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POOR DIET AND SNUFF MAY CAUSE CANCER

The pathologist said it is his own personal hu-nch that researchers eventually will find that sn-uff is a contributing factor in oral cancer "in the

susceptible person." Typical victims of oral cancer show heavy use of tobacco and alcohol, poor oral hygiene, cirrh-osis of the liver and a history of syphillis, Dr. Waldon said. He noted that syphillis is not the major factor it once was.

major factor it once was. A high mortality rate in oral cancer is found in eastern Tennessee, large areas of Alabama, eastern North Carolina and virtually all of Geo-rgia. The suspicion that poverty is a factor is suggested by the spartan diet of many Southern-ers, said Murial Levin, a bacteriologist at the East Tennessee Cancer Research Center in Kn-ers oxville.

oxville. NEW IMPLANT ABORTION TECHNIQUE: The same laboratory that developed the bi-rth control pill is testing a convenient vaginal implant that could abort pregnancies safely and without said affects or hospitalization. While the device has not yet been tested on hu-mans, three scientists at the Worchester Founf-ation for Experimental Biology in Shrewsbury Mass., have had 100 percent success in inducing abortions in rabbits, rats and hamsters.

Mass., have had 100 percent success in inducing abortions in rabbits, rats and hamsters. The implant is a tiny, open-ended silicone tu-be that looks like an inch-long piece of plastic soda straw. It contains two substances -- prosta-glandin and what is known as PVP Cel. Together they cause the uterus to contract and expel the fetus over a 20 hour period. The claimed advantages of the implant abort-ion technique are: no hospitalization or surgical procedure; no heavy doses of hormones like the morning-after pill; no harmful side effects, and no pain beyond mild cramps. "We have found what may be the safest way to terminate a pregnancy," said Dr. Min Chueh Ch-ang, co-developer with the late Dr. Gregory Pin-cus of the birth control pill and director of the 1-mplant research.

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The scientists see a time when a woman, under The scientists see a time when a woman, inder her doctor's care, could insert the implant her -self is she suspects she may be pregnant and take control of her own abortion. The silicone tube is removed after the pregnancy is terminated. Doc-tors in Stockholm, Sweden, may soon begin ex p-eriments on humans the researchers said. CORONARY BYPASS OPERATION:

CORONARY BYPASS OPERATION: Controversial and extensive coronary bypass o-perations have proved their value in relievingse-vere heart pain, surgeons say. But debate contin-ues over wheteer the operation is used too much. A panel of heart surgeons said recently in Mia-mi Beach that 60,000 to 80,000 bypass operations are performed each year in the United States at a cost varying from \$10,000 to \$15,000 a piece.



# LAS VEGAS VOICE **BILLIE ROWE'S NOTEBOOK**

### PENS' APOPPINIII

N'York City --- It was strange to all and sun-dry that "Roots" grew nary a prize at the Mon-te Carlo Int'l TV Festival. Some are surmising that this may down its selling price to the export market. No way says Warner Bros who has pocrding to researchers. "There's no question that we do see a number of mouth cancers in women who have used snuff for years," said Dr. Charles Waldon of the Emory University School of Dentistry."But twe have also seen women who have used snuff for years but whose mucous membrances are fine." The pathologist said it is his owner the owner of the pathologist said it is his owner the o ector, responding to a query from the floor, "Will the success of "Roots" open the door to black production companies at ABC, stated that he had met with black community leaders severhe had met with black community leaders sever-al months ago and assured them a hearing, but only one called . . . Gladys Knight and the Pips will end their current tour of the Far East with a biggie in beautiful Hawaii . . . It was just our luck to be out of town when Count Basie and Billy Eckstine rocked Carnegie Hall. Word a'mouth had the Count never looking better or touching the key-board with more rhythmic alomb.

The FCCommish is about to unlease about dozen of its staff members on a seek to the finish probe of the <u>3-networks</u>. . . The Nar'l Black Network has planned its annual "Soul Party" so it will do the most good for those attending the annual NAB confab in the Big Apple. Are you aware that Harlemites were the Apple. Are you aware that Harlemites were the first to use the term big apple? . . . Saundra Sharp, who came over beautiful and talented in CBS-TV's "Minstrel Man," is being given the big up treatment by Victoria Lucas and two other artist reps in L.A. During his tes-timony before the payola probers in DeeCee Teddy Powell revealed how many times he had been done in by certain disc jerkies. Howev-er checking the top soul promoter out he wea-thered the storm. He's the only black owning a building in the posh section of 5th. Ave, with Gucci as a tenant, plus holding in a gas sta-tion and other money making ventures . . . tion and other money making ventures .... Jim Cuffee is pretting up his Atlantic City farm to properly fete Philly's teevee girl, Trudy Haynes, after her vow taking bout with Bahamian bizman Kenyon Pinder. The couple will wed in mid-April on a Delaware River boat inkeeping with his island custom . . . Ar-thur Mitchell's Dance Theatre of Harlem has set its Dance In America for a March' end performance on PBS. The Public B'cast System will also present an adaption of "Almos" a Man" from a story by the late novelist Ric-hard Wright. The show, a part of its short story series, will star LeVar Burton, the ac-tor who made an acting impact as the young Kunta Kinte of "Roots."

THE LADIES ARE GOOD --- Ronald Reagan, the ex-gov who's still interested in becoming president, has made his move to recruit Dr. Gloria E.A. Toote for his parade. She's just back from a coast confab with the ex-flick star gone political ... Cong'lady Shirley Chisholm is reportedly becoming more politically disillusion as time goes by bring-ing her closer to the middle aisle. A major publishing house has her under wraps for a publishing house has her under wraps for a-nother book, but she will not tax her write hand until she's out of Congress. Maybe she's cloak room . . . A well informed source has the effervescent Betty Granger Reid set to nix her Fed. Commission for a more lucid the effervescent bety nix her Fed. Commission for a more lucit enter throughout all the world, so every use one in private industry . . The daily para- death throughout all the world, so every use graph stuffers innards are burning over the began to grow and die, for all sinned. Job tells us how can unclean thing come of constant reports that romance is blooming be-twixt teenagers, Flick star Tatum O'Neal and Michael Jackson, "Mr Personality" of the so-Michael Jackson, "The latest press rumor has the door to death and destroyed the image of constant reports that romance is blooming be-constant reports that romance is blooming be-twixt teenagers, Flick star Tatum O'Neal and Michael Jackson, "Mr Personality" of the so-lid gold Jacksons. The latest press rumor has so angered Joanna Moore, Moma of the talen-ted lass who was Oscar'ed for her role in "God. The Paper Moon," she going to great lengths to explain that a friendship isn't a romance image of God in the sence that Adam did, for . Lena Horne, the grandest grandma of them he the Bible tells that after the fall, Adam be-all, was a darling to talent mix with Sesame gat sons and daughters in his own likeness. Street. Street.

The de-screening of "Mohammad: Messager of God," was a bad break for African actor Johnny Sekka. He has been seen in several flicks and expressed admirable talent, bu none offered him so fat a role as "Mohammad." However most folks expect the flick to be re' issued now that the DeeCee siege has sub-sided . . . Amb. Frank Williams has person-sided . . . Amb. Frank Williams has person-ally raised a bundle for his spearheaded drive to establish a fitting memorial for the late immortal Dr. Ralph J. Bunche. The project has been budgeted at 350Gs and you can help by sending whatever, but in cash, to the Phelps Stokes Fund which is the sponsoring agency ... Lovely Joan Shingles has job shifted from NBC to Hertz ... Country and Western chir-pers, Charlie Pride and Jerry Reed are ma-ching their pipes and acting abilities in Cla-ude Akins' new police wing-ding, "Nashville 99. The opus is shooting on location in that city. As far as known here, this is a series first for Charlie who said he has a lot of Pride in doing it ... In that same neck of to establish a fitting memorial for the late Pride in doing it . . . In that same neck of the woods Nancy Wilson and Lou Rawls at-tracted 105Gs worth of folks to the posh Hil-ton Inn's Rainbow Rm. Anall time moined re-cord it topped the former record holder, Bing Crosby by 20Gs . . . Ray Charles moves incord it topped the former record holder, Bing Crosby, by 20Gs . . . Ray Charles moves in-tothe room in mid-May and already his first two nites are clean. Soldout to you unhepped. The ducet dues are \$12.50 for admission and drinks . . . The N'Y Urban League sent it in just like this --- "Flash, dynamic comedian George Kirby is flying into N. Y. to be the toast-master for the annual Frederick Douglass dinner . . . This came from a wax company just so also: "To squash all existing and pro-longed rumors. Miles Davis is still on the Colonged rumors, Miles Davis is still on the Columbia Label. --- Jeff Lane, responsible for the B.T. Express production will put his discotheque powers to work and come up with a theque powers to work and come up with a real smoker." --- STAY LOOSE.

## LAS VEGAS KNOWS THE VOICE BECAUSE LAS VEGANS

#### READ THE VOICE

### REV. WILSON

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Richard Speck was fellow who about ten years ago in Chicago who killed eight or nine stu-

dent nurses at one of the colleges there. It seemed as if he was going with one of the nurses and something happened I don't know what it was but one day or night he gained entrance to the dorm and there terrorized the place a while he raised hell there as he murded in cold blood one at a time eight nur-

ses trying the other up, while they waited their trun with death. One seems to have rolled under the bed

out of sight and lived to tell the story. When the macrbre scene was discovered and this nurse loosed she described Richard Speck and she told the offers when come upon him look at his left arm to make sure because he has identifying mark upon a tattoo on his arm that reads "I WAS BORN TO RAISE HELL"

And raise hell he did and true enough when hand until she's out of Congress. Maybe she's And Talse her he did and the enough when planning to look beneath a few coats in the they caught him it was there. This is some-cloak room . . . A well informed source has what like what David is saying and Paul makes the effervescent Betty Granger Reid set to it plain. When he said when Adam sinned, sin

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