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Utah State University's Dion Bailey lets the ball go out of bounds after being last touched by Brigham Young University during Saturday's game. The Aggies lost to the Cougars 82-73.

# Ouch! Utah State comes face to face with giant brick wall at Saturday's game

AARON MORTON  
Assistant Sports Editor

After being down by as much as 16, the Utah State University basketball team made several attempts at closing the lead but the Aggies kept hitting a wall. The wall's name? Brigham Young University's Terrell Lyday. The Cougar guard blew up for 35 points on 11-for-17 shoot-

ing including 6-for-9 from 3-point land and 7-8 from the line to lead BYU to a 82-73 win at the Spectrum Saturday night. "We had no answer for Lyday," USU head coach Stew Morrill said. "He made plays at both ends." In front of a sellout crowd of 10,270, the Aggies closed to as close as 4 before Lyday and the rest of BYU put the game away. The loss was only the third at

home for USU in the last 48 games. The battle with the Cougars was also the final preseason game for the Aggies. USU kicks off its Big West Conference season with California State Fullerton University. Despite the lack of defense, Morrill was upbeat. "These two games are going

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## Utah Power to begin \$48 million credit on customer bills today

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Utah Power is scheduled to begin a \$48 million credit on customer bills beginning Monday, as a result of the merger of ScottishPower and PacifiCorp. The merger, which was completed Nov. 29, 1999, will reduce the bill of a typical residential customer by \$8.64 a year. The credit will appear as a separate line item on upcoming bills. The credit was part of a Utah Public Service Commission order that approved the merger and will continue into 2003. The company has promised that the \$48 million merger credit will be given to Utah tariff customers. Utah Power serves about 622,000 customers in Utah, PacifiCorp, through Utah Power and Pacific Power, serves 1.5 million customers in Utah, Idaho, Wyoming, Oregon and Washington.

## Salt Lake County offers new jail amnesty card

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Salt Lake County is getting a new jail big enough to hold traffic violators and ticket dodgers. But nobody wants it to go that far. So the sheriff's office and 3rd District Court is giving traffic violators and some misdemeanor offenders 18 days to settle up and avoid the possibility of finding themselves in jail over a bench warrant. Salt Lake County Sheriff Aaron Kennard also will waive warrant fees and fine interest for the amnesty period, which starts Monday until Jan. 28. "For years, if you arrested someone on a \$50 warrant, they got kicked right back out (of jail). Because of the federal consent decree, we could only keep so many inmates," sheriff's deputy Peggy Faulkner said. "But the new jail is big enough that it won't matter. If they've got a warrant, they are going to get booked." The amnesty program is a stay-out-of-jail card for anyone with an

outstanding fine stemming from a traffic infraction or conviction for a class B or C misdemeanor. Upwards of 50,000 such warrants are outstanding in Salt Lake County. "If we don't clear some of them, we'll fill the new jail up in a week," Faulkner said. Amnesty takers can pay off their fines in the original bail amount "and that's all they'll have to pay," Faulkner said. "They'll still have to pay outstanding restitution and do their community service, but any interest or warrant fees will be waived." Third District judges insisted on exceptions for people charged with domestic violence or driving under the influence. The amnesty will help justice and 3rd District Courts clear up a huge backlog of cases. One justice-court judge, Joanne Rigby, said she has more than 10,000 outstanding cases in her Salt Lake County court — more than its four judges can handle.

# Busted: Six arrested on drug charges after lengthy investigation

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Assistant News Editor

As the result of a two-month-long investigation, five adult males and one adult female were arrested on various drug- and firearms-related charges Jan. 7. At approximately 9:40 p.m. last Friday, the Cache/Rich Drug Task Force in concert with a SWAT team comprised of the Logan City Police Department, Cache County Sheriff's office, USU and North Park Police Departments, served a drug-related search warrant at 231 E. 300 North in Logan. More than one-half kilogram (1.1 pounds) of cocaine and more than \$14,000 were seized along with two semi-automatic handguns. Arrests were as follows: •David Vargas, male, 24, Smithfield — one count possession of cocaine with intent to distribute, a first-degree felony, and one count of possession of drug paraphernalia, a class A misdemeanor. •Jesus Juarez-Salas, male, 55,

Logan — illegal possession of a firearm, a third-degree felony. •Pablo Mandujano-Morales, AKA Fransisco J. Gutierrez, male, 22, Wellsville — one count false personal information to police, a class B misdemeanor, and one count illegal possession of a firearm, a third-degree felony. •David Carillo, male, 22, Wellsville — one count possession of cocaine, a second-degree felony, and one count possession of drug paraphernalia, a class A misdemeanor. •Mabi Castro, female, 26, Logan — one count possession of cocaine with intent to distribute, a first-degree felony, and one count of possession of drug paraphernalia, a class A misdemeanor. •Eduardo Castro, male, 28, Logan — five counts of distribution of cocaine, first-degree felonies, one count possession of cocaine with intent to distribute, a first-degree felony, and one count possession of drug paraphernalia, a class A misdemeanor. The Cache/Rich Drug Task Force expressed appreciation to

various citizens and businesses in the community for their help in the investigation. Any individual with drug-related information is urged to contact the Cache/Rich Drug Task Force at (435) 750-9931.

### COCAINE FACTS

- Cocaine use is highest for individuals aged 18 to 25 years.
- Although cocaine is not physiologically addictive, it is extremely psychologically addictive.
- Research suggests crack cocaine is significantly associated with systematic crime.

\* Information from the U.S. Sentencing Commission Cocaine and Federal Sentencing Policy

## 90 percent of USU distance education graduates say their degrees are 'worth it,' recent survey finds

UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY  
Media Relations

Students graduating from Utah State University's wide-ranging distance education programs strongly believe their new degrees improve their employment skills and income potential, and are valuable to their families and communities. These are some of the findings in a newly released survey among the 462 graduates of the university's off-campus degree programs in 1999. A total 310 graduates 68 percent responded to the written survey. Among responses, 90 percent said time spent to get their degrees was "worth it"; 90 to 95 percent said the degrees were "important" to their families and communities; 85 percent said degree courses were "adequate" to "excellent" in preparing them for needed employment skills; 81 percent said their employers believed their degrees were important, and 92 percent would encourage a friend to enroll in a USU outreach educational program. Seventy-one percent of the graduates have full-time, career-oriented employment; 65 percent

received a promotion, made a career change, or received better working conditions upon receiving their USU degree, and together they received about \$700,000 in total additional annual wages including one-fourth of them who got raises of \$5,000 or more. "We've been in the business of distance education since 1911," said Robert Gilliland, USU's vice president for continuing education. "Such surveys consistently show that we succeed where it counts most in enhancing the lives and career opportunities of students. A USU degree is coveted in the marketplace, with over 90 percent of all our graduates on-campus as well as off-campus — routinely reporting that they get good jobs relating to their major fields of study within a year of graduating." USU offers the lion's share of distance education degree programs in Utah, under a 1969 mandate by the Utah Board of Regents and the Utah Legislature. Today about 11,000 off-campus students take USU degree courses each semester. Classes are offered face to face at branch campuses and through digital satellite, downlinked to some 80

sites across Utah and into neighboring states. USU is offering about 230 distance education courses in the current 1999-2000 school year, including 47 available on the Internet. They lead to 50 different bachelor's or master's degrees, half of them via electronic technology. "The Board of Regents currently is reviewing roles and missions of all nine public colleges and universities in Utah," noted Gilliland. "USU has no hidden agenda in the process, and is waiting like every other institution to see what changes, if any, are directed by the Regents." "Our strong hope is to continue working cooperatively with our sister institutions to deliver high-quality education to Utahns. USU has three basic criteria in doing so. We want to be where we are wanted; we want to bring the programs the community needs; and we need to be financially viable in delivering our programs." To enroll in a USU class, Utahns can call the nearest USU branch campus, USU Extension office (located in each county), or toll-free 1-888-449-6844.

### CRASH COURSE

## Oopsy daisies

Patrolman Italasano surveys the damage of an auto accident that occurred on 1000 North near the cemetery Friday. USU Police respond to accidents on campus and occasionally assist Logan City Police with off-campus accidents.



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# WORLD & NATION

## NBC compares game show's effect to crack

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — Let the sniping begin.

A top NBC executive on Sunday compared ABC's hit game show "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire" to crack — for its euphoric yet ultimately corrosive effect on a network's schedule. Still, he admitted he watches "Millionaire" and enjoys it.

"Millionaire" returned Sunday for an eight-day run before settling down to air regularly, three nights a week.

NBC, meanwhile, jumped into the quiz craze with its own premiere Sunday of the revived 1950s game show "21."

NBC Entertainment President Garth Ancier called "Millionaire" the most significant development in prime-time television in several years and said he knows how exciting the high ratings are for people at ABC.

"It's like crack," Ancier said Sunday at a news conference with television writers. "Once you're on it, it's wonderful because you get these giant ratings. But nobody believes it's going to work forever."

Ancier and his colleague, NBC West Coast President Scott Sassa, both noted that ABC has set comedies and dramas aside to make room for "Millionaire." In the long term, they believe ABC will pay for its preoccupation with the game show.

"When this thing ends, you're going to have a heck of a lot of development to do," Sassa said. "That's going to be a tough duty."

Ancier compared it to Fox and the attention that network gave to colorful reality shows over the past two years. Now the reality genre has cooled and Fox, which struck out with its new fall shows, is struggling.

ABC is currently in third place in the ratings, following CBS and NBC. But with ABC airing the Super Bowl and Academy Awards, plus a steady diet of "Millionaire," it has a shot at scoring a lucrative upset win for the year.

Veteran television executive Fred Silverman, who is producing "21" for NBC, said the success of "Millionaire" was the audience's way of telling the people who run the networks they wanted something different.

"In the last five or 10 years, we've gone overboard with a diet of half-hour comedies," he said.

## U.S. Army won't investigate all Korean War-era allegations

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — The United States will not investigate "every firefight, every battle" of the 1950-53 Korean War, despite allegations that U.S. forces killed unarmed civilians in dozens of incidents, the head of the U.S. Army said Sunday.

U.S. investigators are already devoting extraordinary resources to the allegations of a mass killing of several hundred refugees by U.S. soldiers at No Gun Ri, South Korea, in the early weeks of the conflict, Army Secretary Louis Caldera said.

Since those allegations became public, South Koreans have come forward with more stories of alleged mass killings of civilians by U.S. troops.

In an interview with The Associated Press, Caldera said it is not possible to investigate every incident of the war in detail. He said all loss of life was regrettable, but emphasized the need to establish whether civilians were killed intentionally.

"The question is not one of going back to try to identify every incident in which someone claims there was a loss of innocent lives," he said. "If you begin down that path, you'll never end because all war by definition is extremely violent."

"It is not possible to go back and investigate every firefight, every battle, that occurred during the three years of the Korean War," Caldera said, citing the cruel and chaotic nature of war.

The United States and South Korea began investigating what happened at No Gun Ri after The Associated Press reported on the incident in September, citing South Korean victims, American war veterans and U.S. government archives.

Since then, 37 other cases of alleged killings have surfaced. Some South Koreans have said U.S.

jets strafed war refugees flooding South Korea's roads in 1950-51, and there are demands for compensation.

Caldera arrived in Seoul on Sunday with a delegation of 18 Army investigators and civilian advisers. He said his team was making "very good progress" in reviewing U.S. government archives, but he said they had not found anything "conclusive."

He said the compensation issue will be assessed once the investigation is complete.

In the AP report, witnesses said a U.S. Army unit killed a large number of civilians in and near a No Gun Ri railroad bridge in late July 1950 as retreating Americans struggled to defend South Korea against a communist North Korean invasion.

According to declassified documents, U.S. commanders ordered some units to attack people in civilian garb out of fear that enemy soldiers were infiltrating South Korean refugee columns. Military law experts say such orders were illegal.

"We are also going to show the context in which many of those orders were given," Caldera said. He said the U.S. ground commanders had cleared the areas around No Gun Ri of refugees and they regarded people located in those areas as combatants.

But Koreans victims say U.S. troops guided them out of their village and led them to No Gun Ri. Then U.S. planes strafed them and American ground troops machine-gunned people trapped in a railroad underpass for three days, they say.

U.S. investigators have started interviewing Korean War veterans, Caldera said. His group planned to confer with South Korean government officials and visit No Gun Ri to meet 12 Korean victims Monday.

## Companies use school shooting to help pitch products

FORT GIBSON, Okla. (AP) — The local schools' chief is angry because security and safety companies are using last month's shooting at Fort Gibson Middle School to pitch their products.

Superintendent Steve Wilmoth said that since the Dec. 6 shooting, in which four students were wounded, he has gotten numerous brochures, pamphlets, e-mails and phone messages from companies hawking everything from high-tech security systems to firearms training.

Several have sought Fort Gibson's endorsement for surveillance cameras, metal detectors and security locks.

"I'm a little offended when someone wants to take a crisis and turn it into a profit," Wilmoth said.

School officials routinely toss the solicitations in the trash, said Assistant Superintendent Linda Clinkenbeard. However, the school district did accept three metal detectors donated by one security company.

A 13-year-old honor student is accused of firing at least 15 rounds from a 9 mm semiautomatic handgun at fellow students in this small eastern Oklahoma town.

Seth Trickey pleaded innocent to a juvenile delinquent petition and a Jan. 27 hearing is set to consider whether he should be tried as an adult.

Mail and calls from security companies started pouring in quickly after the shooting, Wilmoth said.

"It was probably the second day I started getting calls and letters," he said. "Some were just off the wall."

Wilmoth said one organization offered to train teachers to use firearms at no charge.

"That's just what we need — more guns at school," Wilmoth said.

## Lower crude oil costs, lack of Y2K panic cause price drop

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Gasoline pump prices fell more than a half-cent per gallon in the past three weeks as crude oil prices dipped and Y2K panic failed to materialize, an industry analyst said Sunday.

Prices nationwide fell .68 cents to a weighted average of \$1.3344 per gallon on Friday, according to the Lundberg Survey of 10,000 stations.

The price was about 30 cents per gallon higher than the average for the same period last

year. A continuing slump in crude oil prices was the most important factor in the decline from the Dec. 17 survey, analyst Trilby Lundberg said.

Oil prices finished down \$1.20 a barrel to \$24.22 last week as production by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries increased. The decline continued a reversal in crude prices, which hit their highest mark since 1991 in November.

Soft seasonal demand caused by less cold-weather driving also helped depress gasoline prices, Lundberg said.

Some analysts believed gas prices might rise with the new year on the strength of hoarding by people nervous about Y2K, but that did not happen, Lundberg said.

Speculation that panic buying "could have drained tanks dry and caused price spikes certainly proved untrue," she said. "Instead, we saw normalcy."

## World GLANCE

### ➤ Study: Older Americans avoid violent crime by staying at home at nighttime

WASHINGTON (AP) — Violent criminals attack Americans age 65 or older far less often than younger men and women, probably because older people do not go out at night as much, the Justice Department reported Sunday.

There were an average of 5.3 violent crimes for every 1,000 U.S. residents age 65 or older each year from 1992 through 1997, the department's Bureau of Justice Statistics said.

That was less than one-tenth the rate of violent attacks on younger Americans. Those age 12 through 64 suffered an annual average of 56 violent attacks for every 1,000 residents during each of the same six years.

The data were based on Census Bureau interviews every six months during the period with 85,000 Americans age 12 and older. In 1997, the elderly, defined by the report as those age 65 or older, made up 12.7 percent of the U.S. population, but they accounted for only 7 percent of the crime victims identified in the interviews.

The report's author, BJS statistician Patsy A. Klaus, wrote that differences in lifestyle appeared to play a major role in the incidence of violent crime.

### ➤ Postal service prepares for rate increase

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Postal Service is getting ready to kick off the complex process of raising rates, a step that could mean higher stamp prices early next year.

Major mailers have been on edge in recent months, anticipating the action many expect to be announced Tuesday at the monthly meeting of the Postal Service's board of governors.

"I think it's about 95 percent likely that the governors will approve a filing," said Neal Denton of the Alliance of Nonprofit Mailers.

"They're going to do it," agreed Gene Del Polito, president of the American Association for Postal Commerce, formerly the Advertising Mail Marketing Association.

Officials of the Mailers Council and Direct Marketing Association also said they expected action soon.

Postal officials were not discussing how much of an increase would be sought — or even if a request would be filed — stressing that the decision is up to the governing board.

Two of the post office's main competitors — Federal Express and United Parcel Service — recently announced rate increases to take effect in February, citing rising costs.

### ➤ World's two largest automakers announce online partnerships with Internet companies

DETROIT (AP) — The world's two largest automakers announced new alliances with Internet companies Sunday, the latest in a string of deals between the online world and major corporations.

General Motors Corp. said it plans to use America Online's redesigned Auto Channel to let AOL's 20 million members shop for GM cars and trucks. Sales would be completed at a GM dealership.

Ford Motor Co. announced it has partnered with Yahoo! to provide online services for its vehicle owners. Jac Nasser, Ford president and CEO, said the deal was a sign of the company's new focus on the Internet, a change he said would affect every part of its business.

"The world is moving online, and we want to ensure that we meet consumers there, meeting their needs in the virtual world as well as the physical world," Nasser said.

The Ford and GM deals follow a series of similar agreements between large retailers, including Wal-Mart Stores Inc. and Kmart Corp., and Internet players such as Yahoo! and America Online.

For the online companies, such deals give them a new outlet to advertise their name and expose themselves to a new customer base. The traditional merchants, meantime, gain well-known and respected technology partners that can help them build their own Internet businesses.

### ➤ Triplets born to 54-year-old grandmother

YAKIMA, Wash. (AP) — Arcelia Garcia was already a mother of eight and grandmother to more than a dozen when she was wheeled into the maternity ward Saturday.

At one minute to 5 p.m., she gave birth to a baby girl. By 5:02, doctors were holding fraternal triplets.

All three girls and their 54-year-old mother were doing well Sunday and breathing without assistance, said Linda Kraft, a spokeswoman for Yakima Valley Memorial Hospital.

It's extremely rare for a woman in her 50s to bear triplets, especially without the aid of fertility drugs, said Tom Easterling, a maternal and fetal medicine specialist at the University of Washington Medical Center.

But Mrs. Garcia and her husband, Guillermo, 60, have been overcoming odds most of their lives.

They left Michoacan, Mexico, in 1976 and settled in Sunnyside, about 30 miles southeast of Yakima, making their way as farmworkers and raising eight children. In 1996, Mrs. Garcia became a U.S. citizen.

The couple farm their own land now with the help of three grown sons, and Mrs. Garcia has said she plans to return to her farm work as soon as her health and the health of her triplets allows.

"We are a large family, and we just got larger," eldest son Miguel Garcia, 35, said after the delivery.

He and his seven siblings — ages 16 to 34 — gathered at the hospital Saturday night as their mother gave birth by Cesarean section five weeks before her due date.

The babies were born weighing 3 pounds, 7 ounces; 5 pounds, 12 ounces; and 5 pounds, 1 ounce, Kraft said. Their tentative names: Ar'anna, Brianna and Cecelia.

Community support for the triplets had already started rolling in Sunday, and Johnson & Johnson has offered the family a steady supply of disposable diapers.

The babies remained in the hospital's intensive care unit while their mother continued her recovery in a room nearby.

Family members were not taking calls at the hospital Sunday, Kraft said, and calls to the family home were not answered. Mrs. Garcia and her triplets were expected to attend a Monday news conference scheduled by the hospital, if their health and doctors allow.

# TODAY'S BEST BET

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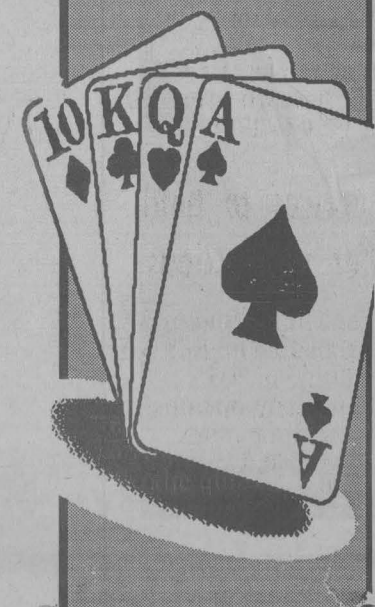
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## Smooth rider

Big Blue rides into the Spectrum in style during the halftime show of Utah State's game against BYU last Saturday night. Big Blue attends most USU games to encourage the spirit of the fans.

CHART GARD / Utah Statesman

## Matheson clobbers Cook in newspaper poll

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Rep. Merrill Cook has only a slim hope of getting reelected this year, according to a newspaper poll.

The poll, commissioned by the *Deseret News*, gave Cook 35 percent in a matchup against his likely Democrat challenger, Jim Matheson, who took 52 percent.

The Dan Jones & Associates poll found 58 percent of voters want Cook to retire after two terms. Support was lacking even among voters who identified themselves as Republicans.

Cook's job approval rating dropped to 29 percent, even lower than when the congressman took a spate of negative publicity a year ago.

But Cook remains optimistic. "These poll numbers will change very rapidly and drastically as we supply information to the public and the (Republican state) delegates on

what I've done for them — especially on taxes, health care, Social Security and my lock box proposals, veterans and the environment," Cook said.

He was surprised his job-approval rating wasn't worse given "inaccurate and unflattering" accounts of a series of bizarre incidents in 1999, including reports of his foul temper, cryptic behavior and staff mismanagement.

Jones said Cook should be most concerned with the finding that only 23 percent of his Salt Lake County constituents want him to run again.

But Cook was unfazed by the numbers, even combative, and warned Utah Republicans not to dump him in a convention or primary.

"Historically, when (Utah) Republicans abandon their incumbent, they lose. I'm the only Republican who can defeat

a strong Democratic opponent," he said.

Matheson said the poll results "are great news for me." The son of the late Utah Gov. Scott M. Matheson expects to have \$200,000 in cash on hand for a campaign by the end of this month.

Cook expects to net \$50,000 at a Jan. 20 fund-raiser featuring House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill. Cook declined to say how much money he has while claiming he raised more in 1999 than any other Republican congressman in Utah history.

Matheson, who ran an energy consulting company before closing it to concentrate on his 2nd District race, said his strength comes from supporters, not people down on Cook.

Congressional Quarterly lists Cook as the most vulnerable Republican congressman in 2000.

## Book says Hatch donors received special favors

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A new book asserts that all of the major presidential candidates, including Utah Sen. Orrin Hatch, are beholden to special interests.

"Every major White House contender who has held past elective office has career patrons, or longtime financial sponsors, who have underwritten his political career," writes Charles Lewis, author of "The Buying of the President 2000."

"And every major aspirant has used his government position to help his patrons," said Lewis, who heads the Center for Public Integrity in Washington, D.C., and was helped by 24 researchers.

Lewis' book says Hatch's patrons include the family of hotelier J. Willard Marriott; Earl Holding, owner of Snowbasin Ski

Area and Little America hotels; and Seagram Co., the distiller that also owns Universal Studios and PolyGram recordings.

Margarita Tapia, spokeswoman for Hatch's presidential campaign, declined comment.

Hatch has often said his donors get no favors and that they contribute just because they agree with him.

Dietary supplement and pharmaceutical firms are among Hatch's biggest campaign donors and, Lewis contends, have directly benefited from legislation the senator pushed.

Lewis said Herbalife Inc. gave \$74,684 to Hatch since 1979 and was among dietary supplement makers that benefited when Hatch fought efforts by the Food and Drug Administration to more tightly regulate their industry.

## Tragic accident cost bobsledder hope of winning Olympic gold

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — On the first turn, the bobsled's front-runner suddenly lifted up off the ice. Travis Bell knew it meant trouble.

He could not steer the hulking machine. He could not stop it. The sled slammed into the wall, ricocheting off, then rocketed down the track.

Fourteen more turns at much higher speeds lay ahead. Nothing could be done. Less than 50 seconds later, on a snow-swept January morning nearly a year ago, Bell's head smashed into the overhanging lip above turn 14 on Park City's Winter Sports Park track.

Bell blames a top-heavy camera mounted to the nose of his bobsled for the accident. He was filming a Cadillac commercial for Olympic sponsor General Motors. It cost him his career and his health.

Bell says he agreed to the project only after repeated assurances from the producers that the stunt was safe and had been done flawlessly several times before.

Now the 27-year-old Bell, once a promising U.S. bobsled driver, probably will never race again. He still suffers violent seizures, cannot work or exercise or legally hold a driver's license.

Every night, his skull pounds with a headache. He swallows handfuls of prescription painkillers to cope. Bell's neurologists say he will live with epilepsy from now on.

Bell filed a civil lawsuit in Los Angeles County Nov. 24 against General Motors, HSI Productions of New York and HSI Entertainment of Venice, Calif., for personal damages.

Representatives for GM and HSI declined comment and have yet to file their responses to Bell's suit.

Like his sled, Bell's Olympic dreams were smashed in less than a minute. For his efforts, Bell took home \$250.

Bell seemed born to drive a bobsled. A wild horse rider who grew up at 10,000 feet in a house built by one of Buffalo Bill's sidekicks, he broke his Wyoming high school's football record for single-game rushing.

Last month, in a special issue of *Sports Illustrated* featured the top 50 sports figures of the century from each state, Bell, the strapping bobsledder from the tiny town of Centennial, was ranked 24th in his home state.

## PoliceBLOTTER

Information detailed in this section is a Statesman staff report obtained from USU Police incident reports.



### Friday, Dec. 3

• An individual in Mountain View Tower reported that her car window had been broken while it was parked.



### Saturday, Dec. 4

• A USU student was arrested for assault on an individual in Mountain View Tower.



• Drug paraphernalia was found while individuals were doing service hours in the Recycling Center. The paraphernalia was placed into police storage.



### Sunday, Dec. 5

• An individual reported the theft of computer software from the engineering lab. The items are valued at \$300.



### Tuesday, Dec. 7

• Fifteen vehicles were hit by green paintballs while they were parked in the Richards Hall parking lot.

• An individual who had a \$300

ring stolen from his vehicle a year ago, located the ring at a pawn shop in town.

• An individual reported that someone had smeared cheesecake and feces on his car while it was parked in the Merrill Library parking lot.

### Thursday, Dec. 9

• A Housing Resident Director reported that one of his Resident Assistants had been missing for a couple of days. The missing individual was later located and found to be OK.

### Saturday, Dec. 11

• An individual reported that there was a student sleeping in front of a room at the Family Life building. The individual was asked to leave.

### Monday, Dec. 13

• An individual reported the theft of his briefcase from his office in the SER Building. The briefcase and contents are valued at \$75.

### Tuesday, Dec. 14

• Police were dispatched on a report of a toaster that had caught on fire. The fire was already extinguished when the officers arrived. Damage to the toaster and the cabinet above the toaster are estimated at \$45.

### Wednesday, Dec. 15

• An individual in Merrill Hall reported that a roommate destroyed some of her food by placing soap and mustard in it.

### Thursday, Dec. 16

• A fire totally destroyed a trailer in the USU Trailer Court after it caught fire from some soldering that the owner was doing on a water pipe. Damage to the trailer and its contents is estimated at \$25,000.

### Tuesday, Dec. 21

• USU Police assisted the Tri-County Narcotics Strike Force in an arrest of a USU student for distribution of a controlled substance

in a Drug Free Zone.

### Saturday, Dec. 25

• An individual was transported by ambulance to Logan Regional Hospital after hitting a tree while sledding.

### Monday, Dec. 27

• An individual reported being harassed by another individual after chatting with him on the Internet.

### Tuesday, Dec. 28

• An individual reported the theft of the hubcaps from off his vehicle while it was parked. The hubcaps are valued at \$200.

In addition, there were 24 citations and 15 traffic accidents occurred, causing \$9,700 in damages.

If you have any information about these or any other crimes, contact the USU Police at 797-1939 or to remain anonymous, call 797-5000.

## NewsBRIEFS

### ➤ Y2K proves uneventful

Despite years of preparation for possible Y2K glitches, New Year's Eve brought no problems to Utah State University.

"I don't think there was anything of real excitement," said Cpl. Shane Sessions of the USU Police Department.

Sessions said there were no reports of any problems on New Year's Eve or the days following.

"The power continued, the water flowed," he said. "We switched over from 1999 to 2000 without even a flicker."

No major problems were reported anywhere in the United States or the rest of the world.

### ➤ USU Bookstore offers extended hours, buybacks

The Utah State University Bookstore hours have been extended to accommodate for the beginning-of-the-semester rush. The hours will be as follows:

- Monday through Wednesday — 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Thursday — 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Friday — 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Saturday — 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The bookstore will be closed Jan. 17 for Human Rights Day. Regular hours will resume Jan. 18, which are Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

In addition to regular sales, the Bookstore will be buying back textbooks through Friday.

Textbook returns will go on through Feb. 5. Students can return books until Friday for a 100 percent refund. However, from Jan. 18 to 22 only 90 percent will be returned. Seventy percent will be refunded from Jan. 24 to 29 and 50 percent from Jan. 31 to Feb. 5.

The following are required in order for a book to be returned:

- A valid USU Bookstore register receipt
- Must have price tags still in tact
- Shrink-wrapping must not be broken
- All components must be included (charts, disks, maps, etc.)
- New books must be in new condition

Textbooks purchased after Feb. 5 are refundable for up to 24 hours if they haven't been used. There will be no refunds the last three weeks of the semester.

### ➤ World traveler to share slides of Russian adventures

Utah State University's Department of Language and Philosophy will host James Clow's slide show lecture, "On the Volga: Moscow to St. Petersburg," Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in Old Main Room 343.

Clow, a retired physicist, expert photographer and world traveler, will share his experiences traveling across Russia via his photographs, including some 3D slides, according to a news release.

His travels included most of the landscapes in Russia from the populated Volga regions in the West, to the Black Sea in the South and along Central Asia's Silk Road in the East.

He has also traversed the rails of the Trans-Siberian Express from Vladivostok and explored the upper Lena River from the northern Siberian outpost, Yakutsk.

Information on the Russia Volga cruise set for May 18 through June 5 will be available and the lecture is free and open to the public.

For more information, contact the department office at 797-1209.

### ➤ Former USU first lady passes away in December

Former Utah State University first lady Alice Chase passed away the weekend of Dec. 11.

She was married to former USU President Daryl Chase who presided over USU from 1954 to 1968.

### ➤ Kelly Services to hold job fair, offer connections

Kelly Services will be holding a job fair today from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. at 95 W. 100 South No. 305.

There are immediate openings with the following companies: Moore, Weather Shield, Gossner Foods, Icon and Tyco.



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## Winter Wonderland

Is skiing or snowboarding better? Is sledding legal on Old Main Hill? Check out our Winter activities guide in Wednesday's Statesman.



## Flyin' high

## USU flight program one of three recognized nationally

JULIE SULUNGA  
Staff Writer

If there wasn't a hanger at the Cache-Logan Airport with Utah State University on it, a person would probably never know that USU has a flight program. But it does.

"USU had a flight program as early as 1960," said assistant chief flight instructor Craig Robinson. "It's maintenance program has probably been around for at least 60 years."

USU's program is one of the top in the nation lately because of its new direct hire program, said flight instructor Tom Price. USU has an agreement with American Eagle, a commuter for American Airlines to train their students the way American Eagle wants them to be trained. American Eagle will then directly hire these flight students as soon as they graduate from USU.

"This is a nationally recognized program because only three schools in the nation have it: Purdue, Embry and USU," Price said.

Utah State is one of the cheaper schools, Price said, but the flight program is the most expensive major on campus.

Not only does a flight student have to pay for their tuition, but they also pay for flight time. They have to get 1,000 hours before they can graduate from the Flight Program, he said.

The program has several planes, too. It includes five Cessnas, two 172 planes, one Piper Arrow, one Beachcraft Travel Air and one Beachcraft King Air, Price said.

There is also another advantage to attending USU's flight program, he said. A student can get a four-year degree rather than a flight certificate since the program is in correlation with the Engineering department.

There are a couple steps any flight student has to go through, Price said. The first is to get a private license. This certifies the student so he or she can fly.

The second step is to get an intermediate license, which takes 40 hours of flying to earn. The third is the instrument rating where students learn how to fly using only instruments. That means not looking outside at all. According to Price this is a very critical rating.

After flight students have completed these tests, they have the opportunity to become a flight instructor anywhere, he added. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) administers and grades the tests.

"To become a flight instructor at USU, you go on a check ride and have an interview with chief flight



Austin Loveless, a student in the Utah State University flight program, reads his plane for flight. The plane's name is "Victor Victor."

instructor Jack Hunter," Robinson said. "Jack has the final say in who gets hired on as a flight instructor at Utah State."

According to Price, when students graduate, they will definitely be able to get a job.

"Former student Steven Anderson is working with American Eagle right now and will probably be working

for American Airlines within the next year," Price said.

"The program here is excellent," said flight program student Austin Loveless. "If you want the opportunity to make tons of money being a pilot this is where a person would learn how. You really get a sense that the flight instructors care about you getting your flight training done."



Utah State University's fleet of Cessna aircraft sit at the Logan airport between student flights. The planes are named from front to back "478," "Whiskey Zulu," "Victor Victor" and "Papa Juliet." The program has a total of ten airplanes.



Utah State University student pilot Austin Loveless adjusts his instruments while flying "Victor Victor," one of USU's Cessna airplanes.



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## Hispanic center helps integrate community

**Leo Bravo,**  
director of Hispanic  
Center of Cache Valley

JUSTIN BERRY  
Assistant Features Editor

The director of the Hispanic Center of Cache Valley understands what it is like to be in a new country with no one to help settle into a culture that is far different from home.

Leo Bravo moved to Logan in 1979 to attend Utah State University. He earned his bachelor's degree in Political Science and went on to earn a master's degree in 1992 in Instructional Technology also from USU.

In 1994 while trying to start a small business related to video production and entertainment, he was often asked to help with translation and other language related problems in the Latino community. It was then he was first introduced to the idea of the Hispanic Center, he said.

He formed a company called Bravo Productions which was similar to a dance club and it was there that individuals asked for his help with the language and legal issues. Soon after, he started working with the center and it has grown from there, he said.

Bravo said he hopes to continue to work with the center and to help the community understand the differences that exist within the community. He also said it is through the help of others that the center will be able to continue to grow.

"That's what we need — more people who really want to integrate the communities," Bravo said.

JUSTIN BERRY  
Assistant Features Editor

Coming to a new country can be challenging, and for some it can cause cultural problems. But for individuals who find themselves in this situation, the Hispanic Center of Cache Valley can help ease the transition.

Leo Bravo, the director of the center, said it is his hope to help the Hispanic and Cache communities blend and become more familiar with each other.

"People will know more about the culture, be more aware of the diversity. This is a very nice town — a generous town. I hope they will understand the culture differences and we can live better," Bravo said.

Cache Valley is home to many cultures. Several of those have used the center. Bravo said he has had clients from countries like Africa, Iraq, Russia and Morocco.

"Our by-laws say we will help the Hispanic people as well as other minorities. We won't reject anybody," Bravo said. "People must be aware of the Latino culture and the culture of others. The unknown is often the cause of fear and uncertainty."

Bravo said the problem has two sides. He said if the Hispanic community lives within the laws and the rules of a community, it will be ok. It is when the laws are broken that the Logan community has problems with the different cultures.

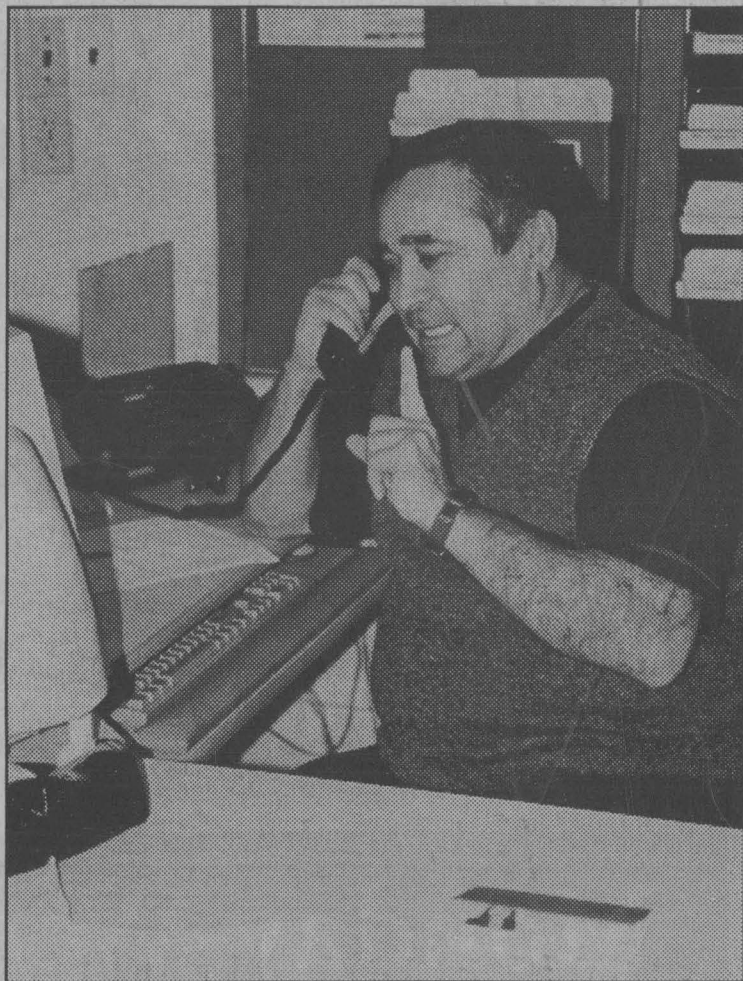
"Sometimes when people don't know, they get scared," Bravo said. "It is when the individual tries to live by the culture they grew up with that many problems happen."

Bravo said the community is split in how it deals with the various cultures. He said some people reject the differences while others are more willing to accept and respect the varied cultures and customs of those who now share the city and call the valley home.

He said he feels the biggest barrier that is faced by different people in the Cache Valley area is that of language. The center offers help with language as do other organizations in the city. One organization that Bravo spoke of was the Language Institute of Cache Valley.

At the institute, Bravo said only English is spoken. It is through classes like these that the Latinos can learn to speak English. Many come to the United States with no understanding of the language.

"That is why there are so



Leo Bravo, director of the Cache Community Hispanic Center Incorporated advises clients on social and legal issues over the phone.

many courses around here," Bravo said. "It's good for people because they go over there to learn the language."

The center has only one full time employee — Bravo. He said the others are mostly volunteers who work with the different programs that are offered to the public. According to Bravo, many of the volunteers are from Utah State University. Bravo said the social worker at the center right now is a senior from USU who is doing an internship. Others work with the tutoring programs and the pals program that helps to offer support to the kids in the area. In all, Bravo said the center has about 20 volunteers.

Bravo said without the help of volunteers, the center would not be able to function as it does. He also said there are days that the center has so many clients that he is unable to finish the office work.

"The other day, the phone just kept ringing," Bravo said. "I had to tell people to wait while I helped the ones on the phone."

He said it can be busy between the calls and the number of people who come to the office.

The center, which is located in the Whittier Community Center, offers a vast array of different services to the minori-

ty communities. Bravo said it is hard to say exactly what they do.

"People just come in for everything," he said.

It is not uncommon for the center and those who work there to be involved in helping resolve conflicts that include everything from problems with landlords to minor tickets from the police force.

Often, Bravo said the need for translation is the cause of the visits. He also said he has worked with people who have been abused in some way, or are having problems with creditors. He said the most common problems they see are social or legal issues.

According to Bravo, in the last couple of years they have helped an average of 2,900 people a year with various problems. That is only a fraction of the estimated 9,000 Latino people that are in Cache Valley. Bravo said he thinks the valley has more than the estimate.

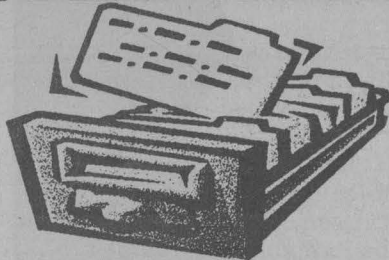
The center has seven main objectives for the community.

The first of these objectives is to improve the adaption of minorities and their families into the community without a loss of their personal culture.

The center also work with vocational counseling, and tries

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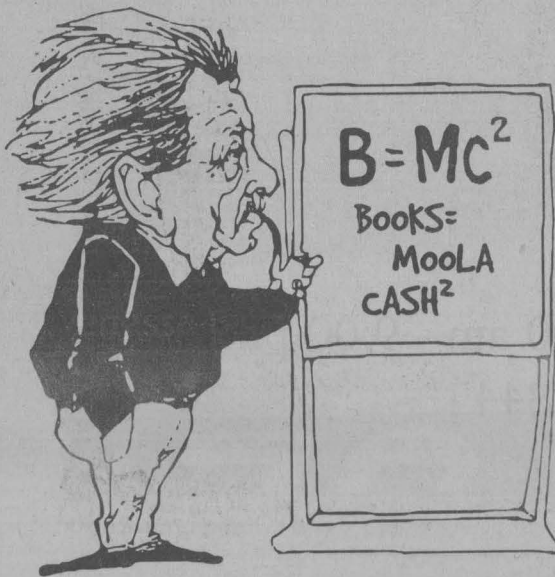
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It is not unusual for some poetry to be referred to as musical. Conversely, some music is described as poetic. There will be no confusion in terminology when three Utah State University faculty members join forces for "Blue Water in Steady Wave," poems for a concert.

Poet Ken Brewer joins flutist Leslie Timmons and clarinetist Nicholas Morrison for the concert Thursday. The performance begins at 7:30 p.m. in the Harrison Auditorium of the Eccles Conference Center.

Tickets are available at the door. Adult admission is \$5, students and senior citizens \$3 and USU students with ID are admitted free.

Timmons and Morrison perform as "AirFare," a faculty performance flute-clarinet duo noted for its innovative programming. The duo becomes a trio when Timmons and Morrison are joined by pianist Moragh Morrison, which she does for this event.

Brewer is a well-known poet and faculty member in USU's English department. Timmons and Morrison are based in the music department. How then did the three get together for this first-of-a-kind concert?

"We are all members of Allied Arts, a social arts and education group in the valley," Brewer said. "Individually, we had all performed for programs there. That's where I was first introduced to Nick and Leslie's talents. I listened to their music and decided this was something I would really like

to do. It's always intriguing for artists to work together in a new and different way."

Brewer heard Morrison perform "Loon," a work for solo clarinet by Canadian composer Paul McIntyre. He decided to write a poem to go with that musical selection and then "got busy on a bunch of new things, too."

The evening will feature Brewer reading his poetry and music by "AirFare." The evening is also what Brewer calls his last official performance as a faculty member at USU. After 32 years, he is retiring. His writing, however, will not stop.

The evening's concert honors the emeritus faculty members from USU's College of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences. A nice tradition to begin, Brewer said, since he will soon be emeritus.

"We would never have been doing this concert without Ken," Morrison said. "He is the composer for the evening. We didn't write any of the music for the evening but he wrote all of the poetry, some of it expressly for this concert." All of the music for the evening was composed in the last century, and is by a variety of composers.

Morrison described "Blue Water and Steady Wave" as a "tag team concert." Brewer will read, then the musicians of "AirFare" will play, and then it's back to Brewer. The entire evening turns into one piece and it is the orchestration that changes the mood. Each dovetails nicely into the other, all performers agree. Music and language combine when Morrison and Brewer perform "The Old Man Speaks of Loons."

Morrison and Timmons said



Ken Brewer

the attempt was to pair the music with the mood of the literature. Emotional shifts take place within the music, so the transitions from music to poetry flow nicely.

The lyricism for the evening the way the meter develops is through the poetry, Morrison said. Brewer's poetry is very musical and lyrical, he said. The emotional range of the evening goes from light to serious but Brewer hopes that audience members leave with a good feeling. Timmons calls the evening's program "reflective and calming."

"I hope the performance feels intimate," Brewer concluded.

In addition to formal recitals, "AirFare" has been extremely active in music education activities. This performance offers the group an opportunity to go in a different direction. Brewer began his teaching career at USU in 1968. He holds an undergraduate degree from Western New Mexico University, a master's degree from New Mexico State University and a doctorate from the University of Utah.



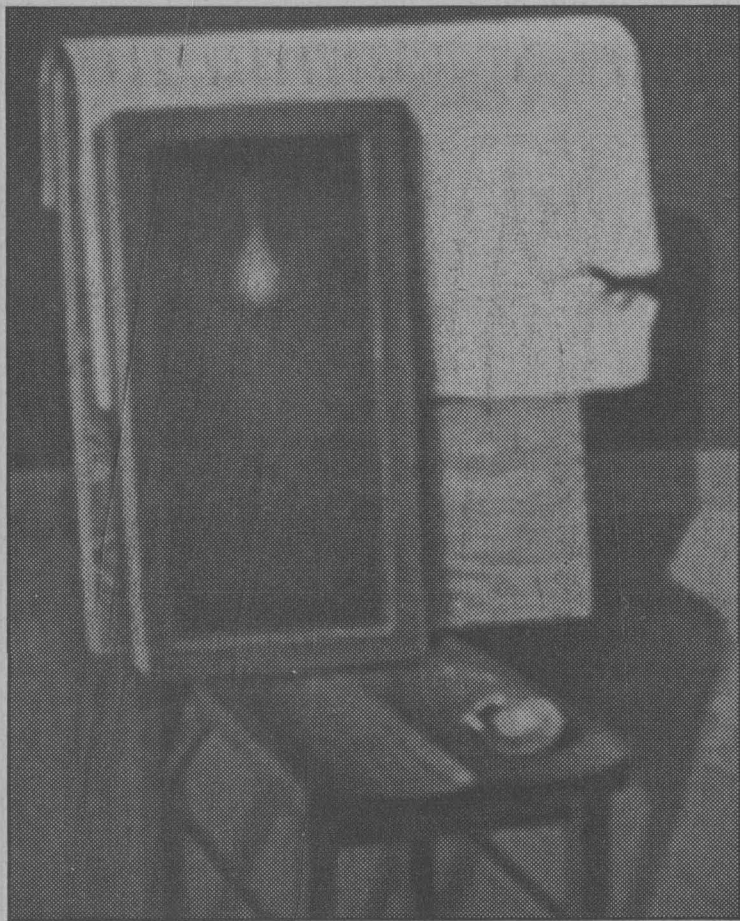


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This piece entitled "The Mirror" is just one of the more than 200 paintings, sculptures, drawings, photographs and prints that will be involved in the "Alternate Realities" exhibit in the Nora Eccles Harrison Museum of Art. The exhibit can be seen through Jan. 22.

## Experimental and visionary works exhibited at USU

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The Nora Eccles Harrison Museum of Art at Utah State University will focus on art of West Coast America from the 1920s to the present in their current exhibition.

"Alternate Realities," an exhibit organized for the museum by guest curator Michael Duncan can be seen through Jan. 22.

"The Caine Foundation collection offers a rare opportunity for contemporary audiences to survey the art of the past century without the authority of sanctioned tastes and the baggage of textbook clichés," writes Michael Duncan, in an extensive exhibit catalog. "On the whole, the collection favors abstraction and surrealism over figuration, pop, or conceptual art."

There are more than 200 paintings, sculptures, drawings, photographs, and prints of the best and brightest visual arts involved in this exhibit. The majority of the artwork has been given to the museum as a gift.

"With its focus on art of the 'West Side' of the United States, the collection of the Marie Eccles Caine Foundation offers viewers the opportunity to see works by fascinating artists who are usually left out of twentieth-century surveys."

"The core of the collection explores certain key art historical moments, as evidenced by healthy examples of Los Angeles Post-Surrealism, Santa Fe Transcendentalism, Bay Area Abstract Expressionism, and San Francisco Funk," Duncan writes.

The collection features strong examples of such work by Hassel Smith, Frank Lobdell, Edward Corbett, Robert McChesney, James Kelly, and Sonia Gechtoff.

This exhibition mixes works from different decades, presenting them without regard to their chronology, but according to complementary and contrasting themes, styles, and moods.

The wild futuristic bustles of Irving Norman's "Blind Momentum," of about 1960, is juxtaposed with the tough-minded abstract yearning of Frank Lobdell's "August 1957," reflecting the works' shared soberness and grand ambition, Duncan said.

The abstract gardenscape of Charles Garabedian's "Green China Wall," 1969, is placed between the sci-fi inspired vegetation of Vance Kirkland's "Flower of Mars," 1949, and the benign alien creature of Dor Bothwell's "Magic Puppet," 1948.

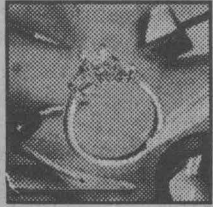
Opposite, viewers are enveloped in Karen Carson's ominous "Flowers of Fate," 1990-91, an assemblage of ticking clocks, mirrors, and a painted time bomb of a corsage. The fresh approach of western art seen in the collection help keep the path of art alive at century's end, Duncan said.

The collection of artwork for this exhibition has been made possible by the Marie Eccles Caine Foundation, whose members include Kathryn Wanlass, Manon and Dan Russell, and George Wanlass.

The Nora Eccles Harrison Museum of Art is open Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 10:30 a.m.-8 p.m. and weekends, 2 to 5 p.m. The museum is closed on Mondays and all major holidays. All exhibits are free and open to the general public.

The museum is a program run in conjunction with the College of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences at USU. For more information call 797-0163.

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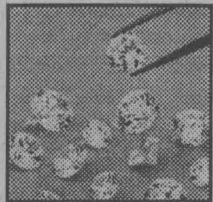
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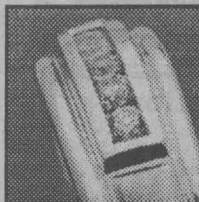
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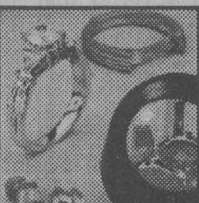
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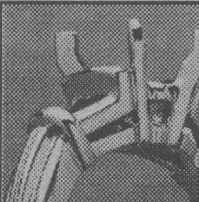
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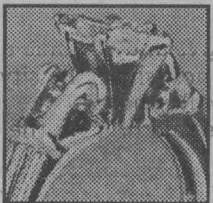
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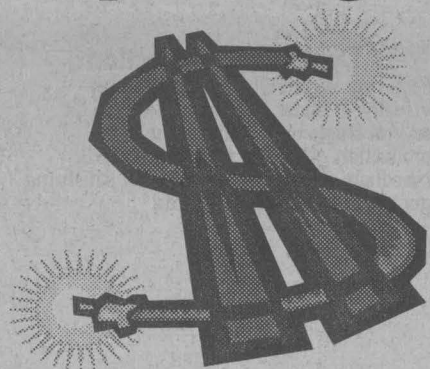


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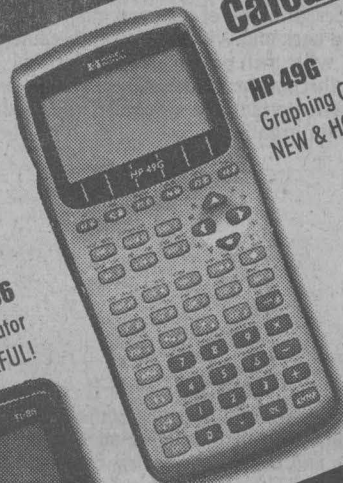
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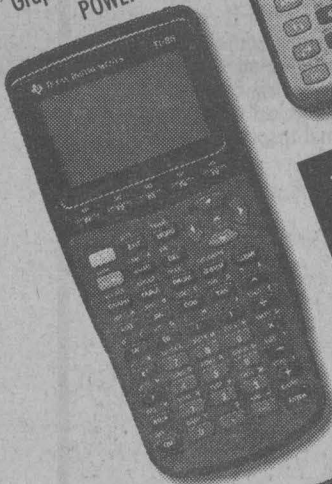
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## Y2K: cases of SPAM aside, it sucked!

MIXED NUTS / Justin Berry



3-2-1, HAPPY NEW YEAR! And what a happy year it is, one filled with peace and of course happiness

that has resulted from a complete lack of any grand, large or otherwise complicated Y2K problems.

So with the new year and all the stress that led up to it, it is hard to believe that nothing, and I mean absolutely NOTHING happened. I was left to wonder what the hell happened to my excitement?!

Like so many others, I was waiting to see if the power would go out, if the stock market would crash or if the world would grind to a halt. I guess I was wrong.

There I stood in the middle of Salt Lake City with around 60,000 other idiots who were waiting to see in the new year with flare, I kept waiting for the whole thing to come to an exciting end. However, nothing happened. I sat on the shoulders of a friend, I sang with all of the really bad 80's music that I love, and I watched the color blobs that represented the fireworks that were hidden beneath the blanket of fog.

As we chanted and sang and danced and had a kick-in-the-shorts good time, the thought of an inevitable end lingered in my

mind. As the countdown ended and the new year began, my pent up expectations were dashed in one quick moment when the lights stayed on.

But I guess that is not the only thing. Everywhere in the world people were looking for something to happen. I think we should look at the whole thing and see what happened and more importantly, what didn't happen.

So the whole power thing is the first and most important event that didn't happen. Power grids across the world were expected to shut down, leaving millions without power and in some countries, without heat.

But as far as I could see it all happened without a glitch. Everybody was watching the TV to see the world die. I wonder what would have happened if the power would have gone out. I can see it now, some guy in Nebraska sitting in front of his 19-inch screen would have yelled something to the effect of, "Dangit! Check the fuse box Martha! The thing in Times Square just went off."

In the United States the only real glitch the news was able to find was the Pentagon that reported a "brief" problem that

they "fixed in only minutes." What a shame, no missiles went flying across the sky toward some distant land, no planes came crashing down and no other military activity was deployed on the eve of the mock-millennium.

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So, here I am, disappointed with the lack of excitement and the food industries are laughing all the way to the bank. One lady somewhere in the mid-west thought that the world would end and she would be left without food. So what did she do? Buy a stockpile of SPAM!

That's right, artificial meat in a can. And now her and her family will be forced to eat SPAMwiches, SPAMaroni, SPAMballs, and SPAM-surprise. Yum! Can I come to dinner?

So here we are now in a year of fake celebration at the end of the true 20th century, on the eve of the real new millennium that begins Jan. 1 2001, and nothing good even happened. Can I get a refund?

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## Boxing Day — it's not what you think

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Copy Writer

My Christmas vacation was awesome. An 18-hour ride home with the family, pea-soup fog clouding my beautiful surroundings from view for one solid week, and an anti-climactic Boxing Day. Wait, Boxing Day? What the ...?

Often, Americans I meet equate this day with the Canadian tradition of getting drunk at a hockey game (or any other activity, including igloo-building for the winter season) and beating the crap out of their friends. Nope, that's every other day.

Boxing Day originally saw well-to-do families box up extra food and toys, take these items to a home that was not so well-off, ring the bell, and take off before being identified, according to my family members from England. It's a beautiful little tradition that probably doesn't survive anywhere other than folklore.

In these modern times of commercialism that would choke a horse, Boxing Day has become the biggest shopping day of the year back home. That's when everyone buys their wrapping paper and decorations (not to mention gifts) for next Christmas.

This year, the sales weren't nearly worth the trip.

## CENTER

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to help individuals understand their rights and benefits as well as their own responsibilities. A push for equal opportunities among all people is also important.

The center also provides social opportunities for the community and does fund raising to help keep the center functioning. The final objective is to provide community educa-

tion and to encourage interaction with the Cache Valley community.

Even though the center does help in many areas, one that they try to stay away from is the subject of religion.

"This is a public office, we stay away from religion — it doesn't matter what religion they (people who come to the center) are," Bravo said. "This is not a church."

But, Bravo said they will help people in need, even if it does include religion in some way.

He said they have several programs which they operate including a multi-cultural program after school, one for driver's education as well as language help and nutritional counseling. He also offers several seminars on topics that cover health, parenting, gang prevention and American government.

Bravo said several employers in the area are also helping to make life better for the Latino community. Both E. A. Miller and Icon offer help in the way of English classes and language

help. E. A. Miller also has an advocate who works with the company and the Hispanic workers.

The center is now working on a relief program called Project Venezuela. The purpose for the project is to raise money to help those who are being affected by natural disasters that have torn through that country.

In the last week, Bravo said the rains had caused at least 2,600 people to leave their homes in San Cristobal alone. The money raised will be used to buy supplies and medicines to help those working in those areas, according to Bravo.

The project was started Dec. 27, and will continue in to February when Bravo will make a trip to Venezuela with what has been raised for the cause.

He said those who wish to donate can do so at Zion's National Bank, where an account under the name of the center and project has been set up.

Bravo hopes to involve the university community once school begins again. The center is working with a high ranking official in the army there named Riciero Morales who is in Fuerte Tiuna. Bravo said the two communicate back and forth concerning the progress of the project.



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# GOP candidates address youth forum

GOFFSTOWN, N.H. (AP) — Old-fashioned political energy hung in the air Sunday as some of the Republican candidates for president took turns speaking to politically interested youth about the country's future and the government they will soon inherit.

High school and college students gathered at the Dana Center on the campus of Saint Anselm College squealed upon seeing the contenders and rushed to grab bumper stickers and other campaign collectables. Free-wheeling debates also broke out in the auditorium's lobby as individuals argued over who was the better candidate.

"We've had a pretty good past. We have to give you a good future," Sen. Orrin Hatch of Utah told the audience in remarks kicking off the event.

He said part of the way to guarantee that is by selecting judges who have "good health, high morals and good integrity."

Arizona Sen. John McCain stressed his signature issue — campaign finance reform. He also fielded questions on education, the economy, foreign policy and the environment.

Asked about the handover of the Panama Canal, McCain said it was a mistake. He also said he would be open to the option "to dig another canal somewhere," but acknowledged in a news conference afterward that costly effort "would be nearly impossible."

Texas Gov. George W. Bush was asked how he would handle the ethical questions sure to arise from the mapping of the human genome. Bush said he would convene a panel of top scientists,

lawyers and ethicists.

"I worry about cloning. I worry about people taking the place of God," he said. "There are going to be some very thorny issues ahead."

Asked whether sex education should be federally funded, publisher Steve Forbes spoke of his larger approach to education.

"I the best education is letting parents decide the best schools to send their children," he said.

*'We've had a pretty good past. We have to give you a good future.'*

• ORRIN HATCH •  
UTAH SENATOR

stool and an Oriental rug. The two other GOP contenders, radio talk show host Alan Keyes and conservative activist Gary Bauer, did not appear.

Meanwhile, plans for Democratic candidates Vice President Al Gore and former New Jersey Sen. Bill Bradley to appear via satellite were scrapped.

About 500 students attended the gathering organized the Close Up Foundation, the National Association of Secretary of States, the Library and Archives of New Hampshire Political Tradition and the state Republican and Democratic parties.

Republicans were capping their speeches with appearances at a GOP dinner at the University of New Hampshire in nearby Durham, as the candidates sharpen their focus on the state in advance of its Feb. 1 primaries some three weeks away.

Roughly 60 teens from this town just west of Manchester, N.H., volun-

## GOP to air ad on gays in military

WASHINGTON (AP) — Looking to exploit controversy surrounding Vice President Al Gore's position on gays in the military, the Republican National Committee plans a new TV ad accusing Gore of advocating a policy that would prohibit Colin Powell and Norman Schwarzkopf from serving on the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

The ad features shots of soldiers at work, of Powell and Schwarzkopf and ends with: "Call Al Gore. Tell him the only litmus test ought to be for patriotism."

Powell and Schwarzkopf directed U.S. forces during the Persian Gulf War.

The RNC is spending less than \$10,000 to air the ad in Iowa, New Hampshire and a few other states late this week, so not many people will see it on TV. But the goal is to keep alive an issue that has forced Gore to backpedal and that could hurt Democrats in this fall's general election.

Gore and Bill Bradley, competing for the Democratic presidential nomination and the liberal voters who turn out for primaries, both have said that gays should be allowed to serve openly in the military.

But the vice president got himself into trouble last week when he said in a debate that his appointees to the Joint Chiefs of Staff would be required to agree with his stand. Asked by the moderator whether that amounted to a litmus test, he said yes.

Gore backpedaled a day later, after Republicans, military leaders and even some Gore allies balked. He said he would not require would-be appointees to personally agree, only to carry out

his policy.

Despite the clarification, Republican National Committee spokesman Mark Pfeifle said it's fair to air an ad based on Gore's original comments.

"Words matter," he said Sunday. "Al Gore wants to be the president of the United States. He's going to be in negotiations with foreign countries both on defense and economic matters. Plus, he's going to be speaking to the American people. His inability to communicate in a clear and concise matter is a very viable political issue that Republicans will use constantly."

Republicans hope the ad — and publicity about it — will keep the controversy alive as a general election issue.

While Gore and Bradley are tacking to the left in the primary, the eventual winner will need to appeal to voters in the political center this fall. Many moderates are not as supportive of gay rights as liberals generally are.

The gays in the military issue has surfaced in the Republican debates as well. Texas Gov. George W. Bush and Sen. John McCain said they would continue President Clinton's "don't ask, don't tell" policy, which allows gays to serve in the military as long as they do not acknowledge their homosexuality. Other GOP candidates want to ban their service altogether.

The new RNC ad will run in Iowa, New Hampshire and three states with large military populations. The RNC is considering New York, California and Virginia, but has not made a final decision, an RNC aide said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

teered to work as ushers. Some members of the Goffstown High School Youth and Government Club agreed that education was the most important issue for the next president to address.

"We are teaching the future leaders of our country," said 16-year-old Kristin Condon. "By investing in education, we're investing in the future of America."

While the high schoolers were still too young to vote, they were old enough to have political opinions. Of five Goffstown students inter-

viewed, two said they supported Forbes, two were undecided and one supported Bradley.

"Bradley is not so much of a politician," said Brendan Finley, 16. "He comes across like a normal guy."

Justin Gelinis, 16, liked Forbes.

"He has an excellent tax plan," Gelinis said.

Kelly Grieco, president of the Conservative Union at Dartmouth College in Hanover, N.H., said she supports the GOP front-runner, Texas Gov. George W. Bush, because he has wide

appeal.

"There are old people supporting him, traditional Republicans, minorities, women. It's good for the Republican Party and it's good for America," the 21-year-old said.

While she can't vote in the November election, 15-year-old Katie Daniels said participation in political events such as the youth forum was important.

"An experience like this will not happen again," she said. "One of these guys who comes here tonight could be the next president."

## New leader is chosen for Germany's Jewish community

BERLIN (AP) — A 62-year-old talent agent who hid with Catholic farmers during the Holocaust was elected Sunday to lead Germany's Jewish community, and immediately pledged to help integrate the thousands of Soviet immigrants who are rejuvenating Jewish life in the country.

Paul Spiegel was voted president of the Central Council of Jews by a 6-3 vote, stepping into the position left vacant after the death of Ignatz Bubis.

As the head of the political arm of the Jewish community in Germany, the post in recent years has grown into the role of a moral voice for the country — involving speaking out on issues that include rising neo-Nazi sentiment after German unification and compensation for Nazi-era slave and forced laborers.

Bubis, who died in August at the age of 72, was so highly respected that many prominent people had suggested his name for the German presidency.

"The work of Ignatz Bubis will be followed," Spiegel, who heads the Jewish community in the German state of North Rhine-Westphalia, said Sunday.

Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder congratulated Spiegel on his election.

The chairman of the Christian Democrat party, Wolfgang Schauble, said the post was important not just for Jewish life in Germany, but also to foster tolerance and democracy in the country.

Spiegel was born in the western German city of Werendorf on Dec. 31, 1937. He left Germany as a child with his mother in 1939 and went to Belgium, where Catholic farmers hid him until the end of the war. His mother was also able to survive by hiding in Belgium.

Spiegel's father was sent to concentration camps in Buchenwald, Auschwitz and

Dachau, but also survived. The fate of Spiegel's older sister is not known, but she is believed to have died at the hands of the.

After the war, the family returned to Werendorf, where Spiegel attended elementary and high school. Spiegel worked as a journalist for a variety of Jewish publications and a lifestyle magazine, and has been running his own talent agency since 1986. He has been a vice president of the Central Council since 1993.

Germany's Jewish community — which numbered at about 500,000 before the Holocaust — has enjoyed a renaissance since

the end of World War II. The Jewish population has grown almost three times since the fall of the Berlin Wall to about 80,000 today — 50,000 of which are immigrants.

Part of the reason for the vast influx is a law pushed by Bubis' predecessor, Heinz Galinski, granting special immigration status to Jews from the former Soviet Union.

But many are struggling. While those who come to Germany are often highly qualified, language barriers can stand in the way of getting jobs. Some studies have found as many as 60 to 70 percent are unemployed.

Eighty percent of the Jewish communities across Germany are also in debt because of the costs of supporting their new members, Spiegel said. Because the immigrants don't have jobs, they don't pay the special taxes collected by the government to fund religious communities. He said he hoped to meet soon with Schroeder to seek more financial support for the community.

Many of the immigrants are learning about Judaism for the first time.

"The people who come here know they are Jews," Spiegel said, "but they don't know what Judaism is."

  
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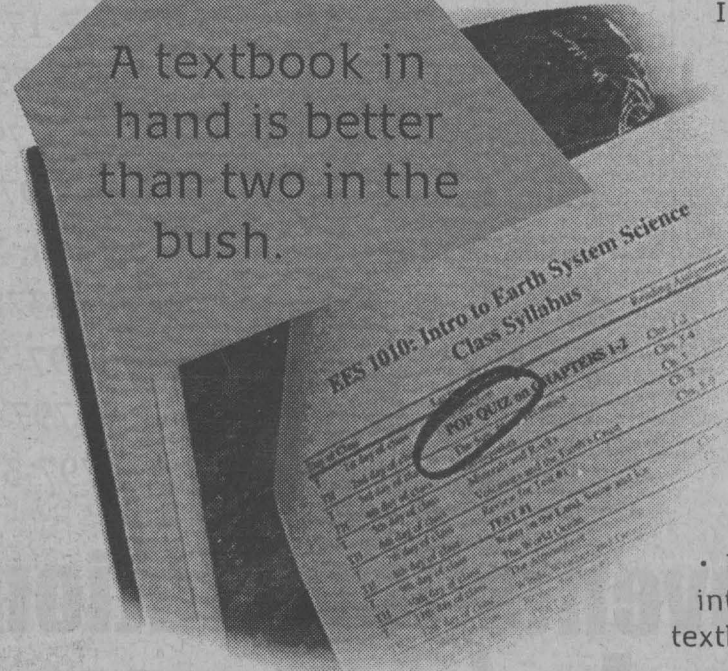
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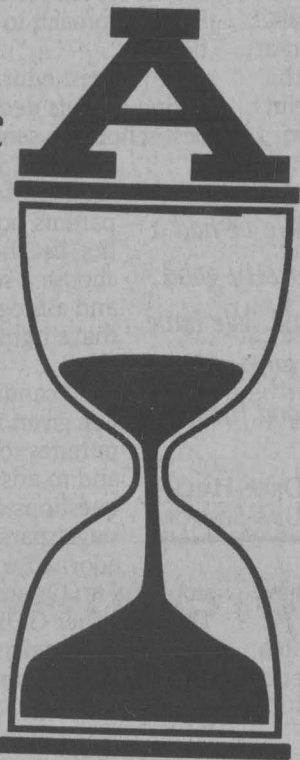
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# Fighting in Grozny resumes after Christmas break

MOZDOK, Russia (AP) — Russian helicopter gunships rocketed rebel positions in Chechnya's capital on Sunday as heavy street fighting resumed after a brief lull during Orthodox Christmas.

Russian troops were continuing their push to take Grozny, the capital. But in yet another sign that Russia is still far from victory, rebel forces launched new attacks outside Grozny, assaulting federal troops in three towns and ambushing a Russian troop column.

After steadily retreating over the last few months, the rebels have gone on the offensive in the past week in Grozny and other parts of the breakaway republic.

The Defense Ministry said its forces encountered stiff resistance from well-armed Chechen fighters in Grozny but insisted that the rebels were suffering high casualties. Helicopter gunships supported ground attacks by rocketing rebel positions in the northwestern Staropromyslovsky district.

The fighting came a day after a relatively quiet Saturday, when the holiday and heavy fog kept hostilities to a minimum.

The military said Sunday that it was still refraining from bombardment of central Grozny, where many civilians are hiding — and where federal troops are trying to overrun rebel positions. But artillery continued to support ground units trying to advance deep into Grozny, and the ban on air bombardment did not appear to extend beyond the center of the city.

Commanders announced a pause in bombing in Grozny's center on Friday, saying it was meant to mark the Orthodox Christmas holiday and to allow the thousands of civilians trapped in Grozny to flee.

Only about 400 people left the capital on Friday and Saturday, the ITAR-Tass news agency quoted the Ministry for Emergency Situations as saying. Some 20,000 people are believed to still be in the city, the ministry said.

Acting Russian President Vladimir Putin will allow international aid into Chechnya to help civilians weathering the conflict, Finland's prime minister said Sunday.

Paavo Lipponen, speaking at a sum-

mit of northern European leaders in Kiel, Germany, said Putin wrote him to say he would take the action — fulfilling one of the West's key demands to ending the conflict.

A member of the Finnish delegation at the summit, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Putin named the United Nations, the European Union and the International Committee of the Red Cross as organizations that would be allowed to provide the aid. The supplies would have to be delivered by Russians, Putin wrote, but the aid groups could observe.

Russia's drive to occupy Chechnya has stalled in the face of bitter rebel resistance in Grozny and the southern mountains.

The top two Russian combat commanders were removed last week after repeated predictions that Grozny was about to fall did not prove accurate.

In the town of Argun, nine miles east of Grozny, a 300-strong rebel band attacked Russian forces Sunday.

The militants blockaded several dozen Russian officers and soldiers inside the local military headquarters

and an unknown number of servicemen in the railway station, said Lt. Col. Konstantin Kukhareno, a military spokesman. Fighting there was continuing Sunday evening.

Rebels also launched a surprise attack on a Russian post between Argun and the town of Shali, Kukhareno said. They pulled up to the checkpoint in a bus and opened fire on the troops, killing two and wounding another.

Russian helicopters and armored vehicles were rushed to the area, and the battle lasted for some two hours, Kukhareno said. The Russians liberated the post. The rebels' fate was not known.

Chechen presidential spokesman Selim Abdulmusalimov told the Interfax news agency that about 500 rebels took over the center of Shali on Sunday, raising a green Chechen flag, and that federal troops were fleeing.

But the military denied the claim, and an Associated Press reporter did not notice any unusual military movements outside the town on Sunday.

As federal forces have intensified their assault on Grozny and the southern mountains, the rebels have

promised to wage a guerrilla war in areas already controlled by Russian troops.

Over the past several days, they have launched several attacks around Gudermes, the largest Russian-controlled city in Chechnya. Russian troops repulsed an attempt by about 500 militants to advance on Gudermes on Sunday, Interfax reported, citing Vyacheslav Ikayev, the acting chief of staff of the Eastern Group of Russian forces.

However, the military later reported that rebels had attacked a military commandant's headquarters in Gudermes, and that a battle was raging on the eastern edge of the city on Sunday night, Interfax said.

Russia launched the ground offensive against Chechnya-based Islamic militants in September after weeks of airstrikes.

The campaign began after militants invaded the neighboring republic of Dagestan. Russia also blamed them for a series of apartment bombings last year that killed about 300 people in Russian cities.

## Clinton proposes \$35 million increase in family planning funds

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal spending for contraception and other family planning services in the United States would rise by \$35 million, the largest increase in two decades, under a proposal Saturday by President Clinton.

The president said the program will promote strong children, healthy families and make abortion less frequent at home and abroad.

In his weekly radio address, Clinton said his 2001 budget proposal will include \$35 million more for such services in the United States. The White House said the money will not pay for abortions.

He also reiterated that he will urge Congress this year to lift restrictions on the family planning money he reluctantly accepted as part of last-minute negotiations over the 2000 budget adopted last month.

It is aimed instead at helping to prevent unwanted pregnancies among poor women, teen-agers and women with reduced access to health care.

"By making sure women have family planning choices, we are helping to make abortion more rare," Clinton said.

But Rep. Chris Smith, R-N.J., said money earmarked for international family planning can be shifted easily to "abortion-related activities."

Smith said that "by choosing these abortionists and abortion lobbyists as our overseas representatives for family planning, we

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• BILL CLINTON •  
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send a message that the U.S. is on the side of the abortionists, not the babies."

The National Family Planning and Reproductive Health Association commended Clinton. The group's president, Judith Desarno, said the proposal recognizes "the vital role that family planning plays in preventing unintended pregnancies and lessening the need for abortion."

The proposed increase would bring the total administration proposal for family planning in the United States to \$274 million for next year, the White House said.

The money would be shared among 4,600 clinics nationwide and would pay for what the White House called "the full range of reproductive health services," including keeping contraceptives available and affordable.

"These services make a critical difference in people's lives," Clinton said. The White House said the money will help prevent more than one million unintended pregnancies a year.

Clinton also is seeking \$169 million in new money for family planning and counseling services

overseas.

That amounts to a 45 percent increase over the fiscal 2000 budget.

"I am asking Congress to support these funds, and to provide them without restrictions that hamper the work of family planning organizations, and even bar them from discussing or debating reproductive health policies," the president said.

As part of a deal last year to persuade Congress to release \$926 million in back payments to the United Nations, the administration reluctantly accepted restrictions on \$385 million in federal funds for groups that perform abortions, or lobby for liberalized abortion laws internationally.

Clinton said then he would try to remove the restrictions, which barred U.S. money to private family planning groups that perform or promote abortions.

"When children are born healthy and mothers and families gain control over their lives, communities are stronger, economic progress is faster and the future is brighter for everyone," the president said.

## World Wide Web's profane content leads ultra-Orthodox rabbis to ban Internet use

JERUSALEM (AP) — Leading ultra-Orthodox Jewish rabbis have banned their followers from using the Internet out of concern that Web links may lead them into the profane.

The ban was initiated by leaders of the influential Belz Hasidic sect in October, and in recent weeks has been endorsed by the leader of virtually every ultra-Orthodox Jewish sect.

"The rabbis met recently and started off with the proposition that they ban computers," Yaakov Eichler, a journalist at the ultra-Orthodox Hamahaneh Haharedi weekly, said Sunday. His paper is one of several that published notices of the ban late last week.

That was going too far, the rabbis decided — computers have proved valuable in teaching the

Bible and in running businesses. But the Internet, with its proliferation of links to pornography sites, was ruled out of bounds.

The ruling would presumably affect most of Israel's more than half-million ultra-Orthodox Jews, as they consider the word of a rabbinical leader to be final.

In addition to newspapers, the ruling was posted on walls in ultra-Orthodox neighborhoods — an ancient and still-common method of communication among the strictly religious Jews.

The unanimity was rare: often a ruling by a rabbi in one sect on how to deal with an aspect of modernity will be ignored by others. It was the easy access to obscene sites that led to the agreement among the leaders of the communities.

## Commission says Norway train crash that killed 19 was caused by missed red light

OSLO, Norway (AP) — A fiery train wreck that killed 19 people in southern Norway was probably caused by a local train passing a red stop signal, an investigative commission said Sunday.

In a preliminary report, the National Rail Administration accident commission said no technical faults had been found in the lights used to signal the trains. It said the small local train probably left a station despite a red light indicating it should stop.

Railroad traffic controllers had no chance to warn the trains' engineers before the crash, the report said. The controllers discovered the impending catastrophe just 35 seconds

before the local train collided with a regional express line, it said.

The two passenger trains crashed head-on Tuesday near the town of Rena, about 110 miles north of Oslo. A fire then swept the wreckage, burning some of the 19 victims alive.

The trains were both traveling at about 55 mph. The commission said neither train braked, meaning they crashed at full speed.

"Thirty-five seconds is too short to dial a cellular phone and stop a train at those speeds," Ove Skovdal, the head of the commission, said at a news conference in Oslo.

Control computers showed that the trains were on a collision

course four minutes before the crash, but traffic managers did not immediately notice because they were busy directing traffic on another line, officials said.

The commission was one of three investigating the wreck. The main government commission has said it will take months before a final report is issued.

Also Sunday, police concluded their investigation at the scene and finished identifying the remains of the 18 victims, including two children.

Officials said remaining wreckage at the site would be cleared Monday, but they did not know when the line would be reopened.

## Turkey waits for ruling before executing Kurdish rebel

ISTANBUL, Turkey (AP) — Prime Minister Bulent Ecevit said Sunday that Turkey is obliged to wait for a European court ruling on the death sentence handed down to Kurdish rebel leader Abdullah Ocalan.

The European court has asked Turkey not to execute Ocalan until it reviews the case, which could take up to two years.

"To agree with this demand is an international obligation because of our binding agreements," Ecevit said.

A Turkish court sentenced Ocalan to death in June for leading a 15-year rebel war for

autonomy in overwhelmingly Kurdish southeastern Turkey. The war has killed some 37,000 people, mostly Kurds.

Ocalan's lawyers have appealed the sentence to the European Court of Human Rights. Turkey is a member of the Council of Europe and is bound by the decisions of the Strasbourg-based court, although it has ignored rulings in the past. Ecevit and EU leaders argue that hanging Ocalan would compromise Turkey's chances of becoming a full member of the European Union.

The premier's comments

come ahead of a meeting Wednesday between leaders of Ecevit's coalition. They will discuss whether to wait for the European court's ruling before forwarding Ocalan's sentence to parliament, which must approve any execution before it is carried out.

Elsewhere, top rebel commander Cemil Bayik warned that hanging Ocalan could lead to a renewed war between Turks and Kurds, the daily Ozgur Bakis reported Sunday. Bayik said that all those who loved Turkey and democracy should press for Ocalan's life to be spared, the paper reported.



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# OPINION

## Voices & Views

NOAM CHOMSKY, AUTHOR, 1992:  
"If we don't believe in freedom of expression for people we despise, we don't believe in it at all."

### Quotes 'n NOTES

Has anyone ever been hit by a meteorite?

At least two people. In September 1954, Mrs. Hewlett Hodges of Sylacauga, Ala., was hit by a meteorite as she napped in her living room. The rock from space weighed about 10 pounds. In the late 30s, a Japanese girl was also hit by a small meteorite.

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## Words to a hit-and-runner

Christmas Eve 1998, I thought I received a once in a lifetime Christmas gift. My car was totaled by a hit-and-run driver and I was left with the bill.

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The passenger door of my new car was smashed by a secret gift giver. As working college students, my wife and I usually have enough to pay our bills and cover the costs of school.

I've tried harvesting a money tree, but it never seems to blossom. So we never have enough for acts of nature such as this.

I have a few words for my secret gift giver. May your New Year's resolution be to confess and take responsibility for the damage. If not, may your conscience be pricked a thousand times and may your dirty deed be returned to you. Happy New Year.

EVAN JENSEN

## Bridgerland Literacy thanks drive contributors

Bridgerland Literacy wants to thank each of the schools, businesses, organizations and community members that contributed to the "Have A Novel Christmas" book drive.

These combined efforts helped raise more than 6,500 books this year. This is more than twice the amount we have raised in years past, and we are very excited with the results.

It is so important that children be exposed to reading at a young age, but many children don't have that opportunity.

The efforts and generosity of so many people in the valley will provide those children with that much needed gift — the gift of reading.

Hundreds of books have been sent through service organizations to children throughout the valley for Christmas.

Thank you for blessing the lives of many families and helping spread the gift of literacy this holiday season.

KATIE MORGAN  
BRIDGERLAND LITERACY

## To the EDITOR Here's why Utah children can't read

The "Whole-word" or "Whole-language" reading method is based in research derived from brainwashing techniques.

It imposes the "picture" method on a phonetic language, causing mental confusion and frustration. Numbers of studies demonstrate that pure phonics achieves much better results; 100 years ago, when we had 98 percent literacy, phonics was already a proven method.

Utah universities are teaching our teachers the whole-word method, convincing them it is "research based," which of course it is.

They may even call it "phonics" because some phonics are included. The net effect is to fail to teach reading effectively.

That's why we see commercial products like "The Phonics Game" or "Hooked on Phonics" enjoying such immense success, and it's the reason so many parents are teaching their children reading at home.

Why, you ask, are learned educators so devoted to a method that doesn't work? John Dewey, one of education's "fathers," wrote:

"It is one of the great mistakes of education to make reading and writing constitute the bulk of school work the first two years. The true way is to teach them incidentally as the outgrowth of social activities. ...

"The mere absorbing of facts and truths is so exclusively individual an affair that it tends very naturally to pass into selfishness.

"There is no obvious social motive for the acquirement of mere learning, there is no clear social gain in success thereat. ... The last stand of oligarchical and anti-social seclusion is perpetuation of this purely individualistic notion of ineptitude."

Thus we psychologize and "dumb down" our schools.

Our governor and the Utah Legislature throw more money at the problem, asking for more counselors and endless "reading programs," all to no avail. And there, my fellow Utahns, is where our money goes.

RUTH LEHENBAUER  
LOGAN RESIDENT

## Islamic religion clarified

RELIGIOUS VIEWPOINTS / Logan Islamic Center Committee



We, the members of the Logan Islamic Center Committee, laud your attempt to write of religious diversity

5. Pilgrimage (Hajj): Ms. Sulunga wrote in her article, perhaps because of miscommunication with Aida Malikha, that this is the last but most important aspect of Islam for any Muslim. The pilgrimage to Mecca is required once in a lifetime only IF the financial means are available. Hajj is in part in memory of the trials and tribulations of prophet Abraham, his wife Hagar and his eldest son prophet Ishmael.

• The second clarification to be made is regarding diet. There is no "special diet" as mentioned in the article.

The Koran says in the 5th chapter "This day are (all) things good and pure made lawful unto you. The food of the People of the Book is lawful unto you and yours is lawful unto them." The "People of the Book" are, of course, Jews and Christians.

Certain foods are forbidden to us. These are: alcoholic drinks; the blood of animals; the meat of animals found dead; pork; food on which has been invoked the name of deities other than God; animals that were killed by strangling or by a violent blow or by a headlong fall or by being gored to death; and that which has been (partly) eaten by a wild animal.

At the same time, the Koran says that if any are forced by hunger and necessity to eat of even the forbidden foods, God will forgive them. Drug abuse is certainly out of the question, and while caffeine is not specifically forbidden, there is an injunction to not eat or drink stuff that causes one harm.

• "Hijab," or the head scarf used by many Muslim women, can be and is a subject of debate, but the primary injunction to Muslims, both men and women, is to dress modestly. It is inaccurate to say no one can see a woman in less than total covering.

• We do not celebrate Christmas, and do not consider Dec. 25 to be the date of birth of Jesus.

At the same time we revere Jesus (Prophet Isa, as he is known to us) and offer prayers for him, as we do for all prophets. Muslims believe in the miracle of Jesus' birth, and there is a chapter in the Koran titled "Maryam" (the Arabic name by which his mother Mary is known).

Muslims are told in the Koran that the prophets of the Jews and the Christians are their prophets also, and must be honored. One "Ayat" (verse or sign) tells us that

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## In our OPINION

As the world waited, holding its breath for the dawn of a new millennium, thousands feared the worst. After months of warnings about what horrible things might happen as the clocks turned over to a new century, businesses everywhere were braced for complete system failures, government officials in hundreds of countries had visions of trauma and mass destruction, reporters stood at the verge of a new birth poised to tell the world about death, sorrow and failure and thousands of people worldwide did nothing but stay home in case of the worst.

Nothing happened. Or so society would have you believe. The truth is, something spectacular happened, something worth celebrating, something we can pat humanity on the back for. We survived one of the

biggest world-wide fears in history without a glitch.

Preparatory spending and widespread planning led to a holiday the world celebrated instead of a date in history the world would only try to forget.

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## A new year, a good social life

SOCIAL CALENDARING WITH ANN / Ann Bluemlein



It is best just to make the decision and DO IT. It's a new year, a new decade and time to make the choices I know are important to you. You can do this!

School is just starting so it is not too late to decide now to ... have a good social life this semester. True — it is possible. And I am here to help you.

Plan now to have a social life (and feel free to include me) for the next four months. Most students spend the first three weeks of any semester simply "scanning" or "scope-ing" or "checking out the scenery."

This is especially prevalent in Institute classes. Be aware, make a comment, say hi — good things could happen.

For those of you that missed it last semester, this weekly (Monday) column tries to find free (or very cheap) social events for you to attend.

Monday — Go to class. Even if you don't have a class, go wander around campus (hint — try the Institute).

Be sure to go to family night — you never know who will show up this first time.

Sledding down Old Main hill is especially challenging now that it is covered with ice — I saw one group sliding down with a mattress — good padding for taking those jumps.

Tuesday — Go tryout for a show "I Remember Mama" at 7 p.m. Call

435-257-1312 for details. Explore the USU Outdoor Rec Center — they rent all sorts of stuff for way cheap. They are open until 6 p.m. tonight — located uphill from the stadium.

Wednesday — Beginning yoga class at 6 p.m. at the Whittier Community Center. Does cost \$8, but that's for 1 1/2 hours of instruction.

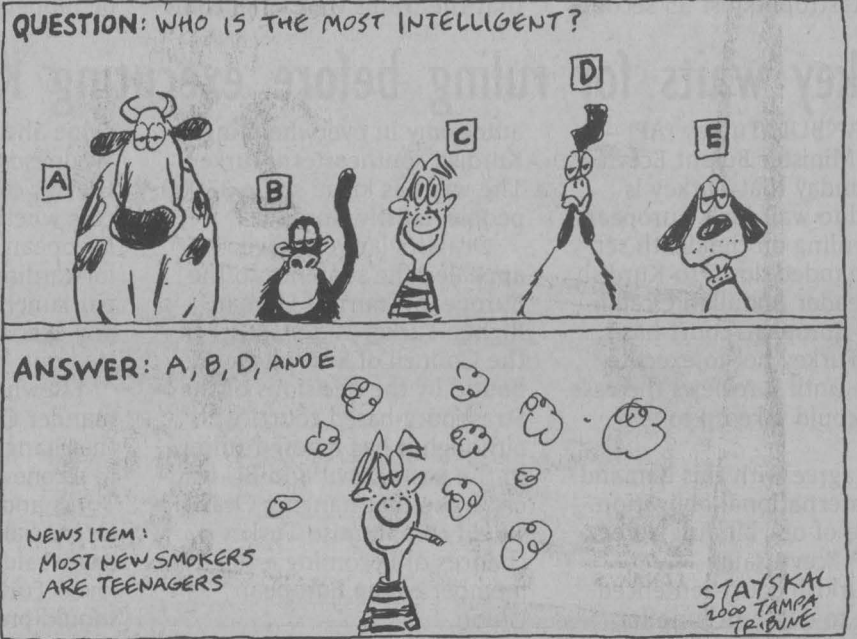
Thursday — Free Tai Chi class — 5:30 p.m. at the Logan Rec Center. The touring show of "The King and I" is coming to Eccles Theatre. If you sneak in at 9 p.m.ish you don't have to pay and still get to see the cute kids.

Friday — Rejoice the first week of class is done and already we don't have to go to school on Monday! See how important it is to find someone early in the week to invite roller skating, sledding or "snipe hunting" so you won't be alone this long weekend.

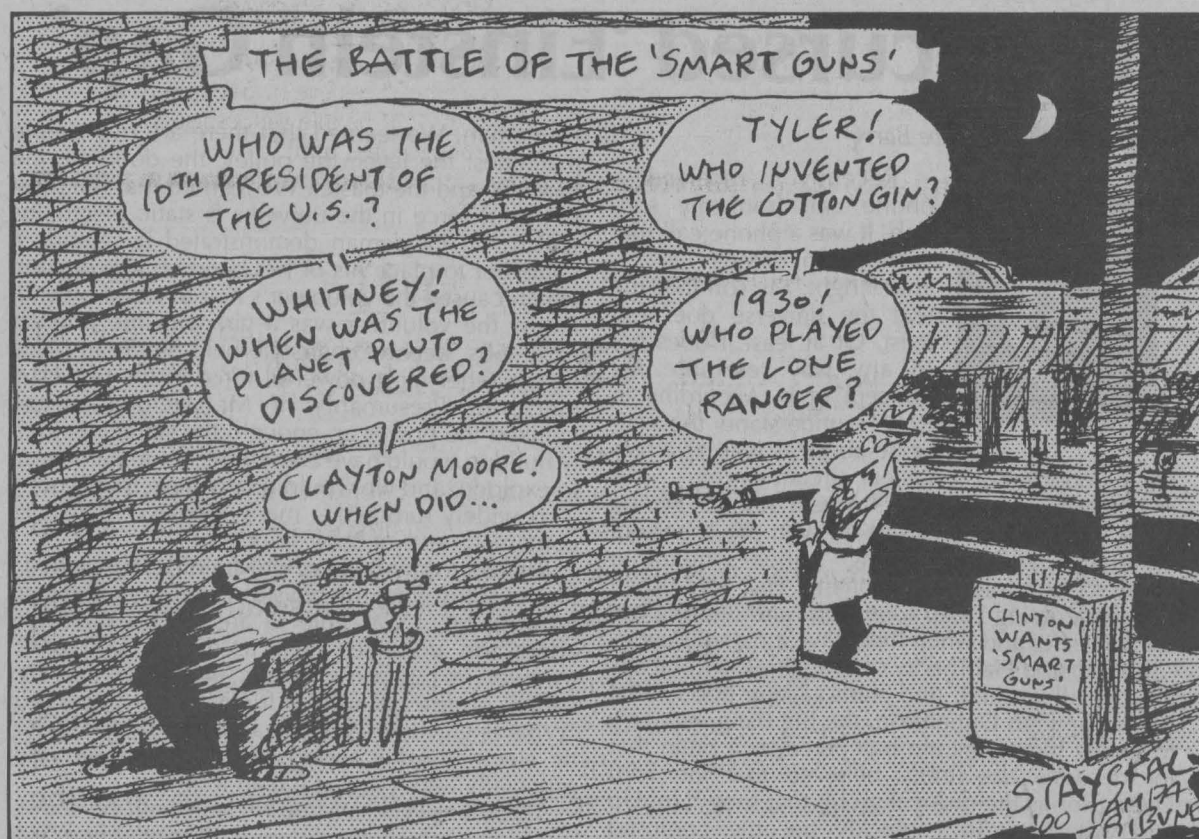
Saturday — There is a Congolese and West Africa drum and dance class today. Beginners welcome, starts at 9:30 a.m., does cost money but call 797-0551 for details.

Don't forget the first True Aggie night of the year is next week (Thursday) so do your "hunting" now.

Ann Bluemlein is a graduate student in the Communication department. She is looking for good social invites this semester to save her from thesis-overload. E-mail her at slzk7@cc.usu.edu.







## School prayer: A never-ending debate

VIEWPOINTS / Don Kaul



The Supreme Court again took up the intractable issue of prayer in schools last month. You might have thought that the matter had been settled years ago, in favor of the separation of church and state. Silly you.

You can knock school prayer down; you can drive a stake through its heart, put it in a coffin and nail the lid shut. You can bury it at a crossroads, and on the next full moon it appears again on the Supreme Court docket.

In this case, it arrived in the guise of a Texas school district's appeal to the Supreme Court of a federal court ruling that barred student-led prayers before a football game. The Supremes agreed to hear its appeal.

It seems to me we should have arrived at a reasonable compromise on this issue by now — I personally would be willing to let a little "voluntary" religious activity bleed into our schools — but neither side seems willing to bend much in either direction.

The Court ruled in 1992 that you couldn't have prayers at a public school graduation ceremony, on the altogether reasonable theory that non-believers in the graduating class should not be made to feel like outsiders at a solemn and important event in their lives. But prayer at a football game, the lawyers for the school district argue, is hardly the same as prayer at a graduation ceremony. Attending a football game, after

all, is a voluntary exercise, signifying very little.

Their opponents argue that high school football is crucial to the social life of Texas and that forcing non-believers to choose between staying home or feeling like outsiders in their own community because of a state-sanctioned prayer is unacceptable.

I feel two ways about prayer at football games.

As a congenital non-believer, raised in the North, I find the practice a little weird. Whenever I'm watching a football game between Southern schools on television and they do the prayer before the game, I realize that the South is indeed another country, one whose customs I still don't fully understand. It's a football game, for crying out loud. What's the prayer for?

On the other hand, I do think that it adds a somewhat civilizing influence to a game badly in need of one. I was encouraged a week or so ago when I saw players from both teams gather together on the field after a hard-fought game for a joint prayer. It's a lot better than the taunting of opponents that goes on at so many games or seeing home team fans spill out of the stands to pummel stragglers from the visiting team.

I suppose I come down on the side that opposes the practice, but I really don't think it's a big deal one way or another. Then again, I have always doubted the value of mass prayer. Congress begins each day's deliberations with a prayer and look at it.

Kaul is a columnist with Tribune Media Services.

## ISLAM

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"Those who believe in the Koran, and those who follow the Jewish scriptures, and the Christians and the Sabians — any who believe in God and the Day of Judgement and work righteousness shall have their reward."

The article contained a major error on the issue of divorce. Ms. Sulunga wrote: "If there is a divorce, both members have to break away from the Muslim faith. They can come back but there is a waiting period," the article said. Again, we can only attribute this to an error in communication with Aida Malikha.

No, Muslims do not have to stop being Muslims when they divorce. That would be laughable. Muslims believe that while God permits divorce, he also abhors it and suggests it as a last resort.

A Muslim man is given the right to divorce his wife in case of insanity, infertility, consistent neglect or abuse. She, too, is given the right to divorce him on those grounds.

In case the decision to divorce is made, the wife must wait a certain period before entering another marriage to ensure she is not pregnant. If she is, the husband has to pay for the support of the child as he is the father. In Islam, the father has to financially support the family; in case of divorce, he still has to support his children and, for a certain period, his ex-wife.

The Muslim community in Logan is small, and does not have a missionary program. However, if anyone is interested in learning more about the faith or about us, please contact us at (435) 753-2491. We have a small library that includes books and some videocassettes and Cache Valley residents are welcome to borrow them for study.

The Logan Islamic Center Committee consists of Saleem Syed-Ali, Guled Abubakar and Mohammed Rafathullah Khan

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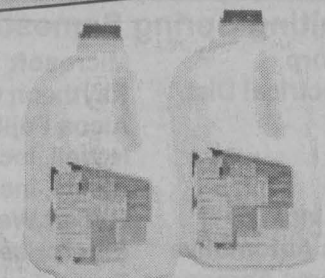
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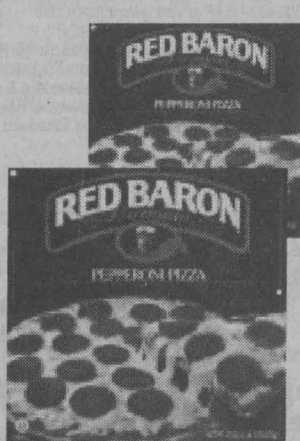
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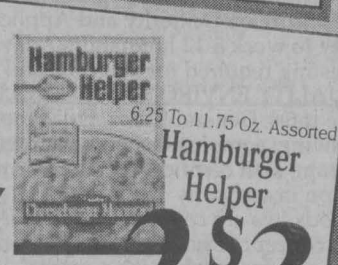
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Tuesday, January 11

Wednesday, January 12

There will be a **Faculty Senate meeting** on Monday, January 10 at 3 p.m. in the Cazier Sci. Tech. Library, Room 120. The agenda and materials are posted on the faculty senate web site, <<http://www.usu.edu/fsenate>>.

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The USU Outdoor Recreation Center and Community Dance will cosponsor a **Congolese and West African drum and dance** class featuring master drummer Fred Simpson and internationally known dancer Mabiba Baegne. The workshops will take place Saturday, January 15 in the HPER dance studio with the drum workshop at 10 a.m. (registration starts at 9:30 a.m.) and the dance

workshop at 1 p.m. Beginners are welcome for both workshops. Registration costs are \$15 per workshop or \$25.00 for persons taking both. For more information, please call Brooke Bigelow at 797-2040 or Kevin Kobe at 797-0551.

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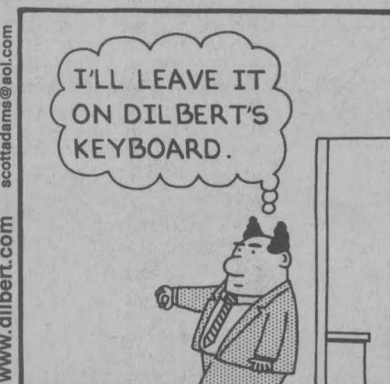


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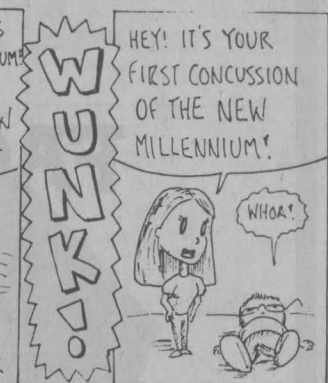
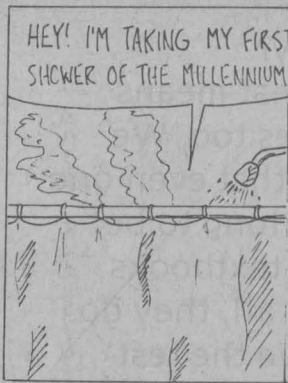
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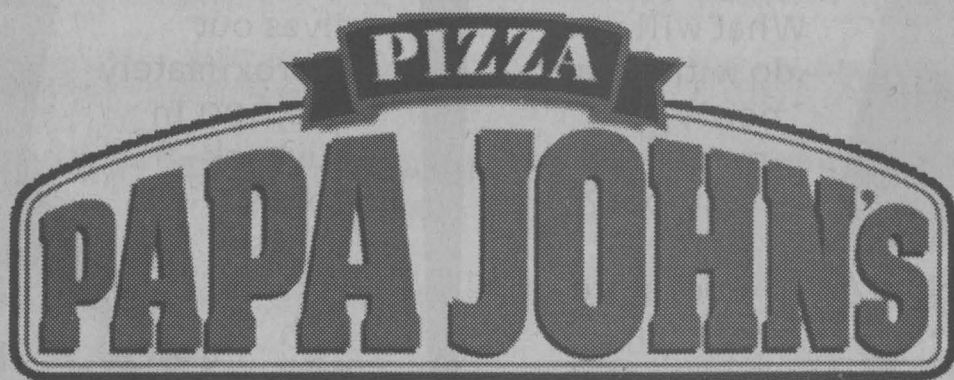
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## Not even Headline News could stop bowl games

NEVER BEHIND / Aaron Morton



I hate college basketball. O.K. Maybe not. But I do hate Stony Brook and other nondescript schools.

There I was waiting for the Humanitarian Bowl score to come across the bottom of the CNN Headline News screen, but 10 minutes later NCAA hoops scores are still blipping away.

Don't get me wrong, I love to watch local college hoops and the NCAA tournament is second to no other sports event in the nation (only England's FA Cup is better). But I have better things to do than watch the 50 men's and women's NCAA teams blip across the screen.

But I stopped complaining and fixed the problem: I started watching those bowl games.

And it was a joy to watch. The New Year's Day games were the best in recent memory. The University of Georgia's comeback after being down 25-0 to Purdue University and their wide-open offense was one for the ages.

Orange, Rose, Citrus and Gator Bowls, my clicker was getting a workout. Every game was great, especially the Orange Bowl.

Even the poorly named Bowl Championship Series was fun to watch. The University of Michigan and the University of Alabama duked it out in an overtime shootout. If only Ryan Pflugner would have made that extra-point attempt in overtime for the Crimson Tide.

Stanford University kept the Rose Bowl close enough for the game to be watchable.

And the University of Nebraska's offensive line was a sight to see in the Fiesta Bowl. As the University of Tennessee tried to mount a comeback, they kicked an onside kick with 7:25 left in the game. The commentators questioned the decision. It turned out that the Volunteers were right. They never saw the ball again as the Husker line ran over Tennessee and ran out the clock on 23 rushing plays.

The Sugar Bowl not only showcased the two best teams in college football, but included the two best athletes, Peter Warrick and Michael Vick.

Although the Warrick-lead Seminoles stole the show (Warrick with 6 catches for 163 yards), it was red-shirt freshman Michael Vick who wowed fans across the nation with that incredible third quarter. Vick almost completed the double-triple as he racked up 225 yards in the air and 97 on the ground.

In the *Statesman* staff's all-important pick-the-winners contest, staff writer Kade Minchey held on to win with a 94-48 record.

It certainly wasn't a blowout as four other staffers were within three games of him. Yours truly took the bowl game crystal ball honors with a 15-8 record, but that couldn't make up for a poor regular season.

Just wait until next year...

**Final Standings:**

Kade Minchey	94-48
Wade Denniston	93-49
Casey Hobson	92-50
Reuben Wadsworth	91-51
Aaron Morton	91-51
Mike Fowles	84-58
Jen Longson	83-59
Vicky Campbell	80-62
Jamie Brown	80-62
Dan Chase	77-65

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USU point guard Bernard Rock is fouled by BYU guard Terrell Lyday while going in for a layup Saturday night.

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## Terrell Lyday and the 11-2 Cougars too much for USU

The Cougars ran up 19 points in the first seven minutes against the Aggies.

A Michael Vranes dunk kicked off the BYU scoring rampage. Lyday and Todd Christensen followed the dunk with consecutive three-pointers.

"We just didn't have any energy and that was the biggest reason that we lost," Tony Brown said. He had a team-high 18 points.

Morrill said he was very concerned about the Aggies' lack of defense early on and throughout the game.

"We'll need to get a whole lot better defensively if we're going to have a chance to compete in the Big West," he said. "I thought we were just awful."

But Morrill was quick to point out that the Cougars are certainly a very hard team to guard; USU allowed more than 80 points for only the second time this season. They are a lot more athletic than most people think, he said.

The Aggies did their best to keep up the fast pace first half, but their offense stalled after a Dimitri Jorssen layup 6:30 into the game. The Cougars took advantage of a 10-minute drought that saw USU only score one bucket.

By then BYU had a 36-20 lead.

Troy Rolle's putback with just under three minutes left in the half sparked a small Aggie 8-1 run. Reserve Andre Mahorn scored two inside shots during that two-minute stretch.

But then Lyday showed his poise again, draining a 3-pointer to end the half and the USU run.

As the second half got underway, USU started to get their inside game going, hitting five of their first five shots after shooting a poor 33 percent from the field in the first half. In contrast, the Cougars shot 57 percent, including 3-for-6 from beyond the arch.

Some bright spots for the Aggies included the play of Shawn Daniels who blocked a BYU trey and sent the ball into the crowd during USU's second half run.

Bernard Rock got the Aggies to within 4 with six minutes left, driving coast-to-coast and putting the ball off the glass with the foul.

"He's making progress in terms of what we need him to do," Morrill said.

Rock finished with nine points and five assists.

Morrill said Jorssen has completely recovered from his ankle injury he suffered in November. Jorssen scored 10 of his 14 points in the second half, including a one-handed rebound and hook shot that got him as animated as he has been on the court in recent memory.

**USU 79  
BYU 72**

**Who had  
Game:**

BYU's Terrell Lyday scored 35 points in 37 minutes

**Key Stat:**

USU only scored one bucket in a 10-minute stretch in the first half.

**Turning  
point:**

Lyday hitting a 3-pointer at the end of the first half to stymie a USU run.

## Saturday was Jorssen's Day

### Missing their son, Jorssen's parents visit from Belgium

REUBEN WADSWORTH  
Sports Writer

Utah State University big man Dimitri Jorssen has had guests in town for the last two weeks — his parents.

They came all the way from their home in Theux, Belgium to come see their son play some NCAA Division I

basketball in Logan. While here, they were able to see their son play in the recent Fresno State University and Brigham Young University contests last week.

When asked what it meant to him to have his son so far away, Jorssen's father, Valere, who speaks fluent English while his wife does not, had a

simple response.

"It means separation," he said. It's hardest for Dimitri's mother, Jeannine, he continued.

What do people say back in Belgium about him having a basketball-playing son an ocean and another continent away?

"The question that comes first is how do you cope with it? How can you accept that your son is away?" Valere said. Dimitri being their only child, their native friends can't

imagine how they are able to handle the situation so well.

How does Valere cope?

He's very busy, Valere said, but he thinks of Dimitri every single day. The pain of separation for the Jorssen family is eased by frequent contact.

They hear from each other generally twice a week, Valere said, except when Dimitri is on road trips. They recently bought Dimitri a computer with a camera on it so they

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USU center Dimitri Jorssen's parents Valere (left) and Jeannine visited Logan last two weeks.

### Jorssen and fans two of the many positives for USU in Saturday's loss

WADE DENNISTON  
Senior Sports Writer

In spite of the 82-73 loss at the hands of Brigham Young University, many positives still abound from Utah State University.

You could talk about the sell-out crowd of 10,270 (15th largest crowd in USU history) that braved the snowy conditions and ventured out to the Spectrum.

Even with the loss, the Aggies are still 45-3 over the last 48 ballgames at home.

Sophomore guard Tony Brown handed out a career-high eight assists, besting his old mark by three.

Four players scored in double figures for just the fourth time

all year (Northern Arizona University, Weber State University and Fresno State University).

Or, there is junior center Dimitri Jorssen, who tied a career-high 14 points on 7-for-12 shooting from the field. The 6-foot-11, 242-pounder from Theux, Belgium, also added four rebounds and two steals.

All this in front of his parents, who were watching their son play for the last time before going home.

Jorssen, who was one of few Aggies to play in last year's 61-59 loss to the Cougars in Provo, was ready for the rematch.

"I was pumped up," Jorssen

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### Aggie LINE

#### Men's Basketball

Brigham Young 82  
USU 73

Fresno State 66  
USU 83 (Tuesday)

Gossner Foods Classic

Mercer 55  
USU 74 (Dec. 28)

San Diego 65  
USU 68 (OT) (Dec. 29)

BASKETBALL SUMMARY							
USU	Min	FG	FT	Reb.	A	TP	
Vranes	28	3/9	2/4	5	2	9	
Nielsen	21	0/3	0/0	4	2	0	
Wesley	35	4/10	2/2	8	3	11	
Christensen	15	3/5	0/0	0	0	7	
Lyday	37	11/17	7/8	4	1	35	
Rivers	24	6/9	3/4	7	1	15	
Roberts	0	0/0	0/0	0	0	0	
Montague	25	0/1	4/4	2	2	4	
Cooper	15	0/0	1/2	2	2	1	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>27/54</b>	<b>19/24</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>82</b>	
USU	Min	FG	FT	Reb.	A	TP	
Daniels	35	5/9	0/3	9	0	10	
Rolle	31	3/10	4/6	11	2	11	
Jorssen	25	7/12	0/0	4	0	14	
Rock	30	3/11	2/3	3	5	9	
Brown	35	6/14	2/2	3	8	18	
Stewart	8	0/1	2/2	1	0	2	
Thomas	10	1/3	0/0	0	0	3	
Ray	1	0/1	0/0	2	2	0	
Bailey	9	0/2	0/0	1	0	0	
Bobb	6	1/3	0/0	1	0	2	
Mahorn	10	2/5	0/0	2	1	4	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>28/71</b>	<b>10/16</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>73</b>	

3pt FG: BYU 9/18 (Lyday 6/9, Vranes 1/4).  
USU 7/27 (Brown 4/11, Rolle 1/7).  
Steals: BYU 8 (Lyday 3). USU 10 (Brown 4).  
Blocks: BYU 2 (Wesley, Lyday). USU 1 (Daniels).  
A: 10,270

### Hockey tops BYU, Utah just before holidays

REUBEN WADSWORTH  
Sports Writer

The Utah State University hockey team kept its season record unbeaten in its two showings before the Christmas vacation, beating the University of Utah 10-3 on Dec. 10 and defeating the Provo Icecats (Brigham Young University) 11-3 on Dec. 11.

Against the Icecats, the Aggies led 4-1 after the first period. Team captain Ian Tracy recorded a hat trick in the game and co-captain Nate Anderson had two goals. Each had one unassisted goal.

Aggies Ryan Froerer and

Nick Thiros scored in the second period, while USU's goaltender Matt Parisen didn't let the Icecats get a single puck in the net.

USU scored a goal every two minutes in the first six minutes of the third period on their way to the 11-3 decision.

Things got a little out of hand near the end of the game when Aggie Bruce Esplin was ejected with 1:50 to go for fighting. He will miss the next game, which happens to be against the Icecats on Saturday. A total

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#### Club Hockey

USU 10  
Utah 3 (Dec. 10)

USU 11  
BYU 3 (Dec. 11)

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can see each other, Valere said.

Dimitri's success on the court is a world away from what his father thought would happen when he began competing in the game.

At first, Dimitri started playing basketball just to keep himself busy, Valere said. Back then, Valere didn't expect anything to come of it. Fortunately, basketball was an atmosphere that wouldn't give Dimitri a complex about his size, he said. Dimitri's parents thought that while growing up their son might be ashamed of his size, but basketball started to make him proud of it, Valere said. That's all he hoped basketball would do for Dimitri in the beginning, he said.

"Surprisingly, he started loving it and it became a real passion," Valere said. "He didn't want to do anything else but basketball."

At 15, Valere told Dimitri he needed to start studying or start thinking about playing basketball professionally. If he wanted to play professionally, he would have to do it in America, he told his son, saying he'd help Dimitri reach that goal until he dies.

Dimitri has improved a lot, according to his father, but there is still room for improvement. After the game against Fresno State, Valere was happy about his son's performance except for one thing.

"I would like him to score more," Valere told head coach Stew Morrill as he walked past. "He's had those games when

he's scored more," Morrill answered.

"If you are satisfied (with his scoring), I am," Valere said. "You are the man who is qualified, not me."

"He'll get nothing but better and better," Morrill said.

Valere admits that he is no basketball critic.

"I'm not qualified to give an opinion about basketball, because I don't know much about it," he responded. "They whistle all the time and I don't know why, because it's too fast for me. I don't know the rules exactly. I never played any sports myself."

Valere enjoyed the game against the Bulldogs, but from what he said about his wife, she might not have enjoyed the contest as much as he did.

"My wife is very anxious," he said. "She doesn't dare to watch the match because she's afraid he might get hurt or she's afraid he'll have a bad match or miss a lot of shots. She's too frightened."

He said he had to tell Jeannine what was going on most of the time because she was too scared to watch.

"I was a bit angry with her because what's the use of flying more than 6,000 miles if you don't want to see the match," he said. "That's the way she is."

As the Jorssens leave the United States, they go with the hope that their son is happy wherever he is.

"We try to make his pleasure ours," Valere concluded, adding that he just hopes his son will be able to make a good living someday, even if it has nothing to do with basketball.

## Drug testing in Olympics will be effective

GENEVA (AP) — The White House drug adviser is confident an effective drug-testing agency will be in place before the Sydney Olympics, and he anticipates a limited IOC role in the project.

Speaking less than a week before the first meeting of the World Anti-Doping Agency, Barry McCaffrey on Friday stressed the importance of an independent agency.

He says that cannot happen while it is based at the IOC's headquarters in Lausanne and headed by IOC vice president Richard Pound.

"Mr. Pound is a respected international sports figure but we need an agency that the athletes of the world think is independent and will act to create a drug-free Olympics," McCaffrey told The Associated Press.

Pound has said he does not intend to lead the agency for more than two years.

McCaffrey gave his support to the scandal-ridden IOC last month, but only after IOC president Juan Antonio Samaranch accepted proposals by a group of 26 nations led by the United States and Australia.

These included moving WADA from Lausanne, holding public meetings and considering an end to a statute of limitations on drugs offenses. The agreement is not binding on the IOC.

McCaffrey said WADA needed to move before the Sydney Olympics in September, and he is encouraged that a number of countries want to be the agency's headquarters.

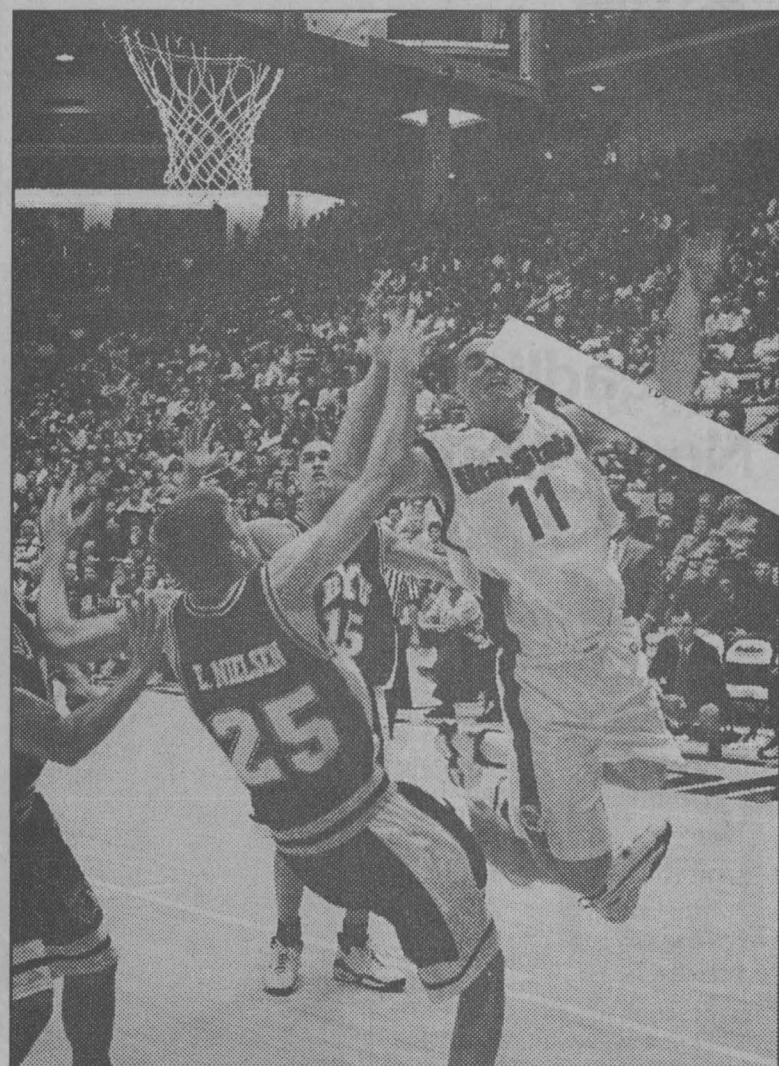
For the IOC itself, McCaffrey said the priority was to finish its reforms and regain public confidence.

"What is important out of all this is not the nature of the sanctions, but the degree to which the competing athletes and their team coach, physician and trainer believe that it is unlikely you can use a performance-enhancing drug and escape detection," he said.

"Before Salt Lake City we can have a major enhancement in the believability that you no longer need to cheat and risk your own physiological development to compete."

Dr. Gary Wadler, chairman of the Nassau County Sports Commission, will serve as a U.S. adviser next week at the WADA meeting.

Wadler, an associate professor at NYU's medical school, is among those who want androstenedione reclassified as a prescription drug, was chosen at the request of McCaffrey.



Forward Eric Nielsen (25) trips Utah State forward Dan Stewart in Saturday night's game against BYU.

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said. "I was just mentally ready to go."

Admitting that he missed a few early shots because he was trying so hard, Jorssen wanted his parents to see him go out on a positive note before leaving.

"I wanted to play good before they left," Jorssen said.

Jorssen's parents saw him play four games, two in the Gossner Foods Classic, then Fresno State and Brigham Young.

In the first game of the Gossner Classic, Jorssen recorded a double-double (13 points, 10 rebounds) in leading USU to a victory over Mercer University.

Hampered by foul trouble in the championship game of the

classic vs. San Diego University, Jorssen was only able to score five points and pull down four boards.

Against FSU's big center, Melvin Ely, Jorssen was limited to just six points and four rebounds.

However, despite his efforts against BYU, USU still lost, which left a sour taste in Jorssen's mouth, especially the fact that the Aggies let Cougar junior guard Terrell Lyday blow up for a career-high 35 points.

"It's just unbelievable that we can't guard somebody like that," Jorssen said.

Still, Jorssen knows what this game does for the team in getting ready to open up Big West Conference play on Thursday.

"We learn from this game," he said.

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of five Aggies served time in the box in the last half of the final period.

"If it would have been a tight game, none of that would have happened," USU assistant coach George Moldenhauer said of the penalties. It is easier to control a 3-2 game than a 10-3 game, he added.

USU goaltender Eric Moldenhauer said his team had a few defensive letdowns against the Icecats, but the game was pretty much what he expected.

In the USU victory over the Utes on Dec. 10, the game was tied at 1 after the first period. The Aggies scored three goals in the second to Utah's one. USU exploded for six goals in the final period while the Utes only found the net once.

The game against the Utes was also marred by penalties in the end with two players being ejected.

USU head coach Jerry Crossley said he was pleased with the two wins but is never satisfied. There is always some-

thing his squad can improve on, he said. For example, the team's discipline could be better, he said.

Crossley said he hated the month-long break. He hopes the team stayed in shape during the layoff and predicted they won't be as sharp when they come back. It will feel like

the team is starting all over again when they take on the Icecats again this weekend, he said.

Eric Moldenhauer said he thinks the break was good for the team, but said they can't start relaxing. Moldenhauer and his teammates started practicing together after the Christmas holiday.

The USU goaltender said his team never expected to have this kind of record (15-0-1) at this point in the season. He attributes some of the team's success to the fan support.

"We have the best fans in the nation," he said.

The Aggies now start the toughest part of their schedule, which includes going on the road against Colorado State, still ranked number one in the West despite losing to Weber State in December.

## Grizzlies top Toronto in the battle of Canada

TORONTO (AP) — Shareef Abdur-Rahim scored 29 points, making 15 of 16 free throws Sunday as the Vancouver Grizzlies beat the Toronto Raptors 107-97.

The Grizzlies, 5-6 under new coach Lionel Hollins, have won three of their last four road games, also beating Miami and New Jersey.

Abdur-Rahim scored 16 points in the third quarter, going 11-for-11 from the line. Vancouver, which made just 10 baskets in the second half, made 40 of 46 free-throw attempts.

The Raptors, just 10-8 at the Air Canada Centre, were within five early in the fourth quarter,

but the Grizzlies took a 10-point lead on Grant Long's dunk, Milt Palacio's jumper and Michael Dickerson's three-point play.

Toronto didn't get closer than six after that. Antonio Davis' layup and Tracy McGrady's free throw made it 97-91 with one minute remaining, but Palacio and Mike Bibby each made 1 of 3 free-throw attempts, giving Vancouver a 99-91.

Bibby's two free throws with 20 seconds remaining made it 107-97.

Dickerson scored 21 and Othella Harrington had 18 for Vancouver. Vince Carter had 20 points and 10 rebounds for Toronto.

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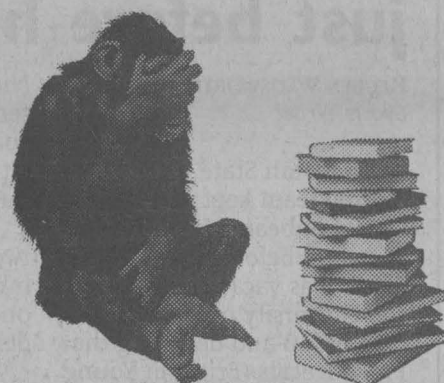
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# 17-point win over Fresno tops USU's holiday games

WADE DENNISTON, AARON MORTON  
AND USU REPORTS

## USU 83 FSU 66

### Who had Game:

USU's Troy Rolle had a season high of 20.

### Key Stat:

Fresno State coach Jerry Tarkanian is 22-1 vs. the Aggies.

### Turning point:

Dimitri Jorssen's layup in the second half sparked a 18-10 that took the lead back for good.

three assists and tallying one steal.

But it wasn't just Rolle who played well.

"We had a lot of guys play well," said USU head coach Stew Morrill. "To beat a good team you've got to step up and have a lot of people perform, and we did that tonight."

Besides Rolle, junior forward Shawn Daniels (career-high 17), sophomore guards Tony Brown (17) and Bernard Rock (15) all reached the double-digit plateau for the Aggies.

USU jumped out to a 4-0 lead on baskets from Rolle and Daniels 29 seconds into the game.

Fresno State answered with five straight points of its own to take its only lead of the game with 17:38 to go in the first half.

It was all Aggies from there, however.

USU took the lead back for good when junior center Dimitri Jorssen converted on a layup. The Aggies continued to roll as they used an 18-10 run, capped by a 3-pointer on the left baseline from Brown, to move out to a 22-15 lead.

Utah State enjoyed a 45-40 halftime lead, and it continued to play well in the second half by ending the game on a 22-9 run over the final 13 minutes.

"They ran their offense and did anything they wanted to do offensively and we didn't defend them," Tarkanian said. "I was very disappointed we didn't stop them. They drove on us. They hit open threes. They posted us up. I am really disappointed in the fact that we didn't defend them any better. They thoroughly kicked our butts."

### USU vs. Western State

On the strength of a 14-0 run to start the game and a season-high 61 percent field goal percentage,

USU cruised past the Mountaineers of Western State University by a final score of 93-51 Dec. 18 in the Dee Glen Smith Spectrum.

"The game served its purpose," Morrill said. "It wasn't one of our best games, but after not playing for nine days, we shot the ball well. Last year when we went into play Weber State at the Delta Center after a nine-day layoff and finals, we looked like it. Hopefully this game took some of the rust off."

With 5 quick points from sophomore guard Brown, USU jumped all over Western State in the first five and a half minutes, building a 14-0 lead. The Aggies would never look back from that point and

built a comfortable 46-28 halftime lead behind 12 points from Brown. The second half was much like the first as the Aggies continued to build their lead until the final buzzer, in winning the game by 42.

USU shot a blistering 17-of-28 (.607) in the first half and followed that up with an 18-of-29 (.621) performance in the second half to finish with a .614 field goal percentage which was a season-high for USU, as was the 93 points scored.

Brown finished the game with a career-high 25 points on a perfect 9-of-9 from the field, which included 4-of-4 from 3-point range. He also went 3-of-3 from the free throw line.

Junior forward Shawn Daniels was the only other Aggie to finish in double figures as he scored 14 points. It was the sixth time this year that Daniels has scored double-digits in a game to lead the team.

## WEBER 85 USU 73

### Who had Game:

Weber State's Harold Arceneaux scored 24 points.

### Key Stat:

USU is 0-3 on the road this season.

### Turning point:

Weber State went on a 19-6 run to start the game.

### USU at Weber State

In Ogden, Weber State University raced to a 19-6 lead early in the first half in route to a 85-73 whipping of USU.

The loss adds to USU's woes on the road. The Aggies also dropped road losses to the University of Utah (77-42) and Northern Arizona University (64-52).

"We're not very good on the road," Morrill said, quickly pointing out that USU didn't play that bad.

"They played awfully well."

Harold Arceneaux lead all scorers with 24 points including 16 in the first half where the Wildcats open up a 22-point 47-25 to end the half.

Weber State point guard Eddie Gill picked apart the USU defense throughout the game, leading the Wildcats to 85 points — the first time the Aggies have been scorched for 80 in the season.

Gill is an NBA-caliber player, Morrill said.

Meanwhile, WSU put the shackles on the USU offense in the first half as it wasn't until very late in the second half and the game all but decided that the Aggies closed on Weber State. A 19-10 run made the game seem closer than it was.

"We're tired of getting beat by 40," USU forward Andre Mahorn said. "It was a pride thing."

Brown led USU with 15 points, Rolle and Jorssen followed with 10 each. Shawn Daniels led the team in rebounding with 9.

### GOSSNER FOODS CLASSIC

For the sixth straight time, USU won its own Gossner Foods Classic by defeating Mercer University in the first round of the tournament on Dec. 28 and San Diego University in the championship game on Dec. 29.

The classic, which was started in 1994, has seen the Aggies win all 12 of their games by an average of nearly 16 points.

### USU vs. Mercer

Behind the strong play of junior center Dimitri Jorssen's double-double, the Aggies defeated the Bears, 74-55, in the night-cap of the tournament's first night.

"He did a heck of a job on defense and was effective offensively," said Mercer head coach Mark Slonaker.

Indeed he was.

Jorssen recorded a team-high 13 points on 5-of-7 shooting from the field, pulled down 10 rebounds and dished out two assists.

"He was really consistent with his shots underneath the basket," said teammate Troy Rolle. "It was a good thing to have him come out and score in double digits."

Mercer hung tough with Utah State early on as it enjoyed a 9-7 lead with about 16 minutes to go in the first half.

The Aggies were able to tie the game at 9 with a Jorssen bank, then take the lead for good on a deep 3-pointer from Rolle.

"It was a tough team to play," Jorssen said. "The guy I had to guard, coach stressed how hard it would be. He was a real physical player."

Jorssen was able to limit the Bears' 6-foot-9 freshman center Scott Emerson to only 12 points on 4-of-14 shooting from the floor.

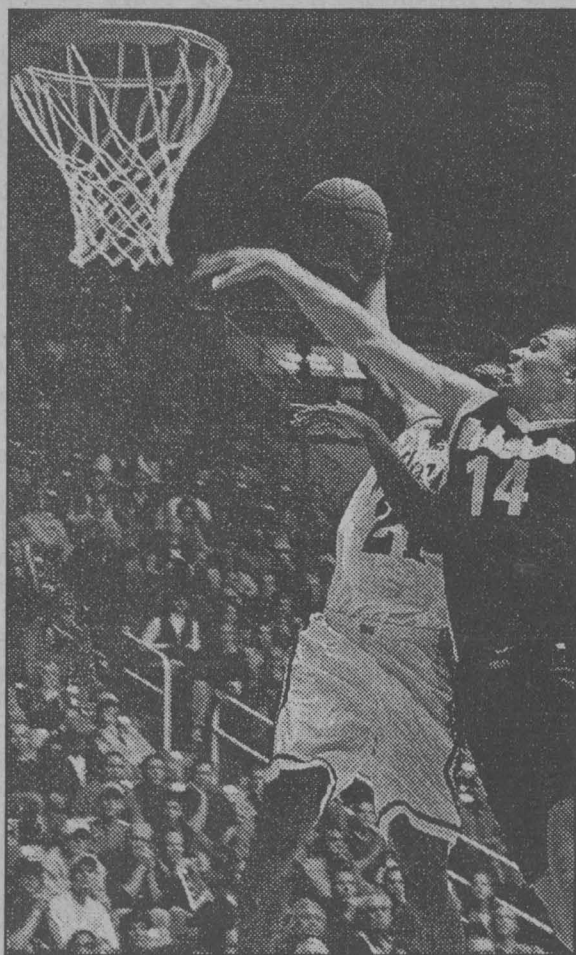
### USU vs. San Diego

One word can be used to describe the championship game: thrilling.

But you wouldn't have been able to tell how exciting the game actually was by just watching the first half as each team struggle offensively.

"It was a good basketball game," Morrill said, after watching his team

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USU's Dimitri Jorssen contests Weber State's Harold Arceneaux's drive in the Dee Events Center in Ogden Dec. 21. WSU won 85-73.

## USU 74 MERCER 55

### Who had Game:

Dimitri Jorssen scored a team-high 13 points and added 10 rebound.

### Key Stat:

USU has won every Gossner Foods Classic game in its history

### Turning point:

Rolle's 3-pointer gave USU an early 12-9 lead for good.

## USU 68 SD 65 (OT)

### Who had Game:

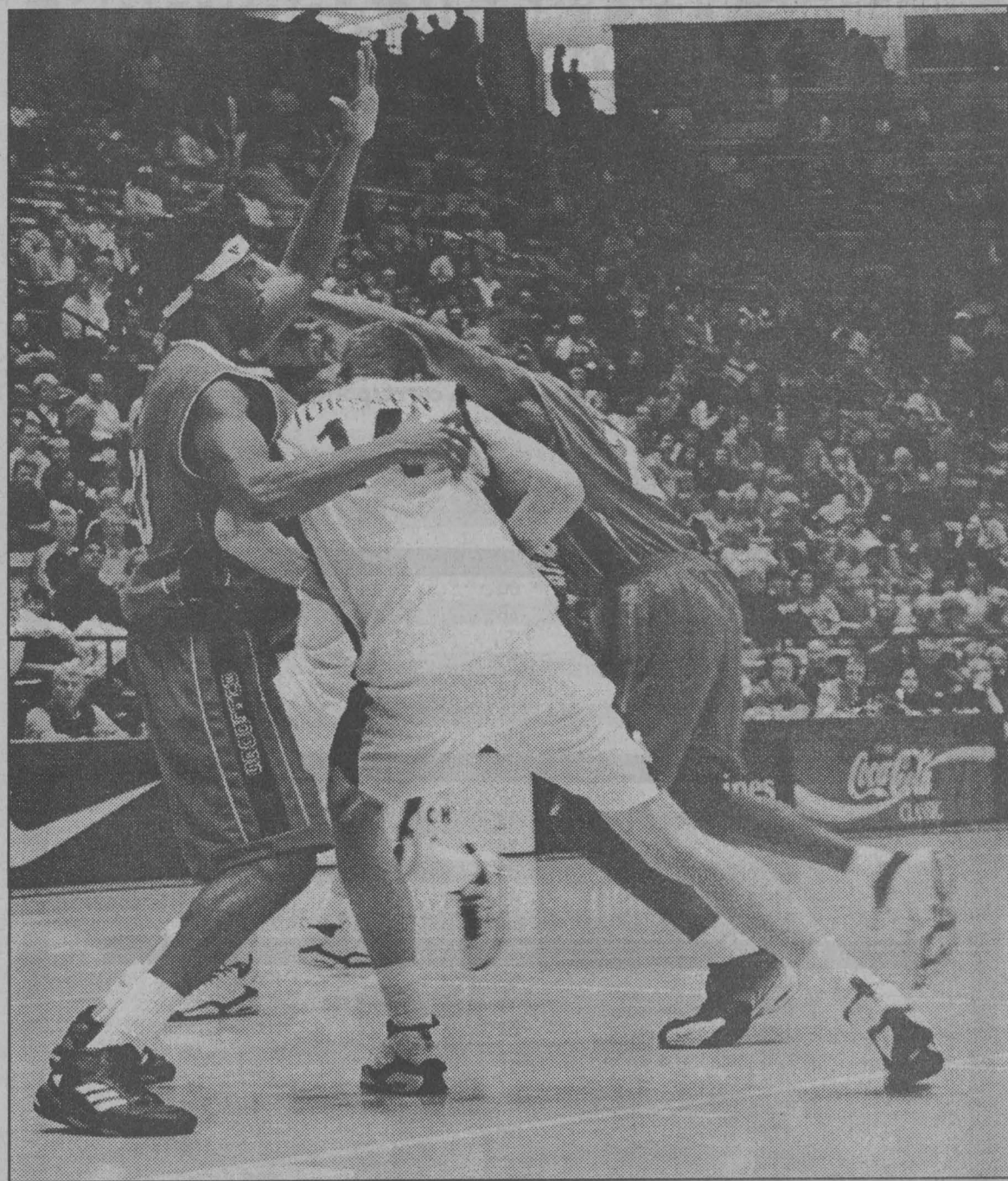
Bernard Rock scored 16 points on 6-of-7 shooting.

### Key Stat:

USU's Shawn Daniels won the tournament MVP.

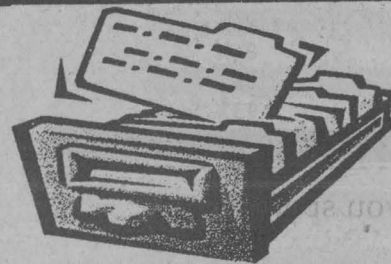
### Turning point:

The Aggies turned around their poor shooting in the first half.



USU center Dimitri Jorssen barrels through Fresno State's defense during last Tuesday night's game in Logan.

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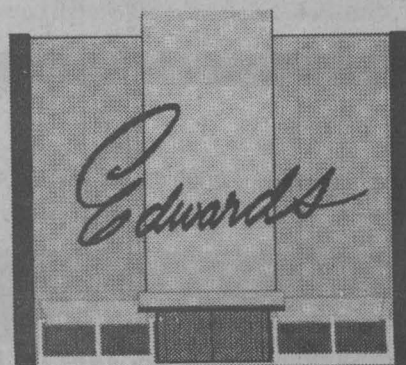


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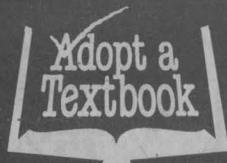
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MATH	122	93%
NURS	4	100%
PHYX	32	97%
PUBH	9	100%
SCI	1	100%
STAT	45	89%
College Total	477	97%
<b>USU Courses</b>		
USU	17	100%
University Total	3051	96%

\* Based on class information published in the Spring 2000 Class Schedule.

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SportsBRIEFS

Olsen named to All-Century College team

Former Utah State football standout Merlin Olsen was named to the 86-player Walter Camp Foundation All-Century College Football team this week.

Olsen was one of 12 defensive linemen named to the team. The first-team defensive line included Ross Browner of Notre Dame, Steve Emtman of Washington, Hugh Green of Pittsburgh and Leon Hart of Notre Dame.

Olsen, who won the Outland Trophy as the nation's top defensive lineman in 1961, was the only player from the state of Utah selected to the team.

"The selection of the All-Century Team was strictly based on the players' college performances and their selection to a Walter Camp All-American Team," said Stanley W. Konesky, Jr., president of the Walter Camp Football Foundation.

Lineman Holbrook will play in Hula Bowl

Utah State University offensive tackle Ben Holbrook will compete in the annual Hula Bowl all-star football game, it was announced last week. The game will take place in Honolulu, Hawaii on Jan. 22 and will feature many of the nation's top seniors.

Holbrook, who was a first-team all-Big West selection this past season while starting all 11 games at left tackle, will be the second Aggie to play in an all-star game this year. On Dec. 25 running back Demario Brown played in the Blue-Gray Game.

This year marks the third straight year that an Aggie will play in the Hula Bowl as center Brandon Dyson played in 1998 and defensive tackle Walter Fiefa competed in the 1999 game.

Other Aggies who have played in the Hula Bowl include Merlin Olsen (1962), Lionel Aldridge (1963), Jim McNaughton (1964), Ron Sbranti (1966), Phil Olsen (1970) and Scott Parrish (1976).

Holbrook is scheduled to leave for practice in Hawaii on Saturday or Sunday.

Holbrook, a 6-6, 297-pounder from Bountiful, was a two-year starter at left tackle and helped anchor an offensive line that paved the way for Demario Brown to rush for a school record 1,536 yards in 1999. USU ranked 29th in the nation in rushing last year and the offensive line allowed only 22 sacks on the year.

Holbrook also excelled in the classroom in his USU career, earning academic all-Big West honors four times.

George leads Vikings as Minnesota stops Cowboys

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Jeff George waited a decade for this.

The cantankerous quarterback with a powerful arm and checkered career won his first playoff game Sunday when he guided the Minnesota Vikings and their talented receivers past the Dallas Cowboys 27-10 in a wild-card matchup.

George threw TD passes of 26 yards to Robert Smith, 58 yards to Randy Moss and 5 yards to Cris Carter as the Vikings (11-6) advanced to face St. Louis in the divisional round.

Dallas (8-9) failed to become the first .500 team to win a playoff game following a full season. The Cowboys lost their eighth straight road game despite a record-breaking performance by tailback Emmitt Smith, who became the NFL's career leading rusher in the playoffs.

George lost his only other playoff game, at Green Bay in 1995 when he was with the Atlanta Falcons, one of three teams that ran him out of town before he salvaged his career in Minnesota, where he is 9-2 as the starter.

George started slowly and didn't complete his first pass until the second quarter after Dallas had a 10-3 lead. But he threw a 26-yard screen to Smith for a TD to tie it, then found Moss for the score 28 seconds before halftime for a 17-10 lead.

George completed 12-of-25 passes for 212 yards and no interceptions. Robert Smith rushed 28 times for 140 yards, breaking his team playoff record of 124 yards set last year.

Moss dropped what would have been a 60-yard TD catch just after halftime. But he did haul in a 24-yarder that helped set up Gary Anderson's 38-yard field goal that made it 20-10 and gave Anderson an NFL-record 127 points in the playoffs.

Moss caught five passes for 127 yards.

Carter, the Vikings' only All-Pro player, didn't catch a pass until 12:40 remained, but it was a 5-yard bullet for a touchdown that made it 27-10.

The Cowboys committed two costly turnovers deep in their territory that led to 10 Minnesota points in the first half.

A punt bounced off Deion Sanders' chest at his 30, and Anderson followed with a 47-yard field goal.

Dallas fullback Robert Thomas fumbled at his 23 and Anthony Bass recovered, leading to Robert Smith's TD that tied it at 10. Smith, who didn't play the last time these teams met, juiced George Teague to the ground at the 10-yard line and sauntered into the end zone behind a block from Carter.

In the first quarter, Emmitt Smith, who ripped through a porous Minnesota defense in November for 140 yards and two touchdowns in just 1<sup>st</sup> quarters before breaking a hand, broke free for a 65-yard run, a Cowboys playoff best. Kenny Wright chased him down at the 3.

The Vikings stuffed Smith twice and Troy Aikman overthrew David LaFleur, so the Cowboys settled for Eddie Murray's 18-yard field goal and a 3-0 lead.

Sanders' muffed punt was recovered by Minnesota's Dwayne Rudd at the Dallas 30, and Anderson tied it at 3.

Aikman completed passes of 45 and 25 yards to Raghib Ismail on a 79-yard drive Smith capped with a 5-yard cutback run for a 10-3 lead. Smith's 21st playoff TD tied Thurman Thomas' NFL record. Smith also surpassed Franco Harris' playoff record of 1,556 yards rushing on the score.

He finished with 99 yards and 1,586 yards alltime.

Jason Tucker fumbled the ball out of the end zone with 8:47 remaining for a touchback and Robert Griffith picked off Aikman's pass with 3:37 left.

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pull out a gut-wrenching 68-65 overtime victory. "It was an old-fashioned street fight in the first half."

San Diego led for much of the first half, but Utah State was able to go into the locker room with a 23-21 halftime lead.

"We missed a lot of shots in the first half," Morrill said.

But so did the Toreros.

USU hit just 9-of-26 shots (34.6 percent) before the break, while San Diego converted on only 8-of-20 (40 percent).

That all changed in the second half, though, as junior guard Bernard Rock started to heat up.

Not scoring any points in the first 20 minutes, Rock poured in a team-high 16 points in the second half and overtime as he connected on 6-of-7 shots from the field, 2-for-3 from the 3-point line. Not only that, the 5-foot-10, 165-pounder recorded team-highs in assists (four) and steals (three), while pulling down two boards.

Junior forward Shawn Daniels followed up Jorssen's double-double of the night before with one of his own against the Toreros.

In 37 minutes of playing time,

38-year old QB Marino leads Miami to AFC semifinals

SEATTLE (AP) — There's some football left in Dan Marino after all.

The NFL's 38-year-old career passing leader, playing in the shadow of speculation he is about to retire, pulled off some of his old magic to keep the Miami Dolphins in the playoffs Sunday with a 20-17 over the Seattle Seahawks in the final football game in the Kingdome.

He did so by orchestrating an 11-play, 85-yard drive capped by J.J. Johnson's 2-yard run for the winning score with 4:48 left. Marino was 4-for-7 for 84 yards on the drive, including completions of 23 yards to Tony Martin on third-and-12 from his 13, and a 24-yard third-down completion to Oronde Gadsden at the 5-yard line that set up Johnson's game-winner.

It was the 37th fourth-quarter comeback of Marino's career, second only to John Elway, and it sent the Dolphins (10-7) to Jacksonville for a second-round AFC playoff game with the Jaguars next Saturday.

Marino, who was 17-of-30 for 196 yards and had a 1-yard TD pass to Gadsden, didn't do it alone as Miami won on the road in the playoffs for the first time since a victory in Pittsburgh in 1972.

The defense sacked Jon Kitna six times, three by Trace Armstrong, and held the Seahawks to just 171 yards, 32 in the second half. Two of Armstrong's sacks came on one series after the go-ahead TD, and Armstrong almost got a fourth — Kitna got a 1-yard gain, so it wasn't a sack.

This game was hard work for both struggling teams — like Miami, Seattle lost five of its last six regular-season games. It backed into the AFC West title and was struggling on offense coming in.

Seattle's biggest play was by the special teams, an 85-yard kickoff return by rookie Charlie Rogers after Marino's pass to Gadsden tied the game at 10 in the third quarter. Even that was flawed — Rogers bobbled the ball before picking it up and racing for the touchdown.

The 38-year-old Marino, 4-6 in 10 starts in the regular season, remained alive for his first Super Bowl ring; he hasn't been there since his second season, 1984.

This game also may have prolonged the career of coach Jimmy Johnson, who stepped down for 12 hours a year ago before reconsidering.

The rift between coach and quarterback was pretty clear Sunday, too: Johnson ran several times on third-and-long instead of having Marino throw.

He also showed some of his old tricks. After Olindo Mare's 50-yard field goal in the third quarter, he tried an onside kick. It worked, but typically, the Dolphins went three and out.

Seattle led 10-3 at halftime as its defense limited the Dolphins to just 69 yards.

The Seahawks scored on their second possession on a 9-yard pass from Kitna to Sean Dawkins at the end of an eight-play, 47-yard drive.

Miami's only first-half scoring drive resulted in a 32-yard field goal by Mare after Johnson declined to go for a first down on fourth-and-1 at the Seattle 13.

Todd Peterson's 50-yarder with 45 seconds before intermission was the other score.

Daniels also scored 16 points on 8-of-15 shots from the field, pulled down a game-high 13 boards, added two assists and swatted away four San Diego shots.

"Shawn Daniels obviously played great," Morrill said.

For his efforts throughout the classic, Daniels garnered tournament-Most Valuable Player honors.

Besides Daniels taking home the MVP award, Stephen Brown and Ammer Johnson (Idaho State), Emerson from Mercer, Andre Laws from San Diego, and Rock made the All-Gossner Foods Classic Team.



# A Thousand Years of History

## Through the eyes of Dave Barry



And so we stand together — the human race, plus the members of "Limp Bizkit" — poised on the brink of the year 2000. In a matter of days, we will find ourselves in a new millennium, facing exciting challenges and questions, such as: Why are we lying in a dumpster naked? And when did we get this highly personal Pokemon tattoo?

But this is not the time to think about our New Year's Eve plans. This is the time to take one last, lingering look back at the millennium that is drawing to a close. For, as the ancient Greek historian Thucydides often said when he was alive, "History is a bunch of things that happened in the past." His point was that human civilization is a journey, and only by retracing the steps of that journey can we truly come to know, as a species, where we lost our keys.

And so let us now press the "rewind" button on the VCR of time. Let us travel back together, back 1,000 years, back to...

### JANUARY 1, 1000

This was the historic day that humanity celebrated the dawn of our current millennium. The occasion was marked by feasting, dancing and the public beheading of a whiny, tedious group of people who would not stop insisting that, technically, the new millennium did not begin until Jan. 1, 1001.

But it was not all fun and games back in those days. It was a world of ignorance and fear; a world of pestilence and famine; a world of extremely high b.o. levels. Also there was "the Y1K problem" — an unforeseen manufacturing glitch that caused parchment to malfunction such that many words were turned inside out ("OTTO," for example, became "TOOT").

Fortunately, back then almost nobody could read, so most people were able to continue doing their jobs under the popular economic system of the time, feudalism, which is sometimes called "the Internet of the Middle Ages." Feudalism was based on a "ladder-type" of organizational structure, similar to Amway. You started out on the bottom rung, in the position of serf. This was not an easy job, but if you worked hard, followed the rules, did not complain and were a "team player," after a certain period of time, you fell off the bottom rung and died.

This system freed the people higher up on the ladder to form noble families and create new empires, which began ebbing and flowing all over the place — in the words of the great British historian Thomas Carlyle — "like Moon Pies on a hot sidewalk." In Asia, the Chinese had just invented gunpowder, which would have made them the strongest military power in the world, except that they had not yet invented guns. Their tactic was to make a pile of gunpowder on the ground, try to trick their enemies into standing on top of it, and then set it off with sparks, thus blowing the enemy up.

This tactic only

worked against really stupid enemies, so the Chinese did not become a major power until the year 1083, when they developed both the cherry bomb and the bottle rocket, using plans apparently stolen from the Los Alamos National Laboratory.

In western Europe, the two dominant cultures were the French and the English, who hated each other because of a bitter, centuries-old dispute over the right way to prepare food. The French, led by the French warrior Maurice LeBeurre, repeatedly attempted to invade England and forcibly introduce the use of sauces. The English, led by King Harold the Comically Monikered, resisted valiantly until 1066, the year of the Norman Conquest, so called because England became the sole possession of a man named Norman, who has owned it ever since.

Another big conflict was started in 1095, when Pope Urban II (son of Mr. and Mrs. Pope Urban I) launched the Crusades to get the Holy Land back from the Infidels (so-called because they wore jackets that said "Infidels" across the back). Over the next two centuries, courageous knights wearing gleaming armor suits would periodically set off from Europe, traveling by day and spending each night in a Motel VI, until finally, after years of hard journeying, they reached the Holy Land, where they instantly cooked like eggs in a microwave. The Infidels thought this was hilarious.

"They wear METAL?" they'd say. "In THIS climate?"

Meanwhile, in Scandinavia, Viking adventurers (or, as they called themselves, "Norsepersons") were looking for new lands where they could loot, rape, pillage and eat without utensils. The most legendary of these was Leif Ericson, who was the son of the legendary Eric the Red, who was the son of the legendary Eric the Mauve, who was the first one to think of wearing a hat with horns. Leif and a hardy crew set sail from Greenland and finally, after many harrowing weeks at sea during which they almost perished, discovered a new land. It turned out to be Canada, so they went home. After that things remained fairly quiet until the early...

### 1200S

... when a Mongol named Genghis Khan (son of Murray and Esther Khan) organized the rest of the Mongols into a fierce horde and took over China by thundering across it on big scary horses that did not care where they went to the bathroom. Khan and his descendants created a vast empire that ultimately encompassed all of Asia, Asia Minor, Asia Minor Phase II and The Shoppes At Asia Minor Plaza.

The Mongol empire had little contact with Europe until it was visited in 1271 by the Italian traveler Marco Polo, who stayed in

China for 17 years before returning to Venice with 2,000 little packets of soy sauce. This led to increased trade between Europe and the East that ultimately came to involve soup, egg rolls and any two dishes from Column B.

Meanwhile in England, the English noblemen had become involved in a big dispute with King John over the issue of whether or not he should be required to reveal his last name.

This led to a big showdown in 1215 (known to English schoolchildren as "The Big Showdown of 1215") that resulted in the signing of the historic Magna

## Y1K DISASTER



Carta, which is the foundation of the modern legal system because it guaranteed, for the first time, that the noblemen had the right to "habeas corpus" (literally, "wear tights").

But the good times did not roll for long. In 1337, France, which was then under King Philip VI, was invaded by England, which was then under King Edward III, who had vowed to kill any monarch with a higher Roman numeral. This led to the Hundred Years War, which, because of delays caused by equipment problems, is still going on.

Matters were not helped any by the arrival of the bubonic plague, or "Black Death," which in the 14th century spread throughout Asia and Europe, in the words of the great historian Arnold Joseph Toynbee, "like the plague or something." In those ignorant times, it

was believed that the plague was caused by evil spirits. Now, thanks to modern science, we know that the real cause was tiny germs, which were carried by fleas, which in turn were carried by rats, which in turn were eaten by cats, which are in fact evil spirits. The plague killed about one-third of the total European population. It was not covered by HMOs.

Elsewhere in the world, important strides were being strode. In South America, the Aztecs had invented a highly sophisticated calendar; it consisted entirely of weekends, and that was the last anybody heard of the Aztecs. In North America, the indigenous peo-

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ples, who called themselves "native Americans," were building hundreds of mounds, and you will just have to ask them why. Meanwhile, way out on a tiny speck of land in the Pacific that we now call Easter Island, giant mysterious stone heads were being erected. This was done by teenagers. They'd erect one, and then hide in the bushes and wait for the homeowner to come out and see it and yell, "Dammit, Marge, those kids have erected a giant stone head on the lawn again! We're moving off this island!" This led to the development of Polynesia.

Speaking of developments, the "hot trend" sweeping through

## Europe in the early...

1400S

... was burning people at the stake, which had become the punishment for just about every infraction including jousting without a permit. By the 1430s so many people had been burned at the stake that Europe ran out of stakes and had to start burning people at the lump of peat, which took FOREVER. Eventually the fuel was exhausted, and the Dark Ages began. Virtually all learning ceased as the great universities of Europe closed their doors (although in response to alumni demand they were able to maintain a full football schedule). It was also around this time that Constantinople

was captured by the Ottomans (or, as they were known on parchment, the "Tootmans"). This led to the fall of the Byzantine Empire, an important empire that we should have mentioned earlier.

The Dark Ages finally ended when a printer named Johann Gutenberg had a brilliant idea. In those days, printing was a laborious process, because the type was not movable. A typical letter, such as "B," was 4 feet high and weighed as much as 6,000 pounds. So to print a book, you had to carry the blank paper around and press it against the letter you needed, one letter at a time; this was slow and tedious, and the printers tended to take



shortcuts, as we see by the 1412 edition of the Old Testament, reprinted in its entirety here:

"In the beginning etc."

One day Gutenberg had an idea: Instead of moving the paper to the type, why not move the type to the paper? So he tried it, and on a historic day in 1455, three of his assistants were crushed while attempting to lift the letter "W." So then Gutenberg had the idea of using SMALL type, and within days he printed the first modern mass-produced book, "Codpieces of Passion," by Danielle Steele.

This led to a rebirth of knowledge that we now call the "Renaissance" (literally, "Easter Island"). It was spearheaded by the brilliant, multi-talented Italian Leonardo da Vinci. One day he was painting a portrait of a young woman named The Mona Lisa, when they got to talking in English.

"Leonardo," said The Mona Lisa, smiling enigmatically, "do you think Man will ever be able to fly?"

"I don't know, The," he answered. "But I sure am hungry." And so he invented pizza, without which the modern world would be a very different place indeed.

But the most important development of the 15th century was taking place in Spain and Portugal, which were determined to find a new sea route to Asia. Year after year, they sent ships out into the Atlantic; year after year, they were disappointed. And then they had an idea: Why not put MEN on the ships, to steer them? And thus it was that in 1492 Christopher Columbus sailed from Spain and discovered America, which he believed was the East Indies. The reason he believed this is that prank-loving Vikings, who had discovered America 300 years earlier, had left a sign that said, "WELCOME TO THE EAST INDIES!"

Nevertheless, as the great historian Edward Gibbon often used to say before passing out, "once the genie is out of the bottle, the shoe is on the other foot." The Age of Exploration had begun, and by the...

1500S

... there were ships sailing everywhere, carrying the message of European civilization to the indigenous peoples of Africa and the Americas (the message was: "Hi! We own you!"). Among the greatest mariners of this era was Ferdinand Magellan, who in 1521 proved that the earth was round by sailing all the way to the Philippines and getting killed, thus paving the way for what we now know as the tourism industry. In Asia, many exciting things were happening, but we frankly do not know what they were.

Meanwhile, in Wittenberg, Germany, a priest named Martin Luther nailed 95 theses to the church door. This

made the church very angry because nobody could read the Bingo announcements. As a punishment, Luther was sentenced to the Diet of Worms, which was so disgusting that he started the Protestant Reformation. This movement got a boost in 1534 when Henry VIII started the Church of England after the pope refused to let him divorce his first wife, Elizabeth Taylor.

Henry went on to have a number of wives, most of whom died in freak guillotine accidents. The next major monarch was Mary Tudor,

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who was known as "Bloody Mary" because she invented the celery garnish. She was succeeded by Elizabeth I, who is the mother of the current queen and is still periodically seen blinking into TV news cameras on her birthday. She presided over the Elizabethan Era, which produced the immortal William Shakespeare, who wrote such timeless works as "Richard II," "Richard III," "Richard III Strikes Back" and "Hamlet Hears a Who," and who gave us a priceless legacy of famous phrases that, to this very day, are pretty much incomprehensible.

The major world power at this time was Spain, which was ruled by King Philip II (or, for short, "King Philip I") who was legendary all over Europe because of the unnaturally large size of his armada. "Hey," he was always saying to women, "Want to see my armada?" Then, in 1588, the English fleet snuck up and set Philip's armada on fire, and that was pretty much all she wrote with regard to Spain being a major world power.

Meanwhile, exciting

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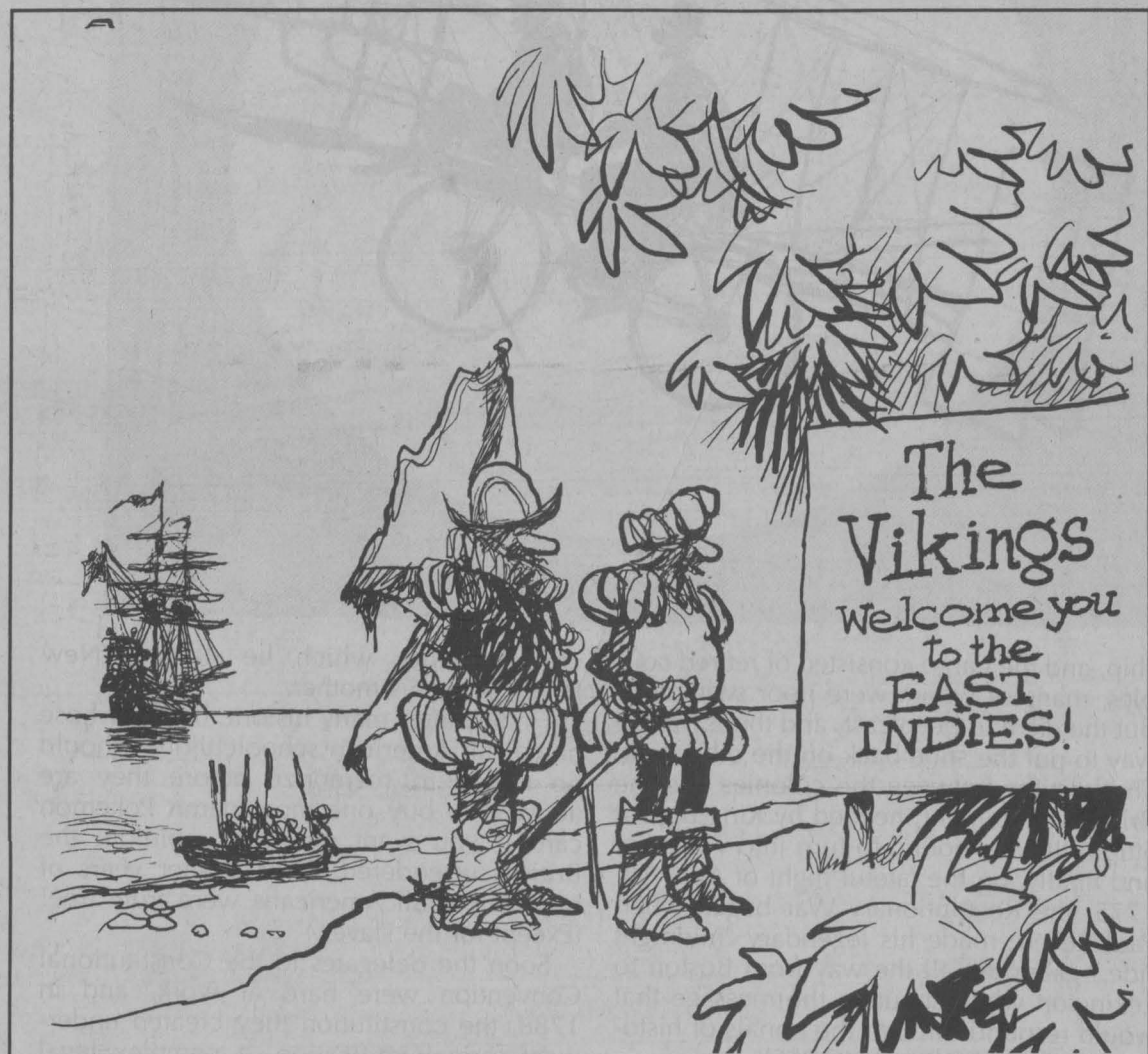
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progress was being made in Russia, which had decided, after centuries of operating under the Marauding Horde System of government, to switch over to the Lone Homicidal Psychopath System, choosing as its first leader Ivan the Terrible (son of Becky the Terrible). And speaking of progress, in the...

### 1600S

... humanity's understanding of the universe took a giant leap forward. It had long been theorized that the earth orbited around the sun, but there had been no proof until one night in 1609 when an astronomer named Galileo, who had just invented a new device called the "telescope," peered through it and discovered that he could see directly into the bedroom window of a woman who lived nearly 500 feet away. As a result, many guys became interested in astronomy. Or so they told their wives.

Another important scientific advance occurred in 1614 when the logarithm was invented by Scottish mathematician John Napier. Some day, when time travel is invented, high-school students will go back and kill him.

But the greatest scientific advance of the century came in 1687, when Sir Isaac Newton, after watching an apple fall off a tree, wrote his famous "Principia Mathematica," which states that there is a universal force, called "gravity," inside apples. Later scientists would expand this definition to include grapefruit, but the basic concept remains unchanged to this day.

On the political front, 1618 marked the beginning of the Thirty Years War, in which the German Protestants joined forces with France, Sweden, Denmark, Wisconsin and the San Diego Chargers to fight against the old Holy Roman Empire, which was led by the Hapsburgs (Stan and Louise). The fighting went on until 1648, when the combatants realized that they would either have to either stop fighting or change the name of the war. This led to the Peace of Westphalia, under which the various parties formally agreed that the letters in "Holy Roman Empire" could be rearranged to spell "O Ripen My Armhole," thus paving the way for Europe as we know it today.

At this time France was experiencing its glory years under Louis XIV, who became known as the "Sun King" because he was more than 2 million miles in circumference. But things were not so good for England, which in 1665 suffered through the Great Plague of London, which was followed in 1666 by the Great Fire of London, which was followed in 1667 by the first recorded attack on London by Godzilla.

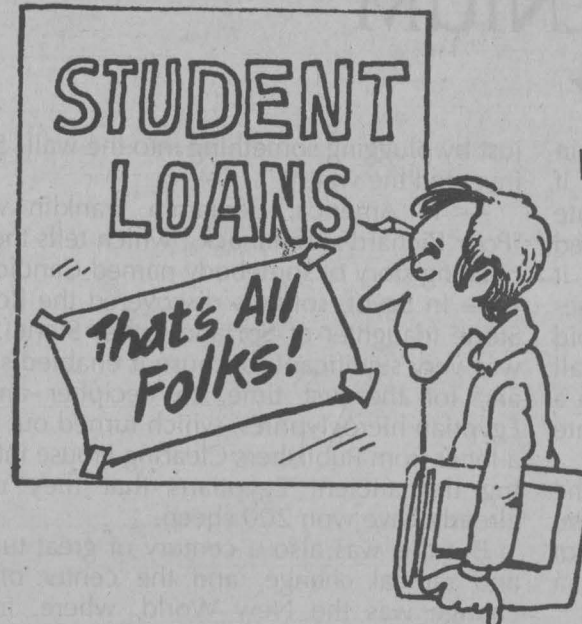
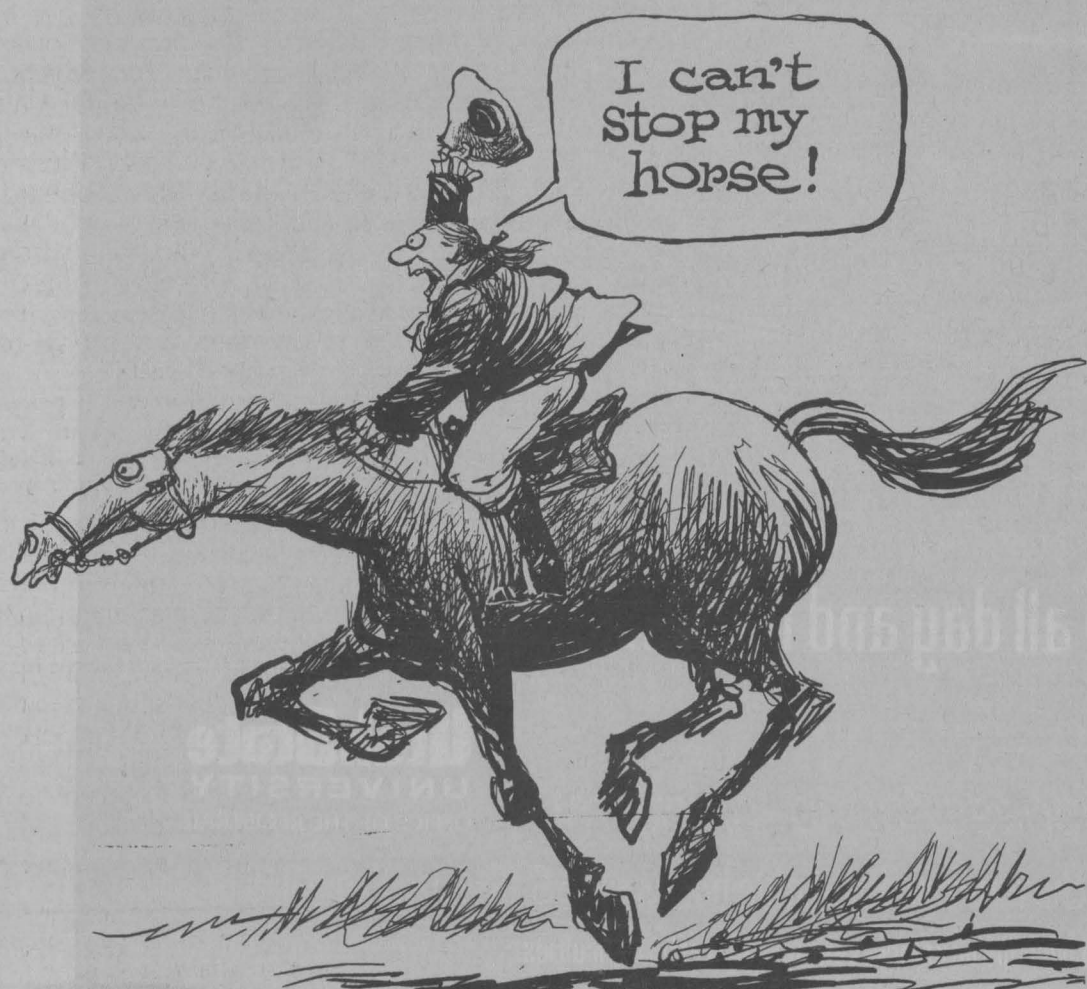
Nevertheless there was hope, and that hope was focused on the New World, where a group of hardy settlers had founded the first permanent English colony in Jamestown, Virginia, where the Native Americans introduced them to a local plant with broad leaves. The Virginians found that when these leaves were cured, shredded and smoked in a pipe, they tasted terrible.

"That's because it's CORN, you morons," pointed out the Native Americans. So things looked bad for the colonists, but then they discovered tobacco, which was not as bad, and which was introduced to consumers back in England via a media campaign using the slogan: "Tobacco — Eventually, You Stop Throwing Up." This marked the dawn of modern marketing.

Meanwhile, two other famous settlements were being established farther up the North American coast. One was an island on the north end of what we now call New York Bay, which the Dutch settler Peter Minuit purchased from the Manhattan Indians for \$24, plus \$167,000 a month in maintenance fees. Minuit named this settlement "New Amsterdam," although after it was taken over by the English it became known by the name that has become synonymous with urban greatness, "Easter Island."

The other famous settlement was, of course, Plymouth Colony, which was founded by Puritans, a group of religious separatists who sailed across the Atlantic in search of a place where they could starve to death. In the winter of 1620 they landed in Massachusetts,

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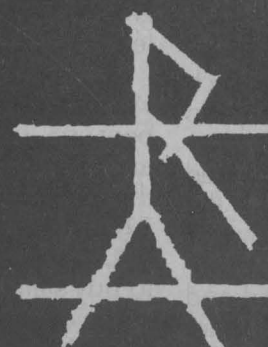
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where they signed the Mayflower Compact, in which they swore before Almighty God that if they managed to survive the winter and create a viable colony, and if that colony prospered and grew to the point where, some day, it boasted a major city with a professional baseball team, and if that baseball team was stupid enough to trade away the greatest hitter of all time, then that team would never again win a World Series. And that is why we celebrate Thanksgiving.

In Asian news, the big story was that Peter he Great became the leader of Russia. And if you have to ask why, then you clearly have not stopped to ask yourself how a person gets a nickname like "Peter the Great."

And speaking of great, the...

**1700S**

... were a time of important worldwide advances in knowledge that became known, collectively, as "the Enlightenment" because people became so excited that they lost weight. To name just a few advances:

— In England, a chemist named Daniel Rutherford discovered nitrogen, without which many of us would not be here today.

— In France, the great philosopher Voltaire wrote his masterpiece, "Candide," which tells the fascinating story of somebody named Candide. At least that is our assumption.

— In Germany, a composer named Johann Sebastian Bach was writing some hot new fugues, including "Just Fuguen' Around," which was to remain Number One on the European Fugue Parade for the next 238 years.

— In Austria, a 4-year-old prodigy named Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart sat down at the harpsichord and began to play music in a style so original and exquisite that his father, Walter "Bud" Mozart, smacked him on the head and told him to go outside and play like the other boys, thus paving the way for what would one day become Little League.

— In Scotland, an inventor named James Watt was sitting in his laboratory, looking at an engine and trying to figure out how to make it go, when he decided to brew himself some tea. So he put a teapot on the fire, and when the steam came billowing out, Watt had an idea: Wouldn't it be great if you could heat tea water

just by plugging something into the wall? So he invented the watt.

— In America, Benjamin Franklin wrote "Poor Richard's Almanack," which tells the fascinating story of somebody named Candide.

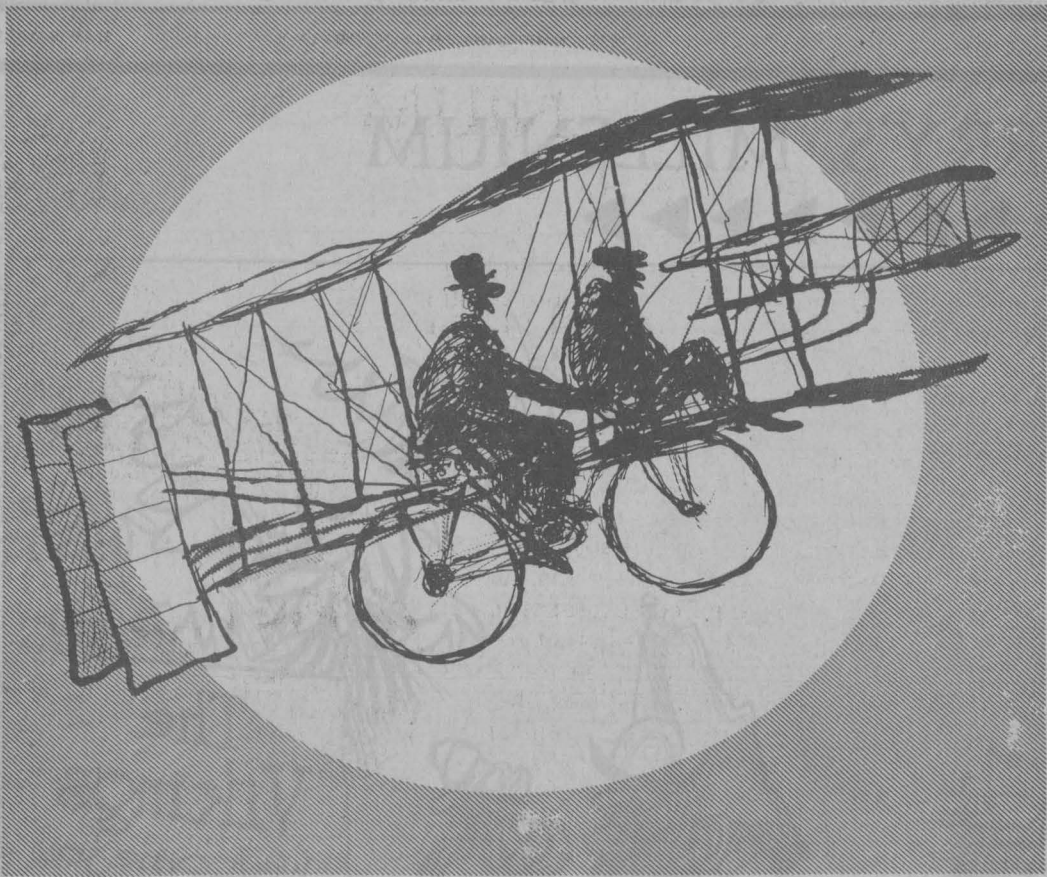
— In Egypt, soldiers discovered the Rosetta Stone (daughter of Sol and Esther Stone). This was very significant, because it enabled scholars, for the first time, to decipher ancient Egyptian hieroglyphics, which turned out to be a letter from Publishers Clearing House informing the ancient Egyptians that they might already have won 200 sheep.

But this was also a century of great turmoil and radical change, and the center of that change was the New World, where, in the words of the great historian Charles Howard McIlwain, "the American colonies, having for too long been forced to consume the bean dip of tyranny, were preparing to release a mighty wind of liberty into the world."

Trouble had been brewing for some time. In 1735, a New York newspaper publisher named John Peter Zenger was arrested after he printed a story alleging that the New York governor had been seen at a Times Square peep show in which milkmaids allegedly operated churns topless (the headline was: "LUV GUV IN BUTTER FLUTTER"). Zenger was acquitted, thus establishing Freedom of Speech and laying the groundwork for what would ultimately become Jerry Springer.

This was followed by the French and Indian War, which further heightened tensions because, contrary to what the name "French and Indian War" suggests, both the French and the Indians were on the same side. Then in 1765 the British Parliament passed the Stamp Act, which decreed that if the colonists wanted to buy stamps, they had to wait in long lines at inconveniently located postal facilities staffed by surly clerks who periodically went on murderous rampages with semiautomatic muskets.

But the straw that finally pushed the camel over the edge of the cliff and caused the dam to burst came in 1773, when the British Parliament placed a tax on tea. In retaliation, a group of Boston patriots dressed up as Indians, sneaked aboard a ship and threw its cargo into Boston Harbor. Unfortunately, this was a cruise



ship, and the cargo consisted of retired couples, many of whom were poor swimmers. But the die had been cast, and there was no way to put the shoe back on the other foot. The hostility between the colonies and the British government, headed by King Big Fat Stupid III, was bound to turn into violence, and finally, on the fateful night of April 18, 1775, the Revolutionary War began when Paul Revere made his legendary "midnight ride," galloping all the way from Boston to Lexington while shouting the message that would resound through the annals of history: "I CAN'T STOP MY HORSE!"

This rallying cry united the colonies, which decided to hold a Continental Congress in Philadelphia, where, on July 4, 1776, the delegates, after passionate debate, signed the Gettysburg Address. To lead the revolutionary army, they chose a man named George Washington, who was known and respected throughout the colonies because his picture was on the dollar. Washington scored many important victories, most notably on the dark and bitter cold Christmas night of 1776, when he set out across the Delaware River in a small boat and, after several anxious minutes, dis-

covered land, which he named "New Jersey," after his mother.

Finally, after many historic battles whose names all American schoolchildren should be forced to memorize before they are allowed to buy one more damn Pokemon card if you want our frank opinion, the British surrendered. At last, after years of oppression, all Americans were truly free! (Except for the slaves.)

Soon the delegates to the Constitutional Convention were hard at work, and in 1788, the constitution they created underwent formal ratification, a complex legal procedure involving actual rats. And thus was born a new nation — a nation that would grow and prosper and ultimately become the mightiest nation that the world had ever seen, a shining beacon of hope that today is known throughout the world as "Easter Island."

This new spirit of freedom spread, in the words of the historian William Hickling Prescott, "like crazy." It reached across the Atlantic Ocean to Europe, where the

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French, warmly embracing the concept of democratic self-government, brotherhood and equality under the law, whacked many people's heads off.

Yes, the times, as Bob Dylan (1746-present) once observed, were a-changing. And the pace of that change would only increase in the ...

## 1800S

... which started off with a "bang" in the form of the Louisiana Purchase, in which Thomas Jefferson bought 828,000 square miles from the French for just \$15 million, including all appliances. (The French originally wanted \$30 million, but they came way down on price when Jefferson pointed out that the parcel included North Dakota.) The newly acquired territory was then explored by two brothers, Lewis and Clark Expedition, who spent two arduous years traveling through the uncharted wilderness, forced to eat virtually every meal at the International House of Jerky. Finally, the Expeditions returned to Washington and presented Jefferson with a map that was amazingly accurate down to the smallest detail, because it was a map of Germany. And that was the beginning of the Interstate Highway System.

But the fledgling nation was soon to find its very existence threatened with the outbreak of the War of 1812 (1807-10), during which the British marched into Washington, D.C., and, with the help of local residents, burned the Internal Revenue Service to the ground. Tragically, it was rebuilt, and eventually the British went back to England, where many of them still reside today. Fed up with this type of foreign interference, the fifth president of the United States, Monroe Doctrine, issued a decree stating that anybody wishing to invade the United States had better have a valid permit.

Meanwhile, over in Europe, Napoleon Bonaparte had himself crowned emperor of France in recognition of the fact that he, alone among all the French, could rearrange the letters in his name to spell "Rent An Abalone Poop." Through a series of brilliant military campaigns, he went on to conquer a large area of Europe, only to meet his Waterloo in the Battle of Bunker Hill. He was then exiled to Easter Island, where he invented the cream-filled puffed pastry that we know today, in his memory, as the Hostess Twinkie.

A few years later England and China got into the Opium War, during which soldiers on both sides spent most of the time lying around staring at candles and going, "Wow!" England at this point had a new queen, Victoria, who was much beloved despite having basically the same facial expression as a grouper. She reigned for the next 150 years, during which the sun never set on the British Empire, which as you can imagine experienced an alarming increase in skin growths.

Meanwhile, a great Industrial Revolution was taking place, thanks to a cavalcade of technological and scientific advances:

— In 1807, an American inventor named Robert Fulton put a steam engine aboard a ship called the Clermont. Needless to say, it sank like an anvil, thus confirming the widespread scientific belief that gravity was still working.

— In 1808, a German

musician named Ludwig "van" Beethoven revolutionized the tedious, labor-intensive task of composing when he harnessed a steam engine to a symphony-making machine, which cranked out Beethoven's fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth and ninth symphonies in just 12 minutes before exploding, leaving Beethoven permanently deaf and foreshadowing the music we now call "hip hop."

— In 1825, a British company came up with the idea of attaching a steam-powered locomotive to a train of passenger coaches.

Tragically, this did not float any better than the steamboat did.

— In 1834, a mechanical "analytical engine" — the great-great-grandparent of today's computers — was invented by English mathematician Charles Babbage. He died in 1871, still waiting to talk to somebody from Technical Support.

— In 1844, American inventor Samuel F.B. Morse demonstrated that if he sent an electrical current along a wire, he could cause a magnetic device at the other end to make a series of clicking noises. These noises made no sense to him, so, following the common practice of the time, he attached his device to a steam engine. The rest is history.

But even as these advances were being made, the United States was like a luxury cruise ship drifting toward a hidden iceberg of war, soon to erupt with a bitter brew of hatred that would spill over onto the white linen tablecloth of the nation's consciousness like a slap in the face with a dead flounder.

The trouble began in 1836, when legendary frontier figures Davy Crockett, Jim Bowie and Roy Rogers were killed while defending the Alamo, a horse-rental agency, from an army of irate Mexican businessmen protesting what they perceived as outrageous refueling charges. This led to the Mexican War, which ended in 1848 with the United States getting Texas, California and all future rights to Salma Hayek.

But the ensuing peace was to be short-lived. The issue of slavery was tearing the United States apart, fanned into flames by the publication of Harriet Beecher Stowe's "Uncle Tom's Cabin," which told the dramatic story of evil slave overseer Simon Legree's obsessive hunt for a giant albino whale. In 1858, two Illinois candidates for the U.S. Senate, Abraham Lincoln and Stephen Douglas, held seven historic debates moderated by Regis Philbin, who declared Lincoln the winner when he correctly answered the question, "When did Johann Strauss compose 'The Blue Danube' waltz?" (Lincoln's answer: "Not yet.")

In 1860, Lincoln ran for president (slogan: "He's Taller Than You") and was elected, only to see the nation rent asunder in 1861 by the Civil War, starring Clark Gable as Rhett Butler. America descended into a long, dark nightmare as brother fought against brother. As you can imagine, this drove their mother crazy.

"You boys stop fighting RIGHT NOW!" she would yell.

But they would not listen, and the nightmare continued until 1865, when the South surrendered, and the slaves,

after so many years of bondage and oppression, were finally free to get beat up a lot. The bruised and battered nation was running on a wobbly treadmill, and matters were only made worse when Lincoln, while attending a play, was fatally shot by an actor named John Wilkes Booth. This tragedy led to the passage of a federal law, still in effect today, requiring actors to use blanks.

But despite the disrupting influence of war, progress continued to go on:

— In 1859, English naturalist Charles Darwin published his groundbreaking work "Origin of Species," in which he theorized that life evolves, through natural selection, from lower and cruder to higher and more sophisticated levels, except in Kansas.

— In 1869, the Suez Canal was finally completed, which meant that for the first time ships could go from wherever the Suez Canal started to wherever it ended, something that had not been possible before.

— In 1876, inventor Alexander Graham Bell spoke into his new invention, the telephone, and transmitted history's first voice message over a wire to his assistant in another room: "Watson, hold my calls." The modern business era had begun.

— In 1877, inventor Thomas Alva Edison leaned over a device and recited "Mary Had a Little Lamb" in a loud and clear voice. Nothing happened, because the device was a pencil sharpener. Embarrassed, Edison vowed that one day he would invent an electric light so he could see what the hell he was doing.

— In 1896, inventor Guglielmo Marconi patented the wireless telegraph and set up the world's first broadcasting station, which began transmitting a format advertised as "Easy Listening Morse Code."

But then, just when everything seemed to be going great, bang, the U.S. battleship Maine blew up and sank in Havana Harbor in what became known as "The Shot Heard 'Round the World," and the Spanish-American War broke out. The U.S., determined to liberate Cuba from Spanish control, dispatched the famous "Rough Riders," who were led by Theodore Roosevelt in the legendary charge up San Juan Hill, only to enjoy a hearty laugh at their own expense when they realized that San Juan was in Puerto Rico. Historians believe this is the first known instance of the Central Intelligence Agency in action.

And speaking of action, things REALLY started heating up for humanity in general once we entered the ...

## 1900S



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1912, struck an iceberg, which sank to the bottom with all aboard. This tragedy led to strict new laws against carrying passengers on icebergs.

But even that was not enough to prevent Europe from plunging into World War I, which caused so much bitterness that traces of it still linger in certain European waiters. At first the United States was not involved, but in 1916 Woodrow Wilson was reelected to the presidency with the popular slogan, "He Kept Us Out Of War," leaving him with no option but to get us into it. Finally (we are skipping some parts here) the war ended, and the League o' Nations was formed to make sure that the world would never, ever, ever again go to war until everybody had acquired bigger weapons.

On a more upbeat note, the Russians, after centuries of oppression, finally got rid of the Czar System of government and switched to the Communist Dictator System, epitomized by Joseph Stalin, who came to power with the popular slogan, "He Wants To Kill Pretty Much Everybody."

Important governmental changes were also taking place in the United States, which in 1919 and 1920 passed two historic constitutional amendments:

— The 18th Amendment, which banned alcoholic beverages. This worked liked a charm. All of a sudden, bang, everybody stopped drinking alcoholic beverages! And there was no crime! This paved the way for the War on Drugs.

— The 19th Amendment, which gave women the right to vote (for men).

In the arena of scientific progress, a German-born physicist named Albert Einstein was thinking up things that were so amazing they made his hair stick out. In 1915, he developed his General Theory of Relativity, which holds that the equivalence of gravitational and inertial mass in the space-time continuum contributes to the quantum perihelion Brownian motion of submolecular particles, which is why eating cheese makes you get stopped up. This knowledge was to prove

vital in making the atomic bomb.

The years 1920 through 1929 are often referred to collectively as the "Roaring Twenties," because the name of each year has "twenty" in it. And it is not hard to understand why, when we look at some of the events that occurred during this tumultuous decade:

— The great American writers F. Scott Fitzgerald and Ernest Hemingway threw up about 5,000 times apiece.

— Not to mention Babe Ruth.

— A lanky young aviator named Charles Lindbergh astounded the world when he took off from New York and landed, 14 hours later, back in New York, because he had to go to the bathroom. And that is why today we have toilets on planes.

— Al Jolson starred in the first "talking" motion picture: "The Jazz Singer Strikes Back," also featuring Charlton Heston as the young Yoda.

Yes, the nation was riding high, but in 1929 it came apart, in the words of the French economist Francois Quesnay, "like a club sandwich without toothpicks" when the Stock Market crashed because of rumors that there would be no such thing as the Internet for more than 50 years. The nation was plunged into the Great Depression, which resulted in joblessness, homelessness, poverty, hunger and literally millions of Shirley Temple movies, traces of which can still be seen today.

In desperation, the nation turned to Franklin Delano "Teddy" Roosevelt, who in 1933 started the New Deal, a group of massive government programs designed to guarantee Americans that they would never again be without massive government programs.

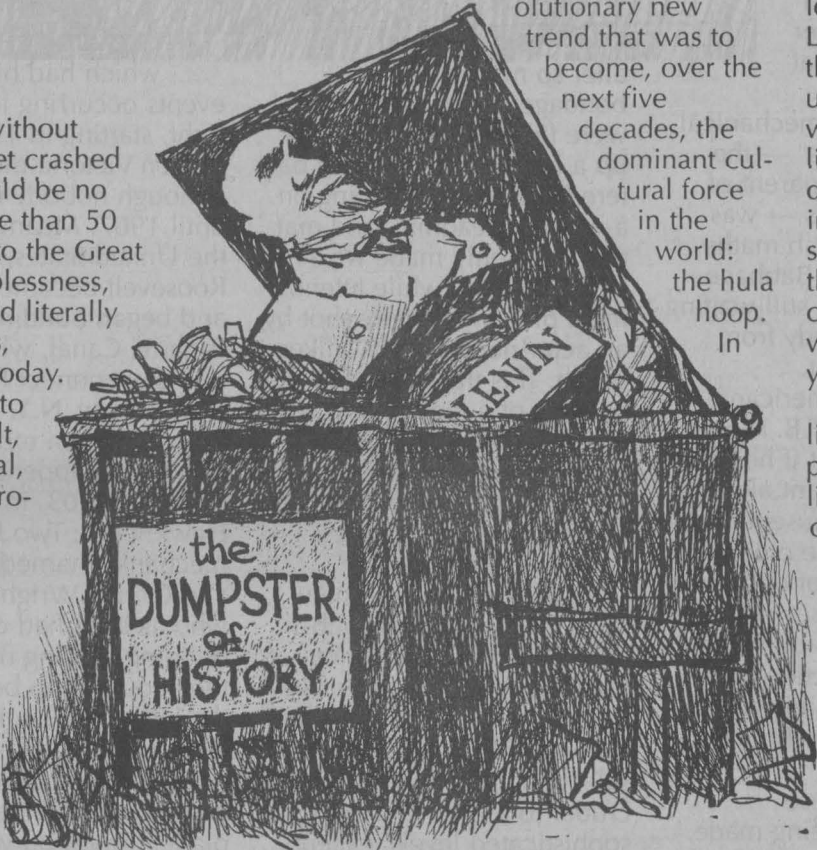
But there was trouble ahead, and it spelled its name "Adolf Hitler." His evil treachery at Pearl Harbor forced America into World War II, and when it was finally over, there was

dancing in Times Square until somebody said, "Hey! Stop dancing! The Cold War has started! Also, somebody took my wallet!" And it was true. The two great superpowers — the United States of America and the Union of United Soviet Socialism Godless Red Communists of Russia — were staring eyeball-to-eyeball through an Iron Curtain in a nuclear confrontation that pitted brother against brother. It was only a matter of time before "Korea" became a household name.

And yet at the same time, there were bright spots. In 1947, a courageous young athlete named Jackie Robinson became the first African American to break the sound barrier, and the Space Age dawned. There was also hope in the Middle East, where the state of Israel was born in a happy celebration highlighted by festive artillery fire that is still going on in some areas.

By the 1950s, America had entered a period of conservatism and conformity under the administration of its grandfatherly war-hero president, Ed Sullivan. But all that was to change when a young Mississippi truck driver named Elvis Presley appeared on national TV, wiggling his hips and wowing the nation's

youngsters with a revolutionary new trend that was to become, over the next five decades, the dominant cultural force in the world: the hula hoop. In



response, the Russians launched a satellite named "Sputnik" (Russian for "I spit on your knickers"), which flew into space and shot down an American U2 spy plane piloted by a promising young actor named James Dean. Shocked and confused, the American voters turned to younger leadership in the form of John F. Kennedy, and what happened next was, to quote the eloquent historian Thomas B. Macaulay, "bad."

Assassinations. Vietnam. Civil rights. Woodstock. Watergate. Romilar brand cough syrup. These are words that took on new meaning as the era that became known as "The Sixties" engulfed the nation in a tidal wave of events that occurred. But finally it was over, and the nation entered an exciting new era, which became known as "The Seventies," during which nothing happened. Then came "The Eighties," which lasted until 1989, when the people of East Berlin, fed up with decades of oppression and deprivation, tore down the Berlin Wall in response to rumors that it contained Dove Bars.

This caused the Soviet Union to collapse, leaving the United States as the world's only superpower. And in the Nineties, this nation has become even more dominant under the leadership and guidance of President Monica Lewinsky. Today, as we stand on the brink of the year 2000, we are a nation of almost unimaginable wealth. Everywhere we look, we see rich people: millionaire athletes; billionaire dot-com Internet geeks; people on TV quiz shows becoming millionaires by answering questions so easy that they would not stump a reasonably alert stump. And although this makes us want these people to get hit by cement trucks, it also makes us realize that we have come a long way in the past 1,000 years.

And so, let's raise a glass to toast the millions of our ancestors who went before us, paving the way for the safe and secure civilization that we enjoy today. Then, when the clock strikes 13 and the lights go out, start your generator and load your gun.

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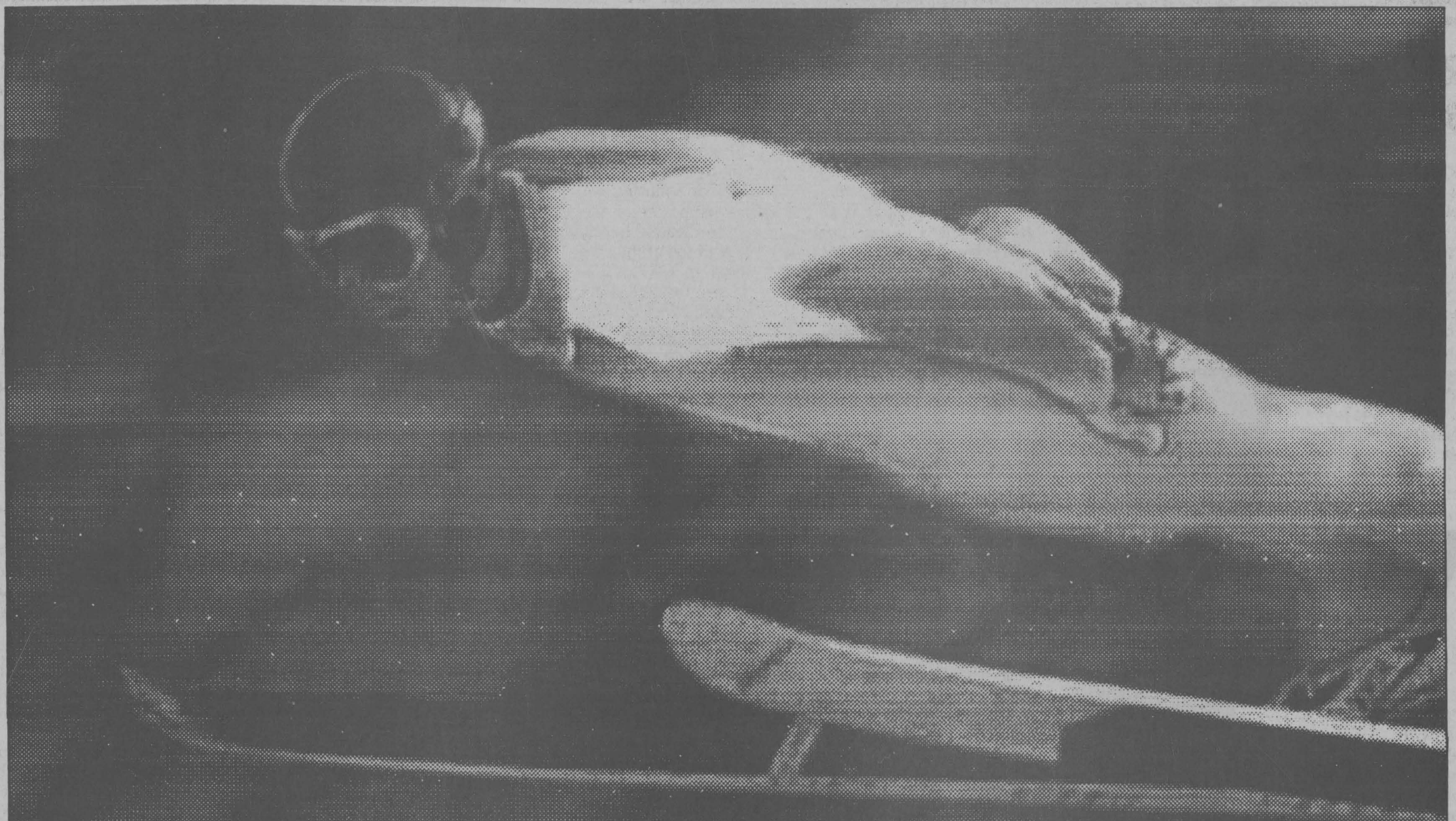
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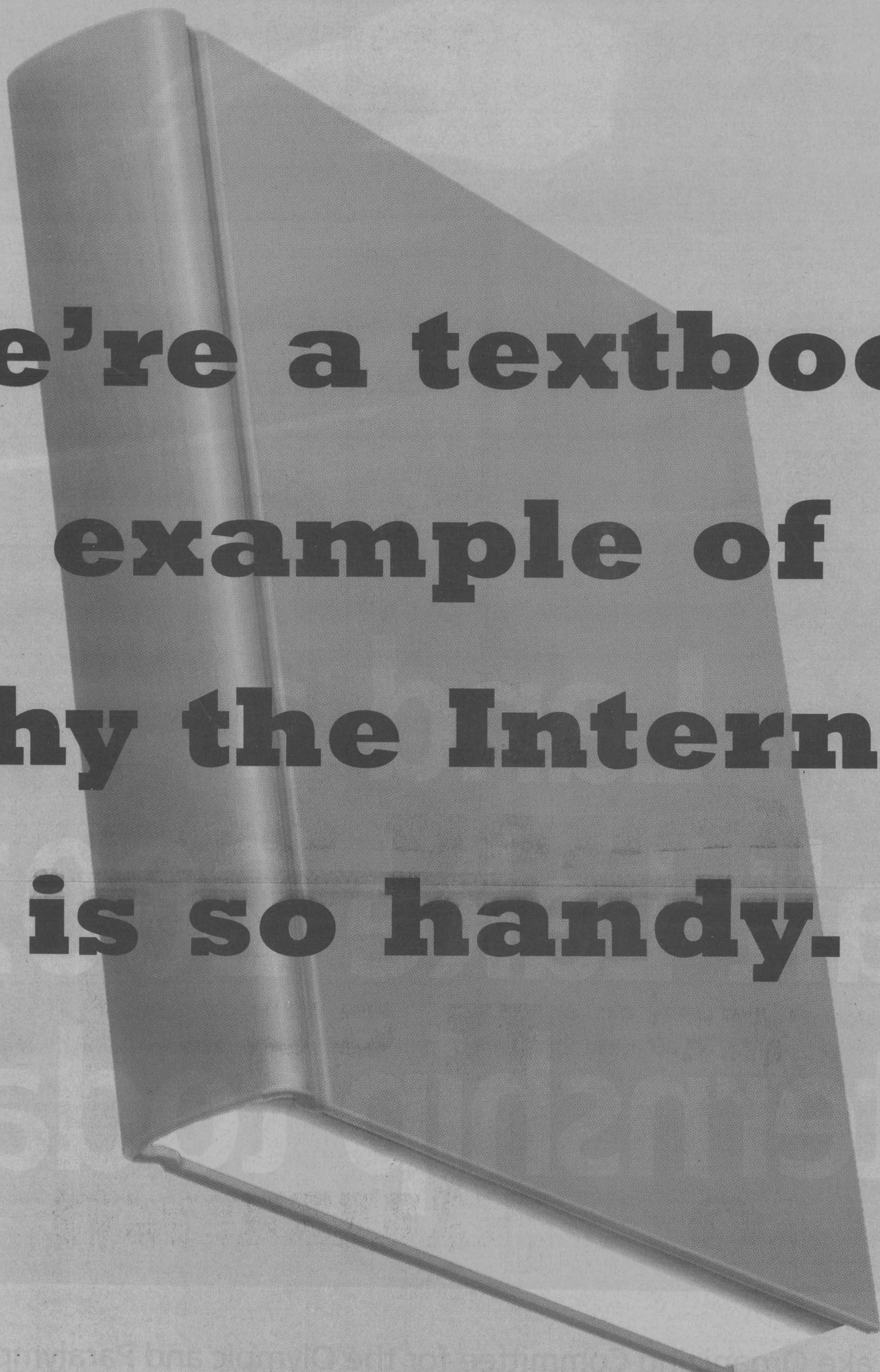
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