

EXTRA! EXTRA! EXTRA!

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... I'd fly with thee!
We'd make with joyful wing
Our ... visit o'er the globe,
Companions of the spring." -- John Logan



WED ON NOON HOUR

THE BRIDE WORE BLACK; STRANGER IN HALL IS WITNESS

San Francisco, CA Over the noon hour on Tuesday, December 12, Paul Sackett and Alison Walsh were married at City Hall by a Justice of the Peace. A stranger recruited from the hallway was the witness. The bride wore her work clothes, black (when you're working with babies, getting slimed, you don't tend to dress up.) The groom, though, was elegant in a suit. The couple celebrated their nuptials with a luncheon at Mel's Drive-In. The bride had a hamburger and fries, the groom ate a tuna melt (or was it the other way around?) and then both returned to work. For a wedding trip, Paul visited his folks in Virginia for Christmas, and Alison visited hers in Burlington, Vermont. The bride is wearing a beautiful antique emerald and diamond ring. There will be, she says, a honeymoon at an unde termined date.... Alison & Paul thought they were just getting the license, when they went to City Hall, but the clerk said, "You want to get married today, too?" The couple looked at each other & said, "Sure." (Paul, however, must have been carrying the ring in his pocket -- or else they used a proxy bent paper clip!) Love & best wishes for many years of happiness to a favorite pair. Paul, you've married family AND god-family, you know!



LAW SCHOOL ADMISSIONS TEST FEB. 10

San Francisco The preemie-program that Alison has been working in for many years has just been dissolved; everyone is out of a job. Alison has many options. The first she'll explore involves taking the Law School Admissions Test. She might want to go to law school, and this is the first step. Go for it Alison -- or for WHATEVER!!

SNOWED IN AT TAHOE

Lake Tahoe It must have been a gala time, & did anyone remember the Scrabble? The snows fell, Thanksgiving weekend, and Alison, Paul, Megan Jackson, Gillian Jackson, and Cressida Broten were all snowed in at Paul's condo at Lake Tahoe. ENNEd wishes she'd been there -- but

ACTUALLY, NOT MEL'S, BUT RON'S.

Beloit, WI Lacking a picture of the bride and groom to run in this space -- the only black and white photo I have of Alison is of her at age 3, naked on the dock in Vermont -- I thought I'd print this shot from the cover of Ron Dougau's birthday card from Pat Dalvit, which I had ready to go; the couple do seem to be appropriately cheerful! For more on Ron's birthday, see this issue, p. 2, and Vol. VIII No. 4, passim.



she enjoyed three Thanksgivings in Spfld, and a final super one Dec. 3 in Beloit with Grandpa, Elle, Pat's new Dalvit, Mimi Dalvit, Jessu & Karl Schmidt, and Tom and Therese Schmitt.

EXCERPTS FROM BIRTHDAY BASH!

Beloit, WI ENNL readers have seen reproduced here birthday cards of Pat Dalvit's to her pater, Ron, in former years, and know that these chronic an extravaganza given annually on May 20 in Ron's honor (except when they never got the Hands-Across-America chain organized, and what had been, had to be exterminated the next year.) This years card (co-created with Stephanie McPhillips) is so lengthy that ENNL, regrettably, can only reproduce the highlights. The picture on the front page of this issue was on the front page of the card (i.e. BOOK!) and said, "We're on our way to Ron's"! From then on, it's all downhill!

The card was preceded by the following May 18 letter:

Dear Dad,

Happy Birthday! I know this will be late, and your Birthday Celebration Card will be even later. We are all working hard on the celebration but Margaret Thatcher is even more difficult to work with than the Duchess of Windsor. And I have both of them pushing for the limelight this year. The Duchess is determined to do Pool Decorations, and the Queen (Elizabeth, that is) has indicated that Wally has "rotten taste" and shouldn't be encouraged. But Thatcher wants to compromise and get this card in the mail. I told Wally you have no pool, but she said that the pond in Chez Nous "Back 40" would do very nicely. So I guess this is where the awards and prizes for the competitions will be held. Wally simply can't be talked out of it. Anyway, be patient. Some projects are so enormous they can't be hurried!

Love, Pat

P.S. Arafat plans to attend but he's very slow to send me a glossy photo.

Hi Guys :

I'm your 1989 Chairman, and this year the theme for Ron's Birthday Celebration has been 'A SALUTE TO GOOD TASTE'



Ron's Birthday Party is THE social event of the year.



Invitations are received with overwhelming enthusiasm.



...as epitomized by my pool decorations?



Is it time to go home?

Hurry, the show is about to begin!

