

O J says 'If I Did It' Full of Errors

Flaws blamed on ghost writer

O.J. Simpson says his hypothetical account of killing his ex-wife in his aborted memoir "If I Did It" was invented by a ghost writer and filled with errors that he refused to correct for fear of appearing to be guilty of the crime.

Simpson related his involvement in the book, which was scrapped shortly before its release date last year amid a torrent of public outrage, in a rare, hour long Internet interview.

After a long legal fight, rights to the book passed to the family of murder victim Ron Goldman, a friend of Nicole Brown Simpson who was slain along with Simpson's ex-wife at her Los Angeles home in June 1994.

Simpson was acquitted of criminal charges at the end of a sensational murder trial in 1995 but was found liable for the deaths of his



O.J. Simpson talks with one of his defense attorneys during his 2001 'road rage' trial in Miami-Dade County court.

former spouse and Goldman two years later in a civil case brought by the victims' estates.

Goldman's father, Fred Goldman, who originally opposed the book, said last week he wants it published because he views it as "an indictment of a wife-beater,

of a murderer, written in his own words."

Judith Regan, the publisher who originally brokered the book deal, has said she considered the book Simpson's confession.

Simpson said the book was composed by a ghost author, and

that he reluctantly agreed to include a chapter containing a "night-of-the-crime" account as told by him only after the publishers promised to clearly label it as hypothetical.

"Because I didn't do it... I will not justify the evidence they had. It didn't work then," he said. "We got to that chapter, and I said, 'Hey, I can't participate in that.'"

"I read what he wrote, and I saw all of these major holes, all of these impossible things," Simpson recalled. He gave few specific examples of the discrepancies he found but said he declined to correct any of them.

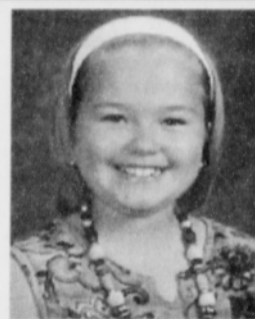
"All of these other parts of the book I would correct, but I told myself, 'If I correct this, there are going to be people out there that say, 'Oh, look how accurate this is.' Right?"

Simpson said he never thought the book would get published and consented to it mostly because he needed the money.

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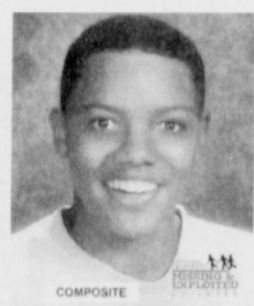
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Whoopi Looks Ahead to 'The View'

Says she's going to be 'me'

(AP) -- Whoopi Goldberg will bring no celebrity feuds with her when she joins "The View," at least none that she's aware of.

"Who knows?" she told The Associated Press. "Anybody could say 'I don't like her.' That's OK. I just won't come to your home."

That already sets Goldberg apart from her predecessor. "The View," putting Rosie O'Donnell in its rearview mirror, officially introduced Goldberg to the show's audience as its moderator last week. She'll start full time



Whoopi Goldberg the day after Labor Day.

Goldberg, 51, gives "The View" a genuinely big name

and distinct personality in her own right. She's among the select few performers to win an Oscar, Emmy, Tony and Grammy award.

She's no stranger to political controversy. Goldberg was dumped from a Slim-Fast advertising campaign in 2004 after making a speech mocking the Bush administration at a political rally, at one point using the president's surname as a sexual reference.

Goldberg said she's looking forward to talking about what's going on during what promises to be an interesting year ahead. She'll be the moderator, meaning it will generally be her job to steer

the discussion and keep the show running on time.

"I just figure I'm going to be me," she said. "They know who I am and know what I do, so nobody will be surprised if I disagree strongly but not meanly. I'll never be mean. It's just not in me."

Barbara Walters, the show's creator, said Goldberg brought a formidable combination of smarts and skills as an entertainer, and also adds diversity to the program.

"The View" has been without a regular black cast member since Star Jones Reynolds left under stormy circumstances last summer.

Lead Paint Brings Another Toy Recall

(AP) -- China said it would work with the United States to improve product safety amid a massive U.S. recall Thursday of plastic preschool toys made by a Chinese vendor, including the popular Big Bird, Elmo, Dora and Diego characters.

Toy-maker Fisher-Price announced that it was recalling almost 1 million of the toys, the latest in a string of Chinese product safety scandals.

Fisher-Price and the commission issued statements saying parents should keep suspect toys away from children and contact the company.

The recall follows another high-profile move from toy maker RC2 Corp., which in June voluntarily recalled 1.5 million wooden railroad toys and set parts from its Thomas & Friends Wooden Railway product line.

The company said that the surface paint on certain toys and parts made in China between January 2005 and April 2006 contain lead, affecting 26 components and 23 retailers.

Owners of a recalled toy can exchange it for a voucher for another product of the same value. To see pictures of the recalled toys, visit service.mattel.com. For more information, call Mattel's recall hot line at 800-916-4498.



Fisher-Price toys subject to recall include the popular Big Bird, Elmo, Dora and Diego characters, because their paint contains excessive amounts of lead. (AP photo)

September Trial Date for R. Kelly

(AP) -- R. Kelly will go on trial Sept. 17 in Chicago, more than five years after he was charged with child pornography.

The date was set last week after a lengthy meeting among the judge, the lead prosecutor, the R&B singer and his lawyers.

Kelly, who was born Robert Sylvester Kelly, has pleaded not guilty to 14 counts of child pornography. He was charged in 2002 and is accused of allegedly engaging in videotaped sex acts with an underage girl.

Kelly's attorneys haven't conceded

that he is on the tape, saying his likeness may have been computer generated. They have also tried to raise doubts about the identity and age of the girl.

The case has been hit with delay after delay. Since being charged, Kelly has had six best-selling albums and three nationwide tours.

The 40-year-old singer has said he'll survive his legal tribulations.

"I'm going through my own struggle... and you're either gonna fold or you're going to stand," Kelly told The Associated Press in 2005, "and I believe in standing."



R. Kelly is scheduled to go on trial Sept. 17, more than five years after the R&B singer was first charged with child pornography. (AP Photo)

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