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Nelson-Waggoner guilty, three cases still pending

FARMINGTON, Utah (AP) — After a three-year prosecution that cost Cache County \$152,000, a jury found Stacey Nelson-Waggoner guilty of sexually assaulting a woman in his dorm room in 1996.

It is the second time the former Utah State University student has been convicted for a string of rapes and attempted rapes. He faces three additional rape trials and one attempted rape trial. But the cost of prosecuting this case has left the status of the others uncertain.

"We have to consider resources of the county," said Cache County Attorney Scott Wyatt. "We can only afford to do so much. In fact, the driving factor behind most plea bargains is financial resources."

The jury Tuesday found Nelson-Waggoner guilty on one count of aggravated sexual assault, a first-degree felony. The charge carries a sentence of five-years-to-life in prison.

Nelson-Waggoner was acquitted in a February 1998 rape trial but convicted in a second trial in April that year. That conviction is under appeal before the Utah Supreme Court.

"Our goal the whole time has been to get one conviction that will stand," Wyatt said. "We didn't feel comfortable about the first conviction (which is under appeal). We're

expecting an appeal on this one. So we will wait and see what issues are raised, visit with the victims and then decide what to do."

In the latest conviction, a jury deliberated four hours before finding Nelson-Waggoner guilty of sexually assaulting a 23-year-old woman in his dorm room in 1996. The victim, now 27, wept quietly as the verdict was announced.

During the three-day trial, the prosecution presented evidence that the victim met Nelson-Waggoner at a dance club in Salt Lake City on Friday, Nov. 15, 1996. The victim testified Nelson-Waggoner invited her to lunch the following Sunday. The woman was new to Logan and Nelson-Waggoner suggested he could introduce her to his friends, she said.

In his Mountain View Tower dorm room, Nelson-Waggoner threw her on his bed, she said.

"He pressed her down," Wyatt said. "Put his face in her face. He asked her, 'You came here for this didn't you?'"

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Two Logan High students suspended for bombing plans

LOGAN, Utah (AP) — Two 15-year-old students have been arrested and suspended from Logan High School for allegedly planning to steal materials to build a bomb which they intended to set off in the school.

Other students tipped police and school officials off to the plot earlier this month, said Logan Police Sgt. Russ Roper.

When the teens were questioned, they admitted that they planned to break into a local business to steal materials to create the bomb, Roper said.

"They told us they were going to make some type of explosive device to create 'mass hysteria,'" Roper said.

A warrant search of the teens' rooms revealed evidence that they had taken "definite steps" toward executing their plan, Roper said.

Both teens have been charged with conspiracy to commit burglary, a misdemeanor.

One of the boys also has been charged with conspiracy to commit arson, a second-degree felony.

Opting for adoption

■ In the United States, unwed parents gave birth to 1,094,169 children in 1990. Approximately 4 percent (40,000) of these children were placed for adoption; 96 percent (1,054,000) were kept by the single parents. In the face of real life statistics, many unwed Utah mothers face the decision of a lifetime.

*1990 Bureau of Vital Statistics and National Study on Family Growth.

LARA GALE
Staff Writer

Becca Holt is 19 years old. She is not married. She makes a four-digit income doing office work for a real estate agency. Almost seven months ago, Holt learned she was going to have a baby.

To many people, Holt's situation might turn her into a statistic — another unwed mother adding to society's burden. But like many young women who fit into the figures, Holt feels there is more to her story than statisticians can crunch into numbers. What the numbers cannot show is the emotional struggle Holt has dealt with as a teenager trying to live a normal life on a college campus with a baby in her womb. What the numbers cannot show is the countless times she has sat alone in her room on Friday night wishing she could take back the mistake she made. What the numbers cannot show is that Holt is a real person who made a real mistake — and who has become a real adult in the process of making decisions that a 19-year-old shouldn't have to make.

Mothers in Holt's situation have several options available to them. They can keep the baby and raise it as a single parent. They can marry the baby's father and hope to raise the child in a stable family situation.

According to the National Committee for Adoption, in the United States, there are no

restrictions on first-trimester abortions.

Holt said she knew these options were available, but after considering her situation, and the future of her baby, she decided to place her child with adoptive parents.

Holt is one of a declining number of mothers in her situation who choose adoption. According to information provided by the USU Counseling Center, in the United States the rate of unwed mothers choosing to place their baby for adoption has declined from 42 percent in 1947 to 3 percent in 1997, while abortion rates have risen from 4 percent in 1947 to 42 percent in 1997. More unplanned pregnancies are being terminated than ever before — but the demand for adoptable babies has not declined, according to the National Committee for Adoption.

"There is no such thing as an 'unwanted baby,'" said Kendra Young, peer counselor in charge of the campus outreach program for unwed mothers. "There are many couples who have been waiting a long time to make their families complete and they can do it through adoption."

Faced with the panic and fear of unexpected motherhood, Holt said it was easy to consider other options available to unwed mothers. In the short-term, some of them

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NUMBERS

Options in Utah —

What services are available in Cache Valley for expecting mothers? See Page 3.

Dropping out —

Teenage pregnancy is the greatest single cause for dropping out of school among females.

65 percent —

Rate of women over 20 who give birth out of wedlock

Money problems —

Unwed mothers who keep their children are more likely to have serious employment and financial problems.

Abuse —

Children reared by unwed mothers are more often abused, and have serious behavioral problems.

Infants reared by an inconsistent series of caretakers also have a high incidence of problems later on.

Education —

Unwed mothers who place their children for adoption generally obtain a higher education, better employment and are less likely to repeat or abort another out-of-wedlock pregnancy.

*Information courtesy of USU Counseling Services

Definition of family still up in the air after meeting

LEAH L. CULLER
Assistant News Editor

The more than 85 community members and Utah State University students in attendance at Thursday evening's public hearing in Logan on the Land Development Code found that the meeting was not at all what they expected.

The hearing was designed only to discuss definitions, specifically the definition of a family, and not occupancy issues as many assumed. The Planning and Zoning Commission committee didn't even vote on the definition issues due to time constraints. At about 9:45 p.m., the committee moved to continue the discussion of definitions at a later date.

Community Development Director Eric Toll clarified the purpose of Thursday night's hearing by saying that the only issue up for discussion was the reexamination of the current definition of a family. The current definition, Toll said, is complex and confusing.

It reads: "As a permitted use in R1, R2, R2A/R2B and R3/R3A zones, 'family' means any number of individuals living together related by blood, marriage or adoption within two degrees of (blood relations), or up to and including three unrelated individuals. An approved special use permit may allow a family relationship to a maximum of three degrees of consanguinity for special circumstances.

For purposes of the R4 zone, 'family' means any number of individuals living together related by blood within four degrees of consanguinity, by marriage or adoption, or up to and including six unre-

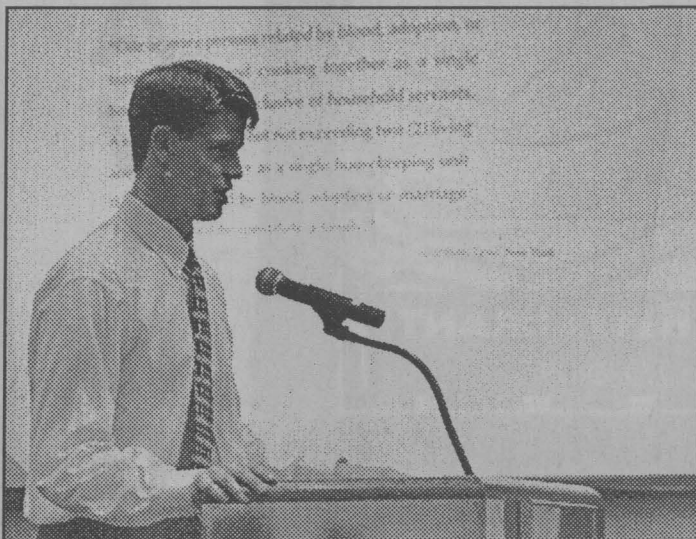
lated individuals."

Since this ordinance was issued, the zones in Logan have been renamed with labels of description. The zones affected by the proposed change are now called Single Family Low Density (SFL), Single Family Traditional (SFT) and Single Family Residential (SFR).

The proposal by the committee is to change the definition of a family to the one adopted by the Supreme Court after a 1974 court decision.

The only difference in the proposed definition from the one upheld by the Supreme Court is an allowance for children. The Supreme Court definition addresses only families, without an inclusion of those families' children.

Logan City's proposed definition reads: "One or more persons related by blood, adoption or marriage, living and cooking together as a single housekeeping unit, exclusive of household servants. A number of unrelated adult persons, but not exceeding two and their children related by blood, adoption or marriage, living and cooking together as a single housekeeping



ASUSU President Nate Anderson confronts the Logan City Planning Commission Thursday with student concerns on proposed changes to the housing zoning ordinance Thursday.

unit, shall be deemed to constitute a family."

After a suggestion from an individual in attendance at the public hearing, committee members agreed to change the definition by specifying that the definition of family was only for zoning purposes.

Toll said the largest number of complaints he has received about the proposed ordinance are about occupancy.

After Toll clarified the purpose for the hearing, many attendees left.

Bill Ryan brought forth a complaint he had about eight people occupying a house

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Misuse of USU ID cards results in disciplinary action

LARA GALE
Staff Writer

Students who abuse identification card privileges will be sent to the office of the campus judicial officer, where disciplinary action will be arranged depending on the extent of the abuse.

The card is very vulnerable to abuse, said Dallin J. Phillips, campus judicial officer, especially because some vendors who accept them don't check the picture before accepting a card. Many times the abuse is relatively minor — the most common problem Phillips said he saw last semester was students lending their card to friends for printouts in the computer lab. This is probably because computer labs are often more diligent about checking the picture on the card than other places where the card is used, Phillips said. Because the card can be used much like a credit card, more serious fraud is possible.

"It's usually just someone lending his card to a buddy," Phillips said.

Even with a card owner's permission, any use of a USU card by a person other than the owner, or in a few limited cases the owner's spouse, is considered fraud.

"You're just not supposed to lend your card to anybody," he said.

This can make it difficult to decide who should receive disciplinary action

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WORLD & NATION

Networks given financial incentive
to air anti-drug messages on TV

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — The federal government used financial incentives to get television networks to work anti-drug messages into the scripts of popular TV shows, and would review scripts to determine whether the point was getting across clearly.

The arrangement, first disclosed Wednesday by the online news service Salon.com, raised questions about the independence of networks and their willingness to let others influence what goes on the air.

Among the shows reviewed by the government were NBC's top-rated "ER," CBS's "Chicago Hope" and "Cosby," ABC's "The Drew Carey Show" and "The Practice," and Fox's "Beverly Hills 90210,"

according to Salon.com.

The complicated arrangement stemmed from Congress' 1997 approval of a program to buy anti-drug ads on TV. Networks were asked to match each commercial spot bought by the government with a free one. Since the program started, however, commercial time has become more valuable with the rising demand for ads by Internet companies.

The government has since agreed to give up some of its ad time — as long as the networks demonstrate that some of their programs convey anti-drug messages, said Rich Hamilton, CEO of Zenith Media, the ad buying firm that helped develop the idea

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Gay minorities lead in new AIDS cases

ATLANTA (AP) — For the first time since the outbreak of the AIDS epidemic in the United States in the 1980s, more black and Hispanic gay men were diagnosed with the disease in 1998 than white homosexuals.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention suggested that one reason is that homosexuality carries a greater stigma among minorities. CDC researchers said blacks and Hispanics are less likely than whites to identify themselves as gay or seek AIDS prevention and treatment services.

"Clearly, we know that homosexuality is stigmatized across all cultures, but it may even be greater in African-American and Latino communities," said Dr. Helene Gayle, director of the CDC center for prevention of HIV, sexually transmitted diseases and tuberculosis.

"I have had conversations with

people who, upon learning that their son had AIDS, prefer to tell people that their son was a drug user than a gay man. It clearly is a badge of shame."

The CDC reported Thursday that minorities represented 52 percent of the 18,153 gay and bisexual men who were diagnosed with AIDS in 1998. By contrast, minorities represented 31 percent in 1989.

Black gay men made up one-third of the new cases in 1998, while Hispanic homosexuals represented 18 percent. Asian and Pacific Islanders accounted for 1 percent of the cases. Minorities account for about one-quarter of the overall U.S. population.

Researchers recognized the trend years ago and had projected that new cases among gay minorities would eventually overtake new cases among gay whites.

Overall, among heterosexuals and homosexuals alike, the

cumulative number of AIDS cases among minorities has already surpassed the number among whites, in part because of language and cultural barriers that researchers say prevent the safe-sex message from getting through.

Whites represent 44 percent of all AIDS cases reported since 1981; blacks make up 37 percent; Hispanics make up 18 percent; and Asian, American Indian and Pacific Islanders are less than 1 percent.

The new CDC study also found that black and Hispanic gay men are becoming infected with the AIDS virus at a younger age than their white counterparts.

The CDC examined HIV data from the 25 states that collected it from 1996 to 1998. That analysis found that among blacks and Hispanics with the virus, 16 percent of blacks and 13 percent of

Hispanics were 13 to 24 years old. Only 9 percent of white gay men were in that age group.

"We still think of the AIDS epidemic as a white one," Gayle said. "The tendency to equate gay and white has persisted."

Researchers cited strong church and family influences and the fear of ostracism as the reason many black and Hispanic homosexuals do not reveal their sexual orientation or seek medical services.

"We cannot succeed in fighting AIDS unless we invest in the destigmatization of homosexuality. Both in the community and internally," said Phill Wilson, executive director of the African-American AIDS Policy and Training Institute at the University of Southern California.

A survey accompanying the

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Options are available for unwed mothers at USU

JESSICA WARREN
Staff Writer

There are several options for girls who is unexpectedly expecting. Marriage, abortion, single motherhood or adoption are a few.

Neal Beecher, director of LDS Family Services in Logan, said their emphasis is to help their clients in making a decision.

"The individual has to make a deci-

sion that is right for them," Beecher said. He said it's important for them to "think it through clearly and see options," as well as know the consequences of each choice.

Beecher said because there are many people giving advice in different areas, he feels the organization must "help them understand options and the decision-making process."

"It's not an easy decision. It's a very, very difficult decision to make," Beecher said.

But adoption is a good decision, he said.

"It's a lot of love," he said. "It's not a selfish decision on the part of the mother."

The Utah State University Counseling Center will hold a forum on adoption Tuesday. The forum will consist of a panel of four pregnant USU students who have decided to give their babies up for adoption.

The goal of the panel is to "just be really honest and open," according to Kendra Young, a peer counselor. Along with presenting the benefits of adoption, other options will be discussed as well.

As a peer counselor, Young said she tries to be a support and a listener. She said it can be a help to just talk to them "as our own peer."

When it comes to pregnancy, she said she hopes to help girls understand there are services to help them.

"Many will drop out of school and go home," Young said. She said other options are available that can allow pregnant women to stay in school.

Beecher said adoption numbers have gone down in past years.

At LDS Family Services, the girls are given the opportunity to learn about

all of their options in order to make an educated decision for their individual circumstances.

Among professional employees available to talk to, Beecher said many clients find it helpful to talk to other expecting mothers. If they decide to go with adoption, another decision must be made: who will be the parents?

LDS Family Services has a profile on each qualified couple. Clients can choose to meet the couple and can arrange continued correspondence if they wish.

As a national organization, the agency does not require girls to be LDS to go through their service, and for the birth mothers, the service is free.

LDS Family Services is located at 95 W. 100 South in Logan, and can be reached at 752-5302.

It is the only adoption service in Cache Valley, but there are several other agencies in Utah.

Young said she welcomes anyone interested to attend the forum.

She also encourages any men who would like to come. The panel discussion will be held in the Eccles Conference Center Room 216 from 1 to 2 p.m. with a reception and light refreshments. The panelists will be available after the panel.

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rounding my placement?

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- What did my birthmother name me?
- Does anyone else in my birth family know about me? Who knows what?
- How old were my birthparents when I was born?
- Were my birthparents married when I was born?

* Courtesy of Counseling Center

ZCMI to close for two weeks to make changes

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — All 14 ZCMI department stores in Utah and Idaho will be closed for two weeks beginning Sunday, as they are refitted for their new ownership.

Last month, ZCMI was officially sold to St. Louis-based The May Co. which intends to eventually operate the ZCMI stores under the Meier & Frank banner, one of May's subsidiaries, based in Portland, Ore.

Although the name change is a while away, the shut down will help lay the ground work. The two-weeks will be used to install new fixtures, new merchandise and new computerized sales terminals, said Richard H. Madsen, who remains the store's local chief executive during the change in ownership of the pioneer retailer. The shutdown also will be used to bring in new merchandise not carried by ZCMI.

Teams of architects, designers, electricians and executives from May and Meier & Frank have been moving through ZCMI stores and headquarters over the past few weeks.



Kickin' back

Animal Behavior instructor and Utah State University Graduate Rob Willson relaxes in the Biology and Natural Resources lobby Thursday afternoon. Willson recently finished his master's work on bald eagles' winter ecology, which included studies of population, behavior and habitat selection.

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appeared to be the least painful solutions for her situation. But she said she knows adoption is best for her future and, more importantly, for her daughter's future. But that doesn't make it easy, she said.

"It's hard," Holt said. "It's hard to put your faith in someone else and say, 'Here is the most precious gift I can give you and it's my first-born child.'"

But she said she realized another family would be able to provide her daughter with a more stable life than she would have as a single mother.

Holt was able to work with LDS Social Services to choose an adoptive family for her daughter based on a detailed wish list.

After searching through hundreds of folders for a couple in Utah that has strong religious beliefs and is active in the outdoors, among other qualities, she found the one she feels will provide the best home for her daughter, she said.

She has been able to communicate with the couple through letters, and she said she says she feels good knowing she and the mother are very similar in many ways.

"It's good knowing (my baby) is going to friends, not strangers,"

Holt said.

She plans to keep in contact with the adoptive couple, receiving pictures and letters on her daughter's birthdays until she turns 8, at which point the adoptive parents will decide on the frequency of future contact. Holt said she hopes this will help her feel some closure.

"It's going to be hard, and there will be real grieving," Holt said. "I want to see her grow up, and I want to see what she looks like when she's 16. But it isn't a matter of what I want. It doesn't matter what my family wants, it doesn't matter what her father wants or the adoptive couple wants — it's about the baby and what's best for her."

And she said knowing her daughter is happy and with good parents is going to take the edge off her grief.

Holt's advice to mothers in her situation?

"Everybody's situation is different," she said. "But just think about the baby five years, 10 years, 20 years down the road. Single parenting is very difficult. You have to think about the baby and what kind of future she deserves. I didn't want her to cry for things she would be denied because I made a decision that led me to becoming a mother before I was ready."

because fraud is suspected, the card is sent to Phillips' office and he contacts the owner by telephone or e-mail. Generally, first-time offenders are warned and put on probation. After their first incident, offenders can have their card privileges revoked for up to an entire semester, Phillips said.

Lost and stolen cards should be reported to the Card Office immediately. A new card can be purchased in the USU Card Office for \$10.

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in his neighborhood.

"Enforcement is a problem," said committee chair Virginia Wickwar. "We know that."

Wickwar said the changing of the ordinance is a step toward solving problems of enforcement.

The proposed definition presents a higher level of enforcement ability, Toll said.

Community member Bert Lamborn aided the committee in easing confusion when he addressed those in attendance.

"They're not changing the existing ordinance," he said. "They are just building a basis of definitions for when they do change the ordinance."

Dan McCay, another

member of the community, said the proposed definition change was only the beginning of change for the Land Development Code.

"I don't think it's fair to evaluate the definition without knowing the future occupancy definitions that are coming," he said. "I think they should both be evaluated at the same time."

USU Student Body President Nate Anderson encouraged the committee members to utilize their influence as committee members to exercise the ability and foresight for the planning of Logan.

Anderson spoke of the obvious change taking place in Logan and asked the committee not to preclude students in their decisions.

Upon suggestion, Toll agreed to coordinate meetings for discussion prior to the future hearing for the ordinance that would involve decisions about occupancy.

The hearing will take place in about two months, he said. A public hearing to be held on Jan. 27 will address additional definitions that will be

affected by an alteration of the definition of family.

• **BERT LAMBORN** •
COMMUNITY MEMBER

'They're not changing the existing ordinance. They are just building a basis of definitions for when they do change the ordinance.'

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said, 'No,' and threatened to scream. He bit her on the neck, she screamed, he let her up and she bolted."

The woman didn't report the assault until nine months later when she read a newspaper article detailing Nelson-Waggoner's arrest. Charges were filed against Nelson-Waggoner in 1997 after seven USU students came forward saying they had been raped or sexually assaulted in his dorm room in the fall of 1996.

"She came forward after she saw the dates of the other assaults and felt guilty because she realized she was

the first and perhaps could have prevented the rest," Wyatt said.

Nelson-Waggoner's defense attorney, John Caine, presented evidence that his client may not have been in the room when the woman said she was attacked.

Three witnesses testified that he may have been at a post-service gathering at an LDS church on the USU campus. But only one witness, Nelson-Waggoner's brother, could say for sure the service was on Nov. 17.

All three of Caine's witnesses said they remembered going to the dance club with Nelson-Waggoner on a Friday night in November. One of the witnesses had a journal entry that marked the event

on Nov. 15.

Also, all three defense witnesses said they recalled Nelson-Waggoner speaking to a girl at the club who was later identified as Nelson-Waggoner's victim.

Caine pointed out the victim had previously testified the incident was on Nov. 24, a day Nelson-Waggoner could prove with airline records he was not in Logan.

But Wyatt called the defense's concern with the particular date a "red herring."

"The victim has always said, 'I went to the (dance club) on Friday, Saturday he called me and Sunday he tried to rape me,'" Wyatt said. "Which weekend doesn't matter. It happened."

NewsBRIEFS

➤ No classes Monday

Classes will not be in session Monday in celebration of Human Rights Day.

A regular Tuesday schedule will still be followed on Tuesday.

Classes will also not be in session on Feb. 21 in honor of President's Day.

One Tuesday Feb. 22, the university will follow a Monday schedule.

➤ No residential garbage will be picked up Monday

There will be no residential garbage pickup and the landfill will be closed on Monday in observance of Human Rights Day.

Monday and Tuesday garbage will be picked up on Tuesday. The City of Logan Health Department requests residents have containers out by 7 a.m., as normal routes may not be followed.

The landfill will reopen Tuesday through Saturday following winter hours from 8 a.m. until 5:30 p.m.

➤ Park City mourns death of two avalanche victims

PARK CITY, Utah (AP) — With a 4-year-old son to look after, friends say Greg and Loren Mackay were cautious about their ski trips despite their love of powder.

Yet the couple ignored a warning to avoid a popular backcountry location where neither the Forest Service nor The Canyons resort conduct avalanche control.

The Mackays, who were skiing at the resort earlier Tuesday, apparently used a backcountry access gate and hiked about a mile to Square Top, a peak with a 9,700 foot elevation in the Wasatch-Cache National Forest.

A canyon ski patroller told the sheriff's office he encountered the couple near the backcountry access point about noon Tuesday and "strongly discouraged" them from skiing there, said Summit County Sheriff's Lt. Joe Offret.

The Mackays' bodies were found about 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, buried beneath the debris-filled snow of a slide that they likely triggered, Offret said.

➤ New financial aid info to be focus of 'frenzy' day

Financial aid counselors and visiting lenders will take some of the frenzy out of applying for financial aid during Utah State University's annual "Financial Aid Frenzy" Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Sunburst Lounge of the Taggart Student Center.

Continuous multimedia presentations will offer tips about this year's application process, about dealing with loans and applying for them electronically.

Students will be able to explore loan options in person with representatives of various Utah lenders.

➤ Counseling Center holds adoption forum Tuesday

Four Utah State University students will discuss their experiences with unwed pregnancy in a free, open forum sponsored by the Student Counseling Center from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday in the Eccles Auditorium, Room 216.

Unwed mothers are encouraged to attend the forum, which will discuss the option of adoption for young mothers who are carrying an unplanned child.

Kendra Young, peer counselor in charge of the campus outreach program for unwed mothers, organized the forum. She said that while this forum will focus specifically on adoption, she hopes it will spread awareness that there are many services available for unwed mothers. She said while four or five unwed mothers seek help through the Student Counseling Center every year, the number of pregnancies in the Logan area indicate there are many more who they don't ever see — some of whom drop out of school.

"Girls need to know that they don't have to drop out of school," Young said. "They don't have to be ashamed. There are people who are here to support them."

Young's main goal for the forum, she said, is to "increase student awareness about how wonderful adoption can be" as an alternative to some of the more difficult options available to unwed mothers.

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— the card owner who lent out the card, or the person who used it, Phillips said.

Patricia Terrell, vice president for Student Services, said incidents of card fraud are handled on a case-by-case basis, and students receive disciplinary actions according to the severity of the abuse.

When a card is confiscated



On-line textbook sales

There are so many options when it comes to selling back textbooks. Check out what they have to offer in Wednesday's Statesman.

USU to dance to beat of a different drummer Saturday

JIM WOLVERTON
Staff Writer

A small beat of Africa is coming up Sardine Canyon to Cache Valley. Fred Simpson, an acclaimed ethnic drummer and Mabiba Baegne, a West African dancer will be holding a weekend drum workshop in the HPER, Room 215, on Saturday beginning at 10 a.m., followed by a dance workshop at 1 p.m.

Fred Simpson has been playing the conga drums since he was in college at U.C. Santa Cruz. He then toured the country playing with various groups until he returned to California and hosted festivals in the San Francisco Bay area before moving to Salt Lake City.

Simpson is currently teaching workshops throughout the United States.

"I moved to Salt Lake in October because I saw a lot of people interested in African drumming and I wanted involve the city," Simpson said.

Mabiba Baegne grew up in Congo, Africa. She has been dancing since she was eight-years-old and joined the Congo National Ballet when she was 20. Baegne has combined many of her native moves with dance moves from Central Africa to create an internationally recognized dance repertoire.

She is currently teaching classes in San Francisco and Reno and travels throughout the country giving workshops.

"The dancing and the drum-

ming come out of each other," Simpson said. "In Africa, first the women would begin singing and the singing would attract the men to drum. As the drumming continued, the woman started to dance. This is what we'd like to do in Logan."

The USU Outdoor Recreation Center is co-sponsoring the event.

"Drumming is getting popular. It's a fun and safe thing to do," said Kevin Kobe, director of the USU Outdoor Recreation Center. "When we take people outside and introduce drumming to the camp or expedition it works as a great get-to-know-you activity."

According to Simpson, African music and dance begins as a community or group of people coming together to have a social gathering. People get together and talk, sing, drum and dance.

"Drumming really can strengthen a community," Simpson said. "The drumming is an invisible tie that binds that community or group together and it's always fun."

Fees for the drum and dance workshops are \$25 for both workshops or \$15 each if purchased separately.

Drums will be provided for the drum workshop, but drummers are encouraged to bring their own drum if available. Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. for the drum workshop and 12:30 p.m. for the dance workshop.

For more information, call 797-3264 or 797-2040.



Zak Lisen / Utah Statesman

Lock and leave

Like many students at Utah State University, the cold weather hasn't stopped Yusake Nakagawa from riding his bike to classes. Students who become reliant on their bikes to get them to class usually bundle up in warmer clothing so they can continue to use their bikes throughout the winter.

Filmmakers with direction help Moore shine

CHRIS KALTENBACH
The Baltimore Sun

HOLLYWOOD — For Julianne Moore, everything comes down to the vision thing.

Not hers. Her director's. "I don't care what kind of vision it is, as long as they have one," says Moore, 38, who in just eight years has become one of the most sought-after actresses in Hollywood. And it's not just anyone who's been doing the seeking: since 1992, when audiences first noticed her as Annabella Sciorra's unfortunate friend in "The Hand That Rocks the Cradle," Moore has been recruited by an impressive roster of directors.

The list includes Robert Altman ("Short Cuts"), Steven Spielberg ("The Lost World: Jurassic Park"), the Coen Brothers ("The Big Lebowski"), Louis Malle ("Vanya on 42nd Street"), Paul Thomas Anderson ("Boogie Nights"), Gus Van Sant ("Psycho"), James Ivory ("Surviving Picasso") and Todd Haynes ("Safe"). Not a bad list, and her work hasn't been

shabby, either — an Oscar nomination for "Boogie Nights" and Independent Spirit Award nominations for "Short Cuts" and "Safe" testify to the high regard in which she's held.

Moore says that success has been a matter of picking projects carefully and refusing to be pigeonholed — it's not every actress whose co-stars have included Anthony Hopkins, Burt Reynolds and a tyrannosaurus rex. That, and making sure the filmmaker in charge really is in charge.

"The most important thing for me as an actor is that the director have a very strong vision of what they want, and be able to communicate it," says Moore. "If they have a vision, something that they're passionate about and that they're following and that I can lend myself to, then that's what I need. But what I can't abide is somebody who doesn't know where they stand. Then there's nothing I can do to help them, because they don't know what they want."

Currently Moore is on screen

in two high-profile, high-prestige films, Neil Jordan's "The End of the Affair" and Anderson's "Magnolia." Both ordan and Anderson must have known what they wanted, for Moore has produced standout, emotionally charged performances in both films.

In "The End of the Affair," based on Graham Greene's autobiographical novel, Moore plays Sarah Miles, a woman in wartime London whose marriage to the staid, stolid Henry Miles (Stephen Rea) began to unravel when she succumbed to the charms of his rakish friend, Maurice Bendrix (Ralph Fiennes).

A fateful bomb blast and a moment of possibly divine intervention, however, ended the affair ... maybe. A chance postwar meeting between Henry and Maurice threatens to rekindle all sorts of dead embers — and force Sarah to reconsider the toughest decision she was ever forced to make.

"What I really like is, she's a very ordinary woman," Moore

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Old Lyric Repertory Company to hold auditions

UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY
Media Relations

The Old Lyric Repertory Company (OLRC) will hold auditions for its 2000 summer season Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon on the Studio Stage of the Utah State University Chase Fine Arts Center Room 224.

The Old Lyric Repertory Company (OLRC), established in 1967, produces four productions in rolling repertory between June 1 and July 29, including a musical, comedy,

farce and mystery. The OLRC is a professional training ground for performers and technicians working with seasoned professionals from Actors Equity.

Auditioners must secure a specific audition time from the Theatre Arts department at 797-3046. Unscheduled auditions will not be seen.

Auditioners should prepare a five-minute audition consisting of two contrasting monologues and 16 bars of a song. (The song is optional. However, auditioners are required to bring taped accompaniment or

their own accompanist.)

The OLRC schedule is an intensive 11-week period from May 15 through July 30, from 9 a.m. until 11 p.m., including weekends. Only mature, advanced performers age 18 and older are encouraged to audition.

An honorarium and four USU academic credits are offered. Auditions for OLRC high school apprentices and interns will be held Feb. 19. For further information, contact the USU Theatre Arts Department.

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LIFE SENTENCES / Bryce Casselman



As a kid I often wondered what my life would be like when the year 2000 rolled around.

Unfortunately I've found my biological clock seems to be off by about half a century and I'm not the young, hip stud that I thought I would be.

For example, I used to use shaving cream to protect my face from shaving, but now I use it primarily to see where I have already shaved.

You see, my eyesight has diminished to a creative mix of myopia, astigmatism and blind-as-a-bat. I fully expect to be in bifocals by the time the next Star Wars movie comes out, Episode Two: Jar Jar's Revenge.

My wife is always thrilled at my perfect dental report of late, but the truth is that the reason my pearly whites are so clean is that I can't go through a single brushing session without forgetting at least twice which teeth I've already brushed. I've labeled this type of situation "Sudden Dementia Syndrome" or "Hi. I'm stupid!"

Now my sister, who is a year younger, was recently complaining about the gray that has started showing up in her hair. I would rather have a few strands of gray hair than some of the stuff that's been going on with the hair on my body.

My eyebrows and ears have both declared independence and begun competing in a free market system with the hair on top of my head for crop rights. Unfortunately, I think they're winning, as there seems to be some movement upward in my hairline and the other day I stopped a merger of the two multi-follicle conglomerates with some very painful plucks.

One of these days I fully

expect to wake up, look in the mirror and see ex-presidential hopeful Michael Dukakis looking back at me or even worse, Thufir Hawat from Dune.

For a final blow, I woke up sore the other day, while off for holiday break. After what, you might ask. Playing basketball? No. Lifting weights? Nope. Running from store to store trying to find the perfect gift for my wife on the \$5 budget she allowed me? Not even close. It was after I hung Christmas lights on my house!

Now granted, my roof is fairly steep and I did do some climbing, but give me a break. Soon I'll get winded from changing the channel with the remote control and have to drag an oxygen tank behind me like some demented James Bond supervillain, squinting through trifocals and plotting to destroy all of humanity because of its lost respect for the elderly.

But I'll have to admit that while I have contemplated these things, I have realized that not everything about getting old is bad. You get to look forward to lots free time, humming the same tune over and over again and building useful things in your garage like a multi-level birdhouse/weathervane that doubles as that ever useful thermostat/barometer. Oh yes, and don't forget about Viagra.

If any of these things sound like you, well I'm afraid it's all over. You might as well not waste your time with Rogaine, ginkgo biloba, hair removal or replacement procedures and start wearing your pants a little higher, because old age has begun to set in and, like me, you are on your way to discount meals and retirement jumpsuits.

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Visual Design Show
Featuring student artwork
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If you have information that you would like featured in Steppin' Out, please e-mail it to editor@statesman.usu.edu or call 797-1742

Visual Design show features student work

UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY
Media Relations

Utah State University's Visual Design Show, an exhibit presented by the Art department, may be seen Wednesday through Jan. 28 in the Twain Tippetts Exhibition Hall in the Chase Fine Arts Center.

Student coordinators encourage USU students, faculty and area residents to see the cutting-edge graphic design, illustration, commercial photography and new media.

"Commercial art is rarely seen in a gallery setting," said design student Corrine Jo Ellsworth. "We hope viewers take advantage of this unique opportunity to see creative posters, packaging, editorial design, illustration, photography and animations all created by students in the commercial art disciplines."

Visitors may also browse student Web sites, view animations or discover the latest CD-ROM creations.

The exhibit is free.

Commercial art majors comprise almost half of the majors in USU's Department of Art.

Professionals in this highly demanding field produce logos, packaging design, movie titles, posters, illustrations, photos, animations, CD-ROM, advertisements and more.

"Through creative use of design and imagery, these visual communicators convey ideas in ways that are engaging, entertaining and functional," Ellsworth said.

Because commercial art forms are ubiquitous in society, they are often not recognized and appreciated, said art faculty member and exhibit coordinator Robert Winward.

Also, because the tools of visual communication are so inexpensive and prevalent (cameras, personal computers) much of the work in the commercial environment is produced by the untrained and is mediocre at best, Winward said.

USU's Visual Design Show goes beyond the mediocre and demonstrates some of the best student work offered in visual communication, he concluded.

A gallery reception for the exhibit is Jan. 27, and begins at 8:30 p.m. in the Tippetts Hall.



This magazine spread is just one of the pieces that will be displayed in the Visual Design Show from Jan. 19 to 28 in the Twain Tippetts Exhibition Hall in the Chase Fine Arts Center. This piece was designed by visual design student Corrine Jo Ellsworth from Rigby, Idaho.

A talk by nationally noted designer and illustrator Don Weller precedes the reception and begins at 7 p.m. in FAV Room 150.

Music and an awards presentation will be part of the reception. Refreshments will be served.

Art department organizers

encourage everyone to visit with the student artists and find out more about the USU visual design program. Call 797-3460 for more information. Hours for the Tippetts Hall are 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. weekdays.

If the gallery is closed, check with the art office, FAV Room 122.

MOORE

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says of Sarah, whose life becomes endlessly more difficult when her prayers are answered, and whose love for Maurice exacts a spiritual price that nearly destroys both of them. "She's a very ordinary middle-class woman, who has been living an extremely compromised life. And through her love for this man, and the situation that occurs, she becomes something absolutely extraordinary, someone who is as close to a saint as we can get. Her love for this man is so extreme that there's nothing that she wouldn't do to make sure of his well-being."

Moore, who lives with her boyfriend, director Bart Freundlich

("The Myth of Fingerprints"), and has a 2-year-old son, Caleb, said she most admired Sarah's resolve, her willingness to sacrifice her own happiness for the man she loves. Yes, she says, she could see herself making the same painful decision.

"When you're in a relationship, and you have family, and you have children, that's just something that's at the bottom of all of it," she explains. "That's what I loved so much about it, (Sarah's motivation) was so clear to me and so very understandable. It's something that is inherent in true-love relationships."

As Linda Partridge in Anderson's "Magnolia," Moore is part of an ensemble cast that includes Tom Cruise, Jason Robards, Philip Seymour Thomas, Melinda Dillon, William H. Macy

and Philip Baker Hall. Although screen time is fairly equally divided among the cast members, Moore's performance as the emotionally wrecked trophy wife trying to do the right thing by her dying husband may be the film's most heartbreaking.

"The great thing about her is, she's not who she appears to be," Moore says. "And she's not who she wants to be. She's not her best self. And she definitely wants to be her best self."

"She's a trophy wife, a young, attractive woman who married a much older man. I said to Paul that I wanted her to look good in every single scene. As crazy as that may sound, this is who she is. We see this woman when we're driving around L.A. She's driving a Mercedes, her hair is beautiful, she

has her make-up on, she's wearing a fur coat, she has on a beautiful sweater and boots and a Gucci bag. That's who she is, that's how she defines herself."

"She hasn't spent a lot of time figuring out what she's feeling or who she is on the inside. The outside is what matters to her. And now, at this moment, her husband is dying, and she can't even articulate what she feels. She has feeling upon feeling upon feeling, but she can't articulate them."

Fleshing out a character who can't even flesh herself out wasn't easy, Moore says. "She really says everything she's feeling, there's no emotional subtext. For me, as an actor, that was really challenging, because you have to find a way to feel on the outside, not from within."

'Hurricane' Carter: The fighter still remains

STEVEN PEARLSTEIN
The Washington Post

TORONTO — He speaks not in sentences or paragraphs but in highly polished sermons delivered with the rhythmic cadences of a gospel preacher. Although he has sight in only one eye, his gaze is piercing. And while his mantelpiece displays a belt attesting to his honorary title of middleweight boxing champion of the world, the fighter once known as "Hurricane" because of his punishing left hook now concedes that he finds the sport barbaric. His new passion: gardening.

What's most striking, however, is this: Despite spending 19 years in prison for a triple murder he never committed, Rubin Carter considers himself blessed.

"I would not change one thing in my life, not one single thing," he says as he sits in his tidy brick house on Toronto's west side. "Remember, everything that went before has made me what I am today. And today I am deeply and seriously in love with myself. I don't want to be anyone but who I am. I am perfect."

His story is movingly portrayed by Denzel Washington in the film "The Hurricane," which is opening to a full-buzz of Academy Award expectations.

His Association in Defense of

the Wrongly Convicted has helped spring high-profile prisoners from Canadian jails using volunteer lawyers and gumshoes and DNA evidence.

Yet Carter, 63, is estranged from much of his family, his country and even those who worked hardest to win his release.

The essential story begins in Paterson the night of June 16, 1966. Two black men entered the Lafayette Grill and opened fire with a shotgun and a pistol, killing the owner and two patrons before fleeing in a white sedan. Within hours, Paterson police pulled over a white Cadillac driven by 19-year-old John Artis with Carter, the car's owner, in the front seat.

Carter was known to Paterson police. As a child, he was sent to reform school; as an adult, he served prison terms for beatings and purse snatchings. Once his career took off, the brash middleweight talked openly of blacks using guns if necessary to protect themselves from bigoted white cops and judges.

But witnesses, including a victim who was still conscious, declined to identify Carter and Artis as the shooters. Carter and Artis were supported by lie detector tests. The guns were

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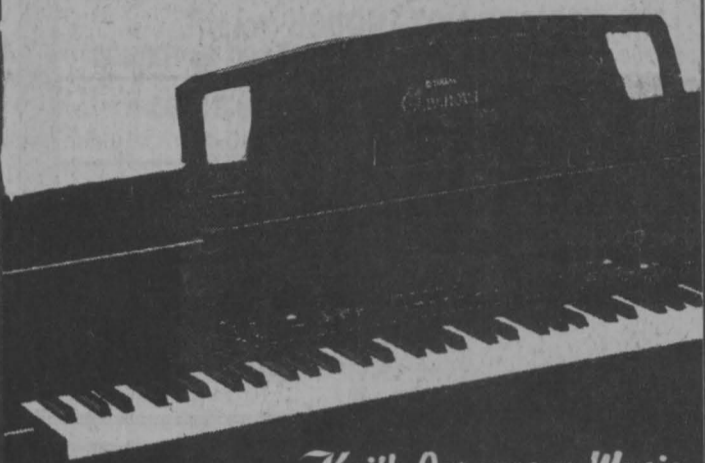
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I'll cut to the chase. *Man on the Moon* is dreadfully boring. Halfway through the film, I started playing with my cellular phone and pondering the enigma of why it costs me more than two bucks to buy a "medium" drink at the theater. Because I am merciful, I am giving this film credit for two good features. One is its good intentions and the other is Jim Carrey because he saves this movie from a gross nosedive into the dingy waters of flopville.

Carrey is good. Real good. His performance as troubled comedian Andy Kaufman is superb and Carrey will assuredly receive a best actor Oscar nomination. Nevertheless, his genius does not save this film. In fact, it seems the makers of *Man on the Moon* were so obsessed with turning Carrey into a believable Kaufman, they forgot to answer the most impor-

Movie REVIEW

/ Grade: D+

tant question: who was Andy Kaufman?

Man on the Moon is a series of pointless vignettes. Instead of taking a stance on Kaufman's life and answering the "so what" question, the filmmakers send us on a lethargic slide show, relying on images and sound to bring us to an understanding of Kaufman's frenzied genius.

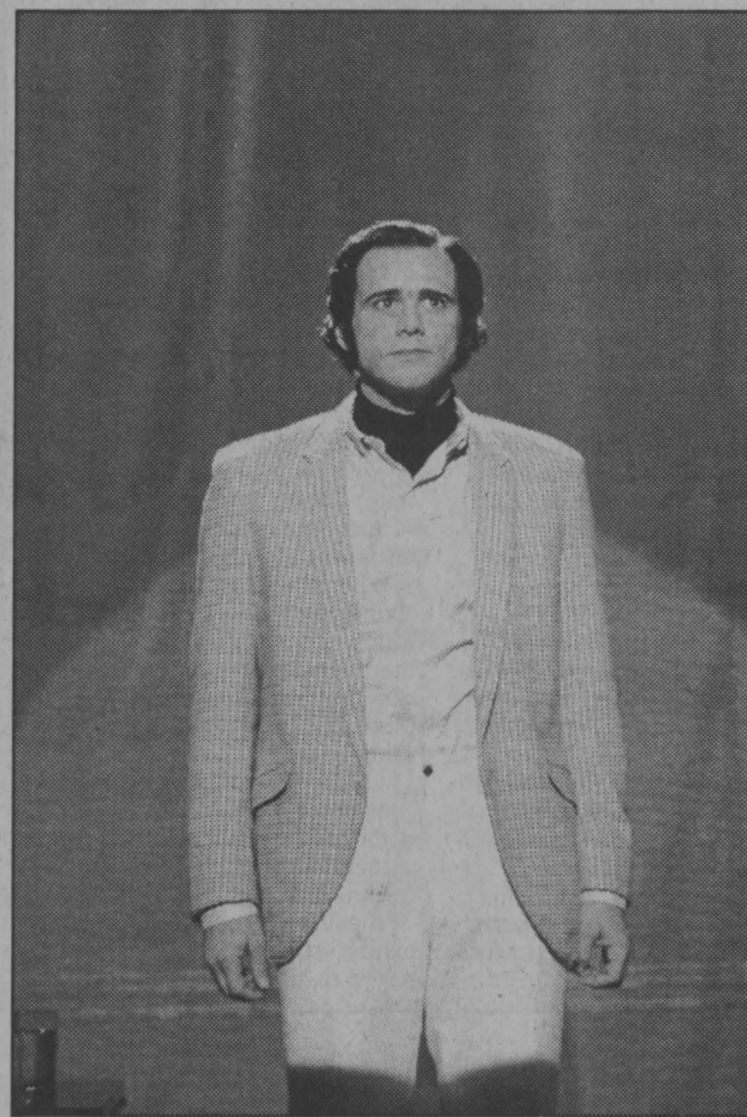
Director Milos Forman's vision in this case does not work. However, it's not all his fault. Screenwriters Scott Alexander and Larry Karaszewski have penned an incompetent script, with dialogue so trite and inadequate that Forman's biopic finds itself in a stranglehold within the first languid minutes.

The film opens with Kaufman as a child, putting on a show for a pretend audience in his room and Andy's father scolding him for not playing outside and performing in front of real people. This scene gives the false impression that we are to learn something about Kaufman, when in fact, the film jumps ahead two decades to Andy doing stand-up in a small bar.

Quite a transition. Definitely not smooth and flawless.

Forman continues to drive his speeding tour bus through Kaufman's life, stopping at his Mighty Mouse bit on "Saturday Night Live," the infamous reading of "The Great Gatsby" and his stint posing as a professional wrestler.

Nothing new is revealed and we are left to ponder the complexity of this comedian by watching an endless montage of facial expressions from Kaufman's friends and audience.



Jim Carrey plays Andy Kaufman, the "Saturday Night Live" alumnus known for his practical jokes. The movie is a series of vignettes that highlight his life.

Only at the end of the film, when Kaufman is diagnosed with cancer do we see a tinge of insight and awakening. A 10-minute scene with a faith healer explains more about Andy Kaufman than the other 108 minutes.

Carrey is backed by a stellar cast that includes Danny DeVito, Courtney Love and Paul Giamatti. These three actors have the potential to add luster to this film, but they are never given the chance. In the end, they are nothing more

than paper dolls and simply add more faces to the painting of Andy Kaufman's life.

I'm sure this film will get high marks from other critics because it is different. Regardless of its away-from-the-mainstream feel, it is boring and shabby and a waste of \$6.

Don't fret if you do see *Man on the Moon*. It's not the worst movie of all time, just the worst of 1999.

Man on the Moon is rated R for language and brief sexuality/nudity.

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GALAXY QUEST / Grade: A-

JARED STERZER
Features Editor

I have a friend who thrives on Star Trek. It is his life's meat and drink. Not only does he have every episode of "The Next Generation" on video, but he diligently studies his manual of obscure characters and map of the USS Enterprise-D. Me, I like the show, but I'm not a live-and-die Trekkie. If I miss an episode of the show, I don't cry about it for the next three days.

Some people are very religious about the show. They even go so far as to attend those science fiction conventions dressed like their favorite characters. Whether you're one of those diehard fans, or someone who periodically makes fun of them, *Galaxy Quest* is a show that's sure to boldly take you where no comedic satire has gone before.

Galaxy Quest tells the story of the five actors who starred in the television sci-fi adventure series of the same name that aired from 1979 to 1982. Now, 17 years after it was taken off the air, Jason Nesmith, Commander Peter Q. Taggart on the show (Tim Allen) and the rest of the cast make a living by attending sci-fi conventions as their TV characters.

Other crew members include Alexander Dane, Dr. Lazurus (Alan Rickman) the only "alien" crew member complete with



Unexpectedly drafted into a real space mission by aliens who believe their sci-fi series was real life, actors (left to right) Gwen DeMarco (Sigourney Weaver), Alexander Dane (Alan Rickman), Jason Nesmith (Tim Allen) and Fred Kwan (Tony Shalhoub) find themselves surrounded by aliens on a hostile planet in the sci-fi action comedy *Galaxy Quest*.

plastic headpiece; Fred Kwan, Tech Sergeant Chen (Tony Shalhoub of TV's *Wings*), Tommy Webber, helmsman Laredo (Daryl Mitchell) and Gwen DeMarco, Lt. Tawny Madison (Sigourney Weaver) whose only purpose on the show was to translate the computer's technical speech.

The crew is approached by a trio of overzealous fans who turn out to really be Thermais, an octopus-like alien race from the Klatu Nebula who have intercepted transmissions of the

television show and misinterpreted them as "historical documents."

The crew, along with Guy, a.k.a. Crewman No. 6, are recruited to aid the aliens in their battle against the very real and very deadly Sarris who is out to annihilate their entire species. The only catch? The famous crew are really a bunch of television actors.

What follows is a nonstop thrill ride filled with laughter and satire.

The movie is full of Star Trek

jabs from the pompous commander and his Captain Kirk poses to the crewman without a last name who is convinced he's going to die. After all he was only in one episode of the TV show and was killed before the first commercial.

Galaxy Quest is a movie that will appeal to Trekkies and anti-Trekkies alike. It is one of the season's hidden treasures.

The TV show may have been canceled, but the adventure has just begun. "Never give up, never surrender."

'Girl, Interrupted:' Winona Ryder in reality plights

MICHAEL O'SULLIVAN
The Washington Post

"Titicut Follies" it ain't. *Girl, Interrupted*, the sensitive, well-acted film based on Susanna Kaysen's 1993 memoir about her youthful sojourn in a mental asylum in the late '60s, paints the psychiatric ward as, in some respects, more like the average college dormitory than the hellhole depicted in Fred Wiseman's notorious 1967 documentary about a Massachusetts sanatorium.

One resident has an eating disorder, another is a pathological liar. One sits in front of the TV all day and yet another hoards care packages of roasted chicken from her father's deli under her bed. There's surreptitious sex with visiting boyfriends and a token lesbian on the hall. Contraband Valium is regularly bartered for other controlled substances.

Not to be flip, but Claymore, the exclusive Massachusetts hospital in which most of the action of *Girl, Interrupted* is set, is not the drooling bedlam portrayed in fictional features like *The Snake Pit* and *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*, either.

But, then again, the families of the people at Claymore obviously have money and, in some cases, the patients seem to be there merely because it was inconvenient to their appearance-conscious relatives to have them wandering around spoiling the decor of the real world.

Movie REVIEW

/ Grade: B+

Furthermore, *Girl* doesn't want to be that kind of expose anyway. The hospital administrators are, by and large, humane and sympathetic (especially Whoopi Goldberg as the stoic nurse Valerie) and you get the feeling that the inmates, like recalcitrant coeds, will all most likely be cured and graduate within a few years.

The reason the hero Susanna (based on Kaysen and played powerfully by Winona Ryder) has checked herself in to Claymore is because, in her words, she's "sad." Okay, she also experiences "time jumps" (flashbacks in movie parlance), the bones in her hands sometimes feel like they're not there and she did try to cure a wicked headache with a bottle of aspirin and a fifth of vodka but, basically, she's hoping to catch up on some much-needed rest and be out in a couple of weeks.

Little does she know that, once checked in, it isn't so easy to check out, especially with an official diagnosis of borderline personality disorder (whose symptoms, oddly enough, are never explained). A couple of weeks turns into a year (condensed from Kaysen's actual stay of nearly two years), during which time Susanna gets the kind of valuable life lessons that can only be provided by the School of Hard Knocks.

Her tutorial in that depart-



After friend and fellow patient Polly lands herself in solitary, Lisa (Angelina Jolie, left) and Susanna (Winona Ryder) serenade her.

ment comes courtesy of fellow patient Lisa (Angelina Jolie), an antisocial hellion who for years has been escaping from and being forcibly brought back to the Claymore campus, where her insider's knowledge of the asylum's behind-the-scenes workings and her penchant for speaking the unvarnished truth at first endear her to, but ultimately estrange her from, Susanna. That their volatile friendship culminates in a dramatic confrontation with unhappy consequences is only ever so slightly predictable, but it's more than mitigated by the believable performances of

Ryder and Jolie as two lost souls and by the strong underplaying of the talented supporting ensemble.

Girl, Interrupted is set in a psychiatric hospital, but the therapeutic relationships are not the relationships that get the spotlight. Through Susanna's association with Lisa, they both discover that the power to heal (or for that matter hurt) oneself lies not in a bottle or on the leather couch but someplace a lot closer to home.

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LAUGHING AT LIFE / Andy Morgan



resolutions.

Instead of being optimistic and jotting down a multitude of self-improvement goals on a yellow legal pad, I stuffed popcorn in my face, drank what I thought might be my last Pepsi and watched CNN until the wee small hours of the morning. Waiting. Waiting for the earth to be blown to smithereens by a Texas-sized asteroid.

Never happened. My computer didn't even go haywire.

So, here I am. Pondering what to change in my life. Making this

up as I go.

One of my resolutions cracked me on the skull while I was shopping for deodorant at Wal-Mart. For those of you who carelessly purchase any old solid or roll-on, you must understand that picking the right deodorant is crucial to self-confidence. It could be the difference between confident, dry underarms or nasty sweat rings that look like your squeezing sponges under your pits (for reference, see nervous professors on the first day of class.)

It takes me a good 30 minutes to buy deodorant. Many factors go into the purchase. Size (1.7 ounces or 2.5 ounces), brand (Dry Idea or Speed Stick), smell (Whitewater Fresh versus Musk) and the most important factor: Have I ever had ring around the pits while wearing this product?

Reaching for the Mitchum Cool Dry solid with the fresh scent, I felt a tinge of pain as I noticed the price — more than \$3.50. I actually started sweating when I realized the ladies' version of the same product was almost a buck cheaper. I'm seri-

ous, the same product: Aluminum Zirconium Tetrachlorohydrate Gly in an antiperspirant base of water, SD alcohol 40B, Dimethicone, Propylene Glycol, Cyclomethicone (and)

If a discount on Lady Mitchum at Wal-Mart is what feminism brings women, then I want to join.

Dimethicone Copolyol, Fragrance.

If a discount on Lady Mitchum at Wal-Mart is what feminism brings women, then I want to join.

After catching Mitchum and all the other deodorants in their weasel-like sales game, I decided to make a resolution to stop buying brand name products. I was so excited that I vowed to burn all my Nikes, Old Navy threads and Polo duds. I haven't done this yet, but I will. I think.

Between visiting relatives and screaming at incompetent sales clerks, I actually happened to watch some daytime television during the winter break.

I noticed two things: TV sucks and Richard Simmons has a talk show where he makes chubby people's dreams come true. Now, maybe I deserve to have

the crap kicked out of me, but am I the only one who sees Simmons' talk show as a sign of the apocalypse?

Unfortunately, seeing Simmons reminded me of the need to lose some weight and the need to use some of my Statesman earnings on food storage and weapons for Armageddon.

Eight years have passed since I graduated from High School, and I figure I've packed on a good 20 to 25 pounds of Doritos, late night McDonald's, Taco Bell Gorditas and enough Pepsi to fill an Olympic sized swimming pool — twice. Mix that with my daily exercise routine of typing at the computer and walking from the parking terrace to my classes and you can see how my waist size has increased.

Therefore, my resolution of the new millennium is to eat better and exercise daily.

Cutting out the Doritos and typing more ought to do the trick. Feel the burn.

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never found.

Several months later, police claimed two petty thieves saw Carter and Artis flee the bar. Their testimony won them immunity on burglary charges. An all-white jury convicted Carter and Artis. Both received life sentences.

Artis became a model prisoner and won parole in 15 years. Carter refused to wear prison clothes, eat prison food or take a prison job, winning long stays in solitary confinement. He read law books and wrote an eloquent and angry biography.

"The Sixteenth Round," that helped make him a hero to the radical chic. He insisted guards and inmates call him Mr. Carter.

Finally, after Alfred Bello, one of the two thieves, recanted his story in an interview with the New York Times, Carter and Artis were granted a new trial in March 1976.

But police pressured Bello to recant his recantation. Carter and Artis were convicted a second time.

Carter cut off communication with his family, supporters and attorneys, who continued to push his appeals without compensation. He threw away his law books and read philosophy. Because of a botched prison surgery, he lost the sight in one eye.

Then, in 1980, Carter opened one of the letters he'd let pile up. It was from a black 17-year-old, Lesra Martin, who had found "The Sixteenth Round" at a library sale.

Martin had been adopted, in effect, by some lefty University of Toronto graduates who were as impressed with the Brooklyn teen as they were appalled by the ghetto conditions in which he lived. He moved into their group house in Toronto and received tutoring. "The Sixteenth Round" was the first book he had read and his letter to Carter the first he had written.

"I threw that book out over the prison wall hoping that somebody would see its message bobbing on the ocean of life, pick it up and come rescue me," Carter recalls. "And Lesra Martin did just that."

There was correspondence, then visits — from Martin, Gus Sinclair, Lisa Peters, Terry Swinton, and Sam Chaiton. Carter's plight appealed to their leftist politics, anti-American

bias and determination to stamp out racism and injustice.

"We were dubious at first," recalls Myron Beldock, Carter's lead attorney. "We had a hard enough job as it was, with no resources, and when these bunch of amateurs showed up one day at our office, we thought it would be a waste of time."

The Canadians turned out to be terrific at organizing the mass of material, tracking down leads and turning up new evidence and witnesses.

While the movie version of "Hurricane" ends with Carter drinking in the sunshine on the courthouse steps after a judge's decision freed him, the real-life story was more complicated.

He joined the Canadian group home, but came to view their rules as a new prison. He began to resent that much of their income came from selling his story. His relationship with Peters, always tempestuous, turned more so almost immediately after they decided to marry.

Carter stormed out in 1994, showing up at Martin's apartment in Toronto. Within months, that arrangement broke down.

"It was time for me to go out for me," Carter explains. "I just left. There was no argument, no animus. I loved those people — they committed to me when no one else would. I owed them a big debt. And when I repaid it, I left."

At the movie's special opening in Toronto, Carter and the Canadians sat three rows apart and never exchanged a word.

Carter talks frequently with Artis, who counsels youthful offenders in Norfolk, Va. He has reestablished relations with Martin, who was sworn in as a prosecutor in Kamloops, British Columbia, with Carter watching proudly.

In 1991, Vancouver television producer John Ketchum optioned rights to "Lazarus and the Hurricane" for \$100,000. The script went through 27 drafts.

"I wouldn't allow my image to be portrayed in an undignified manner," Carter says. "So I threatened to close it down four or five times."

Later, Carter spent time with Washington.

"I remember after one particularly intense conversation, we went around the corner for lunch," recalls Carter. "After the meal ... I found Denzel in the foyer just staring at himself in the mirror. ... When he came back to the table, he looked different to me somehow, although I couldn't put my finger on it. And the more we talked, the more I began to like him. It was a real emotional surge. I liked the way he moved, his vocabulary. I like his tenacity. I like his stridency. I loved his laughter. ... And then it hit me like a double left hook to the jaw: When I had seen him at the mirror, he was clearing his canvas, so to speak. From that moment on, he was giving me back to me — and I was loving what I saw."

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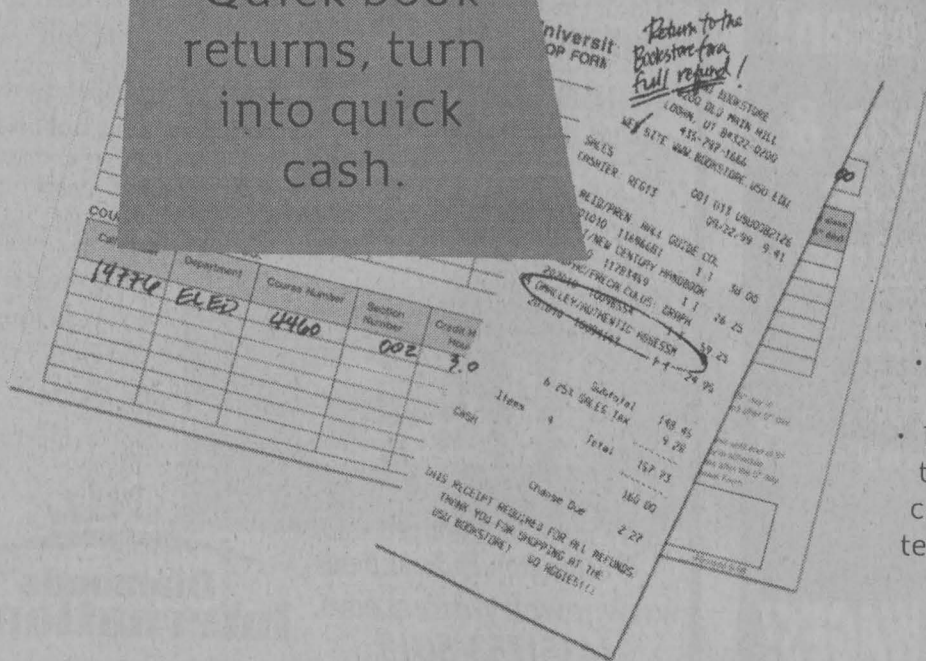
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Quotes 'n
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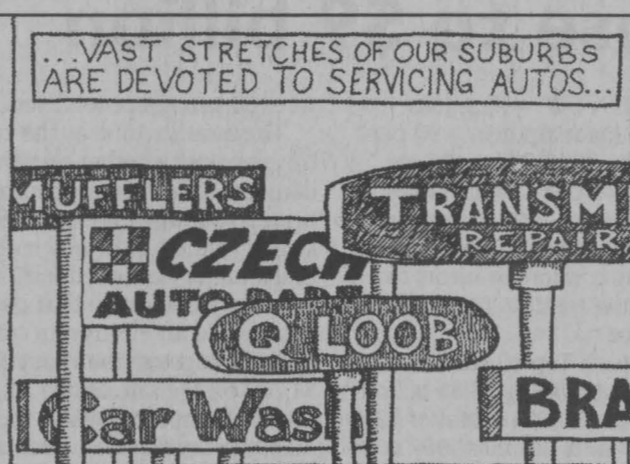
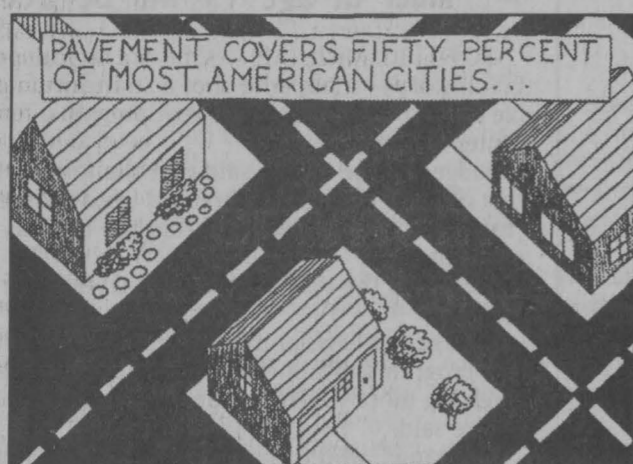
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To the
EDITOR
Education students
working for the
children's benefit

I am writing in response to Ruth Lehenbauer's opinion of reading techniques and teacher education. As a student at Utah State University studying Elementary & Early Childhood Education, I can only hope and believe that she is wrong.

Professors are teaching what they firmly believe is the most beneficial for students, not "brain-washing techniques" that "dumb down schools." At USU, professors present both sides of the pendulum and allow forthcoming teachers to choose what they deem most appropriate. In fact, just this Tuesday I was presented with an article that discussed both whole language and phonetics. As for the philosophies of each, I am not sure which way I lean, yet. But I do know Ruth's argument against whole language was a poor one.

Whole language is based on teaching children to read in an authentic and natural environment. It is presented to teach language in context using lan-

guage. Children seek and learn while they read and write. Instead of contradicting John Dewey, this stems from his constructivist view of teaching through a child-centered, inside-out approach.

It's not as bad as Ruth made it sound. In fact, few teachers teach using only whole language. Many combine both techniques to try and make reading better.

Studies can and have pointed both directions. Phonics defines reading as getting the words right, while whole language looks at understanding meaning. How do you compare and interpret research on two theories that have two different definitions of reading? Not without difficulty.

I have many gripes about Utah's Education Programs too, but please don't "dumb down" the future of our children with generalizations about forthcoming teachers and their philosophies. We do have the ability to think and make choices. We go into this program not for money, but for the children. This could only logically lead to the fact that we would do our best in making the right choices. This is where much of our money, time, efforts, and life go.

JERI DAWN BEDDES

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E-VIEWS / Jeff Danziger



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Danziger is an editorial cartoonist with the Los Angeles Times Syndicate.

In our
OPINION

Only five days into a new semester

students should already be certain enough of their responsibilities in classes to not drop classes this semester, according to potential changes to the drop policy, currently in review by the Associated Students of Utah State University Executive Council.

If approved, the proposed changes to the policy would mean a financial fine of up to \$30 per class if students drop classes after the fifth day of class, and up to \$50 per class if classes are dropped after the 15th day of class.

Imposing such a fine would only lead to many students doing poorly in classes they don't want or

need because they couldn't afford to modify their schedules according to their needs.

Because many classes are only held once a week and most held only two or three times a week, it is nearly impossible to expect every student to understand the class load of every class so early in the semester.

While this decision is still in the research stage it is crucial for ASUSU to think about the needs of students. Relying simply on a course catalog can be difficult, and it often takes more than the first week to truly get a feel for a class.

Imposing a financial fine would be a detriment to students not matched by any benefits.

Why no free parking?

Free parking at Utah State University may soon be a thing of the past, as the Faculty Senate is currently reviewing a Parking and Transportation Advisory Committee proposal to charge for all parking on campus.

The main argument for deleting free parking is that we're "one of only a couple of universities in America with any free parking," according to Vice President of Student Services Patricia Terrell.

That's no reason to do away with an amenity that serves alumni, community members, visitors, prospective students, theater and arts patrons, faculty, staff and students.

Educational institutions are constantly striving to put themselves at the top of the list, be better than the competition and offer more to the students they serve. Why then, on the issue of free parking, is USU so willing to be just like everybody else?

Now what?
Back to real life after
uneventful Y2K

SLIGHTLY OFF CENTER / Dennis Hinkamp



Dang! I haven't been this disillusioned since the last episode of M*A*S*H or finding out what marshmallows were really made of. Not one self-immolating fundamentalist wacko, no falling skyscrapers, not even a long delay on my e-mail service. What's the world coming to when you can't count on some world disorder on CNN? I guess I was just hoping for a couple years of general chaos while we ate beef jerky and rolled oats by candlelight and brandished weapons indiscriminately to protect our food stashes.

I felt sorry for all the people who died during the week preceding the millennium. They saw all the hype and build up but didn't quite make it to the big show. Maybe they are better off not knowing.

I guess we will just have to go back to the general day-to-day wackiness that make life worth living. For instance:

Utah needs some serious help in the creativity department. It is bad enough that we kept the name of the Jazz when the team was moved from New Orleans, but now the lunacy is starting to spread. In keeping with Utah's rich jazz music heritage, the baseball team is the Buzz, indoor soccer team is the Freezz, the women's basketball team is the Starzz and the ice hockey team is the Grizzlies — often referred to as the Grizz. There is a used car place in town called Carzz and another called SUVzz. Great! Any more moronic Zs we can create? How about the 2002 Winter Olympiczz. By changing the spelling I also avoid getting sued by those overzealous bribe mongers on the 2002 Winter Olympiczz committee. Send me \$5,000 and tickets to the open ceremonies and I will never make another joke about the Utah Olympiczz. I promise.

Speaking of bribes, cable TV is waging its own little battle of our hearts and minds. Not only is it forced to run advertisements for

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satellite TV which will eventually end its existence, but it can only afford to counter with ads that look like they were made in somebody's garage with a home video camera. This is supposed to show you how much better cable service is?

I love cable TV, but it is just a matter of time before people figure out that you don't really need a piece of wire running to everyone's house when you can link up to the orbiting mother ship for entertainment all by yourself. Besides, I need another remote control to go with the ones I have for my TV, VCR, stereo, CD player and my Vulcan Mind Meld video game counsel.

Maybe I sound a little cynical because my new book "Chicken Soup for the Soul of Dummies" was rejected by yet another publisher. Here are a couple excerpts:

* Perfect relationships are like UFOs. I've heard people say they have seen them, but I reserve judgment until I'm personally abducted and probed in all the right places.

* Life is like an onion. You keep peeling away all the layers until you are left with nothing but stinky fingers and tears in your eyes.

* Everything I need to know about life I learned from my cat. Look cute and people will feed you and give you a little beach where you can do your business.

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Report finds Top 10 jury verdicts totaled close to \$9 billion

BOSTON (AP) — Punitive damages made up nearly 90 percent of the Top 10 biggest jury verdicts awarded to individuals and families in 1999, reflecting what legal experts said was an increasing comfort by jurors to use punitive verdicts to punish negligence.

Last year's Top 10 verdicts added to a stunning \$8.86 billion — three times 1998's total of \$2.8 million — and 12 times 1997's total of nearly \$862 million.

"I think that what jurors are doing that they didn't do before is they are saying, 'Let's regulate the industry. Let's send a message to the entire industry that they're on notice,'" said Thomas Harrison, publisher of the Boston-based Lawyers Weekly USA, which assembled the list.

The annual list of top jury awards included verdicts to individuals and families and excluded class action lawsuits or litigation between corporations.

Punitive damages accounted for 88 percent of 1999's total, up significantly from 1998 when they made up for 72 percent.

In 1997, punitive damages

were 68 percent of total verdicts.

The awards come as the controversy over whether punitive damages should be capped continues. Following one of 1999's largest verdicts — in which an Alabama jury awarded \$581 million to a rural family that claimed a bank and an electronics company tried to gouge them out of \$1,200 on the sale of two \$1,100 satellite dishes in 1995 — the Alabama Legislature passed a package of bills to place limits on punitive damage verdicts.

In 1996 Congress passed bills to limit punitive damages, saying the high limits raised product prices and affected corporations' research and development activities. President Clinton vetoed the bills.

The biggest verdict on the 1999 list was awarded by a Los Angeles jury to a group of six people severely burned when their 1979 Chevy Malibu was rear-ended by a drunken driver and exploded into flames.

General Motors Corporation was ordered to pay \$4.9 billion. Of that, \$4.8 billion was punitive damages.

Gates promotes Microsoft Pres. Steve Ballmer to company CEO

REDMOND, Wash. (AP) — Microsoft Chairman Bill Gates on Thursday promoted longtime friend and company President Steve Ballmer to chief executive officer of the software giant Gates founded.

Gates said he was taking the action so he could return "to what I love most, focusing on technologies for the future."

Gates, who has turned over much of the day-to-day operations of Microsoft to Ballmer over the past year and a half, will remain chairman and will also take the title chief software architect.

In making the move, Gates stepped aside as Microsoft's chief executive, though the announcement does not necessarily mean he is giving up any power in the company he co-founded in 1975 with Paul Allen. Microsoft has made Gates the wealthiest private individual in the world, with a fortune estimated at over \$80 billion.

Gates said he planned to dedicate his time to fashioning and promoting the "next generation" of Microsoft's flagship product, the Windows 2000 operating system.

He said he especially wants to develop software services that will be hosted on the Internet and made part of future versions of Windows. Microsoft is working to make its popular software, especially its Office suite of business programs, available over the Internet, in addition to the traditional way of loading it onto individual personal computers.

"Steve's promotion will allow me to dedicate myself full time to my passion — building great software and strategizing on the future and nurturing and collaborating with the core team helping Steve run the company," Gates said.

Ballmer will retain his title of president. He also will be given a seat on Microsoft's board of directors.

"I'm certainly honored and very, very excited about the opportunity," Ballmer said.

Ballmer grew up in Detroit, where his father, a Swiss immigrant, worked for Ford Motor. At Harvard, he lived just down the hall from Gates and the two became friends.

After Gates hired Ballmer, the two reportedly had some rocky times. In the spring of 1985, as Microsoft's deadline to produce Windows slipped behind, Gates reportedly threatened to fire Ballmer if Windows wasn't on the shelves by the end of the year, though few people believe he was serious about firing Ballmer. Windows was ready by November.

Ballmer was best man in Gates' wedding four years ago, and in July 1998, Gates promoted Ballmer to president.

WorldGLANCE

➤ Killer at age 11 will be free at age 21

PONTIAC, Mich. (AP) — One of the youngest murderers in U.S. history — a boy who shot a stranger at age 11 — was spared life in prison Thursday and sent away to a juvenile detention center until he turns 21.

Judge Eugene Moore said that the tough 1997 Michigan law that allowed Nathaniel Abraham to be prosecuted as an adult is "fundamentally flawed" and that the boy has a chance of being rehabilitated.

He called the case a wake-up call "that our youth are in trouble."

"I urge the Legislature to lean toward improving the resources and programs within the juvenile justice system rather than diverting more youth into an already failed adult system," Moore said.

Nathaniel, who turns 14 next week, did not speak at the hearing. He turned around and looked at his mother and other relatives when he entered the courtroom but showed no emotion when the judge passed sentence.

A defense attorney said he had to explain to the boy what had happened.

Nathaniel was the first youth to charged with first-degree murder under the 1997 law, which allows children of any age to be prosecuted as adults for serious offenses. The case stirred debate across the country over efforts to crack down on juvenile crime.

He was convicted in November of second-degree murder for shooting Ronnie Greene Jr., 18, outside a Pontiac convenience store in 1997 with a stolen rifle from about 70 yards away. The sixth-grader was arrested two days later, his face painted for Halloween, and has been held in a juvenile facility ever since.

Prosecutors said Nathaniel had told a friend that he was going to shoot somebody, practiced his aim on stationary targets, shot Greene in the head and bragged about it the next day.

The defense said that Nathaniel was shooting at trees and that Greene was struck by a bullet that ricocheted off a tree. The defense also said Nathaniel had the mind of a 6- to 8-year-old and could not form the intent to commit murder or understand the charges against him.

Amnesty International chose his frightened face to illustrate the cover of a 1998 report condemning America's justice system as too harsh on juveniles.

The judge had several options, ranging from life in prison with a chance of parole to a sentence of time already served. Prosecutors had sought a combination sentence of juvenile detention until age 21, followed by a decision on whether to send him to an adult prison.

➤ Biotech rice to solve malnutrition, hunger

WASHINGTON (AP) — Scientists have genetically engineered a type of rice that could end vitamin A deficiency in the developing world, a problem that is a common cause of blindness and other health problems in millions of children.

The researchers at a Swiss laboratory spliced three genes into the rice to make it rich in beta carotene, the source of vitamin A, according to a report on their findings appearing Friday in Science magazine.

The new crop, dubbed "golden rice" because of the hue the beta carotene gives it, is not expected to be available to farmers for several years. Also, scientists still have to determine if the altered rice loses any of the original rice's nutritional value.

Nonetheless, the International Rice Research Institute already is working on breeding the new trait into popular varieties.

A U.S. biologist, in a Science commentary on the findings, hailed the research as a "technical tour de force" because of its complexity and said it "exemplifies the best that agricultural biotechnology has to offer."

The Rockefeller Foundation, the lead sponsor of the rice research, views biotechnology as a solution to world hunger, and also wants to develop crops that would be resistant to drought, pests and soil toxins. Scientists believe it eventually will be possible to put iron and other nutrients in plants once the genetic pathways are known.

Rice is a relatively poor source of many essential nutrients, including vitamin A, but is the staple for half the world. An estimated 124 million children worldwide are deficient in vitamin A, including a quarter million in Southeast Asia who go blind each year because of the problem. Improved nutrition could prevent 1 million to 2 million deaths a year, scientists say.

➤ First 21st century patent goes to eye shields, a new type of athletic gear

WASHINGTON (AP) — The first patent issued by the government in the new century has gone to the inventor of a new type of athletic headgear, the Commerce Department announced Thursday.

The department's Patent and Trademark Office awarded Patent No. 6,009,555, the first one of the year 2000, to Leonard Siprut of San Diego, Calif. Siprut was granted the patent for a combination sun visor-eye shield designed for use by ocean surfers, kayakers, bikers and athletes in other active sports.

By contrast, officials said the first patent issued a century ago, in 1900, was to Louis Allard of Utah for an early version of the washing machine. More than 6 million patents have been issued since the government awarded the first one in 1790, with 161,000 of those patents being handed out in 1999.

➤ Man jailed in Texas confesses to slayings

DEL RIO, Texas (AP) — As Kaylene Harris and Krystal Surles slept in bunk beds early on Dec. 31, a man slipped in through a window, crept into the girls' room and slit their throats with a boning knife.

Thirteen-year-old Kaylene died almost instantly. But from her hospital bed the next day, 10-year-old Krystal, unable to speak because of the damage to her vocal cords, would use notes and gestures to help investigators draw a sketch of the killer.

That would lead to the arrest of Tommy Lynn Sells, an ex-convict who has since confessed to a cross-country killing spree.

The 35-year-old drifter and former carnival worker is now in the Val Verde County Jail near the Mexican border.

He has confessed to the attack on the girls near Del Rio, to the rape and slaying of a 13-year-old girl in Kentucky last May and to assorted other crimes in at least five other states, according to investigators. "Almost all of these are homicides," said Lt. Larry Pope, chief sheriff's investigator. "We just check out everything. We don't know if everything is true or not. We're just trying to find out."

Investigators are trying to determine the exact number of killings. Sells' memory is fuzzy because of what police believe were alcohol-induced blackouts during the crimes, Pope said.

Charges have been filed only in the Del Rio case, in which Sells is accused of murder and attempted murder, and in the Lexington, Ky., slaying. Sells also has admitted killing people in Alabama, California, Arizona and Arkansas and committing armed robberies in Florida, Pope said. Police said Sells has no explanation for his crimes. At times, he seems remorseful and cries, Pope said.

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Gates hands over CEO to Steve Ballmer

REDMOND, Wash. (AP) — Microsoft Chairman Bill Gates on Thursday promoted longtime friend and company President Steve Ballmer to chief executive officer of the software giant Gates founded.

Gates said he was giving up the CEO title so he could return "to what I love most, focusing on technologies for the future."

Gates, who has turned over much of the day-to-day operations of Microsoft to Ballmer over the past year and a half, will remain chairman and will also take the title of chief software architect.

Thursday's announcement does not necessarily mean he is giving up any power in the company he co-founded in 1975 with Paul Allen.

Microsoft has made Gates the wealthiest private individual in the world, with a fortune estimated at over \$80 billion.

Gates said he planned to dedicate his time to fashioning and promoting the "next generation"

of Microsoft's flagship product, the Windows 2000 operating system.

He said he especially wants to develop software services that will be hosted on the Internet and made part of future versions of Windows.

Microsoft is working to make its popular software, especially its Office suite of business programs, available over the Internet, in addition to the traditional way of loading it onto individual personal computers.

"Steve's promotion will allow me to dedicate myself full time to my passion — building great software and strategizing on the future and nurturing and collaborating with the core team helping Steve run the company," Gates said.

Ballmer will retain his title of president. He also will be given a seat on Microsoft's board of directors.

"I'm certainly honored and very, very excited about the opportunity," Ballmer said.

Ballmer, like Gates, has already staked out a position against

breaking up the company, a possible remedy which may be sought by the federal government and 19 states that are suing Microsoft over alleged antitrust violations.

"I think it would be absolutely reckless and irresponsible for anyone to try to break up this company," Ballmer said. "I think it would be unprecedented and I think it would be the single greatest disservice that anybody could do to consumers in this country ... I just think it would be reckless beyond belief."

Ballmer, 42, was appointed president of Microsoft in July 1998, giving him direct responsibility for improving the performance of all of the company's divisions, as well as customer satisfaction.

Ballmer grew up in Detroit, where his father, a Swiss immigrant, worked for Ford Motor. At Harvard, he lived just down the hall from Gates and the two became friends.

After Gates hired Ballmer, the two reportedly had some rocky times. In the spring of 1985, as Microsoft's deadline to produce Windows slipped behind, Gates reportedly threatened to fire Ballmer if Windows wasn't on the shelves by the end of the year, though few people believe he was serious about firing Ballmer.

Windows was ready by November. Along with Ballmer's promotion, Gates announced that Microsoft would develop the Next Generation Windows Services, which will power new products and services over the Internet. Microsoft wants to use the Internet to transmit data to any device, including computers, cell phones, handheld computers, home electronics — and gear that has not yet been invented.

The new Internet-based Windows services will be developed over the next two or three years, with developers getting the first detailed view of Microsoft's strategy this spring, Gates said.

Last East German leader jailed for Berlin Wall shootings

BERLIN (AP) — East Germany's last communist leader went to jail Thursday, the most prominent member of the regime that shot citizens at the Berlin Wall to be brought to justice in the deaths.

As he reported to a minimum-security prison in Berlin to start serving a 6-year sentence for manslaughter, Egon Krenz again repeated his contention that he is a victim of judicial vengeance following German unification in 1990.

"I am starting my sentence not as a criminal, but as a victim of political persecution," the gray-haired 62-year-old said at the prison gate, pushing his way through a crowd of reporters before police shepherd him inside and slammed the door.

He arrived in a taxi at the prison, a comfortable-looking complex of modern brick buildings on the western edge of Berlin, set in neat, park-like surroundings

with a 6-foot-high steel fence.

Krenz is expected to be allowed to leave during the day and be required only to spend nights in his cell, according to his lawyer, Robert Unger.

East Germany's leader at the time the Berlin Wall fell on Nov. 9, 1989, Krenz was convicted of manslaughter in 1997 for his political role in the communist government's shoot-to-kill policy at the Berlin Wall, the border to then-West Germany.

He lost an appeal last November, and jail became inevitable when Germany's highest court refused to hear his case Wednesday.

Though Germany remains emotionally and economically split between east and west, there was little sympathy for Krenz.

Perhaps his most prominent supporter was former Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, who spoke up for Krenz and his former

aides last November at German celebrations marking 10 years since the Berlin Wall fell.

Krenz was unrepentant throughout his trials, arguing that his conviction was unconstitutional because he broke no East

German laws. He has also appealed his case to a European Union court for human rights.

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Boeing to buy satellite business for \$3.75 billion

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Hughes Electronics Corp., one-time maker of airplanes and spy satellites, struck a deal to sell its satellite-building business to Boeing Co. for \$3.75 billion Thursday and focus on entertainment and Internet services.

The pact turns Boeing into the world's biggest commercial satellite maker, and allows Hughes executives to pursue their goal of becoming a dominant player in the world of high-speed wireless communications.

"Boeing intends to be No. 1 in space. This acquisition is a significant step forward in executing our goal of becoming the industry leader in integrated, space-based information and communications," said Phil Condit, Boeing chairman and chief executive.

Analysts found little to criticize in the deal, which meshes Hughes' expertise in satellite hardware with Boeing's Delta and SeaLaunch rocket programs.

In the deal, Boeing also gets Hughes' Electron Dynamics and Spectrolab, which make satellite components. The three businesses being acquired by Boeing have a combined workforce of about 9,000 employees, primarily in Southern California.

Hughes is expected to use proceeds from the sale to expand DirecTV, the satellite-to-home TV service, and develop Skywave, a wireless broadband system that will target the Internet and other

communications systems.

Both ventures promise to make Hughes, already the leader in wireless TV services, a key player in the rapidly meshing entertainment and communications businesses.

"Broadband communications, Internet access is really the wave of the future, and Hughes is in a position to move into that really

quickly," said Marco Caceres, an analyst with Teal Group in Fairfax, Va.

"I think this is a trend in the whole satellite market. Companies that traditionally have built hardware are getting

into satellite services, because that's where the real money is being made," he said. Hughes executives had said in the past they wanted to keep their commercial satellite operations as a complement to DirecTV, which has with more than 8 million subscribers.

That was before Hughes ran through more than \$5 billion promoting DirecTV, buying up its competitors and developing Starwave.

Hughes sold Hughes Aircraft to Raytheon in 1997.

Ultimately, Hughes executives decided the potential of its new ventures outweighed the advantages of hanging onto satellite manufacturing, an industry that has been chilled by launch failures and allegations of unauthorized technology transfers by U.S. companies to China.

'Boeing intends to be No. 1 in space.'

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Russian troops comb for Chechen rebels

SHALI, Russia (AP) — Russian troops, battered by surprise rebel counterattacks in Chechnya, were placed on alert Thursday and dug deep trenches in vulnerable villages to fend off new attacks.

After making steady progress against Chechen rebels since ground troops entered the republic in September, the Russian offensive stalled this week: Rebels attacked towns that Russian forces claimed to control and put up fierce resistance in Grozny, the capital, where fighters are entrenched in the center.

The Interfax news agency, citing sources in the federal command for Chechnya, said 33 Russian soldiers had been killed in the past 24 hours in Chechnya. Until recent days, Russian forces had claimed losses of no more than one or two soldiers a day.

Russia claimed to have retaken control of the towns of Argun and Shali this week. But fighting continued on the outskirts of Gudermes, Chechnya's second-largest city, said Lt. Col. Anatoly Yurasov, the deputy head of an Interior Ministry mobile unit.

Russian forces continued heavily shelling

Grozny and troops were fighting rebels from trenches in some of the city's neighborhoods, Interfax reported, citing military sources. The report described the situation in Grozny as essentially unchanged from recent days.

In Shali and Argun, Russian troops dug deep trenches in preparation for possibly having to fend off rebels again, the NTV television channel reported. Other units surrounded rebel formations in four other towns in the Shali region, Interfax said.

Following the rebels' weekend counterattacks, all military checkpoints and stations in Russian-controlled areas of Chechnya have been placed on alert and provided with additional ammunition and armored vehicles, the ITAR-Tass news agency reported.

In another move to weaken the rebels, Russia this week declared that all males in Chechnya between ages 10 and 60 would be investigated for possible involvement with the rebels, and be barred from entering or leaving Chechnya.

"The Russians are barbarians," said

Lyoma Gibishev, a Grozny resident who was refused entry to Chechnya at a crossing point in Ingushetia. "They're demonstrating their helplessness, vulnerability and also their inhumanity."

New York-based Human Rights Watch protested the Russian measure and the U.S. State Department asked Russia for clarification of the new regulation.

"It is essential that Russia respect the fundamental human rights of civilians in and around Chechnya, not endanger the lives of noncombatants and ensure freedom of movement for displaced persons," State Department spokesman James Rubin said.

In Moscow, the head of Russia's Federal Migration Service, Vladimir Kalamonov, said the new restriction was justified.

"It is better to double-check than to start a bloody massacre on the territory of Chechnya and (neighboring) Ingushetia," he said Thursday.

Russian soldiers complain that many Chechens disguise their rebel ties with sympathetic behavior.

AIDS

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report found that many black and Hispanic men who have sex with males do not regard themselves as homosexual.

In a survey of 8,780 HIV-infected men who had sex with other men, researchers asked, "Do you think of yourself as: heterosexual, homosexual, bisexual or other?" Nearly one quarter — 24 percent — of black men and 18 percent of Hispanics identified themselves as heterosexual. Only 6 percent of white men in the survey identified themselves as heterosexual.

ANTI-DRUG

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as a go-between for the networks and the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy.

This freed up advertising time that the networks could then sell to other clients at steeper prices, Hamilton said. The White House drug office valued the programming messages it had approved at \$22 million.

"I'm fairly amazed that there has been any concern expressed about this," Hamilton said. "It has been so above board and clearly voluntary on the part of everyone involved."

Yet an expert on media ethics said it raises questions about the motives of the entertainment industry.

"What it can do for the networks is make it seem that they are only going to run those messages or shows that have prior government approval," said Aly Colon, a professor at the Poynter Institute. "That may not be reality, but at least it can become a perception."

Networks submitted scripts or tapes of completed shows for the government drug office's review, said Alan Levitt, director of the national youth media campaign at the White House drug office. At no time did the office suggest changes or rewrite the scripts, he said.

"All we said was, if you believe that a certain program that you intend to broadcast delivers our message — essentially that drugs can kill you — submit it to us for an evaluation and we may decide that we can credit you for a pro bono match," Hamilton said.

Salon.com, quoting an unidentified source, said that in an episode of the WB's "Smart Guy" series, two substance-abusing teen-agers were originally depicted as being popular, but the script was changed after government review to show them as "losers" hidden away in a utility room taking drugs.

A spokesman for the WB had no immediate comment.

In at least 24 instances over the past few years, networks or producers have come to the federal drug office for advice in how to portray substance abuse situations, Levitt said. This was independent of the program offering financial credit, he said.

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Saturday, January 15

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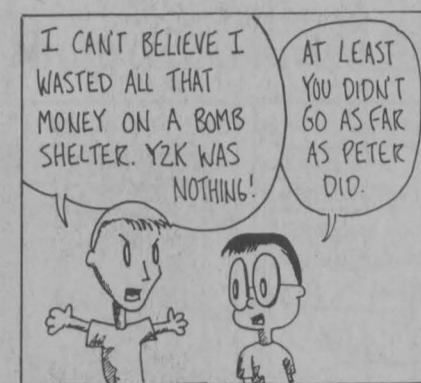
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Gymnastics team opens season:

TUMBLE WEEDS:

See Page 17 for a preview on Friday night's season opening meet against Utah.

USU starts conference play with win

Rolle's career-high 24 points helps USU to 82-70 victory

AARON MORTON
Assistant Sports Editor

A 12-0 run blew open a close game as Utah State University opened their Big West Conference season with an 82-70 win over California State University at Fullerton.

The Aggies (10-5 overall, 1-0 BWC) were led by Troy Rolle, who had a career-high 24 points, and the interior defense, led by Brennan Ray.

Rolle sparked a sluggish USU first-half offense to help the Aggies to a half-time lead.

"I thought Rolle was huge," USU head coach Stew Morrill said. "He showed great senior leadership."

The 5-foot-10 senior shot 50 percent from the field in addition to a perfect 6-for-6 from the free-throw line and 4-for-7 from 3-point land.

"I just wanted to be aggressive on offense," Rolle said.

Guard Kenroy Jarrett led the Titans (5-7, 0-1) with 17 points, but the key for the Aggies was the apparent frustration Titans' leading scorer Ike Harmon felt after being hounded by Ray and Shawn Daniels on defense.

After Ray shut Harmon down

on two straight possessions, Harmon finally scored over Daniels. A little conversation with Ray later, and Harmon was hit with a technical foul in the midst of the USU run.

"It's just part of the game," Ray said about the altercation. "I thought he was (frustrated). He wasn't getting the looks he wanted."

After that Harmon wasn't the same, and USU held on to its 11-point lead and extended it for the next eight minutes.

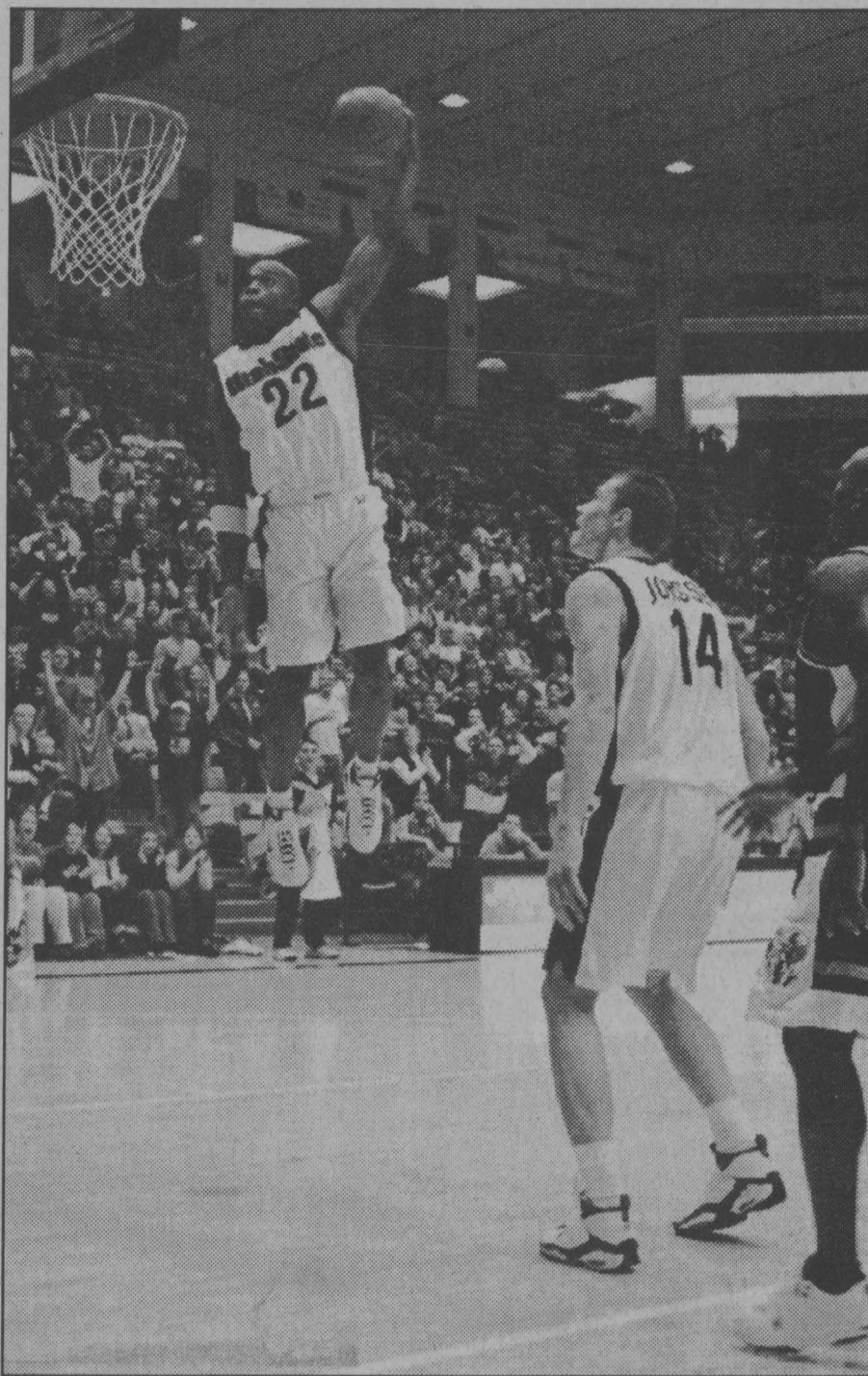
"When he got the technical, the air went out of him," Ray said.

In contrast to the first half, where only 11 fouls were committed, the late second half turned into a free-throw shooting contest in which the Aggies won by attrition, not by accuracy. USU shot 21-of-30 while CSF was a near-perfect 15-of-16.

Despite the 12-point win, it was the Titans who led for most of the first half. Trailing briefly 5-4 early on, Fullerton led for 12 minutes.

Rolle hit his third of four 3-pointers on the day to take a 33-30 lead with three minutes remaining in the first half, cap-

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USU's Troy Rolle (22) slams the ball while center Dimitri Jorssen (14) clears the lane.

Ray shuts down Cal State Fullerton's best scorer

WADE DENNISTON
Senior Sports Writer

As the only returning member of the 1999 All-Big West Conference first team, California State University at Fullerton senior forward Ike Harmon is known as a "crowd pleasing leaper and dunker," according to the Titans' media guide.

However, there were no spectacular dunks or dazzling plays from the talented 6-foot-7, 190-pounder in Utah State University's 82-70 victory Thursday night at the Spectrum.

Why? The answer: Aggie sophomore forward Brennan Ray.

Known more for his defensive abilities rather than his offense, the 6-foot-5 Ray came off the bench and put the clamps down on Harmon. Sure, Harmon scored 16 points in the game, but was clearly out of sync as he sat the bench most of the time hampered by foul trouble.

"He's a very good defender," said USU head coach Stew Morrill of Ray. "Brennan's just a tough, hard-nosed kid. He walks the line sometimes between toughness and a little bit over the edge, but that's OK. We'll get that solved."

"I'd rather have a guy giving you that kind of effort and energy than being worried about the edge."

There was a moment in the second half where it appeared Ray was about to

go over the line, as he and Harmon mixed it up a bit with some words for each other after Harmon scored over Shawn Daniels.

"Just a little exchange," Ray said about the incident. "It's part of the game."

Some might argue Ray was simply doing what teammates should do: stick up for each other.

"You've kind of got to stick together as a team," Ray said. "I was kind of sticking up for Shawn a bit."

The referees stopped the altercation rather quickly, and assessed a technical foul to Harmon, which put him back on the bench with four fouls.

Ray admitted he was somewhat concerned that the technical might've been on him.

"I kind of get worried, too," he said. "For some reason, I always seem to find trouble somehow — somewhere I'm in the middle of something. I thought it was a good call."

In his career-high 17 minutes (his previous high was 14 against Western State on Dec. 18), Ray scored two points and tied his career-high in rebounds with four.

But he prides himself on his defense.

"That's the one thing I really love," Ray said. "They can go play offense, I'll go play defense. That's what I base my whole game on, is defense."

I pride myself on holding the guy to no points, or few points.

Get ready for a seismic whuppin', 'Statesman' Stubbies team to beat

THE HOBSON HUT / Casey Hobson



The intramural basketball season starts next week, and I feel it only fair to warn you: We're putting together a Statesman team, composed mainly of writers and photographers.

I must say, I'm pretty excited. I've blown the dust off my high tops, put air in my basketball, and — get this — even done situps in preparation for it.

I don't know what any of the other teams look like. I'm sure there's some serious talent out there. However, since the press generally determines the rankings, and we are the press, I'd have to say we are the preseason favorites to win it all.

Now, I know that's a bold statement, but I can back it up. I'm telling you, we are a virtual lock on the championship. The avenue to the final game will go through us.

Let's start at point guard, where we have two or three people who are more than moderately capable of bringing the ball down close to half the time.

I expect senior sports writer Wade Denniston will see a lot of action in the one-guard spot. Denniston has a deadly 3-point shot when he doesn't travel first, and his turnover-to-assist ratio may be the best on the team at 4:1. That means as long as Denniston runs the point for us, we should score at least 20 percent of the time.

Senior photographer Grant Gold is an excellent passer once someone brings the ball down the court for him. If there's no defense on the floor, Gold can get the ball to anyone at any location without having his pass picked off.

Though the battle for center is still up in the air, I suppose it will fall in the capable hands of sports writer Rueben Wadsworth. Wadsworth, or Ranger Rueb as he's known around the office, is nearly 7-foot-12 inches. The man's a giant — a regular Shawn Bradley. He

doesn't have a whole lot of experience (OK, none), but if he can master that turnaround jump shot from down on the block, he'll be unstoppable.

However, in the event the Wadsworth Project fails, then photo editor Elizabeth Maudsley will probably fill in at center. She's not very tall — 5-foot-7 is all — but she's perfectly capable of holding her own. She's kicked my trash a couple of times. She's also been known to dazzle her defenders with her good looks, then step on their tongues as she dashes to the basket. It's a dirty trick, but we take the points regardless of how we get them.

Assistant sports editor Aaron Morton thinks he knows what he's doing, which is more than the rest of us can really say.

Last season's team won only one game, and Morton scored the winning basket on a layup as time expired. That being said, he brings some veteran leadership and experience to an otherwise aimless team.

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should be a welcomed addition to the team. No one really knows what position he plays, but he seems really excit-

ed for the season to begin, so we're looking for good things from him.

As for me, well, I like to patrol the area between the two 3-point lines. I find this cuts the length of the court considerably. I wander around trash talking to whoever will listen. When the game is on the line, you can count on me to come up with the big foul, usually crippling the opponents' best shooter.

Like I said, I think we're the team to beat. We probably won't win pretty (we probably won't win period for that matter), but we'll get the job done.

And with all the ads this publication sells, we're more than capable of throwing a few bribes in the right direction when we need the extra help.

So good luck, fellas. Lace 'em up and brace yourselves for a seismic butt-whuppin'.

Casey Hobson, a junior, is the sports Editor at the Utah Statesman. If you've got a better team, let him know. E-mail him at hobsonhut@hotmail.com



Aggies IN ACTION

Thursday
Basketball
USU 82
CSF 70

Friday
Gymnastics
USU at Utah, 7 p.m.

Saturday
Basketball
USU vs. UC Irvine,
7:05 p.m., Spectrum

Track
USU at SRO meet
in Pocatello, Idaho

Hockey
USU at BYU, 8:30 p.m.

Sunday
No games scheduled

Monday
No games scheduled

Tuesday
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USU HOCKEY ACTION



**USU
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BYU
Saturday
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Ogden**

REUBEN WADSWORTH
Sports Writer

The Utah State University hockey team will hit the ice again against the Provo Icecats (Brigham Young University) Saturday at 8:30 p.m. at The Ice Sheet in Ogden after a month-long break for the holidays.

USU's Kelly Froerer said the team is a little out of shape because of the relaxation and lack of play during the holidays.

"We'll be sucking wind the first game," he said.

"Nobody skated over the break," said USU team co-captain Ian Tracy. "We'll be a little slow."

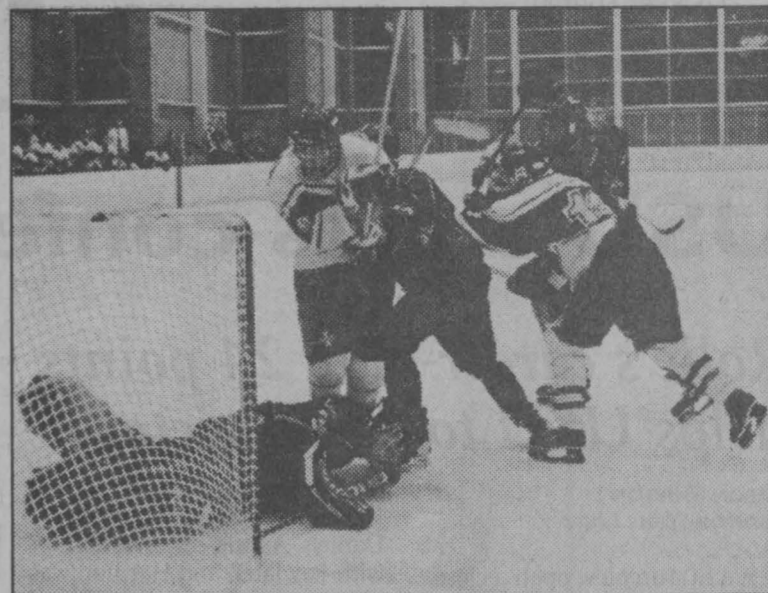
The Aggies held their first practice in four weeks on Monday.

"We've definitely got to get our stuff together to get back into the swing of things," said USU defenseman Danny Wilson.

Wilson is optimistic that it won't take long for his team to get back to where they were before their time off.

"We can get back into a groove without too much trouble," he said.

USU (15-0-1) starts the second half of the season on top



USU's Marlen Marquez (9) takes a shot on goal while Ben Bombard (15) blocks.

of the American Collegiate

Hockey Association's Western Region, overtaking the former first-place team, Colorado State University, due to the Rams loss against Weber State University in December.

Tracy said this half of the season will be the toughest because USU will play CSU three times and will battle

against the Wildcats once more.

In the game against the Icecats, Tracy said he expects nearly the same results as the two teams' last outing, which ended in a 11-3 blow-out win for the Aggies.

Due to the long layoff, the margin of victory might not be as lopsided this time, he said.

"We might not beat them as bad as we should," Tracy said.

'We'll be sucking the wind the first game.'

KELLY FROERER
HOCKEY PLAYER

Rugby team wins Las Vegas tourney

KADE MINCHEY
Sports Writer

The Utah State University mens' rugby club finished the first half of their season shortly before Christmas winning the Annual Las Vegas Tournament.

The 19-year-old tournament consists of 22 teams with two divisions: semi-pro and collegiate.

USU swept through the tournament winning all five games they played, allowing only one goal.

"And that goal was just a give away," USU head coach Nev Pulotu said. "Winning this tournament really establishes USU in the map all over the NCAA standings."

Last year, USU posted a third place finish, but according to Pulotu, the team was in jeopardy of not getting invited back. Pulotu said USU was gaining a bad reputation for fighting and drinking.

"(The tournament organizers) didn't care last year if we came back or not," he said.

Pulotu said the change of attitude in the team is the primary reason for success this year.

"Our attitude has really made a big turnaround. No one drinks or gets drunk," he said. "[We] were the only team ready every game before everyone else was."

The change of attitude, coupled with USU's strong showing, prompted tournament directors to give USU captain Scott Bingham the Tournament Award.

"[This is] a really high award for us. For them to give us this reward shows that we have established ourselves, and they want us to come back," said Pulotu.

Pulotu said the change of attitude and abolition of alcohol and swearing has had a overwhelming effect on the program.

"[We] were able to prepare well," he said. "We ran [practice] for over three weeks to prepare for the



USU's Kaleb Kimber is treated for an eight-stitch cut.

tournament. Our attitude was that we would win the whole thing. There was a lot of sacrifice in the guys part. [We] have never been this prepared."

Pulotu said players who had extensive schoolwork were given the option to stay in school and study, and weren't penalized for missing the tournament.

The Aggies are currently tied for first place with the University of Utah in the West. USU is scheduled to play the Utes in the latter part of March, with the winner of the game advancing to the national Sweet 16 tournament.

Track team opening season

JEN LONGSON
Sports Writer

The Utah State University Track and Field team is kicking off its opening meet of the season and looking forward to watching its newcomers prove their abilities.

Competing in Pocatello, Idaho on Saturday, USU will have tough competition against many schools from the state, some including Brigham Young University, Weber State University, Idaho State University, University of Utah and Utah Valley State College.

"We have a lot of new as well as many returning athletes that we feel are going to have an excellent season," said Curtis Collier assistant track and field coach.

Reaching between 90 and 100 team members, this year there are 25 new athletes to the team, some of those including former members who have recently returned from serving LDS missions.

Because team practices account for about 18 of the allowed 20 hours a week by the NCAA, many of athletes are putting in extra practice time on their own, Collier said.

Some of the newcomers who Collier thinks will have an outstanding season include, for the men:

Bruce McCannel, a freshman long distance runner and triple jumper, has come very close to matching the current USU jump record.

Lawrence Ringwald is currently one of the top six 400-meter runners in Ottawa, Canada and has chosen USU to complete his master's degree.

Neil War, a 206 ft. javelin thrower is a returning USU athlete from an LDS mission.

Josh Sides, a freshman javelin thrower beat the current USU record of 63.10 when he was in high school.

Returning athletes for the women include: Debra Barker, a poll vaulter from Evanston, Wyo., is currently the Wyoming State record holder.

Tatyana Hovhannisyan, a new long and triple jumper, has jumped farther than our current school record.

Christy Guiman who is ranked No. 2 in USU history for the 800-meter, is a sophomore, returning from an LDS mission.

USU will take all but a few distance runners who are ill, and some high jumpers who are also ill and injured, to Pocatello.

"Not only do we have many newcomers that we are excited to see how they will do," Collier said. "We have many current members that I feel will really help out the team."

ROLLE

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ping a stretch where Rolle scored 11 of USU's 13 points. Earlier in the game, Morrill sat Rolle on the bench because he said he was shooting too quickly, missing several shots early on.

"He told me to slow down," Rolle said.

BASKETBALL SUMMARY

CSF	Min	FG	FT	Reb.	A	TP
Harmon	21	6/12	3/3	6	1	16
Campbell	28	4/9	2/3	5	1	10
Fischer	26	3/4	0/0	3	0	6
Murphy	33	4/7	2/2	5	6	13
Jarrett	37	4/10	6/6	2	4	17
Anderson	15	1/2	2/2	1	1	4
Tompson	24	2/5	0/0	1	2	4
Shurdim	1	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
Dinh	1	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
Pierston	1	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
Stoa	13	0/1	0/0	0	0	0
TOTALS	200	24/50	15/16	25	15	70

USU	Min	FG	FT	Reb.	A	TP
Daniels	31	4/5	3/9	8	2	11
Rolle	32	7/14	6/6	2	3	24
Jorssen	26	5/8	3/5	5	0	13
Rock	24	4/8	4/4	3	5	13
Brown	32	2/6	2/2	3	4	6
Stewart	4	0/1	0/0	1	0	0
Thomas	13	1/4	0/0	0	1	2
Ray	17	0/1	2/2	4	0	2
Bailey	9	1/2	0/0	2	1	2
Bobb	10	3/5	0/0	0	2	8
Mahom	2	0/0	1/2	0	0	1
TOTALS	200	27/54	13/30	34	18	82

3pt FG: CSF 7/16 (Murphy 3/6, Jarrett 3/5).
USU 7/22 (Rolle 4/7, Bobb 2/4).
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Gymnastics team opens season against Utah

LYNNETTE HOFFMAN
Sports Writer

With their season opener on the road against fifth ranked University of Utah, the Utah State University gymnastics team won't be easing into competition this year.

"We don't have the luxury that affords us a real preseason," head coach Ray Corn said.

Instead, the first three meets will function like a preseason. By utilizing many different gymnasts on each event, Corn said he hopes to get an idea of what's working to the advantage of the team, and what isn't.

"We want to find out which athletes can handle the pressure of the competition and the crowds," Corn said.

Eight thousand to 10,000 people are expected to attend the 7 p.m. competition in the Huntsman Center in Salt Lake City tonight. Last year Utah had an average of 10,538 spectators, the highest attendance average of any NCAA women's gymnastics team.

"I think it's a great meet to open up with," Corn said. "It's

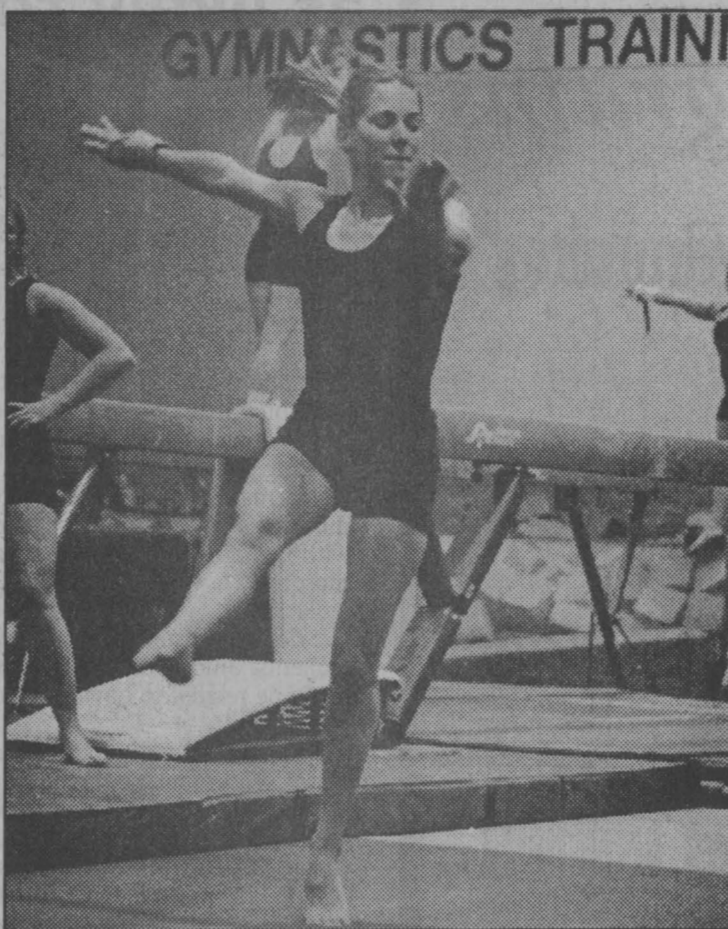
going to teach us very well and very quickly how we handle 8 to 10,000 people watching."

Freshmen Tina Ellis and Kristen Bloom will join returning stand out Christy Denson in the all-around. Although coming back from a broken forearm, Denson looked strong at last week's intersquad meet. She was ranked as high as fifth in the nation last year.

The Utes haven't lost a home meet during the regular season since their 1979 loss to California State University at Fullerton. The winning streak has spanned 151 meets.

Key Utah all-arounders include senior all-American Denise Jones, Deidra Brown, who earned all-American honors on bars as a freshman last year, and returning national champion Theresa Kulikowski.

A solid lineup with experienced competitors like senior Jessica Porter on the bars should set USU off to a good start to their two month regular season. Corn said he hopes to use the first meet as a building block increasing difficulty levels of routines with each successive meet.



USU's Trina Ewart practices her floor routine Tuesday in the HPER.

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Attendance at USU seems directly correlated with record

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Many might have expected hordes of fans to come and watch the Utah State University football team play New Mexico State University in the final home game of the season on Nov. 6.

It was the last time for fans to see seniors such as running back Demario Brown and safety Donald Dicko (both All-Big West first-team selections this year) play in an Aggie uniform.

It was also an unseasonably warm, clear November day in which temperatures soared into the upper 60s. Unfortunately, only 8,129 fans decided to show up, the lowest turnout of the season.

The reason Aggie fans didn't cram the stadium that day?

USU Athletic Director Rance Pugmire attributed the low attendance against NMSU to the disappointing loss to Boise State University the previous week.

That debacle took the Aggies out of contention in the Big West Conference (1-2 in Big West play after the game). There was even a \$2 ticket special that day, Pugmire said, but still the stadium remained less than a third full.

Why do Aggie fans attend USU sporting events in general?

According to Pugmire, they come if USU has a winning record or if they are interested in the Aggies' opponent. Pugmire said true Aggie fans should come no matter what the team's record is or who the team plays.

In the Aggies' encounter with the University of Georgia in the first game of the season, a crowd of 86,117 watched the Bulldogs defeat USU 38-7, the biggest crowds to ever watch the Aggies play. Many of those fans had to be turned away, Pugmire said. The Georgia fans didn't care who the Bulldogs were playing that day, Pugmire added, they just wanted to see their team in action.

In Logan, as the USU football team's win-loss record declined, so did attendance.

The Aggies enjoyed their best home football crowd of the season when they played in-state rival BYU on Oct. 1. A total of 31,220 fans came to Romney stadium to watch a nail-biter in which BYU prevailed in overtime, 34-31. Many of those fans, however, came from miles around to cheer on the Cougars, not the Aggies.

Attendance steadily dropped after the BYU



Utah State fans cheer at the USU/University of Utah football game on Sept. 18 at Rice-Eccles stadium.

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encounter to only 18,147 when the Aggies beat Big West foe Arkansas State University on Oct. 9 in the homecoming game. A mere 12,214 saw the Aggies lose 33-27 in the final minutes against eventual Big West Conference champion Boise State University three weeks later.

The USU football team's fan base dropped as the season wore on because of their losing record, Pugmire said. The Aggies' win-loss record is a good determining factor of how many fans show up to athletic events, he said.

Pugmire said he expects the hiring of Mick Dennehy as football coach will help increase football attendance. Dennehy will bring a wide-open, high-scoring offense, which is what fans want to see, he said. Dennehy's Montana teams have consistently ranked high in the Division 1-AA in passing offense, scoring offense and total offense, according to a recent press release.

Dennehy also brings a winning tradition to USU. His Montana teams have earned three Big Sky Conference championships in his four years as coach. His teams reached the Division 1-AA playoffs in each of his four years and were national runners-up in 1996.

A winning product will help attract fans and hopefully make the fans more likely to come through the down times, Pugmire said. An entertaining atmosphere is another way to get the fans to come to the events, he said. He said he feels the Aggie basketball team has

supplied that kind of atmosphere in recent years and hopes it will continue.

As for two USU basketball fans at a recent game, the basketball team does provide an entertaining atmosphere.

"The team is kind of exciting this year," said Chris Penner, a senior from West Jordan majoring in flight technology. "I want to see some dunks."

"I enjoy the excitement of college basketball," said Dan Miller, a graduate student in accounting from Richmond.

Pugmire said basketball attendance has been fairly steady the last couple of years, partly because USU has had a winning product on the floor. The team was Big West Eastern Division champions in 1998 and appeared in the NCAA tournament that year for the first time in 10 years.

The Aggie basketball team averaged 8,412 fans a game last season. That isn't bad considering the Dee Glen Smith Spectrum seats 10,250. As with football, basketball attendance is also better when USU is winning.

Looking at attendance figures from last year, crowds were larger in January when USU looked more in contention for the Big West crown than near the end of the conference play when they finished with a .500 record.

"We think our attendance has been awesome," said USU assistant basketball coach Randy Rahe.

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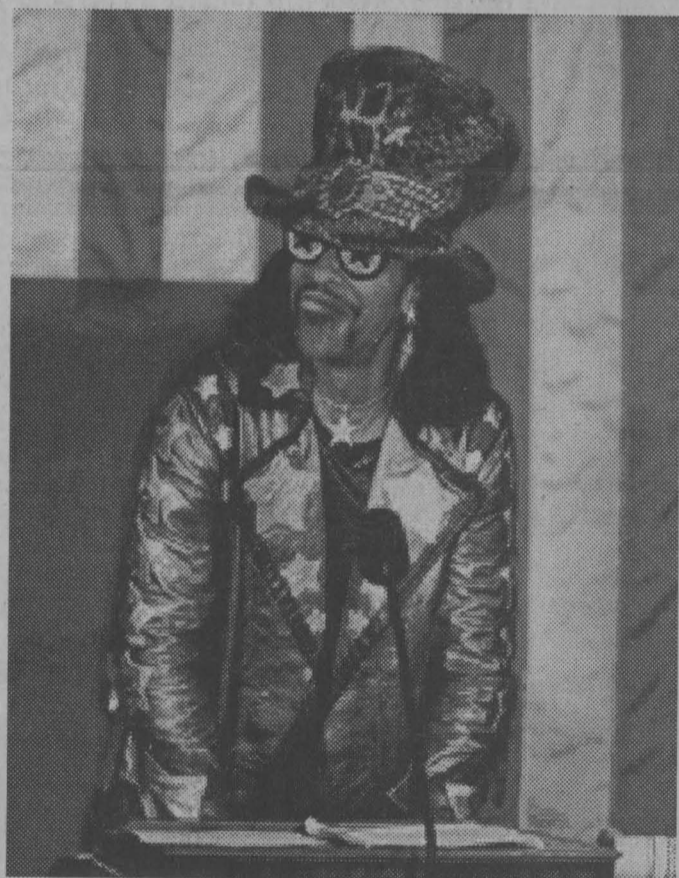
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People with Down syndrome half as likely to get cancerous tumors

LONDON (AP) — While people with Down syndrome have a high chance of developing childhood leukemia, a new study shows they have only half the normal lifetime risk of getting other kinds of cancer.

Experts already knew about the leukemia risk faced by people with Down syndrome, but the study by Danish scientists is the first to estimate their chances of developing other cancers.

The study, published in this week's issue of The Lancet medical journal, suggests those with Down syndrome may be protected because they have an extra copy of a chromosome that contains cancer-fighting genes.

Normally, people have two copies of each chromosome — one from each parent — but those with Down syndrome have three copies of chromosome 21, which has at least one gene linked to leukemia.

Scientists suspect the 10-fold increased risk of leukemia among those with Down syndrome could be related to having the extra copy of the gene.

The researchers could not say why people with Down syndrome appeared to be less vulnerable to other cancers, but scientists have identified several genes on chromosome 21 they suspect could help curtail the growth of cancerous tumors.

The findings provide a clue that there might be more protective genes on chromosome 21 to identify.

"Further studies on these putative genes may have implications for the understanding of (how cancer develops) and eventually the prevention of cancer in the general population," said the study's leader, Dr. Henrik Hasle, a childhood cancer specialist at Skejby Hospital at Aarhus University in Denmark.

In the study, the occurrence of cancer in 2,814 people with Down syndrome was compared to

that in the general Danish population.

The research looked at cancer occurring at any time from birth to old age.

Those with Down syndrome tend to die early, partly because they have heart defects and develop Alzheimer's disease much sooner than normal. Many die before they reach the age when tumors commonly develop.

But the study found that even after adjusting for their shorter life expectancy, those with the syndrome had a 50 percent lower risk of non-leukemia cancers, compared with their counterparts of the same age.

The advantage remained consistent regardless of their age.

"The finding that the decreased risk persisted in the older age groups is of considerable importance for the future," said Charles Stillier, an epidemiologist at the childhood cancer research group at England's Oxford University, which was not connected to the study.

"Long-term survival in Down people is more common these days, and this study suggests that Down syndrome people with a normal lifespan will be less vulnerable to cancer than other people," Stillier said. "Once one is past the period of raised risk of leukemia in childhood, the overall cancer risk is appreciably lower than in the general population."

The most significant advantage was seen in breast cancer, according to the study.

The scientists expected to see seven cases among the Down syndrome group, based on what occurs normally, but they found none.

They found no new cases of leukemia after the age of 29.

The researchers acknowledged that the drop in risk for some of the cancers could be due in part to non-genetic reasons such as a healthier lifestyle.

Lack of stress hormone may lead to antisocial behavior

CHICAGO (AP) — Very aggressive boys have been found to have lower-than-expected levels of a stress hormone in their saliva, suggesting that their behavior might be biologically based and hard to treat with counseling, researchers reported Thursday.

The researchers reported in the January issue of the Archives of General Psychiatry that extreme antisocial behavior in boys ages 7 to 12 appears to be related to low cortisol levels.

Cortisol is typically released in response to fear, such as fear of punishment for misbehaving. Its low levels in the antisocial boys might indicate that they do not fear the possible consequences of their actions, said Keith McBurnett, a child psychologist at the University of Chicago medical school who led the study.

"Perhaps what we're dealing with here is a biological propensity that's resistant to treatment, which

is very troubling," he said.

"The implication is that we may need to discard our traditional notions of treatment with these kids in favor of trying to help them fit in and find a niche in society where their aggressiveness and lack of a sense of danger is an asset."

McBurnett said a more appropriate treatment might include drugs similar to those given to hyperactive children.

Dr. James M. Dabbs, a Georgia State University psychologist who has studied hormones in saliva, said he found the report somewhat surprising but saw no reason to doubt its findings.

"Low cortisol would make you bold," he said. In youngsters with low levels of the hormone, "it doesn't bother them when you do things to them. It's hard to make them behave."

McBurnett acknowledged that the sample was small — just 38

boys. But he said the correlation between cortisol and "childhood-onset conduct disorder" was very strong.

The disorder is characterized by severely antisocial behavior such as animal cruelty and weapon use that shows up before age 10. Children with the disorder often grow up to account for a disproportionate percentage of crimes, the researchers said.

The four-year study studied such symptoms as starting fights, using weapons, stealing and forcing sexual acts.

More than a third of the boys with low cortisol were labeled by peers as the meanest in their class. The 12 children with the lowest levels of cortisol averaged 5.2 symptoms of conduct disorder, while the 26 with higher levels averaged 1.5 symptoms. And 11 of the 12 with low cortisol developed aggressive symptoms before age 10.

Polish teen-agers' accused of clubbing teacher over low grades

WARSAW, Poland (AP) — Two Polish teen-agers were arrested for brutally clubbing a teacher who gave them bad grades, police said Thursday.

Witnesses said the attackers waited for the teacher in a school parking lot Wednesday morning in the town of Kety, 210 miles south of Warsaw, and then beat him with a baton made of metal and wood.

The victim, identified only as Andrzej S., a 43-year-old technology teacher, was hospitalized with serious injuries and is expected to survive.

The attack was the latest example of violence in what many Poles see as a rise in aggressors, who say it reflects frustration and disillusionment

among young people who expected faster rewards as capitalism took the place of communism after 1989.

The teen-agers arrested in the latest attack were identified only as Adrian S., 17, and Tomasz R., 16. It is illegal in Poland to make public the last names of suspects who have not yet been tried in court.

"There is a rising rush for money, for unloading frustration, feeling power," Stanek said. "The youths don't know how to fill their free time."

The national police chief spokesman, Pavel Biedziak, said that the number of crimes by people under 17 appears to be declining, but that the brutality of attacks is rising.

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