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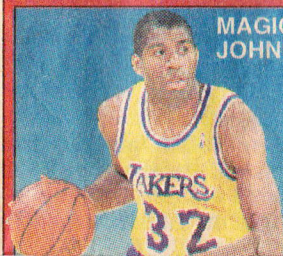
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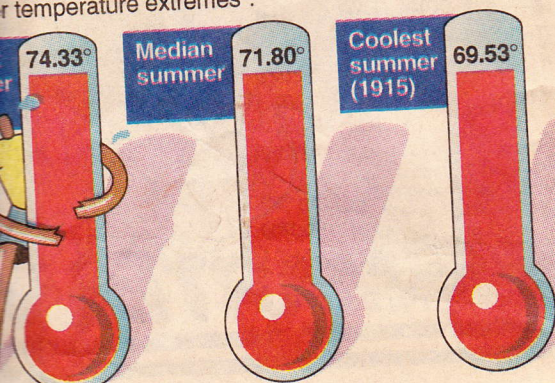
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Secretary of State James Baker and Russian Foreign Minister Andrei Kozyrev did sign an accord on the U.S. and former Soviet embassies, said the State Department's Margaret Tutwiler.

But she refused to provide details of the agreement.

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The United States banned the Soviets from using the building after bugs were found in its new Moscow facility.

Russia's embassy is 3 miles from the White House.

COVER STORY

Parenting turns men's lives on end

By Marilyn Elias
USA TODAY



FAMILY: Dr. Stephen Mandy, of Aspen, Colo., and daughter Ashley

William Van Wert had three sons under 5 years old when his wife left the family.

He was sure of only one thing: "There was no way I could do a good job with them."

"I thought they couldn't be normal, they wouldn't like women and they'd have to go through therapy to figure out how damaged they were."

By now, however, those doubts have faded and Sunday will be a happy Father's Day.

A single father raising his children was unusual when Van Wert, a professor at Temple University in Philadelphia, faced that prospect in 1980.

But between 1985 and 1989 alone, the number of single father-headed homes soared from 1.3 million to 1.8 million, three times the rate of female-headed families, new Census

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and Marine aviators where 20 women were allegedly subjected to sexual assault as a hallway was turned into a "gantlet."

SECURITY FEARS: TV cameras capture John Hinckley Jr., who tried to assassinate President Reagan in 1981, strolling near an unguarded gate at St. Elizabeth's psychiatric hospital in Washington; officials say the matter is "blown out of proportion." 2A.

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U.S., Russia settle feud on embassy

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Some see custody 'backlash'

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data show. Dads now head 21% of single-parent households. Fueling the trend, say experts:

- Judges' willingness to award custody to men.
- Mothers bowing out after divorce in favor of careers.

"The economics that drive it are very compelling," says Yale University child psychiatrist Kyle Pruett. "As more and more American children sink into poverty, it's hard for judges to turn away fathers who can provide better."

According to the Census data, single mothers have an average \$13,100 annual income vs. \$29,000 for single dads.

But money doesn't shield fathers from the shell shock of being the primary parent. They discover, as single moms know, that being a single parent can wreak havoc on their lives.

Van Wert says the woman upstairs took care of his sons while he taught film and creative writing. Two boys were still in diapers and getting up during the night, so he sleep-walked through the weeks.

"I thought, 'I'll never have a normal social life again. I'm going to die doing this,'" says Van Wert.

Aspen, Colo., dermatologist Stephen Mandy has cared for 8-year-old Ashley since she was 2. "For quite a while, the only time off I had when I wasn't working, I was nursemaiding."

Parenthood prompts about 3 out of 4 single fathers to make changes at work, says Geoffrey Greif, who surveyed 2,273 of them for his book, *The Daddy Track and The Single Father* (Lexington Books).

Most common are shortened hours and curtailed travel.

For Raymond Flannagan of Washington, D.C., it even meant losing a job.

Getting daughter Trina off to school often made him late to work, and he was eventually fired from his job as an audio visual equipment service technician. "The major reason was lateness," says Flannagan, whose first wife died.

For a while, he did process-serving, which provided more flexible hours. But when a second marriage ended in divorce and Flannagan got custody of infant Cerzell, too, he says, the care needed by both girls forced him to quit work.

Now the family lives in public housing in an area he considers unsafe. "But at least I can be there for them — they do have that," he says.

A single dad's social life often takes a back seat to parenting. Mandy says his social life "went to hell in a bucket."

Van Wert remembers falling asleep at the movies on a date. Sick kids sometimes killed romantic evenings.

So it takes the average single dad three years to have his first "meaningful" relationship, Greif found.

But for many, a playboy lifestyle is out of the question.

"I don't want Ashley to wake up and find women in my bedroom. ... I don't even bring anybody home unless they're really special," says Mandy, who is divorced.

Despite the hassles, four years after gaining custody 72% of men surveyed by Greif say the rewards of getting closer to their children often outweigh problems.

"For the most part, it's been a joy," says Flannagan. "You watch them develop and think, 'I helped make them that way.' ... Trina (now 9) is such a caring girl, and she's done very well in school."

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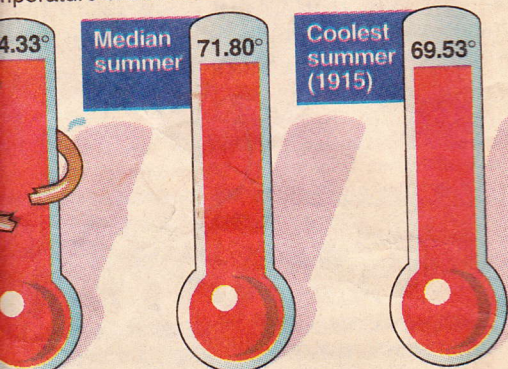
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Feminist psychologist Phyllis Chesler says the new trend is a disaster for women and children.

"Judges are giving kids to sex abusers now. They even give the men breast-feeding infants — and do it in such a vicious way that it's got to be backlash," says Chesler, author of *Mothers on Trial: The Battle for Children and Custody* (Harcourt, Brace, Jovanovich). "It would be great if they were parenting. Too few are. They're delegating it to older children, baby sitters, paternal grandmothers."

The jury is still out on how well father-reared kids will do over time, says Michael Lamb, a parenting expert at the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development.

"But the more we study the impact of parent-child relations, the more we see that the gender of the parent is less important than the qualities of a particular parent," he says.

The jury certainly isn't out for 16-year-old Ian Van Wert. "We're pretty close and, I'd say, a happy family."

And Ian says his dad "does a very good job. He's devoted to us. . . I want to be like him in a lot of ways. . . I'd really like to have his patience, his caring. I feel very close to my dad."

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"This is a great customer," Yeltin and wife Naina left Kansas for a state visit to Canada before their return home.

"Peace always starts with a beef people. off his harvest to attend the do. It's inconvenient, but timely.

rolls and milkshakes for an old-time barbecue — Yeltsin chatted with wheat, corn, dairy and

three times confusing their school with the University of Kansas, in distant Lawrence. "Everyone knows he meant

the plant manager as a sovereign suit jacker, giving it to deliver a speech about peace and the new U.S.-Russian friendship, he told a cheering student audience, "At least I still have my pants."

chilld close. ► At the Hormel meatpack-
ing plant, Yeltsin shed his light
brown suit jacket during it to

sim was in the mood to relax. ► At McConnell Air Force Base, where a crowd of about 1,000 from military families and the media greeted him, Yeltsin received the key to the city, and declared his first state visit to the USA "a great success." He vowed "there will never be war between our two countries," and voiced the hope that the line of B-1 bombers parked on the field "never

little kid with a new toy," said corn grower Don Lundquist. "There were other signs. Yellow corn was in the mood for a sale."

By Harry Davis, WHC-TV
in Hinkley was caught by TV
near an unguarded gate.

