

Sequel writer calls publishers money-hungry

ATLANTA (AP) — The publishing industry treats books as commercial products, not art, said Alexandra Ripley, who wrote the ballyhooed "sequel" to *Gone With the Wind*.

"Books have become products like cereal or perfume or deodorant," she told about 300 members of the Southeastern Booksellers Association on Sunday.

"No matter what publishers tell the world and themselves about their commitment to literature and art, what they really are is businessmen. And businessmen are in the business to make profits," she said.

Ripley spoke amid a \$600,000 campaign by Warner Books to promote her *Scarlett: The Sequel to Margaret Mitchell's 'Gone With the Wind.'* Advance orders have reached 900,000 for the 823-page sequel, which will be published Wednesday in 40 countries.

There was trouble between Ripley and Warner Books nearly two years ago when she turned in her manuscript. Ripley clashed with an editor over scenes involving minor characters from the original book.

Ripley said she demanded and got another editor.

After a standing ovation from the booksellers, Ripley was embraced by Warner Books President Lawrence Kirshbaum, who acknowledged that much of what she said is true.

Di hits Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — Princess Diana arrived Monday in this Muslim country for a four-day visit packed with tours of women's groups, schools and homes for the disabled.

The British Embassy said palace officials familiar with strict Muslim tradition selected a conservative wardrobe for the princess.

Diana was met at Islamabad Airport by Abida Hussein, Pakistan's newly-appointed ambassador to the United States, along with other officials and children in traditional dress.

Among Diana's activities is a visit Wednesday to the historic eastern city of Lahore. On Thursday, she is to climb the Khyber Pass, where at the turn of the century the British Army was decimated by mountain tribesmen.

Turner herds bison

BOZEMAN, Mont. (AP) — Ted Turner says he wants to "hit the big one, one more time." This time with bison.

The millionaire founder of Cable News Network is turning his 130,000-acre Montana ranch into his next grand venture.

Turner now has about 2,000 head of bison. He plans to triple the number during the next four years, envisioning a future

where he'll sell the bulls for meat and the cows to other breeders.

Eventually, Turner hopes buffalo rib roasts will be Sunday suppers across the country.

"I want to show you can do something in balance with nature and still make money doing it, twice as much money as you could with cattle," Turner said in an interview published Sunday in the *Bozeman Daily Chronicle*.

"I want to have the biggest buffalo breeding ranch in the country and have a ball doing it," he said. "That's what everyone wants. Get a great idea and hit the big time."

Book published

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — The memoirs of Daisy Bates,

who helped organize black students to integrate Little Rock schools, couldn't be found on bookstore shelves 29 years ago.

"It was banned throughout the South," said Bates, 77. "The publisher was told by salesmen that they wouldn't take anything with Daisy Bates' name on it."

Her book, *The Long Shadow of Little Rock*, was first published in 1962. It chronicles the 1957 Little Rock integration crisis and Bates' role in leading nine black students into Central High School.

Former Arkansas Razorback Darrell Walker, who plays basketball for the Detroit Pistons, was among several people who attended a book-signing reception for Bates on Saturday. Walker sponsored the reception at the Little Rock Club.

"This is my way of giving something back," Walker said. "If it wasn't for a Daisy Bates, a Dr. Martin Luther King or a Malcolm X, there wouldn't be any Darrell Walker or Michael Jordan."

Black students first entered Central High on Sept. 23, 1957, as a white mob cursed and threw rocks.

Rubin, wife separate

NEW YORK (AP) — Yippie-turned-yuppie Jerry Rubin and his wife said Monday they have separated after 13 years of marriage and are seeking a friendly divorce.

"We are now seeking the divorce in unison, working on an amicable legal separation which will automatically turn

into a divorce," Mimi Rubin said. "This is a very friendly situation."

Rubin, who lives in Los Angeles, and Mrs. Rubin, who lives in New York, said in a telephone conference call that they would have joint legal custody of their 4-year-old daughter and 2-year-old son.

The couple separated last month and Rubin filed papers last week in Manhattan's state Supreme Court.

Rubin, 53, and Mimi, 42, said they will continue to work together on Jerry Rubin Network Marketing, a company that arranges parties for young professionals to meet and develop contacts.

Rubin was a left-wing, anti-war crusader in the 1960s. He was a leader of the Youth International Party with Abbie Hoffman.

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