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 Civil rights pioneer Rosa Parks dies at 92 in Detroit, Parks' refusal in 1955 to give up her seat on an Alabama bus eventually led to laws desegregating public transportation nationally.



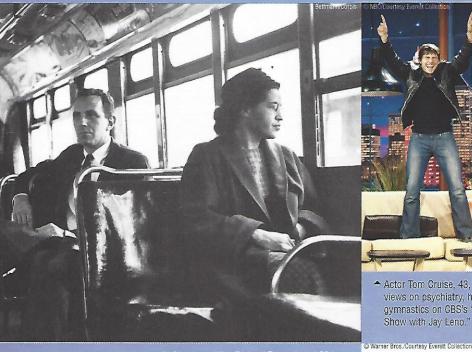
▲ Beloved "Gilligan's Island" funnyman Bob Denver dies of cancer at 70. Although only 98 episodes of the popular "sitcom were made, Denver was typecast as the nutty Gilligan his entire career.



Kristin Cavallari, featured on the MTV reality show "Laguna Beach," becomes one of Hollywood's hottest young personalities.



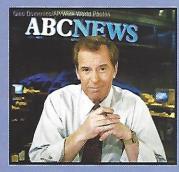
Chinese actress Ziyi Zhang shines in the lead role of Sayuri in the film adaptation of the acclaimed Arthur Golden novel Memoirs of a Geisha.



Actor-comedian Richard Pryor dies at 65 in December. Pryor's concerts and movies in the '70s and '80s inspired performers like Eddie Murphy, Arsenio Hall and Robin Williams.



◆ Actor Tom Cruise, 43, makes headlines all year with his controversial views on psychiatry, his new love, actress Katie Holmes, and his couch gymnastics on CBS's "The Oprah Winfrey Show" and NBC's "Tonight Show with Jay Leno."



Peter Jennings, anchor of ABC's "World News Tonight," dies of lung cancer in August. The popular TV journalist held the anchor position for 22 years.



Coretta Scott King, legendary civil rights advocate and widow of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., dies in January 2006. She was 78.

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