

Happy New Year

Sabrina Spins Romantic Tale

Harrison Ford and Julia Ormond star in the romantic comedy Sabrina.



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Issues of Race, War Bring Fall

Until being undermined by the issues of his day, Chicago Mayor Richard J. Daley was one of the most powerful politicians in American history.



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THE WEEK IN REVIEW

Emergency Readiness Questioned

Portland's emergency radio communications network, a new \$8.5 million system for police and firefighters, malfunctioned for more than five hours during the Dec. 12 windstorm. The failure raises concern over whether the city is prepared to respond to a major earthquake or other disaster.

Smith-Wyden Race At Dead Heat

Republican Gordon Smith and Democrat Ron Wyden unleashed another round of attack ads after the latest polls showed their U.S. Senate race was a dead heat. Election ballots are scheduled to be mailed in January.

Dole Guessed Wrong About Nixon

Newly released Watergate papers show Bob Dole was loyal to President Nixon in his last months as president and thought the Watergate scandal would blow over. The documents show Dole, now the frontrunner Republican candidate for president, had sought a private meeting with the president "to offer his personal encouragement."

Nixon Film Termed Malicious

President Nixon's daughters, Tricia Cox and Julie Eisenhower, said Oliver Stone's new movie "Nixon," contains cooked-up scenes "that are calculated solely and maliciously to defame and degrade the late president and Pat Nixon's memories in the mind of the American public."

Lloyd Center Expansion Eyed

The owner of the Lloyd Center is planning an eight-block expansion, north of the shopping mall to Broadway that would cost \$100 million and include retail, food and entertainment businesses.

Portland Schools Face Layoffs

With less state money next year, Portland Public School Superintendent Jack Bierwirth unveiled a budget that would cut more than 400 employees, mostly teachers.

Tyson To Face Bruno

Former heavyweight champion Mike Tyson's next opponent will be World Boxing Council Champion Frank Bruno on March 16 in Las Vegas. The bout comes after Tyson's recent third-round knockout over Buster Mathis Jr.

Clinton Blamed In Drug Fight

Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, and Joseph Biden, D-Del. accused President Clinton of failing to wage a vigorous fight against drug abuse by young people. "To borrow a phrase, President Clinton has between AWOL, absent without leadership on the drug issue," Hatch said.

Simpson Debate May Go On For Years

It was the most-watched trial in history and in its wake America's justice system — juries, the media and above all the police — are on trial.

The legal debate sparked by the O.J. Simpson case could well rage into the 21st century. In addition, the trial in which the former football hero was found not guilty of murdering his ex-wife Nicole Brown Simpson and her friend Ronald Goldman exposed a gaping racial divide in America.

Polls taken after the verdicts were announced showed the vast majority of blacks believed Simpson was justifiably exonerated of the murders while the vast majority of whites felt the predominantly black jury had set a murderer free.

Simpson is black and both victims were white.

The trial lasted eight months and was televised live gavel-to-gavel in the United States and seen in other countries around the world, providing a soap opera that no Hollywood scriptwriter could have dreamed up.

There was high drama as lawyers from both sides postured before the television camera and Judge Lance Ito threatened to pull the plug more than once. A worldwide

audience also heard tales of wife beating, police bungling, evidence tampering and downright lying.

There were the gory details of the murders as a coroner explained in a no-punches-pulled manner how the victims were stabbed and slashed to death and how the murderer committed the coup de grace by slitting Nicole Simpson's throat so viciously that her head was almost severed from her shoulders.

In his closing arguments, defense attorney Johnnie Cochran urged jurors to "send a message" to what he termed a corrupt Los Angeles Police Department, returning not guilty verdicts. Many whites believe the jury chose to follow his advice with verdicts that spoke more of their distrust of the police than their belief in Simpson's innocence.

One of those is Fred Goldman, Ronald Goldman's father, who launched a campaign to have the jury system in California changed so that juries can bring in non-unanimous verdicts.

"Something needs to be done about a system that is broken, badly broken," he said in launching the campaign in November. "When I learned of my son's death, I never imagined I would be thrust into a system that I mistakenly thought was there for the pur-



O.J. Simpson and his attorney Johnnie Cochran at last summer's trial in Los Angeles.

pose of justice and honesty. Instead, I found that we were in a system that condoned dishonesty, unfairness, manipulation of the truth and, least of all, justice."

Criminal trial lawyers around the country have argued that the Simpson case was an aberration that in no way reflects the justice

system and have resisted calls to change it. "The Simpson trial was in no way typical of how the criminal justice system operates on a daily basis. Most cases result in guilty pleas or convictions. If the system favors any

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Near Left: Karey Schoenfeld (from left), Sgt. George Weatheroy Jr. and his wife, Corie Weatheroy were on hand for the annual Police Activity League Holiday Gala.



Far Left: Mike Brant (from left) and Kevin Moedica are two of the volunteers that help make the Police Activities League one of the biggest sponsors of youth activities for kids in the Portland metropolitan area. (Photos by Cliff Jensen)

Guilty Or Not Guilty?

Was Justice Served When A Jury Convicted A Black Man To Death In Portland?

BY PROMISE KING

Yvonne Heinrichs and Carolyn Leonard did not think justice was served when an all-white jury decided that Cornelius Brown, a black man, should die for killing Hope Anderson, his white girlfriend in 1987.

Both Heinrichs and Leonard are campaigning relentlessly, hoping to fan public attention to the case.

Together, they are proclaiming that Brown was a victim of a trial fraught in racism and should be set free from the clutches of the law.

Brown is currently serving a life term at the Oregon State Penitentiary after the Supreme Court commuted his sentence to life as a result of a faulty jury instruction.

The jurors had found Brown guilty of aggravated murder of a witness, felony murder, kidnapping and burglary in connection to the Nov. 30, 1987 disappearance of Anderson from her north Portland home.



Cornelius Brown

"My motivation to fight for Brown is justice. I'm Caucasian, but anybody with a good conscience should examine this case," Heinrichs told the Portland Observer.

Heinrichs said there was a miscarriage of justice because the assistance provided by the defense attorney was ineffective.

She also believes that Anderson is alive and well. Heinrichs even holds sworn affidavits by people who said they have heard or saw the alleged victim since the alleged death. A claim defense counsel Robert McKee had presented to the jury.

"There was no physical evidence linking Mr. Brown to any crime, no weapon was ever

produced and no proof exists that any death occurred," she insists.

Heinrichs contends that the prosecution relied too heavily on the testimony of a justice center inmate.

Brown's criminal past and his prior conviction in 1984 for distribution of a controlled substance may also have hurt his ability to gain public support.

During the trial, the court heard that Brown, 55-years-old at the time, had abducted his estranged girlfriend before killing her. Police have never recovered her body.

Court records obtained by the Portland Observer show that Multnomah County Deputy District Attorney Gregory Horner told jurors that the abduction had occurred at the end of an abusive five-year relationship in which Anderson had grown tired of physical and psychological abuse from Brown.

Horner told jurors that Anderson was killed just before she was about to testify against Brown concerning a restraining order

and misdemeanor assault cases pending against him.

He said Anderson had given police drug records to be used in a hearing on revocation of probation related to Brown's previous drug conviction.

William Bates, a convicted robber and burglar, held the key for the prosecutor's case during the trial. He testified that Brown had made admissions about Anderson's death while both were in custody at the Portland Justice Center Jail.

In exchange for his testimony, Bates received a five-year term of probation for a burglary and was returned to Washington where he was to face other charges.

Heinrichs and Leonard are demanding that polygraph tests be given to Brown, a demand legal authorities say is not relevant because of inadmissibility of a polygraph in

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