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**INTERMISSION**  
"South Park" has become a worldwide fad, but finding it in Michigan is a challenge.  
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A survival guide for parents of children who are in school.  
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**SPORTS**  
There may be bigger and faster tailbacks in the country, but none are tougher than Autry Denson.  
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### Sheriff has nephew released from jail

**BY JASON CALLICOTT**  
*Tribune Staff Writer*

**SOUTH BEND**—When the St. Joseph County sheriff's nephew failed to show up for his court appearance on a felony theft charge last month, the judge ordered his arrest. Michigan police arrested the nephew, William Spytroek, in the 4300 block of Hickory Road in Mishawaka St. Joseph County Sheriff Joseph Spytroek then let him go a few hours later.

Sheriff Spytroek said that ordinarily he would not release someone who has a previous felony conviction and a history of failing to show up for court appearances, as his nephew does. But in this case, he knew the person involved (his nephew) and had checked with the father (Sheriff Spytroek's brother), who promised to have him in court on time. That made a difference, Sheriff Spytroek said.

When the sheriff was paged and found out William Spytroek was in his jail, the sheriff called his brother, then phoned the jail and ordered his nephew released. "I was in Michigan at a ball game, and they beeped me, so I called my brother and then I called the jail and said, 'I have him released,'" Sheriff Spytroek said.

St. Joseph County Prosecutor Michael Barnes said things are not supposed to work that way. "Unless he fell under something under the (jail population cap) don't do that unless he had a conversation with a judge first," Barnes said.

The cap set by a federal court limits the number of inmates allowed to be held in the county jail at one time to 300, although the jail population has exceeded that limit on all but two days this year through Aug. 18.

The jail population on July 11, the night Sheriff Spytroek had his nephew released, was 300, according to jail records. That population had been exceeded several times during July, and the average jail population for the month was 262.

While the sheriff did not specifically say his nephew was released to ease jail overcrowding, he did say that a high jail population often will result in certain inmates being released who otherwise would not be. "Typically inmates being held for offenses such as shoplifting, criminal trespass and certain driving offenses may be released on their own recognizance or on a very low bond," judges have said. But general practice dictates that an inmate being held for failing to appear in court on a felony charge should be held until his next court appearance, unless



**William Spytroek**

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**INSIDE**

**A kiss in the crowd**  
Downtown was filled with VJ Day revelers, but he couldn't forget the kiss one girl gave him, so he tracked her down. Read about this and other local love stories in this month's *Notes*.  
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**LOCAL**

**Pokagon land buy**  
The band admits it has bought 120 acres near North Liberty, Tribal leaders say the land is not necessary for a casino, but won't say what the land is for.  
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**Chasing Maris**  
Mark McGwire and Sammy Sosa

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Saturday: 18 no homers in first inning.  
Games left: 27 Games left: 20

**WEATHER**  
Mostly sunny and pleasant.  
High 80, Low 56

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**Summit timing poor**  
Clinton, Yeltsin both beleaguered at home

**BY JOHN M. BRODER**  
*U.S. Press-Scimitar*

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**Fan builds shrine to honor princess**

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**PATRICK TIMMINS** has put up an illuminated shrine at the intersection of Indiana 2 and County Line Road to honor Princess Diana. Timmins has asked those who wish to show their love for the princess and their grief at her loss to wear purple ribbons such as the one he is wearing.

**NEW CARLSVILLE**  
She was not just the princess of Wales, Timmins said, she was princess of the world, so it is appropriate that the shrine be worldwide. Hoping a successful ribbon campaign will lend support to the cause, Timmins, 41, said he would like to see the United Nations give Princess Diana the honorary title, "Princess of the World."

Timmins last year was upset over the decision not to give Princess Diana a state funeral.

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**Prince Charles emerges from Diana's death in good spirits**

**By LUCIE HARGREAVES**  
*The Guardian*

**LONDON**—It has been a good year for Prince Charles. In public he appears a more relaxed, liberal figure. He has emerged from the tragedy of Diana's death with his reputation enhanced.

As he approaches his 50th birthday in November, the prince's position of his life—the child, the husband, the father and the monarch—has been re-evaluated. And yet, despite the best efforts of his spin doctors, Charles is not quite the people's prince. The family growing hope among his advisers, though, is that he may yet emerge as the people's king.

Since the events of Aug. 31, 1997, when Diana died, British have noticed an enormous change in the Prince of Wales, verging on a transformation.

"He is thrilled. I have never seen him so happy," one said, noting that he has now returned to his "old Camilla set" of friends.

Though it seems heretical to say as much, it's almost as if Diana never existed.

The premature death of the Princess of Wales at the age of 36 has plunged her ex-husband from darkness into light. From the early days of their courtship, through the final years of their marriage, Charles was all too aware that it was Diana he loved and admired.

Now that Diana is no longer there to upstage him, the prince is once again the center of attention.

With Diana erased from daily consciousness, Charles has reverted to the engaging bachelor persona of the mid-1970s. This was a happy period for him, when he was flattered by the press as an action man and acquired the reputation as a gentleman who preferred blondes.

After a decade of hostility and mutual loathing, Charles has now regained his relations with the media.

Most crucially, his other side has been on display over the last year. His relationship with his mother-in-law, the Queen, is obvious—now 88 and 13—is obviously affectionate. It is, however, more than anything, which explains his enhanced public standing revealed earlier this month by an opinion poll.

For the first time in four years, a majority of the British public—

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**Prince Charles and his two sons, Prince William, left, and Harry, walk along the banks of the River Dee in the Balmoral Estate in Aug. 12, 1997. (AP Photo)**

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