

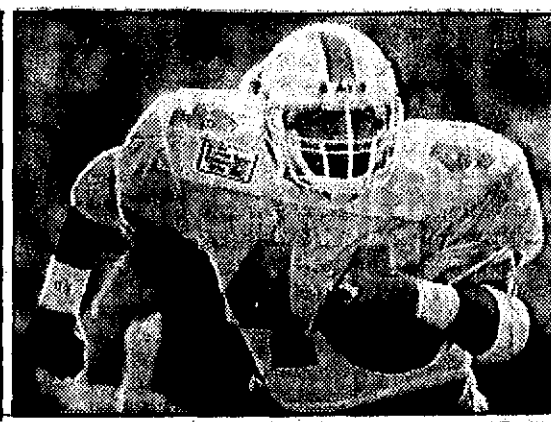


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Scores of fireworks trace bright patterns above Berlin's Brandenburg Gate as East and West parted together.

East bloc rings in freedom

By The Associated Press
Revelers frolicked on the Berlin Wall, Romanians watched their first televised New Year's Orthodox mass in 40 years and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev declared that socialism can prosper with democracy in the new decade that began yesterday.
Festivities ranged from solemn to raucous.
More than 2,000 people lit candles and rallied in the rain in Hong Kong
Bells peal in Moscow/14
in support of democracy, expressing hope that China's leaders would grant greater freedoms to avoid the

type of bloody revolution that convulsed Romania.
Romanians were not the only Eastern Europeans to celebrate an end to repressive one-party Communist rule. Poles, Hungarians, East Germans and Czechoslovaks also had peaceful revolts to take pride in.
In the Philippines, a barrage of fireworks and gunshots in the air left more than 1,700 people injured and triggered at least five fires in Manila, officials said. And in London's Trafalgar Square, at least 114 people were injured during a New Year's party that drew about 70,000.
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Couple's coveted first son city's first baby of decade

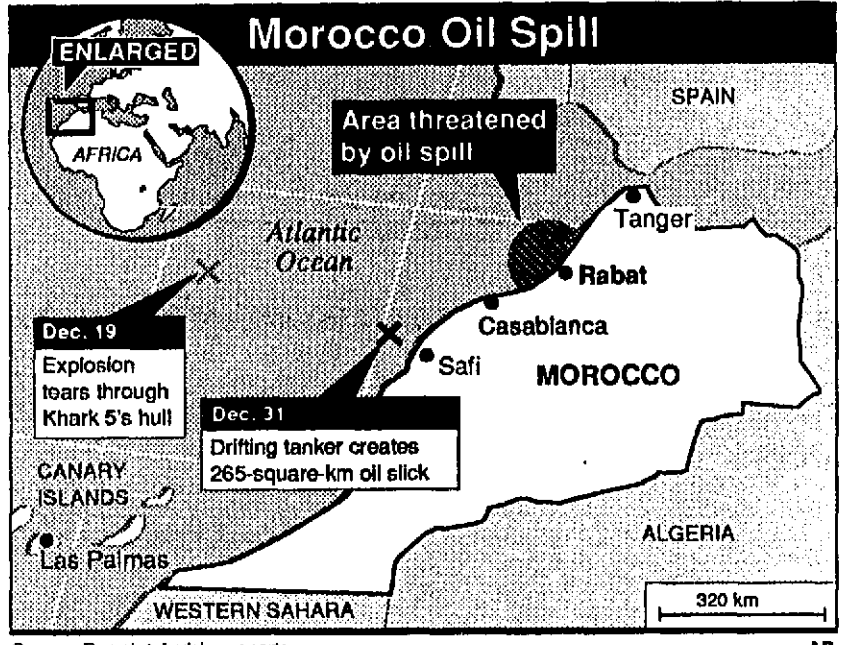
By Glen MacKenzie
Lorraine and Tony Trout started the 1990s with what both agree was the best possible New Year's present — their first son.
And, as an added bonus, the boy was the first baby born in Winnipeg, and possibly the province, in this new decade, a spokesman for the Health Sciences Centre confirmed yesterday.
Lorraine Trout, 33, said the boy arrived at 12:09 a.m. at the
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Rate rises mark year

By Aldo Santin
The price of gasoline and postage stamps went up yesterday and deductions off paycheques for Canada Pension Plan and Unemployment Insurance will increase immediately. Welcome to 1990.
A number of tax and utility increases went into effect yesterday and at least one more affecting natural gas rates is expected to be announced this week.
However, not everything is costing more this year. Those who made out-of-province, long-distance telephone calls yesterday will find the cost of keeping in touch has dramatically decreased.
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African spill dwarfs slick in Alaska

From AP-Reuter
RABAT — Cleanup experts tried to protect Morocco's sensitive coastline yesterday from an oil spill estimated to be two- to three-times the size of the Exxon Valdez spill that fouled Alaskan beaches last year.
A tug secured a line to the half-sunken Iranian supertanker Kharg-5 and began towing the 560-metre-long vessel out to sea, 13 days after an explosion tore through its hull about 600 kilometres north of Las Palmas in the Spanish-controlled Canary Islands.
The giant rusting tanker, under tow by two tugs, was heading out into open sea in unseasonably calm weather.
For several kilometres around, the water was streaked with murky, brown fingers of crude oil reaching out toward the shore.
Experts said the leak was plugged two days ago but by then the ship had lost about one-quarter of its cargo.
The 280-square-kilometre oil slick
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Lawyers lament low Legal Aid fees

By Terry Weber
Legal Aid has become a losing proposition for most experienced civil lawyers in Manitoba, forcing many to refuse cases they can't afford to handle, the head of the province's bar association says.
The provincial government continues to drag its feet on increasing funding to Legal Aid Manitoba so it can offer competitive fees and attract quality counsel in civil and domestic law, George Orle said.
"It's essentially because of the fees — they can't afford to do it," he said. "You find you can't do the Legal Aid work because it's a losing proposition."
Lawyers are offered about \$45 an hour for Legal Aid work. For the system to become viable, that would have to be increased to almost \$70 an hour, Orle said.
Although civil and family-law matters make up a large percentage of the agency's caseload, only lawyers just starting out — most with less than five years' experience — can take enough cases to make a profit, he said.
Orle, a Winnipeg civil lawyer, added that he continues to get calls from prospective clients asking him to take Legal Aid cases, but he has to refuse.
"I can't do it — I'm very up-front about it," he said. "Economically, it isn't viable for me."
Last week, lawyers in Alberta threatened a complete withdrawal of services unless that province's Tory government beefed up support for Legal Aid, but Orle says Manitoba lawyers haven't come to that point.
However, he said he has little hope that continued negotiations between the Manitoba legal community and the Filmon government will yield results soon.
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Continental 'domestic' grain trade predicted

By Bill Redekop
For better or worse, Prairie grain farmers may soon be trading in a domestic market that includes all of North America.
Looking into the 1990s, market analysts see Manitoba farmers freely selling barley to the Dakotas, and Alberta grains being sold in Montana, as north-south trade patterns assert themselves.
And that will set off a chain of events drastically altering grain marketing in Western Canada.
"It's the logical step," a member of the grain trade said. "Or else we (the U.S.

Winds of Change
Second of a series
Farmers are at a crossroads heading into 1990s, as federal Agriculture Minister Don Mazankowski begins the most ambitious program review ever undertaken. Free Press reporter Bill Redekop talked to producers and analysts about their worries and hopes as they say goodbye to the Dustbowl '80s and face a new and cloudy decade.

Economists and members of the grain trade say it would not signal the demise of the Canadian Wheat Board. The board would remain the sole exporter of wheat and barley, and might even add canola to its marketing authority.
But the word export would be changed to "offshore." That is, sales to the United States would not be considered exports and would therefore be no longer in the wheat board's jurisdiction.
The board would have to give up powers it holds in this domestic market, like sales of malting barley, milling wheat and feed wheat. Grains would then be allowed to flow freely across the Canada-United States border, and the selling would be done by farmers and private traders.
And the day may not be far off.
Esmond Jarvis, the wheat board's chief commissioner, said recently that an open border could happen as early as next year, partly because of the 1988 drought.
Under the free-trade deal, U.S. grains can enter Canada only when U.S. subsidies fall to Canadian levels. Those subsidies are currently \$40 to \$50 a tonne above Canada's.
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