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MARY A. CARSKADON, PH.D.—APRIL 8, 2010 TEENAGERS, SLEEP & SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

Mary A. Carskadon, Ph.D., is a Professor in the Department of Psychiatry and Human Behavior at the Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University. She is also the Director of the Sleep and Chronobiology Research Lab at E.P. Bradley Hospital. She is considered to be an expert on sleep and circadian rhythms during childhood and adolescence along with issues related to daytime sleepiness. She has also contributed important research on school start times as it relates to sleep patterns and sleepiness in children.

RONALD MALLET, PH.D.—APRIL 29, 2010 TIME TRAVEL

Ronald L. Mallett, Ph.D. is a full professor of physics at the University of Connecticut. For quite some time, Ronald Mallett has been working on plans for a time machine. This technology would be based upon a ring laser's properties within the context of Einstein's Theory of Relativity. He also wrote a book entitled, *Time Traveler: A Scientist's Personal Mission to Make Time Travel a Reality*, co-written with New York Times best-selling author Bruce B. Henderson, that was first published in 2006. In June 2008, motion picture director Spike Lee's production company announced it had acquired the film rights to Mallett's book. Lee is co-writing the movie script and directing the picture.



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