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50 Cent calls weight loss for film 'tough'

NEW YORK — Losing 50-plus pounds was a complicated process for 50 Cent — but not an entirely new one.

The rapper, who plays a football player with cancer in the upcoming film "Things Fall Apart," dropped from 214 pounds to 160 in nine weeks after liquid dieting and running on a treadmill three hours a day.

But the 33-year-old said that when he was shot in the jaw in 2000, he could drink only liquids and his weight dropped to 157. "This time it was a lot tougher for me," the 6-foot-tall rapper said in an interview Friday with the Associated Press.

The film is about a childhood friend of the rapper who died of cancer, and is in production.

Country singer Judy Lynn dies in Indiana

JEFFERSONVILLE, Ind. — Country recording artist Judy Lynn Kelly has died in Indiana at the age of 74.

Relative Kay Kelly Cook says Kelly died Wednesday at her home in Jeffersonville after suffering congestive heart failure.

Kelly was born in Boise, Idaho, and got her big break in her teens when she was hired to fill in for Jean Shepard during a touring show of perform-

ers from the Grand Ole Opry. In 1952, she was part of a show with Gene Autry. She performed under the name Judy Lynn. In 1980, she retired from show business and became a minister.



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Williams' dress cheers lace industry

PARIS — When Grand Slam champion Venus Williams stepped onto a French Open court in a see-through black lace dress with a red-trimmed top, the beleaguered lace industry let out a cheer.

Williams' corsetlike outfit — reminiscent of a 19th-century Parisian cancan chorus costume — startled many sports fans and prompted wolf whistles and catcalls. But it also intrigued fashion insiders, and lace designers are now hoping Williams' bold ensemble might boost their game.

"Seeing a tennis woman of Venus' caliber dolled up in lace and resembling more of a figure skater will hopefully revive the industry at a time when French lace makers are going out of business one after the other," said Isabelle Tartier, director of Paris-based Frank Sorbier, one of the few fashion houses that still uses lace.

Tartier blamed the lace industry's economic woes on cheaper Chinese industrialized lace flooding the market.

'Diff'rent Strokes' star Gary Coleman dies at 42

The Associated Press

PROVO, Utah — Gary Coleman, the child star of the smash 1970s TV sitcom "Diff'rent Strokes" whose later career was marred by medical and legal problems, died Friday after suffering a brain hemorrhage. He was 42.

Utah Valley Regional Medical Center spokeswoman Janet Frank said life support was terminated and Coleman died at 12:05 p.m. MDT.

Coleman, with his sparkling eyes and perfect comic timing, became a star after "Diff'rent Strokes" debuted in 1978. He played younger brother Arnold Jackson as half of a pair of African-American siblings adopted by a wealthy white man.

His popularity faded when the show ended after six seasons on NBC and two on ABC.

Coleman suffered continuing ill health from the kidney disease that stunted his growth and had a host of legal problems in recent years.

Coleman suffered the brain hemorrhage Wednesday at his Santaquin home, 55 miles south of Salt Lake City.

A statement from the family said he was conscious and lucid until midday Thursday, when his condition worsened and he slipped into unconsciousness. Coleman was then placed on life support.

"Diff'rent Strokes" debuted on NBC in 1978 and drew most of its laughs from the tiny, 10-year-old Coleman.

Race and class relations became topics on the show as much as the typical trials of growing up.

Coleman was an immediate star, and his skeptical "Whatchu talkin' 'bout?" — usually aimed at his brother, Willis — became a catchphrase.

In a 1979 Los Angeles Times profile, his mother, Edmonia Sue Coleman, said her son had always been a ham as a small child. He acted in some commercials before he was signed by T.A.T., the production company that created "Diff'rent Strokes."

"Gary remembers everything. EVERYTHING," co-producer and director Herb Kenwith told the newspaper. "His



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In this February 2008 photo, actor Gary Coleman appears on the the NBC "Today" program in New York.

power of concentration is unlike any adult's I know."

Asked by Ebony magazine in 1979 how he learned his lines so easily, young Gary replied, "It's easy!"

But the attention his starring role brought him could be a burden as well as a pleasure. Coleman told The Associated Press in 2001 that he would do a TV series again, but "only under the absolute condition that it be an ensemble cast and that everybody gets a chance to shine."

"I certainly am not going to be the only person on the show working," he said. "I've done that. I didn't like it."

The series lasted six seasons on NBC and two on ABC and lives on thanks to DVDs and YouTube. But its equally enduring legacy became the former child stars' troubles in adulthood, including the 1999 suicide of Dana Plato, who played the boys' white, teenage sister.

Todd Bridges, who played Coleman's brother, was tried and acquitted of attempted murder.

NOTABLE DEATH

MIKHAIL SHATROV, whose historical plays subjected Stalin and his legacy to withering scrutiny and signaled a new era of artistic freedom under Mikhail S. Gorbachev, died on Sunday at his home in Moscow. He was 78.

BIRTHDAYS

Singer Rebbie Jackson is 60.
Movie composer Danny Elfman is 52.
Actress Annette Bening is 52.
Actor Rupert Everett is 51.

Singer Melissa Etheridge is 49.
Actress Lisa Whelchel is 47.
Cartoonist Aaron McGruder ("The Boondocks") is 36.

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