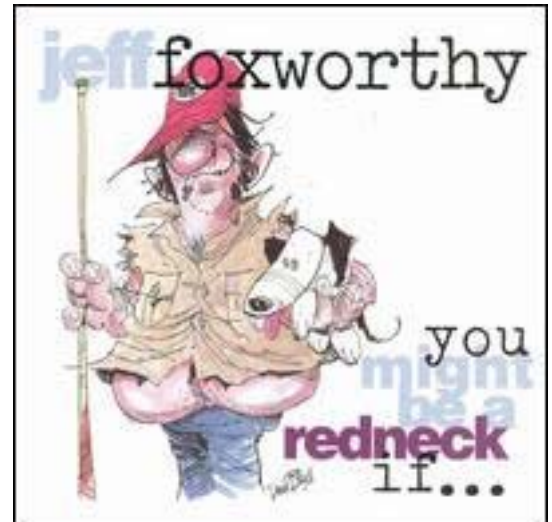
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Total Eclipse - Nicki French  
Don't Take It Personal - Monica

## Top Country Albums -

Hits - Garth Brooks  
Not a Moment - Tim McGraw  
John Michael Montgomery  
No Ordinary Man - Tracy Byrd  
Read My Mind - Reba McEntire  
Standing on the Edge - John Berry  
Now That I've Found You - Alison Krauss  
The Woman in Me - Shania Twain  
What a Crying Game - Mavericks  
You Might Be a Redneck ... Jeff Fox worthy  
Read My Mind - Reba McEntire



At the movies -

**Casper** - Christina Ricci, Bill Pullman, Cathy Moriarty, Eric Idle  
**Die Hard With Vengeance** - Bruce Willis, Jeremy Irons, Samuel L. Jackson,  
Graham Greene, Colleen Camp, Larry Bryggman, Sam Phillips

**Bravehart** - Mel Gibson, Sophie Marceau, Patrick McGoohan, Catherine  
McCormack



**Forget Paris** - Billy Crystal, Debra Winger,  
Joe Mantegna, Julie Kavner, Richard Masur,  
Cathy Moriarty

Johnny Mnemonic

**Mad Love** - Chris O'Donnell, Drew Barrymore

**While You Were Sleeping** - Sandra Bullock,  
Bill Pullman, Peter Gallagher, Peter Boyle,  
Glynis Johns, Jack Warden

**Tales From the Hood** - Corbin Bernsen,  
Roslind Cash, Rusty Cundieff, David Alan

Grier, Anthony Griffith, Wings Hauser, Clarence Williams III

**French Kiss** - Meg Ryan, Kevin Kline, Timothy Hutton

**Crimson** - Tide - Densel Washington Gene Hackman

Mad Love - Chris O'Donnell, Drew Barrymore

**A Little Princess** - Eleanor Bron, Liam Cunningham

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