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Countdown under way



Vincent Brydon

Christian Brady (center) leads his troupe of about 175 quadrille dancers in a rehearsal at Fort Frederik in Frederiksted Thursday. The Millennium Quadrille Dancers hope to dance their way into the Guinness Book of World records as the largest quadrille troupe in history during millennium festivities today.

A new world record?

Quadrille troupe aims to dance into Guinness Book

VINCENT BRYDON

ST. CROIX — Scores of St. Croix residents — ranging in age from 6 to 96 — hope to dance their way into the 1999 Guinness Book of World Records in Frederiksted today.

Brady Christian, instructor and organizer of the Millennium Quadrille Dancers, and his troupe of about 175 dancers rehearsed in Fort Frederik on Thursday for what he said he hopes will prove to be world's largest quadrille dance.

The troupe is comprised of members from the St. Croix Heritage Dancers, children from six public schools and adult volunteers.

Participating schools include: Juanita Gardine, Charles H. Emanuel and Claude O. Markoe elementary schools; John H.

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General public to be barred from Point Udall

Government says ceremony is by invitation only

ANGELA BORCHERT

ST. CROIX — Admittance to Point Udall for two official millennium celebrations is by invitation only.

"There's a reason for that," VI Millennium Committee chairman Ohanio Harris said Thursday. "The point can only take a limited amount of people. Police authorities estimate you can only allow 500, 600 people up there."

The ceremony beginning at 11 p.m. tonight features a ribbon-cutting for the Millennium Monument and a presentation to Congressman Mark Udall, followed by a countdown to the new year.

The U.S. and Virgin Islands flags will be lowered in Frederiksted during the last sunset of 1999, and raised again at Point Udall during the first sunrise of 2000.

During the sunrise service beginning at 6 a.m. tomorrow, 20 peace doves will be released: one for each of the last 20 centuries.

Harris said the Millennium Committee made efforts to ensure the invitation-only events are not misconstrued as elitist activities.

He said invitations were given to local radio stations for their listening audiences; to members of nonprofit agencies; and to tenants' councils in various housing projects to distribute among themselves.

Each invitation admits two people.

"The selection for people to go up there was random," Harris said. "The committee has no knowledge or no control over who's going to go up there with tickets."

Harris said a 20-by-24-foot screen will be erected at Cramer's Park so people who cannot make it to Point Udall can witness the ceremonies from below. He said the events will also be broadcast live on Channel 12.

"People who have invitations will be asked to meet at the hospitality tent that will be at the entrance to Cramer's Park," Harris said. "There will be shuttle buses to take them from there up to the point."

Harris said VI Millennium Committee events were funded with $127,000 from the local government plus funding and in-kind services from private entities.

The Millennium Celebration will continue on Strand Street, Frederiksted, from about 2 p.m. with mocko jumbies and steel orchestra performances.

Home the best place to ring in New Year for many

Hotels charging big bucks for parties could pay the price

LOANNA MORRISON

St. THOMAS — With predictions of champagne shortages and hotel rooms around the world costing $10,000 a night as the global population parties, many Virgin Islanders have decided to stay home with a special meal and fortify themselves with drink, friends and family.

"There is worldwide disappointment in hotels and restaurants for the millennium celebrations and, in the USVI, many of the major hotels and restaurants will experience the worst Christmas and New Year's ever," Richard Doumeng of the St. Thomas-St. John Hotel Association said. "Hotels that thought they would be swamped by demand and had increased their prices tenfold have had to do a major reorganization."

Joe Aubain at the Chamber of Commerce for St. Thomas-St. John said there is no major communal celebrations planned on St. Thomas for the local population.

"Most people appear to have more of a religious feeling about Christmas in the USVI and, because of all the doom-laden predictions, these feelings seem to have extended to the New Year. There will be more people in church than at parties," he said.

The British Virgin Islands is one destination that will be reaping millennium-size paychecks — mostly because of one internationally renowned singing philosopher, 61-year-old Foxy Callwood.

Foxy's Tamarind Bar started in 1978 with a guitar and a beer cooler on the fine white sands of Jost Van Dyke, a 4-square-mile island with a population of 169. Word has been spreading for 30 years, turning it into the BVI's biggest importer of tourists. Time magazine named Foxy's bar the third most popular place to be on New Year's Eve after Times Square in New York and Trafalgar Square in London.

Over the years, Foxy's visitors have included the likes of Mick Jagger, Johnny Depp, Harrison Ford, John Travolta, Tom Cruise, Michael J. Fox and Kate Moss. The name has also become a brand in its own right, spawning Foxy's Beer, and Foxy's Firewater Gold Rum and Silver Rum.

Up to 10,000 people are expected there for the dawn of the millennium. Three parties are planned. The cost? A mere $1,000 for an elite seven-course meal — but just $50 to sit in the new "outback" extension and revel with the Mighty Sparrow and the Imagination brass band. There is also a free uncovered chilling area for the drop-ins and passing boaters.

"The island is going to tip over," manager Gary Roy said.

"The mooring area in Jost can only accommodate around 300 boats, so the BVI government is encouraging people to anchor in Cane Garden Bay and Sopers Hole on Tortola. From there, they can take water taxis to Jost. Otherwise, we will end up with a bottleneck which will be no fun for anyone. Some people may have been frightened off by the sheer numbers expected," Roy said.

SOME CHOICES ON ST. THOMAS

If you can afford more than $200:
- The Marriott Frenchman's Reef New Year's Eve Gala at the Grand Harbour ballroom — $230 per person
- Renaissance Grand Beach Resort Caribbean Party — $225 per person
- Wyndham Sugar Bay Resort Fire and Ice Millennium special — $490 per couple

To spend less than $200:
- Bluebeard's Castle — $95 per person
- Bolongo Bay — $125 per person
- Sapphire Beach — $150 per person
- Agave Terrace — $145 per person

Police blotter

ST. CROIX

Assaults:

10:04 a.m., Thurs., Lorraine Village.

11:35 a.m., Thurs., Little Fountain.

Grand Larcenies:

12:46 a.m., Tues., Olympic Car Rental on King Street in Frederiksted.

8:30 a.m., Wed., Walter I.M. Hodge Pavilion.

Burglaries:

1:24 p.m., Tues., Estate Whim.

3:23 p.m., Tues., Concordia Bay.

7:04 p.m., Tues., a discharging of shots reported in Stoney Ground.

11:50 a.m. Wed., Herman Hill.

10:56 p.m., Wed., Harvey housing community.

Other:

6:30 p.m., Tues., a stolen vehicle reported at the Sunshine Supermarket parking lot.

12:23 a.m., Tues., a stolen vehicle reported at Estate Ruby. The vehicle was recovered at 4:14 a.m. on Melvin Evans Highway in the vicinity of St. Croix Alumina.

1:53 p.m., Wed., disturbing of the peace by arguing in La Grange.

6:10 p.m., Wed., disturbing of the peace by threats on Hospital Street in Frederiksted.

7:30 p.m., Wed., disturbing of the peace by threats in Golden Grove Park.

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Couple to tie the knot in 12:01 a.m. ceremony

JEREMY EKBERG

ST. CROIX — What may be the first wedding on U.S. soil of the new year, decade, century and millennium is scheduled for 12:01 a.m., Jan. 1, 2000, with a local couple saying their vows on their boat anchored near the St. Croix Yacht Club.

They will be married on the deck of their vessel, the Adventuress, under a cascade of fireworks, bride-to-be Margo Webster said Thursday.

"Biplane Bob" Wesley, a Hovensa employee who until recently gave aerial tours of the island in his biplane, and Webster, a registered nurse at the Gov. Juan F. Luis Hospital, will be married by John "Bigbeard" Macy, a licensed captain and justice of the peace who owns Bigbeard's Adventure Tours in Christiansted.

The ceremony will be attended by a few friends and family members and will be followed by the yacht club's New Year's party.

"There will only be about 10 of us total," Webster, originally from Boise, Idaho, said Thursday. "I am excited because I was determined to be married at sea. I am excited to be married in my bare feet."

"It will be a new millennium and a new beginning. It should make for a nice anniversary."
Margo Webster

The couple has been together for 10 years and have been St. Croix residents for about four years, Webster said. The couple chose to be married by Macy because they have known him since their arrival. The captain is also well known for marrying people on the water, according to Webster.

"It's the same as the first baby born on the new year," Macy said. "It must be exciting being the first Americans married in the new millennium. Even if there is another wedding here, we'll probably be east of anyone else."

To commemorate the event, Macy and the couple have invited the Associated Press and the Guinness Book of World Records to record the historic nuptials, Macy said.

"It will be a new millennium and a new beginning," Webster said. "It should make for a nice anniversary."

Macy said he has married nearly 600 couples, most of them at sea, since 1986. He went to a local court at that time and was registered to marry people both on land and at sea after several requests from boaters that he marry them, he said.

"Weddings are such a pleasant, happy time and are a lot of fun," Macy said.

For the record

The American Express Travel Service Bureau on St. Croix recently donated $12,000 to the St. Croix Heritage Trail, which was mistakenly identified as the St. Croix Heritage Club.

TROUPE: Dancers eye a world record

FROM PAGE ONE

Woodson Jr. High School; and the St. Croix Educational Complex and Central High School.

Christian said that the youngest member of his troupe is 6 years old and that the oldest — Eulalie Rivera, after whom the Eulalie Rivera Elementary School in Grove Place is named — is 96 years old.

Rivera was not on hand during Thursday's rehearsal.

While the dancers have only been practicing for a month, Christian said that he is confident of their ability to perform.

"It's very difficult to teach quadrille to such a large amount of students," he said. "But, from what I can tell, they will do well."

Although he has been dancing and teaching quadrille for more than 30 years, Christian said that the Millennium Quadrille Dancers is the largest troupe he has seen in the Caribbean.

"I've never seen anything over 150 people," he said.

Christian also said that his troupe may be the first of its kind to make the record books.

"There has never been a quadrille troupe recorded in the Guinness Book of World Records," he said.

Guinness representatives will be on hand to witness the performance during the festivities on Strand Street today.

The Frederiksted block party is slated to begin at 2 p.m. and the dancers will perform to live music provided by Native Rhythms from 3:20 to 4:30 p.m.

Fire officials in St. Thomas-St. John log big-time overtime

St. Thomas fire chief racked up 48 hours in 3 post-Lenny days

WILL JONES

USVI — Although Gov. Charles Turnbull has ordered department and agencies to reduce overtime by 50 percent, the two top fire officials in the St. Thomas-St. John district racked up more 40 hours of overtime within three days before and after Hurricane Lenny.

Fire Chief Benjamin Santana, who retires effective today, charged the government 16 hours of overtime on Nov. 16 — the day before the storm — and 16 hours each of the following two days for a total of 48 hours.

Assistant Fire Director Donald Charles billed the government for 24 hours of overtime — eight hours each day — for the same period.

Linda Herbert, an administrative assistant to Fire Service Director Pedro Encarnacion, billed the government for 10 hours of overtime on Nov. 18.

The assistant director's annual salary is $50,000 and the fire chief's is $48,000. Herbert reportedly earns $28,000 to $30,000.

Santana and Charles hold exempt, or unclassified, positions. The employees in those positions are normally given compensation time off in lieu of overtime.

Documents obtained by this newspaper show that Charles and Santana indicate that they worked overtime because of "Hurricane Lenny recall."

The documents indicate that Herbert was paid overtime to assess damage to fire stations after the hurricane.

The overtime was approved by Roberto Santos, who was acting director while Encarnacion was ill.

Santos, who is St. Croix's district fire chief, referred specific questions about the overtime to Encarnacion.

Santos said that when overtime for the St. Thomas-St. John district officials was presented to him it had already been authorized by someone with more authority than he had.

"The overtime was approved on a case-by-case basis and it could have come from the director, the Office of Management and Budget or FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency)," Santos said. "I did not travel to St. Thomas myself to see who worked overtime."

Santos said no overtime was paid to top St. Croix district fire officials for working during the hurricane.

He said he and his deputy chief, Roosevelt Parsons, worked long hours during the hurricane but did not bill the government for overtime.

Encarnacion was not in his office Thursday evening and did not respond to a message to call this newspaper.

Daryl Georges, president of the International Association of Firefighters, which represents firefighters below the rank of sergeant and civilian support personnel, said other top St. Thomas-St. John district also received overtime for hurricane duties.

Georges, who said his members also were paid overtime during the hurricane, questioned the overtime for the top officials while the department is facing numerous other problems.

Turnbull appoints HPR to clean Camp Arawak

Department has less than 60 days to draft master plan

CHRISTIAN WADE

ST. THOMAS — Over a week after a Territorial Court judge blocked a land-exchange agreement between the VI government and Beal Aerospace Technologies, Gov. Charles Turnbull has appointed the Department of Housing Parks and Recreation to clean up and preserve Camp Arawak.

In a letter to HPR Commissioner Ira Hobson on Thursday, Turnbull ordered the department to assume responsibility for the 14.5 acres of land "until such time as the court order is stayed, modified or overturned on appeal."

This is the first statement from the governor since Territorial Court Judge Alphonso Andrews Jr. ruled last Wednesday that a land exchange between the government and Beal was illegal. Turnbull did not, however, comment on the judge's ruling on the land exchange, which Beal officials have said they will appeal.

In his ruling, Andrews issued a permanent injunction against the Beal land swap because the property is a charitable trust and cannot be transferred to a private company.

The property was donated to the people of the Virgin Islands for recreational use in 1974 by the late Frank Wiesner.

Now that HPR has been appointed as administrator of Camp Arawak, the department has less than 60 days to develop a plan to renovate and maintain the land for use as a beach, park and recreational facility, as called for in the judge's ruling.

Andrews ordered the government to draft a "master plan" to solicit volunteers for the cleanup of the property, conduct an archeological and historical survey and protect and preserve of artifacts found on the land. He also said the plan must include a proposal to utilize local funds, federal grants and private sector donations for improvements to the property.

Under the terms of the court order, HPR will also be required to keep records of all the funds collected for the renovations of the property and file quarterly reports with the court.

Hobson could not be reached for comment on Thursday afternoon.

Timmy Duncan bill ratified

USVI — Gov. Charles Turnbull announced Thursday that he signed into law the bill that ratifies the agreement between the VI government and Tim Duncan and T.D. Enterprises, Inc.

The agreement allows for San Antonio Spurs star power forward Tim Duncan, a St. Croix native, to promote the U.S. Virgin Islands along with the establishment of promotional and related business activities by T.D. Enterprises.

"This agreement with Tim Duncan Enterprises will bring much-needed economic benefits to the territory and, in particular, St. Croix," Turnbull said in a statement.

"In addition, Tim promoting the islands under the auspices of the Department of Tourism should result in a heightened awareness of the Virgin Islands and should contribute to an increase in visitors to our territory."

Illegal Chinese arrive on St. Croix

JEREMY EKBERG

ST. CROIX — Thirty-one Chinese illegal aliens were apprehended early Thursday morning on the East End of the island by members of the VI Police Department.

A police officer in Sally's Fancy made the initial call to the Patrick Sweeney Headquarters at 6:46 a.m. reporting suspicious individuals in the area. That call was followed just six minutes later by a similar one from a concerned citizen at Duggan's Reef, according to police records.

"An officer, while doing an escort, saw a truck with seven suspicious individuals in the back," Deputy Police Chief Novelle Francis said. "After a search of the area, we picked up the rest."

Francis said he believed the escort was made Thursday morning for some workers transporting materials to the Millennium Monument at Point Udall for the New Year's festivities to be held Friday.

"I guess they came here because it is an entryway into the United States."

Deputy Police Chief
Novelle Francis

The illegal aliens were moved to the Anna's Hope Detention Center and the Golden Grove Adult Correctional Facility by a prison transport van and several squad cars.

They are now being held without bail, which is normal practice for those in the country illegally, Francis said.

The group will be advised of their rights in U.S. District Court Friday morning and should be deported some time after that, according to Francis.

Francis said he was unaware if the suspects had been dropped off by another person operating a boat or if the group had sailed from China on their own accord. He said that no vessel had been found.

"My best guess is that they came in a boat," Francis said. "I guess they came here because it is an entryway into the United States."

Francis did not know what the aliens' plans were but said they may have been attempting to make arrangements to make their way to the mainland United States.

Dominguez pleads not guilty to murder

KC BURGARD

ST. CROIX — Marvin Dominguez was in Territorial Court Wednesday and pleaded not guilty to charges that he murdered his female friend and roommate and buried her in the back yard.

Dominguez, 25, of 141 Estate Two Brothers-Smithfield, was arrested on Nov. 30 after police exhumed the body of Patricia Ann Haumacher, 30, from their back yard. Dominguez and Haumacher, both chefs at a Christiansted restaurant, shared the rented duplex.

Haumacher was reported missing in early November by family members in New Jersey after they did not hear from her for several weeks. When police questioned Dominguez, who also moved to St. Croix from New Jersey, about his roommate's disappearance, he originally told them that Haumacher had left the island.

On Nov. 29, however, Dominguez turned himself in to investigators at the Patrick Sweeney Police Headquarters and told them where to find Haumacher's body.

He was charged with first-degree murder the next day after officers uncovered the body — bound and gagged — in a shallow grave.

It is estimated that Haumacher had been dead for more than six weeks.

Dominguez, represented Wednesday by attorney Hannibal O'Bryan with the public defender's office, was granted his request for a jury trial by Judge Edgar Ross. The trial is scheduled to begin in early March.

Crucian Christmas Festival 1999-2000 schedule of events

- **Tuesday, Jan. 4** — Quelbe tramp and cultural night, 7 p.m., on King Street, Frederiksted.
- **Wednesday, Jan. 5** — King & Queen of the Bands, 8 p.m., in the Festival Village at Paul E. Joseph Stadium.
- **Thursday, Jan. 6** — J'ouvert morning, 4 a.m., on King Street, Frederiksted.
- **Thursday, Jan. 6** — Food, arts & crafts fair, 11 a.m., at the Ann Heyliger Vegetable Market.
- **Thursday, Jan. 6** — Calypso Monarch finals, 8 p.m., at Island Center.
- **Friday, Jan. 7** — Children's Parade, 11 a.m., on King Street, Frederiksted.
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St. Croix fisherman catches $3,500 fine

JEREMY EKBERG

ST. CROIX — A Crucian vessel owner and operator has been issued a notice of violation and assessment for failing to display an official number on fish traps and failing to display an official number and color code on the fish-trap buoys.

Thomas Daley was assessed a civil penalty of $3,500 by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, it was announced Wednesday.

"We must protect our national fishery resources from those who attempt to fish outside the rules," NOAA senior enforcement attorney Karen Antrim Raine said. "Honest fishermen need to know that NOAA will investigate and prosecute these and other fishery violations to help protect their legitimate fishing activities."

Harvesting reef fish by traps is regulated by the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, according to a statement. The act requires escape hatches with biodegradable fasteners that allow fish to escape if the traps are left unattended.

"I will admit there was one or two violations," Daley said. "My feeling is that if it's the first time they are checking in the area (for violations) they should warn you first."

Daley conceded that his buoys were not color coded, but said he does not have the money to pay the fine. He plans to write a letter to NOAA requesting leniency from the agency.

After the loss of 102 traps due to hurricanes throughout the last few years, Daley said he has spent the past six months repairing or replacing many of them.

Daley questioned the authority of NOAA to regulate and enforce any violations he may allegedly be guilty of.

"My feeling is that the Caribbean Fishery Management Council only has jurisdiction over the Virgin Islands," he said.

Daley's traps reportedly had escape hatches that were wired shut instead of tied with an untreated twine as required by law. He also apparently did not have numbers, and his buoys were not properly marked for fishing in federal waters.

Fishermen in the waters off St. Croix cannot live on the bounty harvested by traps unless they are wired shut with a wire and not the twine regulated by law, Daley wrote in a letter to Gov. Charles Turnbull on Dec. 14.

The traps were found by a NOAA fisheries special agent and members of the U.S. Coast Guard off the Long Bank area.

Daley reportedly has 30 days from receiving the notice to pay the penalty, try to have the assessment modified, or request a hearing to deny or contest all or any part of the violation and penalties.

NOAA fisheries is an agency of the Department of Commerce. The agency conducts scientific research and provides services and products to support fisheries management, development and trade.

Venezuela flooding sets back Hovensa's plans for coker

WILL JONES

ST. CROIX — Recovery efforts in the aftermath of the devastating floods and mudslides in Venezuela might cause another delay for Hovensa's coker plant.

Alex Moorhead, Hovensa's vice president of human resources and government affairs, said the company — with the assistance of its financial advisors — has identified financing for the project, but the plan is awaiting the approval of Hovensa's owners.

The former Hess Oil Virgin Islands Corp. is jointly owned by HOVIC and the Venezuela government-owned Petroleos de Venezuela.

Moorhead said Venezuela government officials have been so busy with recovering from the crisis that approving the financial plan "understandably" has not been a priority.

He said the floods and mudslides have caused major destruction that is far more of a priority than building the coker plant.

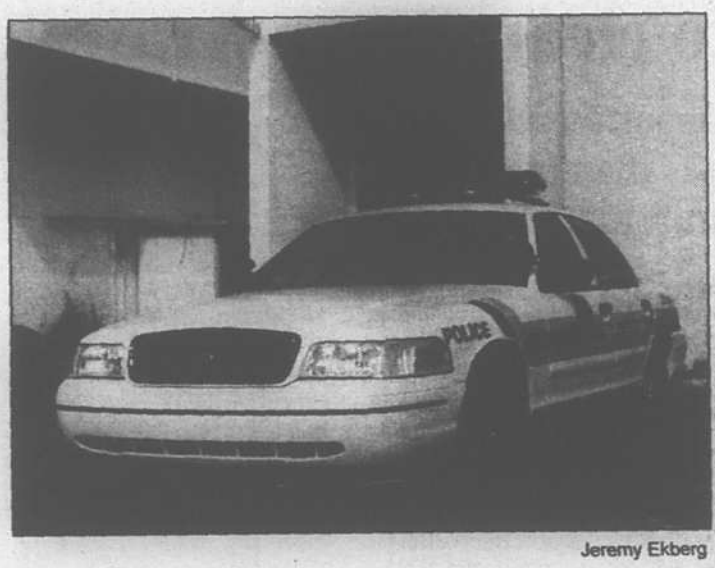
Moorhead said construction, which was to start in January or February 2000, will probably be pushed back several months.

"We still hope to start construction during the first half of the year," Moorhead said.

Hovensa officials announced in November that they abandoned their initial plan to pursue a $650 million bond issue to finance construction because interest rates were too high.

The coker plant will allow Hovensa to refine heavy Venezuelan crude oil, which costs $2 to $4 per barrel less than crude currently being processed.

Hovensa officials have said the refinery has lost more than $1 billion since 1991 and the coker plant would reduce the losses and allow the St. Croix plant to compete with U.S. refineries.



Jeremy Ekberg

New cars

This new Crown Victoria police cruiser parked at the Patrick Sweeney Headquarters is one of the five vehicles recently purchased with grant monies by the VI Police Department for their Highway Safety Division. The cars cost $26,000 each and will all soon be equipped with radar guns.

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Leisure

I could never cover all of the activities today on island. There will be happenings galore in Frederiksted today as we alternate between dancing the old-time quadrille and the more recent electric slide into the new millennium. If you stay out that way The Saloon will be ushering in the New Year with Michael Justice, with probably the western-most celebration on island unless some head out to the end of the pier with a bottle of rum.

There are rumors of great fireworks in the Shoy's area, so some will congregate there. At Divi Carina Bay you can dance to both the blues and West Indian music, as well as enjoy Alli Paul's Mocko Jumbies bringing their own brand of good luck to the new year. The full price of $99 will drop once the buffet is picked over at 11. Late admission is just $50 per couple, for those who want to watch their waistlines and dance into the millennium at the easternmost hotel under the U.S. flag.

Power prayer

An e-mail from James Redfield and Marrianne Williamson arrived at Power Places Tours in Frederiksted. They are asking everyone to join in a "worldwide prayer wave." At one minute before midnight tonight, say a short prayer for "a common vision of peace, freedom, and the spiritual uplifting of the human race."

Can the power of prayer change mankind at this point in time?

You'll never know if you don't try.

Football anyone?

Over at Club 54 they will be open and have the bowl games on all day Saturday. If any of us are alive and well, that could be just the place to resume football as usual, watching on the big screen. Meanwhile, I'll bring the ball and we can head down to the ballpark and participate in the first Y2K Bowl Game.

First last light

More Millennium Recovery Day plans? My first entry on my new calendar says "Sleep In" on the first. Rainbow Beach may be the destination for many of us to see one of the first sunsets on the new millennium.

Playing around

The first new Caribbean Community Theater play of the millennium will start next weekend, January 7,8 and 9. "Proposals," a play by Neil Simon, will be presented at the Sidney Lee Theater at Island Center.

Free hearing testing available for babies

ST. CROIX — The Department of Health, Maternal Child Health and Children With Special Health Care Needs Program is conducting free hearing tests for babies who were not tested at birth at Gov. Juan F. Luis Hospital.

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■ PANAMA CANAL

Handover symbolizes changing US security goals

WASHINGTON (AP) — The turnover of the Panama Canal to Panama on New Year's Eve means more than the end of American control of the 50-mile waterway. It marks the loss of a U.S. military foothold in Central America.

For some, the transfer raises questions about whether U.S. national security will be weakened.

The answer, in the view of many, is no. Panama no longer is the strategic prize it was during much of the 20th century, and the U.S. armed forces have made alternative arrangements to keep a credible presence in the region.

Some people, most notably those who have argued against the canal handover since President Carter signed the Panama Canal Treaties in 1977, disagree. They believe the loss of the canal is a blow to U.S. influence in the region and could create a security vacuum that Colombia's drug lords will try to exploit.

Retired Adm. Thomas Moorer, a former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, told Congress earlier this month that he believes China will use its commercial links to the canal to sneak nuclear missiles into the area.

Such fears are dismissed by Joseph W. Cornelison, deputy administrator of the Panama Canal Commission, the canal operator whose duties will cease on Friday. He told the Senate Armed Service Committee in October, "I think I could detect a threat if it were in the making right in front of my eyes."

Chinese, U.S. and Panamanian officials also dismiss any notion that China wants to control the canal. Richard H. Shultz, a national security expert at Tufts University, said he sees little reason for worry about the departure of U.S. forces for that or any other reason.



Associated Press

A ship transits the "Gaillard Cut" section of the Panama Canal Thursday.

"With the Cold War over and the changing security arrangements we have in Latin America, I don't know what having forces in Panama does for us that we couldn't do with forces based in the United States," said Shultz, who is director of international security studies at Tufts' Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy.

The first U.S. soldiers permanently assigned to Panama came to guard construction of the canal, which opened in 1914.

The U.S. troop number peaked at about 65,000 during World War II, when the canal served as an important transit point for Navy ships. Since the mid-1990s, fewer than 10,000 troops have been based there.

Today's aircraft carriers are too big to fit through the canal, and the Navy makes almost no use of it in executing overseas missions.

Panama's Quarry Heights had been headquarters of U.S. Southern Command, the warfighting command with responsibility for Central and South America until 1998, when it was moved to Miami.

The last U.S. soldiers departed Panama earlier this month with the handover of the Corozal military installation to Panama, although a small number will remain as part of the U.S. Embassy's military assistance team, a normal arrangement.

Twice — in 1979 and 1991 — the Congress stated that it would be in the United States' interests to retain a military presence in Panama after 1999 and urged the president to negotiate with the Panamanian government over a possible arrangement. Negotiations to maintain an anti-drug base in Panama broke off earlier this year.

Defense Secretary William Cohen has sought to dispel fears, referring to one of the Panama Canal treaties which states that if canal operations are jeopardized the United States and Panama each independently has the right to use military force to reopen the canal or restore its operations.

Raul Duany, a spokesman for U.S. Southern Command, said Marine Corps Gen. Charles Wilhelm, commander in chief of Southern Command, believes the loss of Panama bases will not harm U.S. national security.

"We knew 22 years ago that we had to get out of Panama," Duany said. "It was a matter of finding the best alternative locations. We don't think it has affected our operations."

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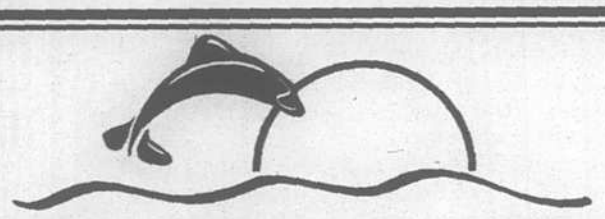
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Modest proposals

As we step gingerly into the next century, it is time to make some novel and radical suggestions to make the territory work better. Call them New Year's resolutions if you like. While these might seem exotic, even daring, with courage and commitment we can put them into gear:

• When a person commits a crime, he (or she) shall be charged with a violation of law, remanded to detention, hauled into court and tried. If found guilty, he shall be sentenced to incarceration and/or forced to pay a fine. (We know this is a lot to ask, but why not give it a try?)

• The government shall not spend more money that it reasonably expects to collect. Difficult, to be sure, but necessary. This is known as "creating a budget," and is, astonishingly enough, used in many jurisdictions to prevent burdensome debt loads and uncontrolled extravagance with the money of de people dem.

• The infrastructure of the islands, meaning those areas that come under the ambit of public works, shall be maintained in acceptable order. This means that potholes will be filled promptly to prevent damage to automobiles and to avoid maiming accidents. Sewage generated by the populace shall be directed to its proper disposal, including basic treatment and safe discharge of effluents. The Caribbean Sea, for all its vastness and power, is not a cesspool.

• Privately owned public utilities shall be overseen by a board directly answerable to the people in order to eliminate overcharging and lousy service. Since this arrangement is in effect in only 50 states of the Union, we would be on the cutting edge of responsible governance.

• During sessions of the Legislature, representatives shall spend no more than 85 percent of the time droning on about how wonderful they are and how they have nothing but the good of the people at heart and what outstanding public servants they are and ... on and on and on. The remaining 15 percent of the time shall be devoted to actually doing something.

• People in powerful places who hire relatives, cronies or political pals to fill offices for which the latter are eminently unqualified shall be required to pay the salaries of these patronage pigeons themselves.

• The number of public-sector employees shall be approximately equal to the number of workers needed to accomplish the work required.

• Laws against littering, improper trash disposal, abandoning junk cars on public roads and maintaining public eyesores and nuisances shall be enforced.

• Government shall be conducted in an open, transparent and responsible manner. People paid by the taxpayers shall not hide, stonewall, lie or otherwise conceal their activities from those for whom they are supposed to be working. In other words, operate under existing laws and democratic principles. (Public servants: Check your dictionary for any words you don't understand.)

• Put into place immediately a comprehensive plan to change from driving on the left to driving on the right. This bold step would put us in synch with the rest of the civilized world except for Great Britain and Japan and a smattering of ex-colonies of the former. (We would set an example for those benighted countries as well.)

While these suggested resolutions might come as a shock to those who have been living under a rock in Great Pond Bay, they would serve to bring us directly into the 20th century, after which we could work on properly entering the 21st.

Happy New Millennium.



Letters to the Editor:

Why Mr. Prosser is not a hero on this island

Dear Editor:

I am finally writing in response to the letter to the editor in which a gentleman was aghast at the negative attitudes expressed toward Mr. Prosser, whom the gentleman described in glowing terms. I hesitated to respond at first, but have given up all hope and have nothing to lose. I will explain this negative attitude toward Mr. Prosser.

My house has not had telephone service since late October. The implications of a lack of telephone service are not only that we cannot contact our friends and family on island, but we could not contact friends and family off-island after Hurricane Lenny to tell them that we were safe. We could not contact friends and family to wish them a safe and happy New Year. We have not been able to access the Internet. I have not been able to complete the part-time typing that I contracted for with a local company, because they needed documents modemed to them, and I was unable to do so. They hired part-time staff from Puerto Rico instead.

Vitelco continues to be unable to tell us when the line problem can be fixed. We have given up hope.

My house has not had consistent cable-television service since we signed up for it nearly two years ago. Sometimes the service is there, sometimes it isn't. Sometimes, even when service from some stations is working, we are unable to receive signals from other stations, signals that we pay for every month. Recently, we have been unable to watch pay-for-view movies that are advertised, because St. Croix Cable has changed their access procedures.

We have given up hope.

These problems are not unique: I know of no one who is not experiencing frustration with the lack of service from Vitelco and St. Croix Cable TV, and outright anger with Mr. Prosser's self-congratulatory attitudes. Mr. Prosser is spending hundreds of thousands of dollars building himself a fancy new office building.

He is rumored to be spending millions of dollars on a much-ballyhooed New Year's party, complete with Rolex security passes and international talent. I have nothing against conspicuous consumption but not at the expense of his customers.

Mr. Prosser's monopolistic companies have yet to provide reliable service for everyone who continues to pay for those services. All we hear are excuses, and all we get is nothing.

And that is why Mr. Prosser is not a hero on this island, but just greedy and arrogant!

Elaine Kuligowski
St. Croix

Drake's Seat vendors are the island's best assets

Dear Editor:

This is an open letter to Ms. Leona Bryant.

With all due respect, we would like to respond to your radio commentary. We are 11 vendors/families at Drake's Seat; some of us have been at this site for 18 years. We have active licenses and pay all local taxes, as any business person would. In addition, we pay Housing, Parks and Recreation each month as per our agreement.

Each morning and evening, we clean our own space and the surrounding areas. The debris appears after we close for the day. Without us, the area would be an eyesore.

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Enrique Perez
Drake's Seat vendor
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Readers who wish to get in touch with correspondent R.B. Meyerson, whose letter was published on Dec. 30, are asked to write him a letter and send it to him in care of the St. Croix Avis. The letters will be forwarded to him. Don't forget to include your name, place of residence and phone number.





The last thing we need is fear of job loss

Gail Chiang
My Turn

Whenever government's financial woe deepens, whispering words of layoff or firing of government workers always rumble through the community. If this is the sentiment of the upper level government, then the question is how to approach this process sensitively without causing anxiety, emotional stress and social unrest.

In this fragile economic atmosphere, the last thing the community needs is the fear of unemployment, increase of crime, and risking the possibility of a collapse of our community.

One could argue that the Virgin Islands government's work force is top-heavy. One might even argue that it would be crucial for the government to consider downsizing its work force to reduce the deficit. But an across-the-board layoff of lower-level employees would be disastrous.

While historically mainland states, governments and U.S. presidents have used this format to combat deficit, to apply it to a closed society like our islands would be ineffective and insensitive. Instead of putting a dent in the current huge deficit, it could accomplish the exact opposite by creating continued social unrest.

In a striving economic condition, businesses in the private sector may absorb large percentages of the work force that the government intends to lay off. Under the current critical situation, the government is being perceived as "user" friendly, not business friendly. By this I mean businesses that decide to stay open and weather the crisis find that they are being "used" by the government as it contemplates revenue-enhancing methods by raising taxes and business license fees.

What the government needs to do is to assert serious effort to assist business to grow and to encourage the opening of new businesses with innovative incentives. Once the government demonstrates accountability instead of political servitude, the private sector and the community would have the confidence of potential economic stability. Only then can they have long-term positive planning. Private business firms would have no hesitation to hire additional personnel to expand their businesses if a stable future were perceived.

Measures of keeping vendors' accounts current, forgiving any delinquent interest or penalties, offering deferment or easy payment schedules for obligations owed to the government would be a good start. Capital would be put back into growing the business.

Many potential businesses are hesitant to come to the territory because of the high cost of shipping, airfares and import taxes. The government must seek means either to negotiate for a better shipping rate and lower airfares, or to lobby the U.S. Congress to eliminate the "international" status so we can enjoy a more favorable business environment.

The equation for retirement benefits may need to be modified. Many government workers have the tendency to stay on the job longer than they actually want to simply because of the low multiplier in the calculation of their retirement benefits. The early-retirement incentive should be more attractive — perhaps by introducing a higher and equitable cost-of-living adjustment into the equation.

Secondly, under the current retirement equation, benefits are based on the average of the salary for the last three years' employment. Many employees get promoted with hefty salary jumps not based on their merits but rather based on their political ties or political favors that are given to them. This entitles them to retire with much higher benefits than the ordinary government worker.

This becomes a classic example of the underclass not being given a chance to advance while cronies use political affiliations to get ahead. The method of calculating salary income averaging for retirement may need to change. We need to look at government workers' total service rather than the three years before retirement.

While current employees should maintain their current retirement-contribution rate, new and first-time government workers may need to pay a higher amount into the retirement system. This will enable them to receive more attractive benefits when they reach their retirement age.

Another possible way to enhance the early-retirement option would be either to allow these employees and teachers to make lump-sum payments into their retirement system, or place them on right employment steps.

This allows new employees or teachers to join the government service at an entry-level salary that can yield substantial savings in payroll budget.

In addition to attrition and early-retirement incentive, government work force can be reduced by the reassessment of the organization chart for each department and agency. There are too many political top-level positions that are redundant. Political appointments need to be curtailed.

If the government feels that downsizing its work force is inevitable and it is the last resort, then they must develop a viable time schedule to accommodate a transition period that may require two to four years. Providing training and counseling for employees who are not quite eligible for retirement but need certain skills in order to be able to participate in the private sector would make a smoother transition from the government to the private sector.

We must consider what is best for our community as a whole. When a government is irresponsible, it fails the people. And when that happens, everyone loses.

Gail Chiang is a business owner and lives in Frederiksted.

St. Croix is not the first place on American soil to receive 21st century

Dear Editor:

It is incorrect to say that St. Croix will be the first place on American soil where the sun will shine on the new millennium.

The last time I checked, the day begins at 180 degrees East Longitude. That makes our sister U.S. Territory, Guam (145 degrees East Longitude) and Wake Island (165 degrees East Longitude) the places on "American soil where the sun will shine first on the new millennium." (The winner — and the American flag and Americans are supposed to be there — would obviously be the South Pole, where you can savor yesterday, today and tomorrow as well as be the first and last to do whatever.)

Additionally, only politicians could engage in such a ridiculous "bread and circus" phony hype. (Five thousand quelbe dancers, a 1,000-member steel orchestra, 150 mocko jumbies and a dozen handshaking, smiling politicians.) Good Lord! They are expecting 50 percent of St. Croix's population to show up at Point Udall. Not a smart move considering all the factors associated with this date.

Remember, also it is New Year's Eve, when the roads are ruled by a plethora of drunk and disorderly. Mix this with Y2K and a few doomsday freaks, and add those regular knaves who are out looking for trouble, pepper this with the drug dealers and regular nightcrawlers, then multiply this by several thousand, spread immediately over the tissue-thin existing infrastructure and you end up with the fact that this is a good night to stay at home.

Remember, the same politicians who used a power outage to justify a curfew are now suggesting you venture forth — and bring your family — to a cliff on the East End of St. Croix on the most vulnerable day of the year.

This promotional scheme has not been carefully studied. The chance of serious problems are increased at a time when the government has difficulty providing even basic delivery services. The message we send out is that we can't fix the island's classrooms but we sure can throw a big party, can't we?

We should now know that politicians have no self-restraint when it comes to spending taxpayers' money on fun and frivolity. Yet when they do, we lavish them with our votes.

Also, please consider the important fact that the new millennium does not begin until Jan. 1, 2001. (There wasn't a year "0"! The monk started counting at 1 AD!)

Certainly, the correct information shouldn't restrain those who take nearly half or all our yearly earnings. They have our number. But they can't count. What else is new? They can have another party on the correct date! But when the media become promoters of this distorted hype, the charades will endure as truth and justice weep.

Herb Schoenbohm
St. Croix

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Antigua ready for 2000 — almost

ST. JOHN'S, Antigua (CANA) — Antigua & Barbuda is 85 percent Y2K compliant.

The Antigua Sun newspaper reported Thursday that this finding was based on a survey conducted by a representative of the World Bank.

"The World Bank representative's findings are the result of an extensive, three-month, island-wide survey that revealed the island has no critical areas of concern," the paper said.

The paper added that tests were carried out on the state-owned Antigua Public Utilities Authority, the privately-owned West Indies Oil Company, the telecommunications company Cable & Wireless, the Holberton Hospital and most government ministries.

An official of the National Computer Center, Elmon Benjamine, who worked with the World Bank official, said three basic tests — basic input and output system; the real time clock; and the leap year — are done to determine a computer's compliance.

"Everything is not 100 percent positive. Even though we have carried out the relative tests, no one knows what is going to happen Dec. 31," Benjamine was quoted by the Sun as saying. "We are putting contingency plans and back-up systems in place, in the event anything should happen."

JAMAICA

Y2K fears lead to canceled flights

KINGSTON, Jamaica (CANA) — Jamaica's flag-carrying airline, Air Jamaica, has canceled about 16 of its flights for today and Saturday because of reduced bookings caused by fears about Y2K readiness, the Gleaner newspaper reported Thursday.

"We have canceled about eight flights on each day (New Year's Eve and New Year's Day). ... For example, we would normally have three flights to New York, and we're only having two," said Will Rodgers, Air Jamaica's vice president for industry affairs.

Rodgers was reported as saying bookings for the two days were 25 percent less than expected.

The Gleaner said Air Canada and British Airways had also canceled flights scheduled for late today.

Rodgers was reported as saying there had been a marked reduction in the number of tourist bookings.

He suggested that many potential visitors had their vacations frozen and were remaining on the job to deal with any emergency resulting from the Y2K problem.

The Y2K problem, or "millennium bug," is the result of a bygone practice by computer programmers of expressing years using only the final two digits.

Computer analysts now say some uncorrected date-sensitive computers may be undone by "00" when 2000 rolls around and could shut down or malfunction, with catastrophic consequences for computer-dependent systems and services.

Cubans continue to march for Elian's return

HAVANA (CANA-Reuters) — Tens of thousands of Cubans marched on Thursday in the island's second largest city, Santiago de Cuba, in a continuing campaign of daily street protests to demand that 6-year-old shipwreck survivor Elian Gonzalez be sent back from the United States.

Clad in identical, white "Let's save Elian!" T-shirts, the marchers waved banners and chanted patriotic slogans as they snaked for an hour down a main boulevard in the picturesque coastal city in the east of the Caribbean nation.

The demonstration was the 11th consecutive day of public protests since President Fidel Castro launched what he termed a "second stage of the battle of the masses" to get Elian repatriated. It was the 17th day of rallies since Cuba began mobilizations on Dec. 5.

Elian was rescued at sea on Nov. 25 by U.S. fishermen and is living with relatives in Miami. He had been clinging to an inner-tube for two days after a craft full of Cuban boat people capsized on an illegal bid to reach Florida.

Eleven people, including the boy's mother, were killed. His father, Juan Miguel Gonzalez, who was divorced from the mother, is demanding Elian's return to his hometown of Cardenas on Cuba's northern coast.

The boy's fate is still uncertain. The U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service is scheduled to hold a hearing on his status on Jan. 21 but could return him to Cuba sooner if it decides his father has the sole right of custody.

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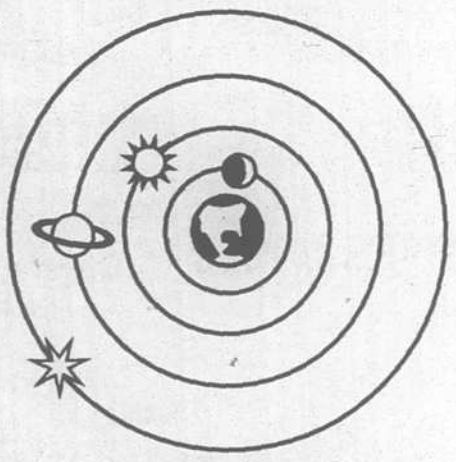
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US homicide rate down — except in some big cities

NEW YORK (AP) — Homicide rates fell in many American cities this year — thanks to the aging of baby boomers, a keener sense of community and the decreasing use of crack cocaine, criminologists said.

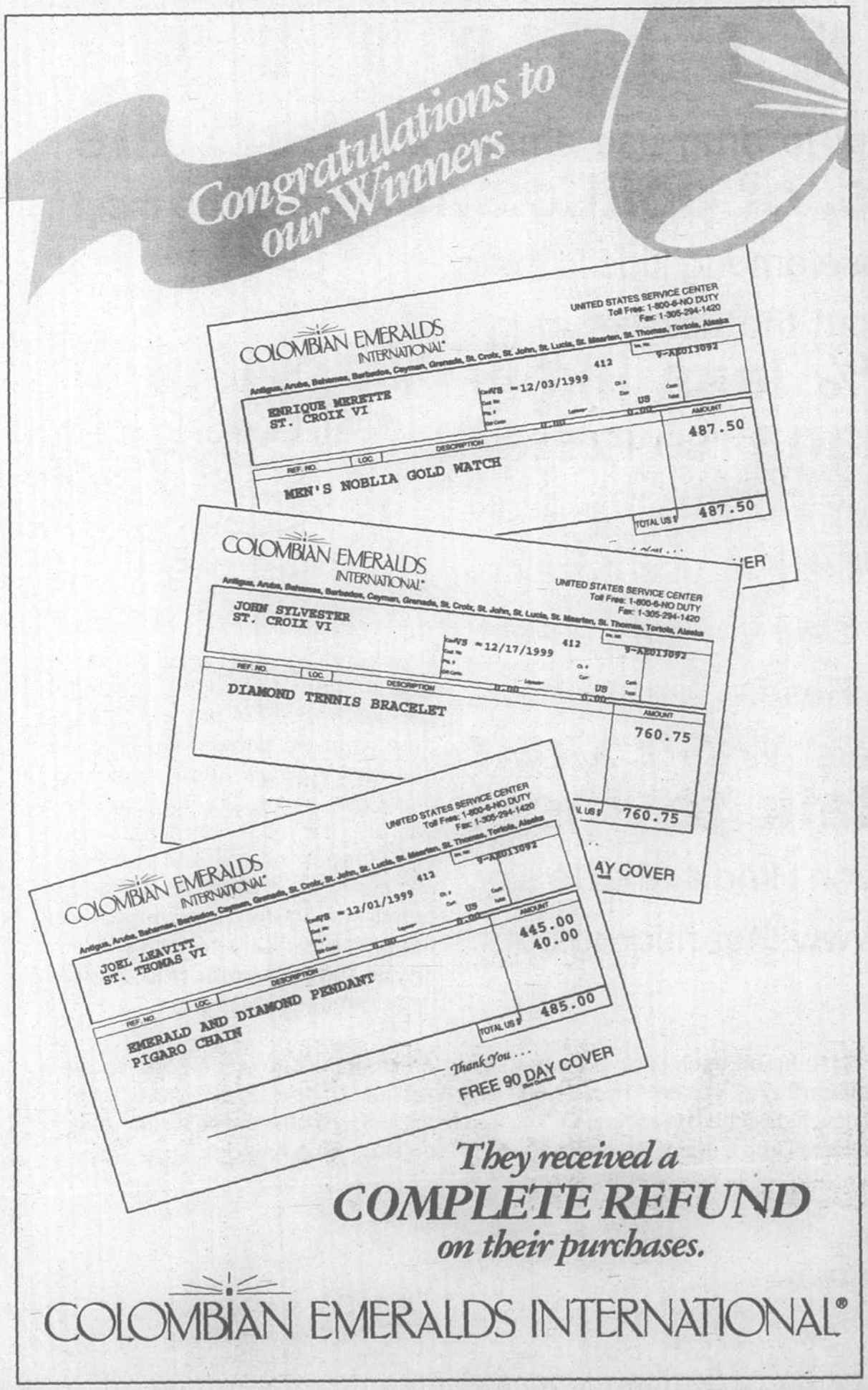
But a slight rise in murders in several big cities — including the nation's two largest, New York and Los Angeles — has experts worried that sweeping gains made by strenuous crime-fighting in recent years could be reversed by complacency.

New York City will finish the year with the country's highest murder tally — as of Wednesday, there were 661 murders, compared with 629 in 1998. As of Dec. 14, Los Angeles had 414 murders, compared with 404 on that date last year.

FBI statistics, complete only through June, show a drop of 13 percent in murder across the country and a 10 percent drop in all violent crime. An Associated Press survey of the 10 largest cities shows murders up in five and down in the other five.

Overall, the number of homicides is far below the figures of a decade ago — even in those cities showing a rise.

For instance, New York City had its highest murder tally, 2,262, in 1990. The dramatic drop in killings has left the city with a murder rate comparable to the 1960s.



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2 border arrests linked to same militant group

BURLINGTON, Vt. (AP) — A Canadian woman and an Algerian man arrested at border entries in Vermont and Washington state are members of the same cell of an Algerian militant organization, federal prosecutors said Thursday.

The prosecutors described the link in their request that a magistrate continue to deny bail for Lucia Garofalo until her trial on immigration charges. Magistrate Jerome Neidermeier granted the request late this morning.

"There are enough factors in this to indicate something beyond a plan to enter someone into the United States," Neidermeier said. Garofalo was arrested Dec. 19 when she tried to cross the border with an Algerian man accused of using a false passport.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Tristram Coffin said in court that Garofalo "is a defendant who is working to assist terrorist organizations."

In court documents, the prosecutors said Garofalo and Ahmed Ressam were in the same cell of the Armed Islamic Group, which is known by its French initials, GIA. The GIA is a fundamentalist faction held responsible for some of the bloodiest attacks in Algeria's nearly eight-year civil war. It has also been blamed for bombings in France in 1995 and 1996 and an airplane hijacking in 1994.


Carofalo

Ressam faces charges of trying to smuggle explosives and timing devices into Washington from Canada on Dec. 14. Authorities originally believed Ressam was carrying common nitroglycerine when he was arrested. The liquid turned out to be RDX, or cyclotrimethylene trini-tramine, which is used by military forces around the world for demolition.

Garofalo was arrested five days later at a Vermont border crossing with the Algerian man. At present, both face only immigration-related charges. Authorities said she had crossed in and out of the United States at least twice earlier in December.

In the days after her arrest, authorities had linked her to the Algerian Islamic League, another, lesser-known group allegedly involved in terrorism, but not to the GIA or to Ressam.

Deputy U.S. Attorney David Kirby made no direct links between Garofalo and Ressam other than their alleged membership in the same GIA cell.

The prosecutor said the information he used in his court filing came from a foreign government, which he did not identify.

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Feds make last-minute fix to air-traffic computers

Continued testing turned up 'minor' Y2K glitch, FAA administrator says

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal aviation officials made last-minute Y2K repairs Thursday to one of their most important air safety systems.

FAA Administrator Jane Garvey said the late software patch was applied to the agency's critical "HOCSR" computers, which process flight plan and radar data and send it to controllers. The repair was completed early Thursday.

Garvey said the problem, which she described as minor, turned up during continued testing of the agency's systems.

"We're continuing to test right up to the last moment. We erred on the side of caution," she said. "The patch is in, it's been fixed. It's a very, very minor issue."

But the union representing FAA employees, the Professional Airways Systems Specialists, charged that the bug could have caused air traffic controllers to lose data from their screens and endanger passenger lives. The union, which is in negotiations, first disclosed the repairs.

"Once again, the FAA took shortcuts and nearly put passenger safety in jeopardy," said Tom Demske, a regional vice president for the union. "After bragging about compliance, the agency has to scramble at the last minute to meet its responsibilities. The FAA's primary responsibility is to ensure the safety of the flying public and it is failing."

FAA spokesman William Schumann said the agency determined that, under unusual circumstances, a storage drive in the computers could have failed at 7 p.m. EST — when the FAA's computers will roll over into 2000 — and caused technicians to restart the system, which takes seven minutes.

Each of the affected computers is equipped with a redundant backup, Schumann said. He blamed the mistake on problems in 10 lines of software code.

Also Thursday, the Coast Guard disclosed that about two-dozen of the world's 16,000 cargo ships have been "red-flagged" and will not be allowed to enter American ports during the New Year's weekend because they were unable to convince officials they could operate safely.

Small-plane pilot makes belly landing

BURBANK, Calif. (AP) — A small plane made a successful belly landing after its landing gear malfunctioned.

The pilot of the single-engine Piper Comanche had reported the gear problem to the tower at Van Nuys Airport in Los Angeles on Wednesday afternoon.

The plane was diverted to Burbank Airport, where it made a belly landing on a grassy area after first circling for about an hour trying to crank or shake the landing gear loose, Burbank Airport operations director Randy Berg said.

The pilot jumped out of the plane after it slid to a halt. Fire trucks rolled up but there was no fire.

The plane was diverted to Burbank because the Van Nuys airport was the scene of another mishap earlier in the afternoon and so a runway was partially blocked. A biplane had skidded off the runway and ended up with its nose in the ground, Los Angeles Fire Department spokesman Jim Wells said.

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Playing on SEX

After fighting for 20th century respect, Playboy relishes the mainstream

BY ANTHONY BREZNICAN
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LOS ANGELES (AP) — Hugh Hefner's rabbit is faced with a unique Y2K problem: How can Playboy top the 20th century?

After hastening the sexual revolution, boosting the career of Marilyn Monroe and revolutionizing the adult entertainment industry, the magazine first assembled on a kitchen table in 1953 has become the heart of a vast multimedia empire.

Now, as the company enters a new century, it's trying to cross international boundaries rather than sexual ones, utilizing cyberspace and pay-television to span the globe.

"The power of Playboy is its appeal around the world," said Christie Hefner, chairwoman and chief executive of Playboy Enterprises International, Inc. "I think that's a real compliment to the staying power of the magazine."

The Playboy empire, considered vulgar in its infancy, successfully legitimized its image over the decades and now walks a delicate line between titillating a sexually desensitized public and preserving a place that is socially acceptable.

"Before, the world was a little more conservative, and we were looked at as something racy," said Stephen Randall, an executive editor at Playboy magazine. "Now the whole world has shifted, and we seem normal by comparison."

Playboy Enterprises, meanwhile, is trying to shake the notion that it is merely a publishing firm. In fact, most of the multimedia company's profits come from its electronic divisions, such as cable TV, video and the Internet.

Playboy magazine remains the company's flagship in the United States while 16 international editions circulate around the world. However, the publishing division earned $138 million in revenue in 1998 and generated just $6.3 million in profit. The entertainment division, the Chicago-based company's fastest-growing segment, earned $91 million in revenue and generated $26.2 million in profit.

"That's why one of our decisions in the '80s was to not invest in acquiring more magazines, but rather invest in pay-television and home video," Ms. Hefner said.

Her father, Playboy founder Hugh Hefner, put it another way: "All things sexual and otherwise are now expressed through soundbites and images on the Internet."

The decision to look to multimedia will pay off well into the next decade, analysts said.

Playboy's adult-television venture with the Cisneros Television Group makes use of the company's vast library of erotic videos and television shows for broadcast throughout Latin America, Japan and the United Kingdom.

Also, Playboy's Internet stock is expected to be wildly successful when it debuts early next year, according to Robert Routh, an analyst at Ladenburg Thalmann & Co. That would give a much-needed boost to the company's overall stock, which has languished in recent years due to low profits, he added.

The Playboy-themed casino on the Greek island of Rhodes, complete with scantily clad "Bunny" waitresses, is yet another way the company hopes to utilize its brand-name success internationally. The company's gaming division is trying to reinvent and update the image of the old Playboy Clubs, which Hugh Hefner deemed "passe" when they were closed in the 1980s.

Ms. Hefner said Playboy is planning to open similar casino operations elsewhere abroad, though she would not specify exact locations.

The magazine itself may be in for changes, inspired in part by style and society's shifting sexual politics.

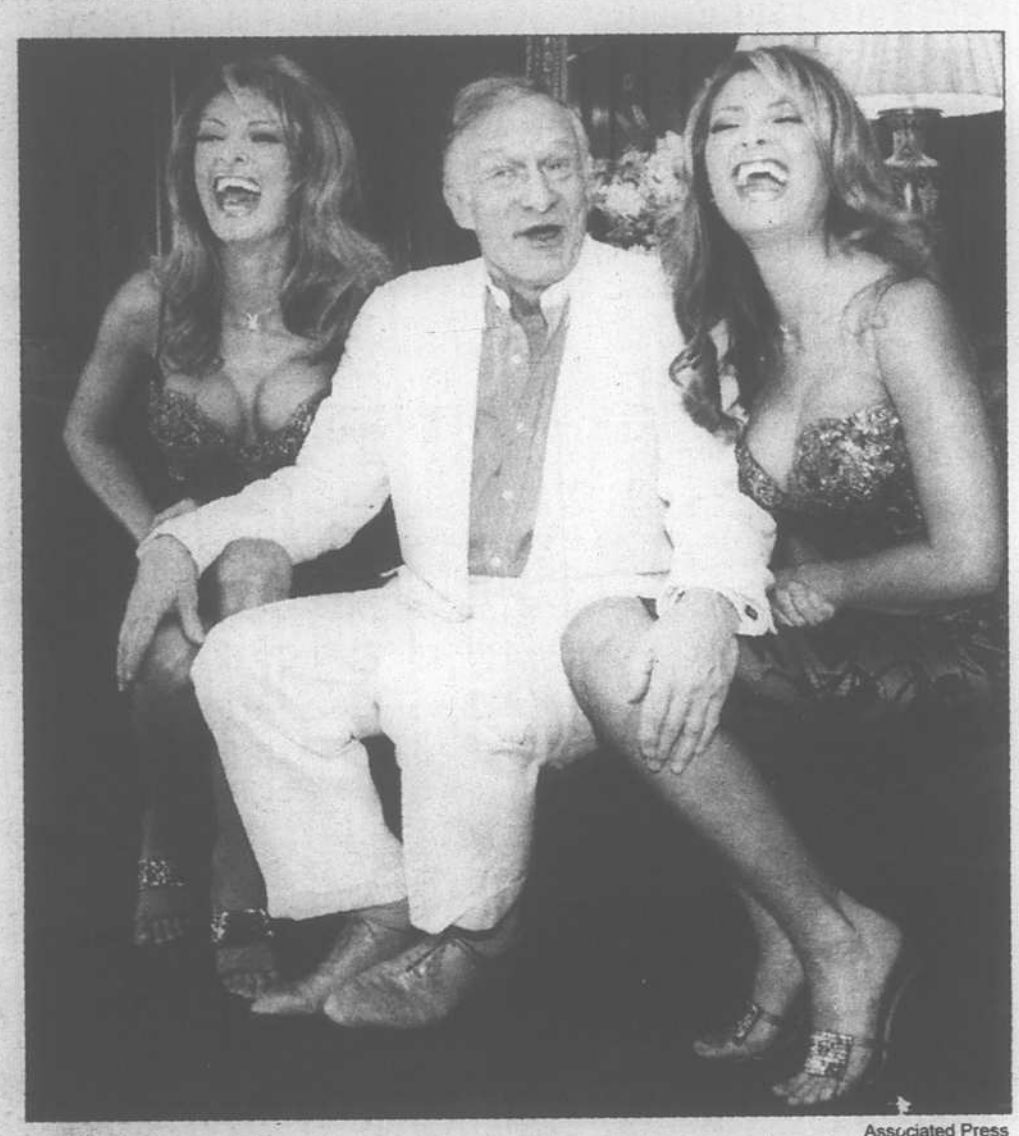
Playboy has earned a reputation over the years as one of the nation's most prestigious purveyors of prose and pictorials but now faces formidable mainstream rivals such as Maxim, Gear and Details.

Those men's magazines have tapped Playboy's success with a twist: They often publish provocative photos of female celebrities and print sex-related articles while managing to stay on the front rows of newsstands by eschewing graphic nudity.

In addition, the rapid-fire writing and dynamic layout found in Maxim and other such magazines stands in contrast to Playboy's more staid journalistic style.

Whatever the change, Hefner, the eras symbol of bacchanalian opulence, said he expected the company to keep exerting influence on the country's sexual mores.

"We will never go back to the more conservative times of this century. And I think that's a good thing," Hefner said in the interview at his Holmby Hills mansion in Los Angeles. "There was a lot of hurt and hypocrisy in the repression of those times."



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Playboy Magazine founder Hugh Hefner poses with January 2000 Playmates Carol (left) and Darlene Bernola, Dec. 2, at his home in the Holmby Hills area of Los Angeles. The twins were chosen from more than 18,000 candidates who interviewed with Playboy. Playboy, considered vulgar in its infancy, successfully legitimized itself and now walks a delicate line between titillating a sexually desensitized public and preserving its place in the mainstream.



Hijack negotiators say talks making progress

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan (AP) — Talks between negotiators and hijackers holding 155 hostages went "very well" on Thursday, a senior official said, after a show of military force by militiamen of Afghanistan's ruling Taliban who surrounded the Indian Airlines plane with tanks and rocket launchers.

"We are optimistic," Wakil Ahmed Muttawakil, Taliban's foreign minister, told reporters in southern Kandahar, where the plane containing the five hijackers and hostages has been sitting on the tarmac since last weekend.

Diplomats at the airport say the Indian negotiators have indicated they are willing to release some militants. The hijackers have demanded the release of 35 Kashmiri fighters and a Pakistani-born Kashmiri activist, diplomats and Taliban officials said.

"They are still negotiating on the number of prisoners," Muttawakil said earlier.

On Thursday, the hijackers allowed a cancer patient to leave the aircraft for 90 minutes to receive treatment at a Taliban military hospital. The Indian national, identified as Simon Berara, was seen returning to the plane in an ambulance, slowly climbing the aircraft's stairs and disappearing inside.

He was the second ailing passenger to be taken from the aircraft since it landed in Kandahar on Saturday. The Taliban have apparently warned the hijackers that they would be held responsible if any passenger dies, regardless of the cause.

Negotiations resumed late Thursday morning after dozens of Taliban soldiers in pickup trucks roared onto the airport's tarmac. They were accompanied by a tank equipped with rocket launchers and a truck with two men carrying anti-aircraft missiles. Muttawakil said the exercise was for security, but it was the first show of the Taliban's military might since the aircraft landed in Afghanistan.



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Hostage Simon Berara (center), who suffers from cancer, is returned to a hijacked Indian Airlines plane Thursday after receiving medical treatment.

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Briefs

Montenegro plans vote on secession

PODGORICA, Yugoslavia (AP) — Montenegro will hold a referendum next year to determine whether it will stay part of Yugoslavia together with much larger Serbia, a top official said Thursday.

Such a move is sure to increase tensions with the government of Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic, who opposes Montenegrin secession.

Miodrag Vukovic, an advisor to the pro-Western president Milo Djukanovic, declared defining relations with Serbia — Milosevic's power base — was a top priority for the Montenegrin government in the year 2000.

"We should not set deadlines ... but this very important issue will be definitely resolved next year," Vukovic said.

Montenegro's reformist leadership has been taking steps toward independence from Yugoslavia, which is internationally isolated because of its role in fomenting Balkan wars accompanying the breakup of what used to be a Yugoslav federation of six republics.

Yugoslavia now consists only of Serbia and Montenegro.

Intruder stabs former Beatle in his home

LONDON (AP) — Former Beatle George Harrison fought off a knife-wielding intruder who broke into his mansion west of London early Thursday and stabbed him in the chest. The suspect in custody was said by his mother to hate The Beatles and believed "they are witches."



Harrison

The reclusive guitarist received a wound that collapsed his right lung, in an attack that came 19 years after an obsessive fan shot to death fellow Beatle John Lennon in New York City.

Police would not identify the suspect, but media reports named him as Michael Abram, 33. In an interview published in Thursday's Liverpool Echo newspaper, Abram's mother, Lynda, said her son had a history of mental health problems and "had recently become obsessed" with The Beatles.

"He has been running in pubs shouting about The Beatles," she told the newspaper. "He hates them."

Harrison, 56, known as the "quiet Beatle," and his wife of 21 years, Olivia, overpowered the intruder in their palatial Friar Park estate in Henley on Thames, 25 miles west of London, and held him until police arrived.

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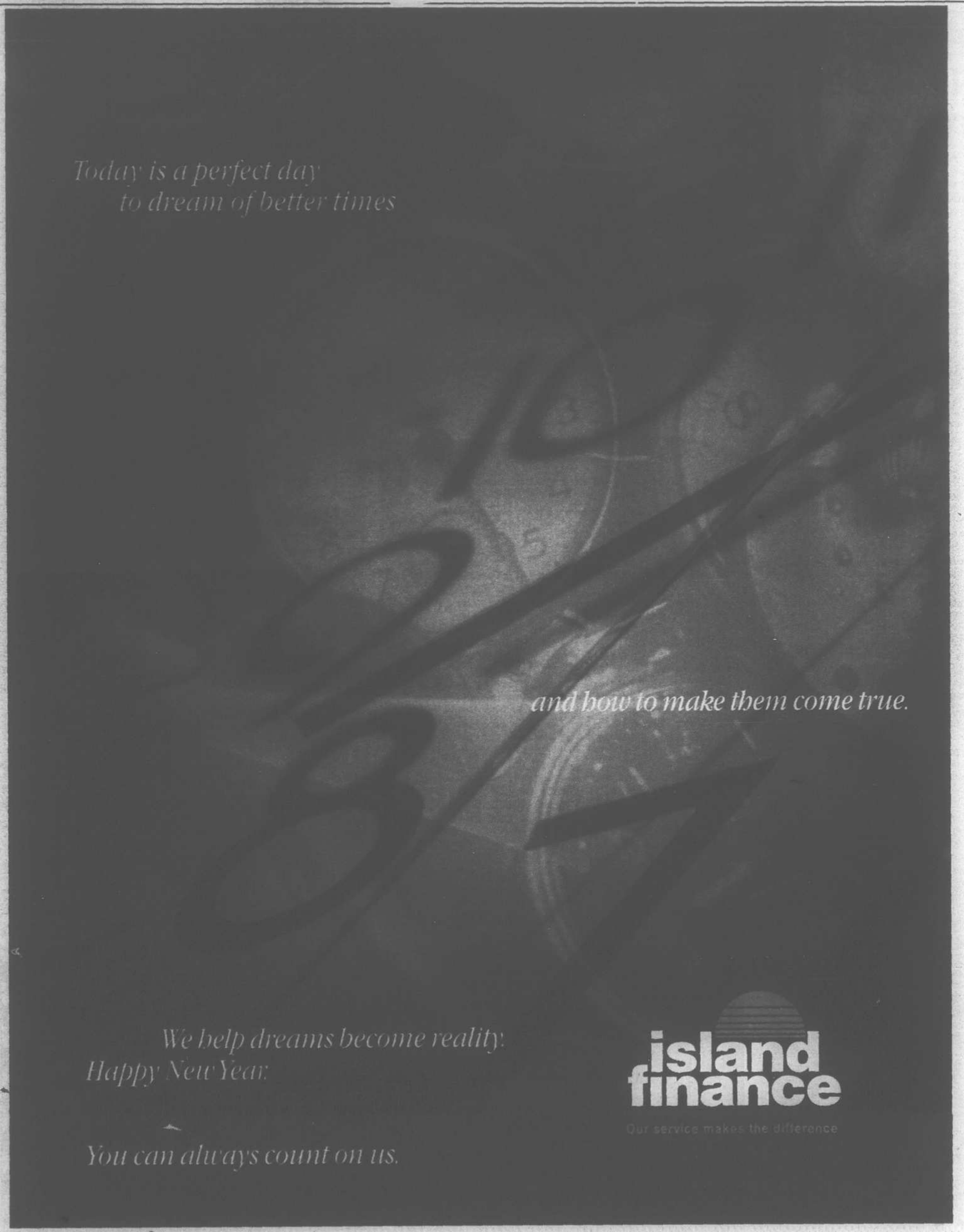
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Hopes, dreams and a Twinkie: Nation's time capsule unveiled today

WASHINGTON (AP) — Singer Ray Charles' sunglasses. A piece of the Berlin Wall. A cell phone. A World War II helmet. These items, or at least a replica or mention of them, will be tucked inside the nation's millennium time capsule.


Clinton

But when it's opened in 2100, will people know what a Twinkie is?

A century from now, will today's computer chip look like something from the Dark Ages?

Will future Americans get Pokemon?

A prototype of America's time capsule is to be unveiled by President Clinton and first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton today at a ceremony kicking off turn-of-the-century festivities in the nation's capital.

"It was Mrs. Clinton's idea. She wanted something that would symbolize America at the end of the 20th century and express our wishes for the people of the next century," said Ellen Lovell, director of the White House Millennium Council.

Charles, a blind singer, sent his sunglasses. President Reagan's chief of staff Joanne Drake suggested a piece of the Berlin Wall to represent the collapse of communism and "spread of democracy in the 20th century."

AT&T Chairman Mike Armstrong is contributing a cell phone. Author and historian Stephen Ambrose suggested a World War II helmet.

Second-graders at Lewis and Clark Elementary in Great Falls, Mont., made a collage that includes pictures of the popular Pokemon cartoon characters, a box of Lean Cuisine (shrimp and angel hair pasta), Cuba's Fidel Castro and a national weather map.

Seniors at Shorecrest High School in Shoreline, Wash., submitted a box containing a poem, a state timeline and an "object of enduring American symbolism: a Hostess Twinkie."

The White House Millennium Council plans to use every idea submitted. Photographs, small replicas or written material will be substituted for items, such as the Liberty Bell, that won't fit.

Following the unveiling, the prototype of the time capsule will go on display this weekend at the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of American History. The official capsule, a 4-by-6-by-2-foot chest designed with an American flag motif, will be built this spring.

The chest will be constructed of titanium, which has a bluish tint to represent the star field, and reddish-colored silicon bronze and stainless steel to represent the red and white stripes. The capsule and some of its contents are scheduled to be displayed at the National Archives in late spring and summer and then stored there in a secure, climate-controlled area until the year 2100.

TIME CAPSULE IDEAS

Some of the ideas submitted for the nation's millennium time capsule:

- 85-letter Cherokee alphabet
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- Children's book about astronaut Neil Armstrong
- Script of stage production of the "Grapes of Wrath"
- Ray Charles' sunglasses
- Louis Armstrong's trumpet
- World War II helmet
- Piece of Berlin Wall
- Bill of Rights
- Photo of atomic bomb's mushroom cloud over Japan
- Cell phone

Resurgent Maori welcome new millennium to New Zealand

AUCKLAND, New Zealand (AP) — War dances by tattooed men in grass skirts. Ritual marking of the dawn with a call through a conch shell. Homage to a legendary ancestor on a sacred mountain.

History has been harsh to the indigenous Maori and Moriori of New Zealand, but their resurgent cultures will be center stage when the country becomes the first major nation to enter the new millennium.

"It's highly likely that they were there at the beginning of the current millennium," said attorney Maui Solomon, an activist for indigenous rights. "It's significant and appropriate that Moriori and Maori are playing a prominent role."

That role will cast an international spotlight on the Maori, the original Polynesian people of New Zealand, and the Moriori, a related but nearly extinct group from the country's remote Chatham Islands.

The celebrations also will symbolize a recent renaissance in their cultures, which suffered heavily when European traders arrived in the late 1700s — bringing disease and firearms — and settlers started taking over their lands in the early 1800s.

"This will be a celebration of New Zealand as a nation," said Wendy Pannett, spokeswoman for the country's Millennium Office. "A very important part of our history is Maori culture."

The celebrations in New Zealand will be extensive.

The nation lies just west of the international date line. While the island nations of Kiribati and Tonga will be the first countries to enter the new millennium, New Zealand will be home to the first inhabited land and first city — Gisborne — to see the dawn of Jan. 1.

At the center of the party will be the Maori, who will perform traditional "haka" war dances and re-enact creation legends around the nation, including on the sacred Mount Hikurangi near Gisborne. Opera singer Kiri Te Kanawa, who is Maori, will give an hourlong dawn concert featuring traditional songs.


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Ethnic Maori dancers from Gisborne, New Zealand welcome a group of elders from Cook Island who arrived Wednesday to join in Gisborne's millennium celebrations.

Descendants of the nearly extinct Moriori will join Maori in lighting a beacon of hope among other activities to greet the new millennium. The first rays of dawn on Pitt Island, the part of New Zealand closest to the date line, will be met with ancient Moriori chants.

"The rest of the nation would have been foolish not to accept that contribution," said Amohaere Houkamau, chief executive of Ngati Porou, the second-largest Maori tribe. "You can't get Maori culture anywhere else in the world."

New Zealand's indigenous peoples have not always fared so well.

Disease and land wars with European settlers — and fighting among Maori warriors fueled by European firearms — decimated the indigenous population on mainland New Zealand in the late 18th and early 19th centuries.

The Moriori faced near extinction when tribes of Maori went to the Chathams, massacred hundreds and enslaved the survivors.

The legacy of that decline is still very much in evidence today.

The more than half a million Maori in New Zealand — about 15 percent of the population — suffer from higher unemployment, mortality and crime rates, and have lower life expectancies and literacy skills than non-Maori. People claiming Moriori blood number only in the thousands.

But things have been turning around for New Zealand's indigenous.

While Maori have slowly been recovering their culture since the early 20th century, momentum picked up in the 1960s with a greater awareness worldwide about indigenous people.

Kathryn Akuhata-Brown, a Maori involved in the New Year preparations, said the millennium will give New Zealand's indigenous an unprecedented opportunity to show the world their culture — and their staying power. "We survived the last millennium," she said. "And we will survive the next."



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Self-confessed Pakistani child killer turns self in

LAHORE, Pakistan (AP) — Trembling and dirty, a man who confessed to killing 100 children turned himself in Thursday in a dramatic surrender at the office of Pakistan's largest Urdu-language newspaper.

Javed Iqbal, 40, had been the target of a massive manhunt since last month, when he wrote a letter to police leading them to the remains of two bodies as well as the pictures and clothes of 100 boys he said he killed.

On Thursday, he walked into the three-story building that houses The Jang newspaper in the eastern city of Lahore, where he allegedly committed his crimes, and said he wanted to write a confession, said editor Shaheen Quereshi.

"He told us he was afraid to be captured by police because he believed the police would kill him rather than arrest him," Quereshi said.

Newspaper employees watched as Iqbal spoke softly to an editor, asked for a piece of paper and began to write his confession. One employee quietly made a telephone call to Pakistan's military authorities, who sent more than 100 soldiers and officers to surround the building, Quereshi said.

The newspaper employees refused to hand Iqbal over to the police, he said. However, the army moved in quickly and arrested him.

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Oversee and direct all activities of the MIS, Cage, Accounting, and Receiving Departments. Supervise the performance of all incoming revenue audits, preparation of gaming tax returns and reconciliations. Maintain General Ledger accounts and prepare monthly financial reports for distribution to management. Prepare analysis of requested gaming and financial information. Prepare and file reports required by the Casino Control Commission and other regulatory agencies. Oversee Accounts Payable, General Ledger and Payroll activities. Act as liaison for year-end audit work by external auditors. Ensure compliance with regulatory requirements and company policies and procedures. Communicate with and assist departmental managers and staff with budgeting requirements. Hire, train and monitor job performance of subordinate employees. Involved in procurement decisions regarding large expenditures. Maintain the company's written System of Internal Controls.

EDUCATION OR SKILLS REQUIRED:
Four year accounting degree or equivalent experience in the gaming industry, Proven organizational, managerial and communicational skills. Advanced computer skills necessary including Microsoft Word, Excel, Platinum or comparable accounting software, and player tracking system software, Fluency in written and spoken English required.

PIT MANAGER

POSITION SUMMARY:
Responsible for the activities of the Floor Supervisors, Boxpeople and Dealers in the assigned area. Monitors assigned pit to ensure integrity of games and compliance with established policies, procedures and Casino Control Commission Guidelines. Maintains surveillance on all tables in assigned area to assure the security of the games, Monitors the profitability of those games. Closely monitors all paperwork for accuracy with particular attention to rating information and the shift managers report. Authorizes issuance of markers. Comps players as appropriate. Communicates with Casino Hosts, Security and Surveillance,

EDUCATION OR SKILLS REQUIRED:
High School diploma or G.E.D. Minimum of five years experience on games in assigned area. Minimum 2 years experience as Floor Supervisor or other casino supervisory or management position. Excellent problem solving ability, Excellent rapport with guests. Fluency in written and spoken English required. Bi-lingual facility desired.

FLOOR SUPERVISOR - TABLE GAMES

POSITION SUMMARY:
Supervises all games (blackjack, roulette and craps) and personnel in an assigned area. Monitors games to ensure integrity and compliance with established policies, procedures and Casino Control Commission Guidelines. Maintains and replenishes bankrolls. Responsible for verifying fills, credit slips, opening and closing slips and markers pertaining to games in assigned area. Monitors, evaluates and records customers gaming activities for rating purposes.

EDUCATION OR SKILLS REQUIRED:
High School diploma or G.E.D. Minimum of two (2) years experience dealing each position being supervised. Prior casino supervisory experience required. Excellent guest service skills essential. Fluency in written and spoken English required. Bi-lingual ability desired.

FLOOR SUPERVISOR - SLOTS

POSITION SUMMARY:
To organize and supervise the Slots floor to the highest standard of efficiency, guest service and security, in accordance with the policies and procedures of the company and the Casino Control Commission Guidelines, Responsible and accountable for the efficient operation of the Slot Department. Ensures security of the slots area. Has complete knowledge of statutory regulations and labor and gaming laws. Monitors training and job performance of slot department employees. Verify accuracy of jackpots paid to guests, Insures compliance of existing "money handling rules" (Title 31) and take immediate corrective action of any deviation.
Insures proper completion of "jackpot/fill" associated forms, including those required by the IRS. Verify accuracy of hopper fills for slot machines. Audit change banks as necessary or when designated to do so by Casino management, To ensure the general security of the floor and report any potentially dangerous situation to Security or Management. To ensure the security and safety of equipment, Monitor and evaluate performance of employees. Ensure optimum slot machine operation and minimal machine down time by reporting information to the technical department. Must have a thorough knowledge of machine instructions and codes.

EDUCATION OR SKILLS REQUIRED.
High School diploma or G.E.D. Some College preferred. Minimum of three years of experience in progressive levels of casino operations. Strong leadership capabilities. Excellent guest service skills. Fluency in written and spoken English required, Bi-lingual facility desired.

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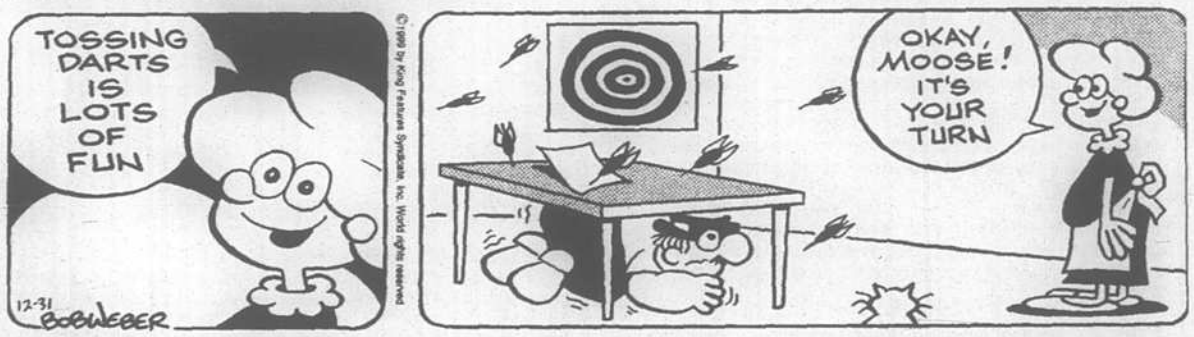
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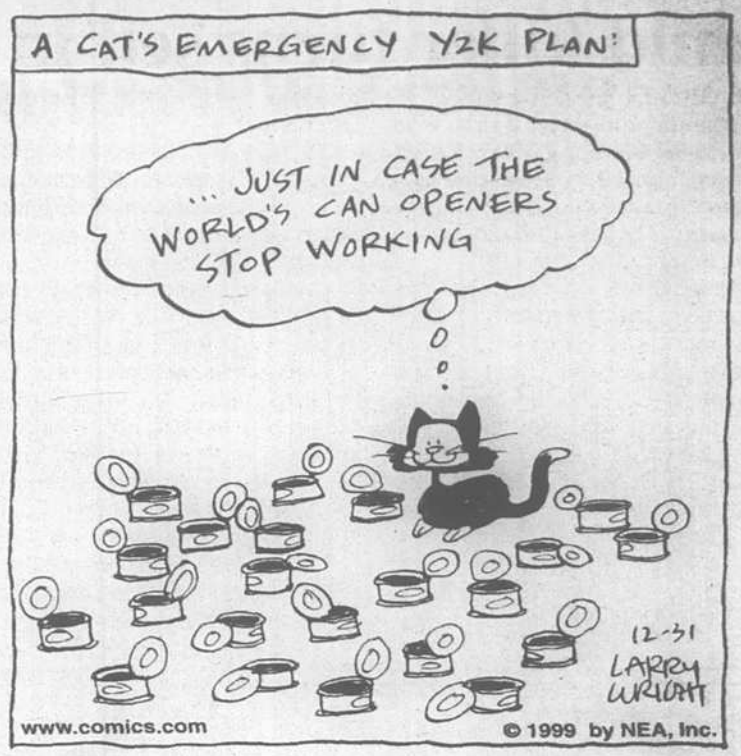
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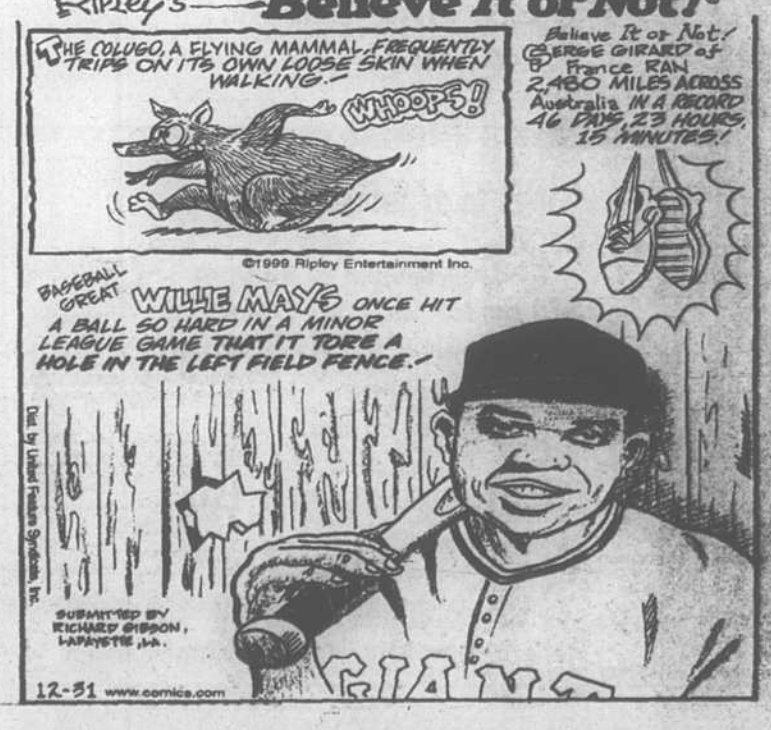


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"We implant this behind your left ear and you won't even know it's there."

RIPLEY'S



Horoscope

By Francis Drake

ARIES
(March 21 to April 19)
Emotions and feelings are brimming up out of you, causing you to make incredibly sentimental gestures. Although you know such behavior is out of character, you can do nothing to stop yourself.

TAURUS
(April 20 to May 20)
If your partner wants to spend some time with friends or family members, let him or her do it. After all, you have many friends of your own, and you don't really need to cling to one person, no matter how special he or she is.

GEMINI
(May 21 to June 20)
Let the lamp burn on as you probe ever deeper into the mysteries of science and the human psyche. People might be trying to distract you from your search, but their words fall on unheeding ears.

CANCER
(June 21 to July 22)
Change is in the forecast, but instead of something to be feared, it is something you accept delightedly. You understand that it will be a healthy and joyful transformation.

LEO
(July 23 to Aug. 22)
Spend some warm and cozy time with your family. You don't feel much of an urge to go roistering around the streets; you find quiet satisfaction with the ones nearest to your heart.

VIRGO
(Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)
Just because something cannot be seen, does not mean that it cannot affect you. In fact, you feel more of an urge to grapple with the intangible puzzles than with the mundane and easily solvable.

LIBRA
(Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)
A household item which seemed overly extravagant now proves to be well worth the expenditure. Not only is it useful, but it inspires you to completely change your daily routine.

SCORPIO
(Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)
Your inner and outer strengths are equal, and because of this you seem indomitable. Even if someone were to disagree with you at this time, they would not dare to argue.

SAGITTARIUS
(Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)
You wish the hustle and bustle, the excitement, and the out-and-out chaos would pass you by. Later you might want to be a part of it, but at this time you want to sit in a quiet place and think.

CAPRICORN
(Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)
Ask for advice when you need it. Understand that getting feedback doesn't mean you're substituting someone's thoughts for your own, just that you're getting a second opinion.

AQUARIUS
(Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)
Although it's well and good to be the happy drifter or the mad scientist, at this time you want to get ahead in life. You know that the only way to do so is to buckle down and do some solid work.

PISCES
(Feb. 19 to March 20)
Your subconscious is easier than usual to explore. Although usually you are confused and somewhat distressed by its complexity, at this time you delight in exploring your thoughts and feelings.

Young sons fight for life after father drives drunk



Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: My good friend experienced a tragedy last night. Her ex-husband had their two little boys with him for a weekend visit. He got drunk, took them for a ride and got into a wreck.

The boys are 5 and 7, and the most precious, sweet and funny children. Now the youngest is paralyzed from the waist down, and there's a chance neither will make it. It breaks my heart to see two such sweet little boys hooked up to machines, and not know if they'll be here for Santa to visit or not. We are praying for them.

Please, Abby, remind your readers that if they drive, they shouldn't drink — and if they drink, to hand their keys to a sober friend or take a cab. — DEVASTATED IN TRUSSVILLE, ALA.

DEAR DEVASTATED: Your letter is a chilling reminder of the innocent lives that can be snuffed out or irreversibly changed because of people driving under the influence. During this last holiday season of the century, let's all resolve to act maturely and responsibly while celebrating — and maybe we'll all be here to welcome the year 2000.

DEAR ABBY: My husband dislikes my family and friends. He never wants to be around them for social gatherings — and when he does go, he acts as if he's suffering. His attitude is starting to affect the relationship between our children and my parents. It's as if he doesn't want our kids to spend any time with them.

If I say something about his family or friends, he goes ballistic. If I don't want to be around them, I'm "stupid" and "anti-social." His family talks badly about me and treats me like dirt. When I say anything to my husband about it, he says I'm too sensitive or that I'm overreacting.

Abby, I'm tired of suffering, and my children deserve to spend as much time with my family as they do with his. Please help! — FED UP IN PIEDMONT, S.C.

DEAR FED UP: Under normal circumstances, spouses are willing to extend themselves in the interest of family unity — even if it means sometimes socializing with relatives they don't particularly enjoy. Had you given any indication why your husband dislikes your parents and friends, and why his family dislikes you, your question would have been easier to answer.

Name-calling and isolating someone from family and friends are considered abusive behaviors. If you and your husband cannot reach an agreement about this, enlist the assistance of a clergyperson or professional counselor.

DEAR ABBY: We get an awful lot of catalogs that we never requested. I don't know how we got on so many mailing lists. Is there a way to call or write someone to stop getting so many catalogs? — ALAN W. IN TUCSON, ARIZ.

DEAR ALAN: There certainly is. To have your name deleted from these lists, write to: Mail Preference Service, Direct Marketing Association, P.O. Box 9008, Farmingdale, N.Y. 11735. The lists are purged only once every quarter, so it may take some time to notice a change in the volume of unsolicited mail you're receiving.

P.S. There is no charge for this service.

JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
by Henri Arnold and Mike Argirion

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

SYTUL

UPTYT

BLUBEA

GLOANS

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Ans: _____ AND _____

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: QUAKE CRAWL FETISH MARTIN
Answer: You might call the picnickers this when the bugs arrived — THE "SWAT TEAM"

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Necklace is removed. 2. Tie is shorter. 3. Window is smaller. 4. Earring is removed. 5. Pants are different. 6. Hair is added.

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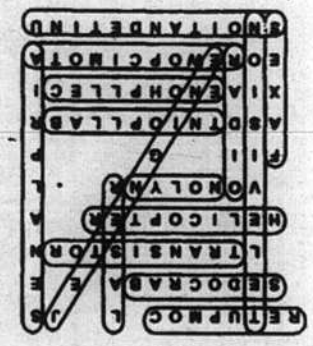
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Thursday's unlisted clue: PACKERS

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Friday's unlisted clue hint: HUGE MATRIX OF COMPUTERS

Airplanes	Cell phone	Jet engine	Television
Atomic power	Computer	Laser	Transistor
Ballpoint	Faxes	Nylon	United Nations
Bar codes	Helicopter	Radio	



20TH CENTURY INNOVATIONS

TV GUIDE

FRIDAY EVENING — DECEMBER 31, 1999

		6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30	12 AM	12:30
(WAPA)	4	Super Show		Película Se Anunciará				Controversial		Noticias	Cristina		Programa Pagado	Super Show (R)	
(TBS)	6	(5:53) Andy Griffith	(:24) Andy Griffith	(6:59) Andy Griffith	(:34) Andy Griffith	(:09) Andy Griffith	(:40) Andy Griffith	(:11) Andy Griffith "Fun Girls"	(:42) Andy Griffith Aunt Bee proves men gossip too.		(:17) Andy Griffith	(10:52) Andy Griffith	(:23) Andy Griffith	(11:58) Andy Griffith	(:29) Andy Griffith
(ENC)	7	Old Testament	Saints and Heroes (R)	Stations of the Cross	Choices We Face	Our Lady of the Angels Monastery Daily Mass		Journey Home (Live Phone-In)		Catholic News	Joyful Holy	Mother Angelica Live New Year's program.		Mary: A Word	Prayer Vigil (R)
(WSVI)	8	(5:50) ABC 2000 Reports on the millennium celebration around the world. (Live) (CC)						(8:50) ABC 2000 Reports on the millennium celebration around the world. (Live) (CC)						(11:50) ABC 2000 (CC)	New Year's Rockin' Eve (CC)
(FOX)	9	Boy Meets World (CC)	Judge Joe Brown (R)	Judge Judy (R)	Simpsons (CC)	Home Improve-	Simpsons (CC)	Movie ((* "Star Trek Generations" (1994) Patrick Stewart, William Shatner. (CC)				Fox Report		FOX 2000 (Live) (CC)	
(WSEE)	10	College Football: Sun Bowl -- Minn. vs. Ore.		News	CBS Evening	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy! (CC)	Late Show (CC)		Grammy's Greatest Performances (CC)		America's Millennium: A Celebration (CC)		News	America's Millennium
(WNBC)	11	News (CC)		News (CC)	NBC Nightly News (CC)	News Special "Millennium" Worldwide millennium coverage.		Dateline (CC)		Millennium Special A look at Y2K developments, discussions with newsmakers and celebrations welcoming in the new year. (Live) (CC)				News (CC)	(:45) NBC News Special (CC)
(WTJX)	12	Teacher Is In	Arthur (R) (El) (CC)	Newshour With Jim Lehrer (CC)		Business Rpt.	Behind the Headlines	Washington Week	Wall Street Week	To Be Announced				Charlie Rose (CC)	
(WKAQ)	13	Christmas Story	Milagro en Yauco			De Noche				Gaia de la Hispanidad				(Off Air)	
(VH1)	14	Behind the Music "Tony Orlando" (R)		Behind the Music "Barry White" (R)		Behind the Music Donna Summer. (R)		Behind the Music "Studio 54" (R)			Behind the Music "Donny & Marie" (R)		Behind the Music (R)		Behind the Music (R)
(WGN)	15	Cosby Show (CC)	Parent 'Hood (CC)	Wayans Bros. (CC)	Fresh Prince	Full House (CC)	Caroline in the City	Movie ((* "Perry Mason Returns" (1985, Mystery) Raymond Burr, Barbara Hale.				News (CC)		Millennium Mementos	Countdown Chicago
(MTV)	16	2 Large New Year's Eve Party (Live)						2 Large New Year's Eve Party (Live)						2 Large New Year's Eve Party (Live)	
(GEMS)	17	Causa Común		Susana Gimenez		MujeresPro-tag	Show Business	Pelicula (("Calles y Sueños" (1988, Drama) Ben Masters, Morgan Fairchild.				Cuerpo Dorado		Susana Gimenez	
(BET)	18	Top 100 Videos of the Century In conjunction with the close of the century, BET celebrates its 20th anniversary with a countdown of the century's top 100 videos.												Movie	
(CNN)	19	(5:00) Continuing Millennium Coverage				Continuing Millennium Coverage				Larry King Live (CC)		Continuing Millennium Coverage			
(FAM)	20	LFO Concert	Backstreet Boys: Coming Home From the Orlando Arena in Florida, the Backstreet Boys perform in an electric, high-powered stage show. (R)				Random Acts of Comedy	Random Acts of Comedy	Random Acts of Comedy	Random Acts of Comedy	Random Acts of Comedy	Random Acts of Comedy	Random Acts of Comedy	700 Club Church leaders look ahead to the 21st century. (CC)	
(USA)	21	Pacific Blue "Trust" (R) (CC)		Baywatch "Bash at the Beach" (CC)		JAG "The Brotherhood" (CC)		Walker, Texas Ranger "Soul of Winter" (CC)		Movie (("Sudden Death" (1995) Jean-Claude Van Damme, Powers Boothe. (CC)				WWF Eve of Destruction (CC)	
(LIFE)	22	(5:00) Movie (("Joshua's Heart" (1990, Drama) Melissa Gilbert.		Movie (("Hit and Run" (1999) Margaret Colin, Lisa Vidal, Sherry Hursey. A woman hides the fact that she hit a child with her car. (CC)				Movie ((* "A Woman Scorned: The Betty Broderick Story" (1992, Drama) Meredith Baxter, Stephen Collins, Michelle Johnson.				Movie (("Her Final Fury: Betty Broderick the Last Chapter" (1992) Meredith Baxter. The convicted socialite attempts to sway the media.			
(TLC)	23	Countdown 100: The Greatest Achievements of the 20th Century (R)				Mysteries of the Millennium (R)		Ancient Prophecies III Stories of prophets, seers and visionaries who have predicted events. (R)				Apocalypse When?		Prophecy: Countdown to the New Millennium	
(ESPN)	24	College Football Liberty Bowl -- Colorado State vs. Southern Mississippi. From Memphis, Tenn. (Live) (CC)						College Football Independence Bowl -- Mississippi vs. Oklahoma. From Shreveport, La. (Live) (CC)							
(ESPN2)	25	50 Greatest	50 Greatest	Sportscenter		NFL 2Night (CC)	NFL Matchup	50 Greatest	50 Greatest	50 Greatest	50 Greatest	50 Greatest	50 Greatest	50 Greatest Athletes Athletes 1 and 2. (R)	
(TBN)	28	Praise the Lord (CC)						Behind the Scenes	Christian World	Lakewood Church	Dr. Frederick K. Price	Praise the Lord (Live) (CC)			
(NICK)	30	Figure It Out	Kenan & Kel	All That	Catdog	Oh Yeah! Cartoons!	Allen Strange	Spongebob Sq.	Catdog	Kenan & Kel	Deeds of Eddie	Chalk Zone (CC)	Angry Beavers	Kablam!	Nicktoons TV
(DISC)	31	Gimme Shelter (R)		Your New House (R)		Real Millennium Bugs "Secret Lives of Ants"		Real Millennium Bugs "Deadly Bugs" (R)		Real Millennium Bugs "Cannibal Mites"		Real Millennium Bugs Rare species of spiders.		New Detectives "Web of Clues" (R)	
(HBO)	33	(:15) Movie (("Major League: Back to the Minors" (1998) Scott Bakula. Misfit minor-leaguers prepare to play the Minnesota Twins.				Inside the NFL (R) (CC)		Movie (("Why Do Fools Fall in Love" (1998) Halle Berry. A look at 1950s crooner Frankie Lymon and his three wives. (CC)				Movie ((* "There's Something About Mary" (1998) Cameron Diaz. A man hires a sleazy private eye to find a former classmate. (CC)			
(SHOW)	34	(5:15) (("The Rugrats	(:45) Movie (("The Man in the Iron Mask" (1998, Adventure) Leonardo DiCaprio, Jeremy Irons. Ex-musketeers attempt a bloodless coup against their king. (CC)					Movie (* "Hard Rain" (1997, Suspense) Morgan Freeman, Christian Slater, Randy Quaid. (CC)			(:35) Movie (("Deep Impact" (1998, Drama) Robert Duvall, Tea Leoni, Elijah Wood. Earth prepares for a deadly collision with a comet. (CC)				(:35) Movie "Godzilla"
(DISN)	35	Smart Guy (CC)	Smart Guy "Book Smart"	Famous Jett Jackson (R)	Zoog2k: Zoogin' New Yearz Eve Party Disney rings in the new millennium with favorite movies, concerts, original shows and music videos voted on by the viewers.						Zoog2k: Zoogin' New Yearz Eve Party Disney rings in the new millennium with favorite movies, concerts, original shows and music videos voted on by the viewers.				
(MAX)	36	(5:30) Movie (("White Water Summer" (1987) Kevin Bacon.		Movie (* "Hope Floats" (1998) Sandra Bullock, Harry Connick Jr.. A newly divorced single mother finds love in her hometown. (CC)				Movie			Behind the Scenes	Movie (("Judgment Night" (1993) Emilio Estevez, Cuba Gooding Jr.. Four friends take a wrong turn into a deadly neighborhood. (CC)			
(A&E)	37	Murder, She Wrote "O'Malley's Luck" (CC)		Simon & Simon		Law & Order "Scoundrels" (CC)		Biography of the Millennium: 100 People... 1,000 Years (R) (CC)							
(TNT)	38	(4:30) Movie ((* "Jaws 2" (1978) Roy Scheider, Lorraine Gary.		Movie (* "The Lost World" (1998) Patrick Bergin, Jayne Heitmeyer. A 1930s-era expedition sets out in search of dinosaurs. (CC)				Movie (("Mortal Kombat" (1995, Adventure) Robin Shou, Linden Ashby, Bridgette Wilson. Three warriors fight to save Earth from the forces of evil.					(:25) Movie ("Maximum Overdrive" (1986, Horror) Emilio Estevez, Pat Hingle, Laura Harrington.		
(SCIFI)	39	Twilight Z.	Twilight Z.	Twilight Z.	Twilight Z.	Twilight Z.	Twilight Z.	Twilight Z.	Twilight Z.	Twilight Z.	Twilight Z.	Twilight Z.	Twilight Z.	Twilight Z.	Twilight Z.
(BRAVO)	40	Movie ((* "Save the Tiger" (1973, Drama) Jack Lemmon, Jack Gilford. A Los Angeles garment manufacturer faces a midlife crisis.				Weird Weekends "UFOs" (R)		Cirque du Soleil's Quidam The world-renowned circus troupe performs the story of a girl who is transported to a world of dreams and nightmares.				Cirque du Soleil: Saltimbanco (R)		Cirque du Soleil: Nouvelle Experience (R)	
(TOON)	41	Jetsons	Jetsons	Jetsons	Jetsons	Jetsons	Jetsons	Jetsons	Jetsons	Jetsons	Jetsons	Jetsons	Jetsons	Jetsons	Jetsons
(COURT)	42	Crimes of the Century		Crimes of the Century		Crimes of the Century		Crimes of the Century		Crimes of the Century		Crimes of the Century		Crimes of the Century	
(FLIX)	43	(4:35) Movie ((* "The Last Tycoon" (1976) (CC)		Movie ((* "Places in the Heart" (1984, Drama) Sally Field, Danny Glover. A Texas widow fights to maintain her Depression-era life.				Movie (((("The Last Emperor" (1987, Biography) John Lone, Peter O'Toole, Joan Chen. Bernardo Bertolucci's epic recounting of the life of Pu Yi.							
(FOXSP)	44	Hardcore Football (R)		Football	Last Word	Last Word		Goin' Deep Year in Sports (R)				FOX Sports News		FOX Sports News	
(TMC)	45	(5:00) Movie ((* "Girl Happy" (1965, Musical) Elvis Presley.		Movie ((("Elvis: That's the Way It Is" (1970, Documentary) Rehearsal and concert footage capture Elvis in Las Vegas.				Movie ((* "Jailhouse Rock" (1957, Musical) Elvis Presley, Judy Tyler. An ex-con rises to stardom in the music business. (CC)				Movie ((* "Viva Las Vegas" (1964, Musical) Elvis Presley, Ann-Margret, Cesare Danova. (CC)		Movie "Kissin' Cousins"	
(HBO+)	46	(5:30) Century of Living (R) (CC)	Movie ((* "Made in Heaven" (1987, Fantasy) Timothy Hutton, Kelly McGillis, Maureen Stapleton. (CC)			(:15) Movie ((("Outrageous Fortune" (1987) Bette Midler. Two aspiring actresses track down their mutual boyfriend. (CC)				Movie ((* "Major League" (1989) Tom Berenger, Charlie Sheen. A ragtag team tries to turn its poor performance around. (CC)				D.L. Hughley: Going Home (R) (CC)	
(SHOW2)	47	(4:45) (("Senseless"	(:20) Movie (("The Proposition" (1998, Drama) Kenneth Branagh, Madeleine Stowe. (CC)			(:15) Movie "The Wasting Game" (1997) Ray Walston, Diane Ladd. A murdered millionaire's will contains an unusual clause. (CC)				Rude Awakening	Movie ((("Madeline" (1998, Comedy-Drama) Frances McDormand, Nigel Hawthorne. (CC)			Movie (("Senseless" (1998, Comedy) Marlon Wayans. (CC)	
(CNBC)	53	Market Wrap (CC)		Edge (CC)	Business Center (CC)		Upfront Tonight	National Geographic Explorer				News With Brian Williams (CC)		National Geographic Explorer (R)	
(E!)	54	Vegas Weddings (R)		Talk Soup (R)	World's Best Film Festivals (R)		Coming Attractions	Cream of Talk Soup		True Hollywood Story "Christian Brando" (R)		Club Vegas (R)		Howard Stern	Howard Stern (R)
(KNOW)	55	Pulse	Best of Friends	On the Money	MoneyWise	RxTV (CC)	Meet-Challenge	New Media News (CC)	BizTV	On the Money	MoneyWise	RxTV (CC)	Place to Be	New Media News (CC)	You, Inc.
(GOOD)	56	More Money		Real Me "With Willard Scott" Willard Scott. (R)		Combat! "Ollie Joe" (CC)		Room-Daddy	Ozzie & Harriet	Love Boat (Part 1 of 2)		Bonanza: The Lost Episodes		Combat! "Ollie Joe" (CC)	
(FOOD)	57	Essence of Emeril (R)	East Meets West (R)	Ready-Cook!	Martha-Kitchen	In Food Today: The Way We Were (R)		Legendary Hangouts: NY Power Places (R)		Legendary Hangouts: Hollywood Haunts (R)		Legendary Hangouts: New Orleans (R)		Legendary Hangouts: NY Power Places (R)	
(TRAVEL)	58	Curiosities-Wld	Simply Unbelievable	Adventure Bound (R)		Adventure Bound (R)		Lonely Planet "Southern Italy" (R)		Vacation Video	Vacation Video	Tourist (R)	Tourist "Seattle"	Lonely Planet "Southern Italy" (R)	

Names *in the* News

Ventura's Playboy interview is slamfest

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — If it were up to Gov. Jesse Ventura, he'd bring down the curtain on the National Endowment for the Arts, according to the upcoming second installment of his interview with Playboy magazine.



Ventura

Ventura also slams Minnesota humorist Garrison Keillor — again. Ventura says the humorist is too conservative.

The first installment of Ventura's interview with Playboy, published in November, caused a stir because of his attack on organized religion and other provocative comments. Playboy assembled a sequel with unused excerpts from the interview. The New York Daily News obtained a copy. The interview is scheduled to run in Playboy's March issue. Ventura told Playboy that he's against government involvement in the arts and that struggling artists should wait on tables. If the government is going to subsidize artists, it might as well subsidize stock-car racers, too, he said.

"I think this is a more entertaining interview than the first one," Ventura spokesman John Wodele said. "I laughed out loud. Not everyone is going to agree with everything that's said in this interview. It's Governor Ventura being provocative, but the comments are not offensive."

Jan-Michael Vincent to be grand marshal

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Actor Jan-Michael Vincent is heading back to the skies ... sort of.

The blond, blue-eyed star of the 1980s TV series "Airwolf" will be the grand marshal Friday at Los Angeles' New Year's Eve party at Van Nuys Airport.

Vincent, 54, broke his neck in a drunken driving accident in 1996 and has battled domestic violence and assault allegations in the last decade. He's also been in and out of substance abuse programs over the last 15 years. His job Friday night will be to wave to the crowds and he may even get on stage to dance the electric slide. Some anti-drinking advocates don't think Vincent is the best person to lead a millennium event that is alcohol-free and family-oriented.

CommunityCalendar

DEC. 31

CHURCH OF GOD (HOLINESS) PETER'S REST invites the general public to its New Year's Eve service which will commence at 10 p.m. Come and welcome the new year in an evening of praise to God for His goodness and mercy. For transportation or more information call 773-8740, 773-4053 or 778-0471.

HOLY GHOST DELIVERANCE MINISTRIES/ CITY OF REFUGE invite the public to join them on Friday, Dec. 31, at 9 p.m., at 303 Barren Spot as we celebrate the old and usher in the new millennium. Refreshments will be served following the service.

VIRGIN ISLANDS MILLENNIUM CELEBRATION on Strand Street, Frederiksted, will be held starting on Friday, Dec. 31. Festivities will begin at 1:00 p.m.

PROJECT IMPACT ST. CROIX is inviting St. Croix groups and organizations to join in developing community or island-wide natural hazards mitigation projects. Deadline extended to Dec. 31. Pick up applications at the American Red Cross building at Sunny Isle.

INTERFAITH COALITION will hold a World Peace Prayer on Friday, Dec. 31, at 7:30 a.m., at Grassy Point, South Shore. Worldwide prayer will be at 8 a.m. Come to sing and pray. Call 778-6263 or 772-1258.

JAN. 1

MILLENNIUM SUNRISE CELEBRATION will be held at Point Udall on Jan. 1, at 5:45 a.m. to 6:15 p.m. the Youth Steel Orchestra will perform; from 6:20 a.m. to 6:30 a.m. Pastor Lester White will give the Invocation; at 6:49 a.m. we will raise United States and Virgin island flags, photograph sunrise and release peace doves.

JAN. 5

CHS CLASS OF 1994 will be having a special meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 5, from 8 to 9 p.m. sharp, at the Frederiksted Pier. Don't miss the first meeting of the Century.

ST. CROIX HIKING ASSOCIATION — Our monthly meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 5, at UVI Research and Extension Center, room 133, at 6 p.m.

WOMEN'S BUSINESS CENTER offers women in the VI long-term business training, counseling, mentoring and networking possibilities. This four session training course will teach the basic accounting on "How to Keep Your Records." It explains the importance on keeping records, the tax issue, gross receipts, Social Security, special benefits, use of computer programs and the importance of documentation. Session dates are Jan. 5, 12, 19 and 26, from 6 to 8 p.m., at Gertrude's Restaurant, #114 Castle Coakley. Registration deadline is Jan. 3. Call 773-4995.

JAN. 7

ALL STUDENTS OF THE CHARLES H. EMANUEL SCHOOL who will participate in the Children's Parade on Friday, Jan. 7, in Frederiksted, are asked to meet at the school at 10 a.m., on Thursday, Dec. 30, for rehearsal. It is very important that students attend this session to try on their costumes for the parade.

ALL CALYPSONIANS are reminded that the deadline for registration for the King of Kings Calypso Tent, is Jan. 7. For St. Thomas/St. John/ Water Island; you may register at Sen. Donastorg's office. Call 693-3584 (participants on St. Croix). Music sheets for at least one song must be turned in by Feb. 14. Please leave a telephone contact number. No late registrations will be accepted.

JAN. 8

GOSPEL MUSIC CELEBRATION featuring "Friends" gospel recording artists out of St. Thomas, The Lansiquot Sisters, Touch of Love Chorale, and many other local artists. MC will be Bro. Henry Pascal. This event is being held on Saturday, Jan. 8, at 8 p.m., at the St. Croix Educational Complex.

JAN. 10

UVI, through its VI University Affiliated Program, is offering an American Sign Language Interpreters training course on campus beginning Jan. 12. Classes will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7 to 8:15 p.m., on St. Croix. Registration will take place on Monday, Jan. 10, from 4 to 6 p.m., in room T114 at the University Affiliated Program Office at No. 1 Golden Grove. Call 693-1189.

UVI is offering an on-line creative writing course in the Spring semester. Class enrollment is limited to residents in the territory for this first time offering. The UVI class, English 465: Selected Topics — Creative Writing, will include the study of language and literature. There will be no in-class time, as all assignments and instruction will be computer based. Registration on St. Croix is Jan. 10 through Jan. 12. Call 693-1357.

Obituaries

AUGUSTIN JAMES SEALEY, age 84, of 1070 Williams Delight, passed away on Tuesday, Dec. 21, 1999, at the Gov. Juan F. Luis Hospital.

He is survived by his common law wife: Mildred Henderson; daughters: Gisbatine Houston, Eleanor, Irene and Sandra Sealey; step-daughter: Clovis Richards; son: James Sealey; 25 grandchildren; 3 step-grandchildren; 6 great-great-grandchildren; sister: Lizbertina Quinland; special nieces: Joan Sackey, Carlotta Moorehead and Catherine Prince; special nephew: James Macedon; other nieces and nephews too numerous to mention.

Daughter-in-law: Sibrina Sealey; brother-in-law: Alfred Danielson; special cousins: Augustin Aaron I and the Cornelius family; special friends: Charles James and family, Mercedes Martinez, Augustin Ford and family, Sarah Andrews and family, Elmeda Brown and family.

Funeral services will take place on Friday, Dec. 31, at 10 a.m., at the St. Patrick's Catholic Church, viewing will be at 9 a.m. Interment will be in Kingshill Cemetery.

Professional services are entrusted to James Memorial Funeral Home, Inc.

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ARTURO FRANCIS ROEBUCK, aka"Tury," age 83, of Est. Solitude, passed away on Wednesday, Dec. 22, 1999, at Gov. Juan F. Luis Hospital.

He is survived by his daughters: Mary Roebuck and Edna Soto; sons: Arturo Roebuck Jr., Lawrence Roebuck and Warren "Frankie" Roebuck; 17 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; sisters: Ethany Johnson, Evelyn Roebuck, Elsie Plaza and Freida Belaby; several nieces and nephews too numerous to mention; daughters-in-law: Heather and Gwendolyn Roebuck; other relatives and friends too numerous to mention.

Memorial services will take place on Monday, Jan. 3, at Holy Cross Catholic Church, at 10 a.m. His remains will be interred in Christiansted Cemetery.

Professional arrangements are entrusted to James Memorial Funeral Home, Inc.

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FARRAND PEARY BIDEAU, age 22, of Estate Whim, passed away Sunday, Dec. 26, 1999, in St. Croix.

Farrend is survived by his mother: Kathleen Bideau; father: Peter (Tony) Bideau; sister: Cherise Bideau; great-grandmothers: Lillian Stapleton and Eglantine Herbert; grandmothers: Linda Herbert and Dorothy Bideau Monbelly Alezy; great-aunts: Muriel Barnes and Marianne Liburd; great-uncles: Ursdale Stapleton and Vincent James; aunts: Cheryl and Stephanie Herbert, Junia Bideau Heying, Vanda Bideau Aleazy Baptiste, Timothia Bideau, Wanda Alezy, Carlyn Bideau and Sandra Glasgow; uncles: Andy Herbert, Christopher Monbelly, Teneskey Monbelly and Pammer Bideau; cousins: Dean Baptiste Jr., Dijon Baptiste, Dijor Baptiste, La'mar Sargent, Nicholas Brathwaite, Thomas Monbelly, Nicole Quinn and Christine Heying; best friends: David Bruce, Elijah Jackson, Kareem Jackson, Russell Greenidge, Kenneth Turnbull, Dwayne Fabio, Kamal Watt, Kelvin and Kareem of Williams Delight; special family friend: Valerie Laurent; and many other relatives and close friends too numerous to mention.

Funeral services will be held Friday, Dec. 31, at St. Ann's Catholic Church, at Barren Spot Hill. Viewing will be at 10 a.m., with the service following at 11 a.m. Interment will be in Kingshill Cemetery.

Professional arrangements are by Thomas/Hyll Memorial Funeral Chapel of St. Croix.

Happy New Year! Have a safe start to a new millennium!

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Venue: Paul E. Joseph Stadium, F'sted
Friday, January 7, 2000

WeatherOutlook



U.S. Temps

City	Hi	Lo	Wthr
Atlantic City	39	37	clr
Boston	34	28	clr
Chicago	45	33	cdy
Denver	62	24	clr
El Paso	59	45	clr
Fort Wayne	38	30	cdy
Green Bay	43	23	cdy
Houston	77	41	cdy
Indianapolis	43	35	cdy
Jackson,Miss.	63	35	cdy
Kansas City	67	38	clr
Los Angeles	72	46	clr
Miami Beach	71	56	clr
New YorkCity	37	35	cdy
Orlando	65	39	clr
Philadelphia	38	31	clr
Richmond	45	28	clr
Seattle	40	39	cdy
Tallahassee	62	30	cdy
Washington,D.C.	42	35	clr
W.Palm Beach	67	48	clr
Yakima	30	28	cdy
Youngstown	28	28	cdy

World Temps

City	Hi	Lo	Wthr
Amsterdam	44	35	cdy
Barbados	85	75	cdy
Bermuda	73	61	cdy
Caracas	78	62	clr
Dublin	46	35	rn
Frankfurt	41	35	cdy
Geneva	37	24	cdy
Havana	73	54	rn
Istanbul	58	50	cdy
Jerusalem	70	50	clr
Kiev	32	27	sn
London	43	30	cdy
Montreal	37	0	cdy
Nassau	78	59	cdy
Oslo	22	14	cdy
Paris	44	30	cdy
Rio	84	75	clr
San Juan	85	74	cdy
Sydney	71	59	cdy
Toronto	41	10	cdy
Vancouver	40	33	cdy
Warsaw	32	28	cdy

VI Forecast

LOCAL FORECAST FOR THE PUERTO RICO AND THE U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS:

FRIDAY — VARIABLE CLOUDINESS AND BREEZY WITH A 50 PERCENT CHANCE OF SHOWERS. HIGH FROM NEAR 80 TO 85. WIND EAST 15 TO 20 MPH.

FRIDAY NIGHT — PARTLY CLOUDY WITH A 40 PERCENT CHANCE OF SHOWERS. LOW FROM 65 INLAND TO 75 ALONG THE COAST.

NEW YEARS DAY — VARIABLE CLOUDINESS AND BREEZY WITH SCATTERED SHOWERS. LOW FROM 70 TO 75. HIGH FROM 80 TO 85.

COASTAL WATERS FORECAST FOR PUERTO RICO AND U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS:

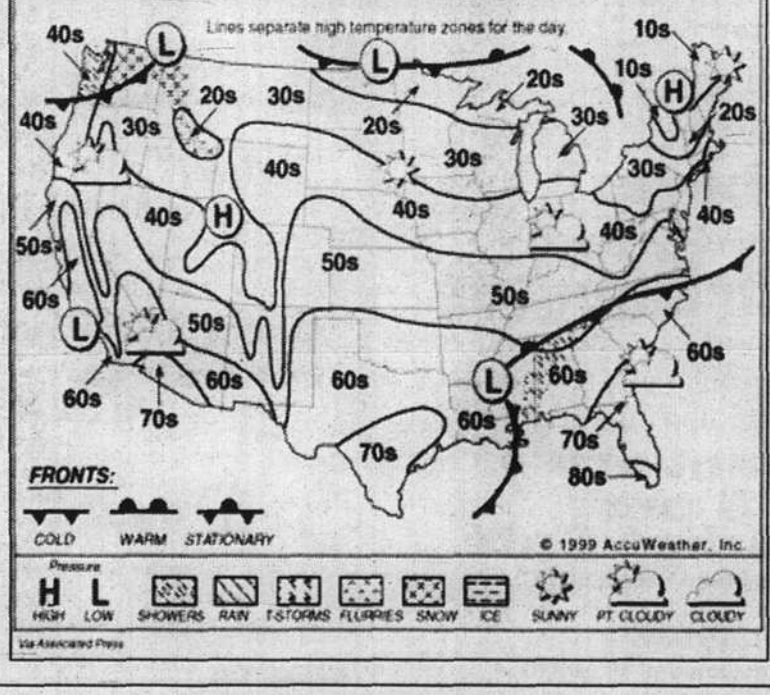
SYNOPSIS — HIGH PRESSURE WILL CONTINUE TO BUILD WEST ACROSS THE NORTHEAST CARIBBEAN THROUGH FRIDAY NIGHT.

OUTLOOK FOR PUERTO RICO AND THE U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS WATERS:

SATURDAY THROUGH MONDAY — WIND EAST TO NORTH EAST 20 KTS. SEAS 5 TO 7 FT. IN EAST TO NORTH EAST SWELLS. LOW LEVEL TROUGH TO MOVE FROM THE EAST INTO EASTERN CARIBBEAN LATE SUNDAY THRU MONDAY.

NATIONAL Weather

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Friday, Dec. 31.



Via Associated Press

Crossword by Eugene Sheffer

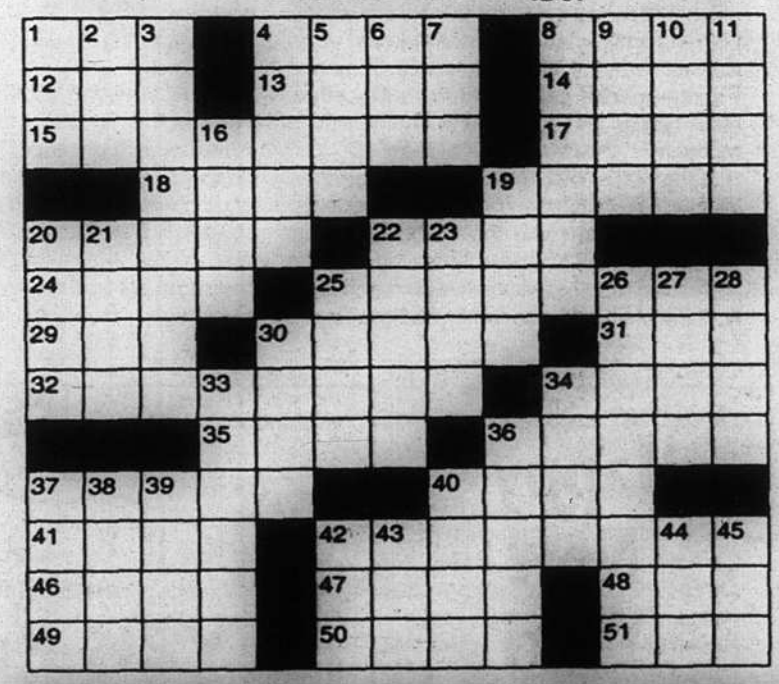
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31 Mimic
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6 Rushmore face
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10 Lion's pride?
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16 Sex researcher Shere
19 Big — (fast-food choices)
20 Physical suffering
21 Wile E.'s supplier
22 Cease
23 Furry "Star Wars" beast
25 Christmas melody
26 Hawaiian volcano
27 Duel tool
28 Ohio team
30 Lady Macbeth's problem
33 Hagiologist's place
34 Ice-cream holder
36 Judy Sheindlin, e.g.
37 Supergarb
38 Lollapalooza
39 Salt Lake squad
40 Doppelganger
42 Without delay
43 Historic period
44 Boston nickname
45 "Monty Python" opener

Solution time: 28 mins.

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Yesterday's answer 12-31



Cryptoquip

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: THE PLAYFUL PODIATRIST DISPLAYED AN UNCOMMONLY ARCH SENSE OF HUMOR.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: T equals A

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Real Estate for Sale

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1/4 ac. Diamond $13,000. 1/2 ac. Carlton $18,000. 1/3 ac. Whim $20,000. 3+ acres Rust Up Twist $55,000. 1/2 ac. Whim, center line $27,000. 1/4 ac. Calquohoun $20,000. 1/2 ac. U&Mt. Wash'ton $23,500. 3 br. Sion Farm all concrete $115,000. 4 br. Mon Bijou $125,000, 3br. 2 ba. Enfield by the beach $225,000. 2 br. wood /concrete house on 1/4 ac. $54,000. Schusters Real Estate. **778-4648.**

Bright and Airy 3 bedroom, 2 bath w/den and separate laundry room in quiet East End location. Separate 1 bedroom apartment for guests or extra income! Offered at $175,000. Please contact **David Fedeles** at Farchette & Hanley Real Estate **773-4665 x18 or 773-9697.**

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Cormorant Cove: Great buy! Two and three bedroom Condos. Sandy beach, beautiful pool, tennis. Developer asked $300,000 + in 1990. Now from $135,000 and $190,000. Furnished. Call Patrice Kelly, Hamilton Real Estate, Caravelle Arcade, 773-3300 or home 773-1817.

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Poolside unit at Coakley Bay with Buck Island views & breezes. 3 br, 2 ba fully furnished ready to move in or rent! A real deal for $150,000! Please contact David Fedeles at Farchette & Hanley Real Estate **773-4665 x18 773-9697.**

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House for Sale

Just reduced from $60,000 to $54,000. 2 bdrms, 1 bath house, located on 1/ 4 acre at Calquohoun. Has large patio and porch, hurricane shelter and storage rm. For more info. call Schuster's R/E at **778-4648.**

Comm. Real Estate

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For Rent

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Furnished Efficiency - Utilities included - Good location - Private & secure - Reasonable. Tel - **773-4852** after 5:00 P.M.

Hillside Properties - 11 Montpellier : 2-br, 2- baths, large screened porch, mini Estate 3 1/2 acres, fully furnished, centrally located, smashing view, pool - $2000. Best references required. Broker interest. Pool & yard work included in rent. Call 778-6496, 778-9444.

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Large studio apartment - clean + airy - water + electric included. Ideal for single working person- Carlton. Call **772-3359** - deposit + references.

In Town - 1 br. house with stove / refrigerator, fenced yard, quiet area $375.00. Little Pricesse Hill - Large 1 br. apartment with smashing view of Christiansted, - $550.00 includes electric. Peter's Rest Condo - efficiency unit, unfurnished, small balcony, walk to town - $315. William's Delight - brand new unit in quiet area - 2 br. 1 bath, breezy, secure, sea view, upstairs unit $525 available 1/1. Also a 2 br. 1 bath house with 2 extra rooms, laundry room, $500. Both fenced, off street parking. Sion Farm - 2 br. 1 bath half duplex, near Free Will, stove /refrigerator, $450 includes electric. Hillside Properties - 11 Montpellier. **Call 778-6496, 778-9444.**

Two bedroom apartment for rent at 118 Estate Whim. Furnished with fridge & stove, $500.00 a month, unfurnished $450.00. Security deposit required. Call **773-2036**

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"St. Croix 2000"
Maracas.....3 for $12
Pods.....3 for $9

Pets & Livestock

Italian Mastif female puppy. Family protection available now. Call **773-1814.**

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1990 Geo-Storm (radiant red) ice cold AC AM/FM cassette radio. Good running condition. Good interior/exterior. 2 door coupe. Must sell. Asking price $4,500. O.B.O. Call **778-2034.**

1994 Honda Accord 26,000 miles. One owner $8,700. 1990 Grand Am 48,000 miles $2,500. Call **778-7758.**

1993 Blue Nissan Altima. 36,000 miles, A.C. pwr. win. auto, 4dr. $5,900 O.B.O. Call **773-0301.**

1996 Chevy Cavalier AC, air bags, Polk audio speakers, Kenwood CD player, racing gear exhaust. 25,000 miles runs great asking $8,900. Call **778-8803.**

1988 Mitsubishi 4x4 Pickup with tool box $3,200. 1991 Ford Taurus GL 4dr. good A/C auto $3,990.00. Call Bill **773-1930.**

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GOVERNMENT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS OF THE UNITED STATES

CD-21-00

CERTIFICATE OF DISSOLUTION

It being within the province of my office, I , the undersigned, Lieutenant Governor of the Virgin Islands, being satisfied by due proof, hereby certify that consent by the stockholders to the dissolution of the domestic corporation known by the firm name and style of DELTA FSC EIGHT, INC. has been filed with this office in accordance with law, pursuant to Section 283 (d) of Title 13, Virgin Islands Code.

I do further certify that, pursuant to consent to dissolution thus filed, DELTA FSC EIGHT, INC. is hereby dissolved, pursuant to Section 283 (d), Title 13, Virgin Islands Code, subject to the lawful fulfillment of the requirements of Sections 283 (d) and (c), 285 and 286 of Title 13, Virgin Islands Code, and other applicable law, effective October 19, 1999.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Government of the Virgin Islands to be affixed at Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, this 22nd Day of November A.D. 1999.

GERARD LUZ JAMES II
Lieutenant Governor

12 / 31 / 1999 1 / 7, 14, 21 / 2000

GOVERNMENT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS OF THE UNITED STATES

CD-19-00

CERTIFICATE OF DISSOLUTION

It being within the province of my office, I , the undersigned, Lieutenant Governor of the Virgin Islands, being satisfied by due proof, hereby certify that consent by the stockholders to the dissolution of the domestic corporation known by the firm name and style of DELTA FSC TEN, INC. has been filed with this office in accordance with law, pursuant to Section 283 (d) of Title 13, Virgin Islands Code.

I do further certify that, pursuant to consent to dissolution thus filed, DELTA FSC TEN, INC. is hereby dissolved, pursuant to Section 283 (d), Title 13, Virgin Islands Code, subject to the lawful fulfillment of the requirements of Sections 283 (d) and (c), 285 and 286 of Title 13, Virgin Islands Code, and other applicable law, effective October 19, 1999.

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TERRITORIAL COURT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS/DIVISION OF ST. CROIX ESTATE OF GENOVEVA SANTIANGO KIDD - PROBATE NO. 88/99.

ANY PERSON OR ENTITY CLAIMING TO BE NEXT OF KIN OR HAVING ANY CLAIM AGAINST THE ESTATE OF GENOVEVA SANTIAGO KIDD - PROBATE FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NO. 88/1999. TERRITORIAL COURT OF ST. CROIX OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS IS HEREBY ADVISED TO PRESENT SUCH CLAIM WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS OF THE LAST DATE OF THIS PUBLICATION TO FRANK PADILLA. ATTORNEY FOR THIS ESTATE - 429 KING STREET, F'STED., ST. CROIX, V.I. 00804 OR TO THE TERRITORIAL COURT AT KINGSHILL, ST. CROIX, U.S.V.I.

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IN THE TERRITORIAL COURT OF THE VIRGIN ISLAND DIVISION OF ST. CROIX

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF LINTON MICHAEL ALEXANDER TO ASSUME THE NAME OF: FAM NO. N12/1999

KHEFA ALEXISS, JR. CHANGE OF NAME
Petitioner

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a petition was filed in the Territorial Court of the Virgin Islands Division of St. Croix by Linton Michael Alexander praying for an order changing his name to KHEFA ALEXISS, JR.

All persons objecting to the granting of said petition may do so by appearing and showing cause if they have any reason why the same should not be granted.

DATED: 12/30/99

LINTON MICHAEL ALEXANDER
P.O. BOX 6881, Sunny Isle
St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands 00823

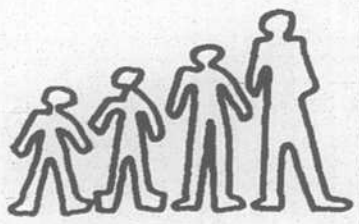
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GOVERNMENT OF
THE VIRGIN ISLANDS OF THE UNITED STATES

CD-20-00

CERTIFICATE OF DISSOLUTION

It being within the province of my office, I , the undersigned, Lieuten-ant Governor of the Virgin Islands, being satisfied by due proof, hereby certify that consent by the stockholders to the dissolution of the domestic corporation known by the firm name and style of DELTA FSC NINE, INC. has been filed with this office in accordance with law, pursuant to Section 283 (d) of Title 13, Virgin Islands Code.

I do further certify that, pursuant to consent to dissolution thus filed, DELTA FSC NINE, INC. is hereby dissolved, pursuant to Section 283 (d), Title 13, Virgin Islands Code, subject to the lawful fulfillment of the requirements of Sections 283 (d) and (c), 285 and 286 of Title 13, Virgin Islands Code, and other applicable law, effective October 19, 1999.

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GERARD LUZ JAMES II
Lieutenant Governor

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IN THE TERRITORIAL COURT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS
DIVISION OF ST. CROIX

THE BANK OF NOVA SCOTIA,
PLAINTIFF,
vs.
HUGH BAILEY, JASSET BAILEY and ELDON J. PROVIDENCE a/k/a ELDON PROVIDENCE,
DEFENDANTS.

CIVIL NO. 451/1999
ACTION FOR DEBT AND FORECLOSURE

SUMMONS

TO: HUGH BAILEY
Plot No. 1033 of Estate Williams Delight
Frederiksted, St. Croix

Within the time limited by law (30) days after the last publication date of this Summons, you are hereby required to appear before the Territorial Court of the Virgin Islands, and answer to a Complaint filed against you in this action and, in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment by default will be taken against you as requested in the Complaint in this action.

Witness my hand and the seal of this Court this 15th day of December 1999.

YVONNE V. WESSELHOFT
Clerk of the Court

SAMUEL T. GREY, Esq.
Nichols Newman Logan & D'Eramo, PC
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12/17,24,31, 1999 1/7, 2000

IN THE TERRITORIAL COURT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS
DIVISION OF ST. CROIX

THE BANK OF NOVA SCOTIA,
PLAINTIFF,
vs.
BASIL D. DAVIS a/k/a BASIL DAVIS and ALBERTINE DAVIS f/k/a ALBERTINE WEBBE,
DEFENDANTS

CIVIL NO. 299/1999
ACTION FOR DEPT AND FORECLOSURE

NOTICE OF SALE OF PROPERTY ON EXECUTION

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to the provisions of 5 V.I.C. §471 et seq., the V.I. Marshal shall sell at public auction on February 4, 2000, at 10:00 a.m., at the Office of the V.I. Marshal in the Hall of Justice Building, Kingshill, St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands, the following real property situate in St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands in the name of Defendants BASIL D. DAVIS a/k/a BASIL DAVIS and ALBERTINE DAVIS f/k/a ALBERTINE WEBBE, to satisfy the execution issued herein for judgment entered on September 21, 1999, against defendants BASIL D. DAVIS a/k/a BASIL DAVIS and ALBERTINE DAVIS f/k/a ALBERTINE WEBBE in this matter. The below-described property shall be sold as stated herein:

Plot No. 369 (0.2451 U.S. Acre) of Estate Enfield Green, Prince Quarter, as shown on PWD Drawing No. 4766 dated March 23, 1992, revised June 09, 1992;

TOGETHER WITH all of the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging without any representation or guarantee. The above described property is an unimproved lot.

Ten percent (10%) of the purchase price is to be paid in cash, certified or bank check at the time of sale, balance within thirty (30) days. Sale is further subject to all provisions of Title 5, Chapter 43 of the Virgin Islands Code.

LEAYLE PICKERING
Territorial Court Marshal

DATE: Dec. 8, 1999

By: SOBERS JOSEPH
Acting Assistant Marshal

SAMUEL T. GREY, Esq.
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12/17,24,31, 1999 1/7, 2000

VIRGIN ISLANDS WATER AND POWER AUTHORITY

BID NOTICE

THE VIRGIN ISLANDS WATER AND POWER AUTHORITY IS SOLICITING BIDS FOR THE FOLLOWING:

IB-04-00 FEEDERS 11 AND 12 UNDERGROUND DUCT BANK SYSTEM FROM KRUM BAY TO VITELCO MAIN BUILDING AND TO ONE STOP GAS STATION - ST. THOMAS, USVI

DOCUMENTS PERTAINING TO THE BID CAN BE PICKED UP FROM MS. SANDRA DAVID, CONTRACT SERVICES DEPARTMENT (774-3552, EXTENSION 2039) AT THE AUTHORITY IN SUBBASE BUILDING #18, ST. THOMAS, USVI.

BIDDERS MAY SECURE A COMPLETE PROJECT SPECIFICATION PACKAGE FROM THE CONTRACT SERVICES DEPARTMENT UPON PAYMENT OF A $50.00 NON REFUNDABLE FEE PER SET. PAYMENT MUST BE MADE IN THE FORM OF A POSTAL MONEY ORDER OR A CERTIFIED CHECK PAYABLE TO THE V.I. WATER AND POWER AUTHORITY.

THE AUTHORITY SHALL HOLD A MANDATORY PRE-BID CONFERENCE AND SITE INSPECTION ON MONDAY, JANUARY 10, 2000 AT 9:30 A.M. LOCAL TIME IN THE EXECUTIVE CONFERENCE ROOM, 2ND FLOOR VIWAPA AD-MINISTRATION BUILDING ON ST. THOMAS, V.I.

SIX (6) SEALED COPIES OF THE BID WILL BE RECEIVED UNTIL 2:00 PM LOCAL TIME, ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 21, 2000 IN THE EXECUTIVE CONFERENCE ROOM, 2ND FLOOR, VIWAPA ADMINISTRATION BUILDING ON ST. THOMAS AND AT THAT TIME PUBLICLY OPENED.

THE VIRGIN ISLANDS WATER AND POWER AUTHORITY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ACCEPT OR REJECT ANY OR ALL BIDS.

12 / 24, 29, 31 / 1999

IN THE TERRITORIAL COURT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS
DIVISION OF ST. CROIX

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INVITATION FOR BIDS
GENERAL MAINTENANCE SUPPLIES

The Virgin Islands Housing Authority will receive bids for furnishing General Maintenance supply for delivery to the VIHA Central Warehouse, St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands until 2:00 p.m. local time on January 31, 2000, at the Authority's Central Office located at #402 Estate Anna's Retreat St. Thomas, V.I. at which time and place bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Proposed forms of contract documents, including specifications, are on file at the Office of Procurement. Prospective bidders shall obtain contract documents from the Procurement / Contract Officer of the Virgin Islands Housing Authority. Documents may be inspected free of charge.

A Pre-Bid conference will be held on January 10, 2000, at 10:00 a.m., at the Virgin Islands Housing Authority Central Office located at #402 Estate Anna's Retreat, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands.

All prospective bidders are urged to attend. Non-attendance on the part of a bidder shall not relieve the bidder of any responsibility for adherence to any of the provisions of this bid package or any addenda thereto.

Copies of the documents may be obtained by depositing $100.00 with the Virgin Islands Housing Authority for each set of documents so obtained.

The VIHA will award the contract to the bidder who in its opinion is responsive to all criteria and requirements, and will supply the commodities at the most effective price.

No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of 90 days subsequent to the opening of bids without the consent of the Authority.

VIRGIN ISLANDS HOUSING AUTHORITY

By: Conrad E. Francois, II
Executive Director

Date: 12 / 24 / 99

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	19	9	.679	—
New York	17	12	.586	2 1/2
Philadelphia	17	14	.548	3 1/2
Orlando	15	13	.536	4
Boston	11	16	.407	7 1/2
New Jersey	11	18	.379	8 1/2
Washington	10	19	.345	9 1/2

Central Division

Indiana	19	9	.679	—
Charlotte	18	10	.643	1
Toronto	16	12	.571	3
Milwaukee	16	13	.552	3 1/2
Detroit	14	14	.500	5
Cleveland	12	16	.429	7
Atlanta	11	17	.393	8
Chicago	2	24	.077	16

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	20	10	.667	—
Utah	18	10	.643	1
Denver	15	12	.556	3 1/2
Minnesota	12	14	.462	6
Dallas	9	20	.310	101/2
Houston	9	20	.310	101/2
Vancouver	6	22	.214	13

Pacific Division

L.A. Lakers	25	5	.833	—
Portland	21	7	.750	3
Sacramento	17	10	.630	6 1/2
Phoenix	18	11	.621	6 1/2
Seattle	18	12	.600	7
L.A. Clippers	9	19	.321	15
Golden State	6	23	.207	181/2

Wednesday's Games
Indiana 116, Atlanta 89
Charlotte 109, Milwaukee 105
Cleveland 96, Washington 94
Miami 109, Orlando 106
Detroit 91, Chicago 77
Utah 101, Vancouver 90
Sacramento 113, Seattle 104
L.A. Lakers 103, Phoenix 87
Philadelphia 97, Golden State 94

Thursday's Games
Late games not included
Indiana 109, Charlotte 99
New York 89, Washington 86
Detroit 106, Atlanta 105
New Jersey 102, Orlando 92
Milwaukee 91, Cleveland 90
Minnesota 94, Chicago 76
Houston 122,L.A. Clippers 100
Toronto 109, Dallas 104
Boston at Denver, 9 p.m.
San Antonio 97, Vancouver 88
Philadelphia at Portland, 10 p.m.

Friday's Games
No games scheduled

Saturday's Games
No games scheduled

Sunday's Game
Orlando at Miami, 7:30 p.m.

NBA BOXES

Hornets-Pacers

CHARLOTTE (99)

Mason 2-7 1-4 5, Coleman 4-9 4-4 13, Campbell 7-12 1-2 15, Robinson 4-7 0-0 8, Wesley 6-9 0-0 17, B.Miller 3-6 1-2 7, Phills 4-8 2-3 10, R.Davis 2-5 0-0 4, B.Davis 3-9 4-8 10, Fuller 1-2 3-4 5, Hawkins 2-4 0-0 5. Totals 38-78 16-27 99.

INDIANA (109)

J.Rose 5-14 0-0 10, D.Davis 5-8 2-2 12, Smits 3-10 3-4 9, R.Miller 10-16 6-6 30, Jackson 7-8 1-2 18, Perkins 1-3 0-0 3, Best 5-12 4-4 15, Croshere 1-3 2-2 5, Harrington 2-5 0-0 4, Mullin 1-1 0-0 3, Foster 0-1 0-0 0, Bender 0-4 0-0 0. Totals 40-85 18-20 109.

Charlotte	**28**	**19**	**24**	**28**	**— 99**
Indiana	**31**	**19**	**37**	**22**	**— 109**

3-Point Goals—Charlotte 7-15 (Wesley 5-7, Coleman 1-2, Hawkins 1-3, B.Davis 0-1, Phills 0-2), Indiana 11-23 (R.Miller 4-7, Jackson 3-4, Mullin 1-1, Croshere 1-1, Best 1-3, Perkins 1-3, Harrington 0-1, Bender 0-1, J.Rose 0-2). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Charlotte 52 (R.Davis, Campbell, B.Davis 6), Indiana 46 (D.Davis 11). Assists—Charlotte 21 (B.Davis 8), Indiana 29 (Jackson 11). Total fouls—Charlotte 16, Indiana 24. A—18,345 (18,345).

Knicks-Wizards

NEW YORK(89)

L.Johnson 8-14 6-7 24, Sprewell 5-18 2-2 13, Ewing 5-11 3-10 13, Ward 3-6 0-0 9, Houston 6-13 7-8 19, Dudley 0-0 1-2 1, Camby 2-4 2-4 6, Childs 1-3 0-0 2, Wallace 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 31-71 21-33 89.

WASHINGTON (86)

Howard 5-9 0-0 10, M.Smith 1-2 0-2 2, White 3-6 2-4 8, Richmond 8-13 6-9 24, Strickland 4-7 0-2 8, Hamilton 2-7 3-3 7, A.Williams 0-2 0-0 0, Austin 2-4 0-0 4, Whitney 3-7 0-1 8, Murray 4-9 3-4 15, King 0-1 0-0 0, Jordan 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 32-67 14-25 86.

New York	**27**	**15**	**24**	**23**	**— 89**
Washington	**25**	**18**	**21**	**22**	**— 86**

3-Point Goals—New York 6-11 (Ward 3-5, L.Johnson 2-3, Sprewell 1-1, Childs 0-1, Houston 0-1), Washington 8-16 (Murray 4-5, Richmond 2-4, Whitney 2-5, Strickland 0-1, Hamilton 0-1). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—New York 40 (Ewing 9), Washington 58 (White 13). Assists—New York 12 (Sprewell 5), Washington 17 (Strickland 6). Total fouls—New York 23, Washington 26. Technicals—Ewing, Howard, Washington coach Heard. A—19,053 (20,674).

Magic-Nets

ORLANDO (92)

M.Williams 1-6 2-2 4, Wallace 0-1 0-0 0, Doleac 2-5 0-0 4, Abdul-Wahad 7-16 4-6 18, Armstrong 6-18 2-2 18, Amaechi 6-10 1-2 13, Gatling 6-12 2-4 14, Outlaw 4-5 0-1 8, Atkins 4-10 0-0 8, Maggette 1-2 0-0 2, Garrity 1-5 0-0 3. Totals 38-90 11-17 92.

NEW JERSEY(102)

Gill 7-21 0-0 16, Van Horn 9-23 1-1 20, McIlvaine 0-4 0-0 0, Kittles 4-9 2-2 13, Marbury 8-14 5-5 21, Burrell 1-5 0-0 3, Feick 8-14 0-0 16, Harris 1-6 1-2 3, Newman 1-9 1-2 3, Perry 3-5 0-0 7. Totals 42-110 10-12 102.

Orlando	**28**	**22**	**26**	**16**	**— 92**
New Jersey	**29**	**25**	**25**	**23**	**— 102**

3-Point Goals—Orlando 5-13 (Armstrong 4-7, Garrity 1-3, Atkins 0-3), New Jersey 8-26 (Kittles 3-5, Gill 2-4, Perry 1-1, Burrell 1-4, Van Horn 1-5, Marbury 0-1, Harris 0-2, Newman 0-4). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Orlando 64 (Abdul-Wahad 17), New Jersey 64 (Feick 15). Assists—Orlando 19 (Armstrong, Atkins 4), New Jersey 30 (Marbury 13). Total fouls—Orlando 17, New Jersey 22. Technicals—Orlando coach Rivers, Gatling. A—18,694 (20,049).

Cavaliers-Bucks

CLEVELAND (90)

Kemp 3-10 2-2 8, Murray 4-12 2-2 11, Bryant 5-8 0-0 10, Knight 4-9 1-1 9, Sura 7-14 1-2 19, Henderson 4-7 0-1 8, DeClercq 3-5 3-5 9, Miller 4-9 0-0 9, Person 1-5 1-1 3, Hendrickson 2-2 0-0 4. Totals 37-81 10-14 90.

MILWAUKEE (91)

Robinson 7-17 2-3 17, S.Williams 3-5 0-0 6, Johnson 1-3 2-2 4, R.Allen 4-14 7-10 15, Cassell 5-15 10-10 20, T.Thomas 4-6 5-8 13, Del Negro 6-8 0-0 12, Workman 0-2 0-0 0, Reid 0-2 2-4 2, Manning 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 31-74 28-37 91.

Cleveland	**29**	**18**	**23**	**20**	**— 90**
Milwaukee	**23**	**22**	**16**	**30**	**— 91**

3-Point Goals—Cleveland 6-13 (Sura 4-6, Miller 1-2, Murray 1-4, Person 0-1), Milwaukee 1-9 (Robinson 1-3, T.Thomas 0-1, Reid 0-1, R.Allen 0-4). Fouled out—Kemp, Bryant. Rebounds—Cleveland 48 (Sura 12), Milwaukee 52 (Johnson 9). Assists—Cleveland 19 (Knight 6), Milwaukee 19 (R.Allen 7). Total fouls—Cleveland 37, Milwaukee 22. Technicals—Sura, Knight, R.Allen, Reid. A—16,329 (18,717).

Bulls-Timberwolves

CHICAGO (76)

Artest 3-6 1-2 8, Brand 4-11 1-2 9, Simpkins 2-5 0-0 4, Benjamin 8-14 4-5 21, Armstrong 2-8 2-2 6, Willoughby 3-9 1-2 9, Ruffin 2-5 1-2 5, Perdue 1-1 0-2 2, Reeves 0-7 4-4 4, Antsey 2-3 0-0 4, David 1-1 2-2 4. Totals 28-70 16-23 76.

MINNESOTA (94)

Garnett 9-11 3-4 22, Mitchell 5-9 2-2 12, Nesterovic 4-8 4-5 12, Sealy 4-10 4-4 12, Brandon 5-12 2-2 12, Peeler 5-12 0-0 11, Smith 3-5 2-2 8, Avery 1-3 0-0 2, Hammonds 0-1 3-4 3, Patterson 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 36-71 20-23 94.

Chicago	**19**	**18**	**19**	**20**	**— 76**
Minn.	**32**	**22**	**20**	**20**	**— 94**

3-Point Goals—Chicago 4-14 (Willoughby 2-5, Artest 1-2, Benjamin 1-3, Armstrong 0-2, Reeves 0-2), Minnesota 2-4 (Garnett 1-1, Peeler 1-3). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Chicago 41 (Ruffin 8), Minnesota 46 (Garnett 11). Assists—Chicago 19 (Reeves 8), Minnesota 26 (Brandon 7). Total fouls—Chicago 21, Minnesota 23. A—19,623 (19,006).

Football
NFL

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
x-Indianapolis	13	2	0	.867	417	302
y-Buffalo	10	5	0	.667	289	223
Miami	9	6	0	.600	316	315
N.Y. Jets	7	8	0	.467	289	300
New England	7	8	0	.467	279	281

Central

y-Jacksonville	13	2	0	.866	372	210
y-Tennessee	12	3	0	.800	345	288
Baltimore	8	7	0	.533	321	257
Pittsburgh	6	9	0	.400	281	273
Cincinnati	4	11	0	.267	276	436
Cleveland	2	14	0	.125	217	437

West

Seattle	9	6	0	.600	329	279
Kansas City	9	6	0	.600	352	281
San Diego	7	8	0	.467	257	310
Oakland	7	8	0	.467	349	291
Denver	6	9	0	.400	308	306

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
x-Washington	9	6	0	.600	422	367
N.Y. Giants	7	8	0	.467	281	332
Dallas	7	8	0	.467	326	258
Arizona	6	9	0	.400	221	333
Philadelphia	4	11	0	.267	234	326

Central

y-Tampa Bay	10	5	0	.667	250	229
y-Minnesota	9	6	0	.600	375	318
y-Detroit	8	7	0	.533	305	299
Green Bay	7	8	0	.467	308	317
Chicago	6	9	0	.400	266	321

West

x-St. Louis	13	2	0	.867	495	204
Carolina	7	8	0	.467	376	368
Atlanta	4	11	0	.267	251	351
San Francisco	4	11	0	.267	266	419
New Orleans	3	12	0	.200	247	389

x-clinched division title
y-clinched playoff spot

Friday's Game
New Orleans 31, Dallas 24

Saturday's Game
Denver 17, Detroit 7

Sunday's Games
Atlanta 37, Arizona 14
Buffalo 13, New England 10, OT
Pittsburgh 30, Carolina 20
St. Louis 34, Chicago 12
Baltimore 22, Cincinnati 0
Indianapolis 29, Cleveland 28
Tennessee 41, Jacksonville 14
Minnesota 34, New York Giants 17
San Diego 23, Oakland 20
Seattle 23, Kansas City 14
Tampa Bay 29, Green Bay 10
Washington 26, San Francisco 20, OT
OPEN: Philadelphia

Monday's Game
New York Jets 38, Miami 31

Sunday, Jan. 2
Arizona at Green Bay, 1 p.m.
Baltimore at New England, 1 p.m.
Cincinnati at Jacksonville, 1 p.m.
Detroit at Minnesota, 1 p.m.
Indianapolis at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
New Orleans at Carolina, 1 p.m.
Oakland at Kansas City, 1 p.m.
St. Louis at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.
Seattle at New York Jets, 1 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Chicago, 1 p.m.
New York Giants at Dallas, 4:05 p.m.
Miami at Washington, 4:15 p.m.
San Diego at Denver, 4:15 p.m.
Tennessee at Pittsburgh, 4:15 p.m.
OPEN: Cleveland

Monday, Jan. 3
San Francisco at Atlanta, 9 p.m.
End Regular Season

Hockey
NHL Glance

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	T	RT	Pts	GF	GA
Philadelphia	21	11	6	1	49	117	88
New Jersey	21	12	4	2	48	110	91
Pittsburgh	15	17	3	5	38	110	101
N.Y. Rangers	12	18	6	3	33	91	104
N.Y. Islanders	9	20	5	0	23	70	102

Northeast Division

	W	L	T	RT	Pts	GF	GA
Toronto	23	11	4	2	52	115	82
Ottawa	19	12	6	1	45	100	89
Boston	13	16	9	2	37	95	104
Buffalo	15	17	5	1	36	89	98
Montreal	12	21	4	1	29	82	95

Southeast Division

	W	L	T	RT	Pts	GF	GA
Florida	20	12	3	3	46	107	84
Carolina	14	16	7	0	35	90	100
Washington	13	16	6	1	33	87	100
Tampa Bay	10	20	5	3	28	95	121
Atlanta	8	23	4	3	23	80	128

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	W	L	T	RT	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	25	9	3	1	54	133	86
St. Louis	21	11	4	0	46	110	78
Nashville	12	20	5	2	31	92	112
Chicago	10	21	5	2	27	99	112

Northwest Division

	W	L	T	RT	Pts	GF	GA
Colorado	18	16	4	1	41	106	102
Calgary	16	17	5	1	38	87	107
Edmonton	12	16	9	5	38	93	96
Vancouver	12	17	7	3	34	93	108

Pacific Division

	W	L	T	RT	Pts	GF	GA
Phoenix	21	12	4	0	46	115	97
San Jose	19	17	4	2	44	114	102
Dallas	18	15	5	1	42	88	87
Anaheim	18	16	4	1	41	92	89
Los Angeles	16	14	6	2	40	108	105

Overtime losses count as a loss and a regulation tie.

Thursday's Games
Late Games Not Included
Ottawa 5, Boston 4, OT
N.Y. Isle at Pittsburgh, 7:30p.m.
San Jose at St. Louis, (n)
Atlanta at Nashville, (n)
Florida at Chicago, (n)
Edmonton at Los Angeles, (n)

Friday's Games
Chicago at Detroit, 7 p.m.
Anaheim at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.

Saturday's Games
San Jose at Nashville, 2:30 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Florida, 3 p.m.
New Jersey at Boston, 7 p.m.
Toronto at Buffalo, 7 p.m.
St. Louis at Washington, 7 p.m.
Carolina at Atlanta, 7 p.m.
Edmonton at Phoenix, 10 p.m.

Sunday's Games
Philadelphia at N.Y. Isles, 1 p.m.
Vancouver at Calgary, 3 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Montreal, 7 p.m.
Detroit at Pittsburgh, 7:30 p.m.
San Jose at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.

Sports on the air
Friday, Dec. 31

All Times Eastern

COLLEGE FOOTBALL
1:30 p.m.
ESPN — Insight.com Bowl, Colorado vs. Boston College, at Tucson, Ariz.

2 p.m.
CBS — Sun Bowl, Minnesota vs. Oregon, at El Paso, Texas

5 p.m.
ESPN — Liberty Bowl, Colorado St. vs. Southern Miss., at Memphis, Tenn.

8:30 p.m.
ESPN — Independence Bowl, Mississippi vs. Oklahoma, at Shreveport, La.

Harrah's Odds

RENO, Nev. (AP) — Odds for the college bowl games and this week's NFL football games as provided by Harrah's Reno Casino & Sportsbook:

NCAA Football

Dec. 31		
Insight.com Bowl		
Colorado	8	Boston College
Sun Bowl		
Minnesota	3	Oregon
Liberty Bowl		
Southern Miss.	4 1/2	Colorado St.
Independence Bowl		
Oklahoma	4	Mississippi
Jan. 1		
Cotton Bowl		
Texas	7 1/2	Arkansas
Outback Bowl		
Purdue	5 1/2	Georgia
Gator Bowl		
Miami	5	Georgia Tech
Citrus Bowl		
Florida	1 1/2	Michigan St.
Rose Bowl		
Wisconsin	11 1/2	Stanford
Orange Bowl		
Alabama	2	Michigan
Jan. 2		
Fiesta Bowl		
Nebraska	4 1/2	Tennessee
Jan. 4		
Sugar Bowl		
Florida St.	6	Virginia Tech

NFL

Sunday		
FAVORITE	**LINE**	**UNDERDOG**
at Minnesota	7	Detroit
at GreenBay	7 1/2	Arizona
at N.Y.Jets	1	Seattle
at KansasCity	4 1/2	Oakland
Baltimore	1	at New England
Indianapolis	1	at Buffalo
Tampa Bay	3 1/2	at Chicago
at Jacksonville	8 1/2	Cincinnati
at Carolina	8 1/2	New Orleans
St. Louis	8 1/2	at Philadelphia
at Dallas	6 1/2	N.Y. Giants
at Denver	7	San Diego
at Washington	3 1/2	Miami
Tennessee	4	at Pittsburgh
Monday		
at Atlanta	7	San Francisco

NCAA
Top 25 Capsules

GAINESVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Mike Miller scored 13 points and triggered a 23-0 run early in the second half Thursday night to help No. 6 Florida pull away from South Alabama for an 82-61 victory.

The Gators (11-1) won their ninth straight game, one short of the school record.

South Alabama (4-6) was within 40-38 1:04 into the second half when the Gators went on the run that featured eight turnovers, two 3-pointers and three three-point plays. Miller had seven points, a steal and an assist during the run.

Virgil Stanescu had 20 points for the Jaguars.

Villanova 70, No. 19 Wake Forest 57

HONOLULU (AP) — Malik Allen had 18 points and seven rebounds for the Wildcats (6-3) in the fifth-place game of the Rainbow Classic.

Freshman Gary Buchanan, who finished with 13 points, had two 3-pointers in a 16-5 run that gave Villanova its biggest lead, 68-50.

Robert O'Kelley and Darius Songaila each had 12 points for the Demon Deacons (9-3), who lost by one point to Oregon in the first round and then beat Ohio in double overtime on Wednesday.

No. 20 Illinois 107, Loyola, Ill. 71

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. (AP) — Marcus Griffin scored 24 points and Cleotis Brown added 19 for the Illini (8-3), who led by 19 points at halftime.

Jerell Parker had 13 points and Silvijie Turkovic added 12 for Loyola (8-3), which got within 66-55 with 10:30 remaining, but Illinois, behind Griffin and Brown, went on a 15-1 run.

Baseball Calendar

Jan. 11 — Hall of Fame voting announced.
Jan. 15 — Salary arbitration filing.
Jan. 18 — Salary arbitration figures exchanged.
Feb. 1-21 — Salary arbitration hearings.
Feb. 18 — First day for pitchers, catchers and injured players to report to spring training.
Feb. 23 — First day for other players to report to spring training.
Feb. 29 — Hall of Fame veterans' committee meeting, Tampa, Fla.
March 2 — Mandatory reporting date.
March 2-11 — Teams may renew contracts of unsigned players.
March 24 — Last day to place players with nonguaranteed contracts on unconditional release waivers without paying their entire 2000 salaries.
March 29-30 — New York Mets vs. Chicago Cubs, Tokyo.
April 2 — Opening day for other teams, active rosters reduced to 25 players.
July 11 — All-Star game, Atlanta.
July 23 — Hall of Fame induction ceremonies, Cooperstown, N.Y.
July 24 — Hall of Fame game, Arizona vs. Cleveland, Cooperstown, N.Y.
Oct. 3 — Playoffs begin.
Oct. 21 — World Series begins, city of American League champion.
October-November TBA — Free agent filing, 15 days after World Series.
Dec. 7 — Last day for teams to offer salary arbitration to their former players who became free agents.
Dec. 19 — Last day for free agents offered salary arbitration to accept or reject the offers.
Dec. 20 — Last day to offer 2001 contracts to unsigned players.

Vermeil wants to avoid MVP debate

ST. LOUIS (AP) — The MVP question, Kurt Warner or Marshall Faulk, has become something of a touchy subject at Rams Park.

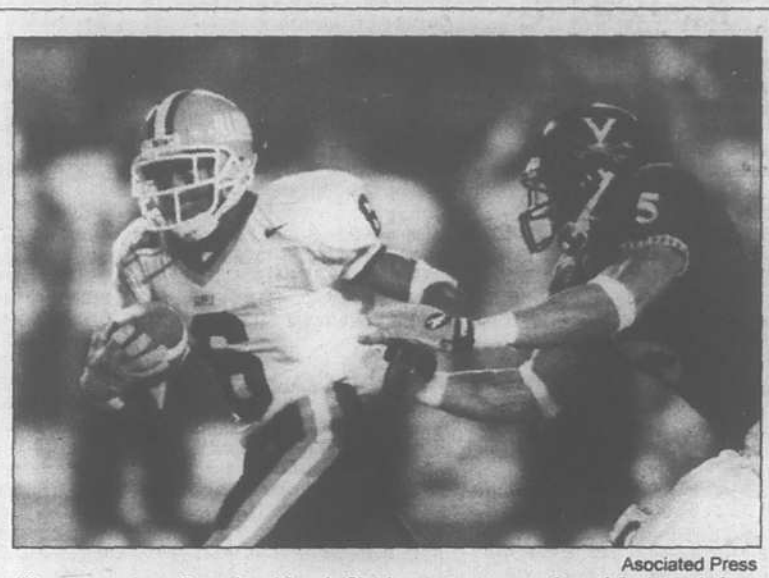
Coach Dick Vermeil took time out of a busy day of game preparations Wednesday to meet with both of his candidates and assure them he was in both of their corners. "If I had a vote, I'd tear it up and wouldn't use it," Vermeil said.

A few weeks ago, Vermeil said Warner, who has a chance to break the record for passer rating and needs one touchdown pass for 40, was his MVP choice. He still thinks Warner has the best chance, because quarterbacks historically get the nod in this type of vote. Twice as many quarterbacks (26) as running backs (13) have been selected, with linebacker (2), defensive end (1), defensive tackle (1) and kicker (1) bringing up the rear.

The MVP, selected by a national panel of writers and broadcasters, will be announced Jan. 9.

"We discussed this whole thing, because I don't want to be put in a spot between two fine players," Vermeil said. "I just told them when a person asks me a question, I'm going to give them an honest answer."

Illinois overruns Virginia



Asociated Press

Illinois receiver Brandon Lloyd (6) tries to get away from Virginia defensive back Dwayne Stukes (5) after a pass reception in the first half of the Micronpc.com Bowl in Miami, Thursday.

MIAMI (AP) — Virginia is still 0-for-Florida.

Quarterback Kurt Kittner ran for a score, threw two touchdown passes and caught another one as Illinois beat the Cavaliers 63-21 Thursday night in the Micronpc.com Bowl.

The loss was Virginia's fifth in five bowl games in Florida.

Illinois capped a remarkable turnaround under third-year coach Ron Turner. The Illini went 0-11 two years ago and finished 3-8 last season. After the game, several Illini players jumped into the stands to celebrate with their fans.

The Illini (8-4) beat Michigan and Ohio State on the road this year and won the most games since 1990. The season ended Thursday on a four-game winning streak capped by their most complete game of the year.

Illinois scored nine touchdowns on 13 possessions. The defense held Virginia's Thomas Jones, the nation's No. 3 rusher, to 110 yards on the ground. And on special teams, the Illini blocked two punts that set up touchdowns.

Kittner, a sophomore from Schaumburg, Ill., scored on a 1-yard bootleg on the opening drive. He also threw two touchdowns in the first half. But his best play may have come on a perfectly executed reverse to Brandon Lloyd.

With Illinois leading 14-7, Kittner faked a handoff to Steve Havard, handed off to Lloyd and then slipped down the left sideline unnoticed. Lloyd rolled right, stopped, and threw back to the wide-open Kittner. He caught the pass in stride and strolled untouched into the end zone.

Kittner chucked the ball into the stands, apparently attempting to throw the ball to his mother, Lee Trantin, who has multiple sclerosis. Kittner has said his mother is his inspiration.

Illinois, playing in its first bowl game since the 1994 Liberty Bowl, scored its most points in a bowl game and their most points in a game since 1989. It also was a record for the Micronpc.com Bowl, previously known as the Carquest and the Blockbuster.

Virginia (7-5) tied the game 7-7 on Jones' 7-yard run. Jones carried three times on the three-play drive was set up by Jameel Cook's fumble.

Steelers' Stewart slowed by bronchitis

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Kordell Stewart has bronchitis and can barely speak, making it doubtful he will play quarterback Sunday for the Pittsburgh Steelers.

Stewart was benched as a quarterback last month, but coach Bill Cowher suggested he might take some snaps against Tennessee.

It would be difficult for Stewart to play quarterback if he can't call out signals and change plays at the line of scrimmage.

"They won't hear me," Stewart said. "I might be able to give them hand signals. As far as yelling and screaming, that won't work."

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"GALAXY QUEST"
Mon-Fri: 7:15, 9:20;
Sat.-Sun: 3:15, 5:20, 7:15, 9:20. "PG"

CINEMA II
"TOY STORY 2"
Mon-Fri: 7:15; Sat.-Sun: 3:20, 5:15. "G"
"ANNA & THE KING"
Mon-Fri: 9:00; Sat.-Sun: 7:30 ONLY. "PG"

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THEATRE 1
"CLOSED"

THEATRE 2
"CLOSED"

THEATRE 3
"CLOSED"

THEATRE 4
"POKEMAN"
Mon-Fri: 7:15; Sat.-Sun: 3:15, 5:20. "G"
"MAN ON THE MOON"
Mon-Fri: 9:15; Sat.-Sun: 7:10, 9:15. "R"

THEATRE 5
"STUART LITTLE"
Mon-Fri: 7:20, 9:15;
Sat.-Sun: 3:20, 5:15, 7:20, 9:15. "G"

THEATRE 6
"Bicentennial Man"
Mon.-Fri: 6:50, 9:15;
Sat.-Sun: 2:30, 4:55, 7:05, 9:15. "PG"

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Virginia Tech pass rushers set to disrupt Florida State

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Florida State is about to experience pressure-cooker defense, Corey Moore style.

"I don't think I have ever seen a pass-rusher any more relentless than he is," Seminoles coach Bobby Bowden said of Moore, Virginia Tech's 6-foot, 225-pound All-American end who set a Big East record with 17 sacks this season. "He doesn't ever stop coming."

Bowden knows all about terrific defensive ends. He coached a bunch of them, including All-Americans Andre Wadsworth and Peter Boulware.

"They were bigger," Bowden said Wednesday, "but he is as quick as any of them and evidently as strong."

In Tuesday night's Sugar Bowl, No. 1 Florida State's national title hopes might hinge on the Seminoles' ability to keep Moore away from quarterback Chris Weinke.

"It'll be a big challenge for us," 6-foot-6, 315-pound tackle Brett Williams said before practice at the Louisiana Superdome.

Boise slugs Louisville, 34-31

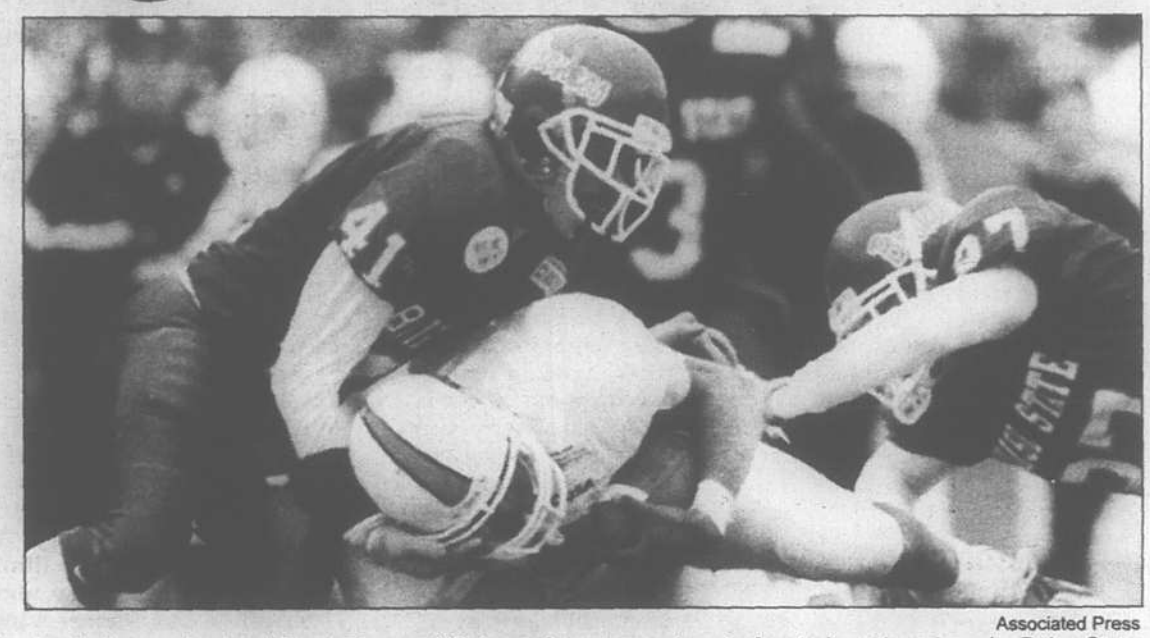
BOISE, Idaho (AP) — Freshman Brock Forsey rushed for 152 yards as Boise State, completing its fourth season in Division I-A, beat Louisville 34-31 Thursday in the Humanitarian Bowl.

The Big West champion Broncos (10-3), who five years ago played in the Division I-AA Big Sky Conference, matched the Cardinals (7-5) of Conference USA push for push.

Forsey, seeing the most action of his season, was named the game's most valuable player and Boise State quarterback Bart Hendricks outdueled Louisville's Chris Redman, a top NFL prospect playing his last college game.

Hendricks, who didn't have an interception, was 20-of-39 for 335 yards and a touchdown. He also seemed to come up with big plays when the Broncos needed them most, scrambling for a first down or finding an open receiver.

Forsey ran for 86 yards in the second half, with a 26-yard burst that keyed the game-winning drive. He also returned two kickoffs for 67 yards and caught two passes for 50 yards.



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Louisville running back Frank Moreau (32) leaps for extra yardage before being taken down by Boise State cornerback Dempsy Dees (41) and safety Ross Farris in the second quarter of the Humanitarian Bowl in Boise, Idaho, Thursday.

Redman was 26-of-47 for 314 yards but his three interceptions, one returned 80 yards for a TD by Shaunard Harts, were too much for the Cardinals to overcome. Redman, who this season established NCAA career records with 1,031 completions and 1,679 attempts, was selected Louisville's MVP.

Louisville also limited its chances by committing 14 penalties for 120 yards.

The Cardinals' final chance was a slim one after Jeff Edwards pinned them inside the 1 with a 44-yard punt inside the last 2 minutes.

When Boise State's Kareem Williams intercepted Redman's pass with 46 seconds to play, the Humanitarian Bowl record crowd of 29,283 erupted in cheers while the Broncos jumped and danced on the sideline.

It's lights out for Purdue, Georgia

Outback Bowl players won't be celebrating

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — So much for the millennium celebration. By the time the clock strikes midnight on New Year's Eve, the Georgia Bulldogs and Purdue Boilermakers will be tucked away in bed.

Yes, there's a down side to playing the first game of 2000.

Because the Outback Bowl begins at 11 a.m. EST on Saturday, Georgia coach Jim Donnan and his Purdue counterpart, Joe Tiller, imposed pre-midnight curfews for their teams the previous night.

The No. 19 Boilermakers (7-4) have to be in their rooms by 10 p.m. Friday, with lights out an hour later. The No. 21 Bulldogs (7-4) are required to be in by 11 o'clock.

Of course, that won't prevent many players from sneaking a peek at their hotel-room televisions as the 1900s slip away. If nothing else, they want to make sure everything is A-OK for Y2K.

"The hotel is probably the safest place to be," Georgia offensive tackle Jonas Jennings said Thursday. "With all the things that might happen, I want to be somewhere in the house when the clock strikes 12."

David Nugent, a defensive tackle for Purdue, will go to bed early — with one slight caveat.

"I personally will set the alarm for 12, turn on the TV real quick to see the ball drop and go back to sleep," he said.

"We've got to get up at like 6:30 on New Year's Day. That's kind of a bummer, but how many people can say they got to play in the first game of the millennium?" Teammates Drew Brees and Chris Daniels also plan to watch the ball drop in Times Square, then doze off to sleep.

"We'll celebrate Saturday night," said Brees, the Heisman Trophy finalist who threw for 3,531 yards and 21 touchdowns.

Georgia kicker Hap Hines said he's "never been one to howl at the moon," and he sees no reason to party like it's the final day of 1999.

I'm sure there are plenty of people who would like to be out enjoying themselves," he said. "But the reason we came here was to win the football game. That's the most important thing."

So, Hines plans to turn in early and let others worry about Y2K.

"I'm sure the sun will come up the next day. I'm sure the sky will still be blue in the year 2000."

Florida bowl officials sure they're Y2K ready

BY FRED GOODALL
AP SPORTS WRITER

The teams arrived early, and so did most of their fans. A week of practice, parties, trips to the beach and visits to theme parks and other tourist attractions haven't left a lot of time for worrying about Y2K.

Officials of Florida's four New Year's Day bowl games say they have taken all the necessary precautions to ensure the events go on without any glitches in Miami, Tampa, Jacksonville and Orlando.

"My wife keeps up with it a lot more than I do," said Alabama coach Mike DuBose, whose Crimson Tide face Michigan in the Orange Bowl on Saturday night. "I don't know enough to be afraid."

Security and Y2K compliance plans have been in place for months at Pro Player Stadium in Miami, Raymond James Stadium in Tampa, Alltel Stadium in Jacksonville and the Florida Citrus Bowl in Orlando.

All four facilities have been built or modernized in the past 15 years, so officials said many of the concerns expressed at other stadiums around the nation did not pose the same issues for Florida's games.

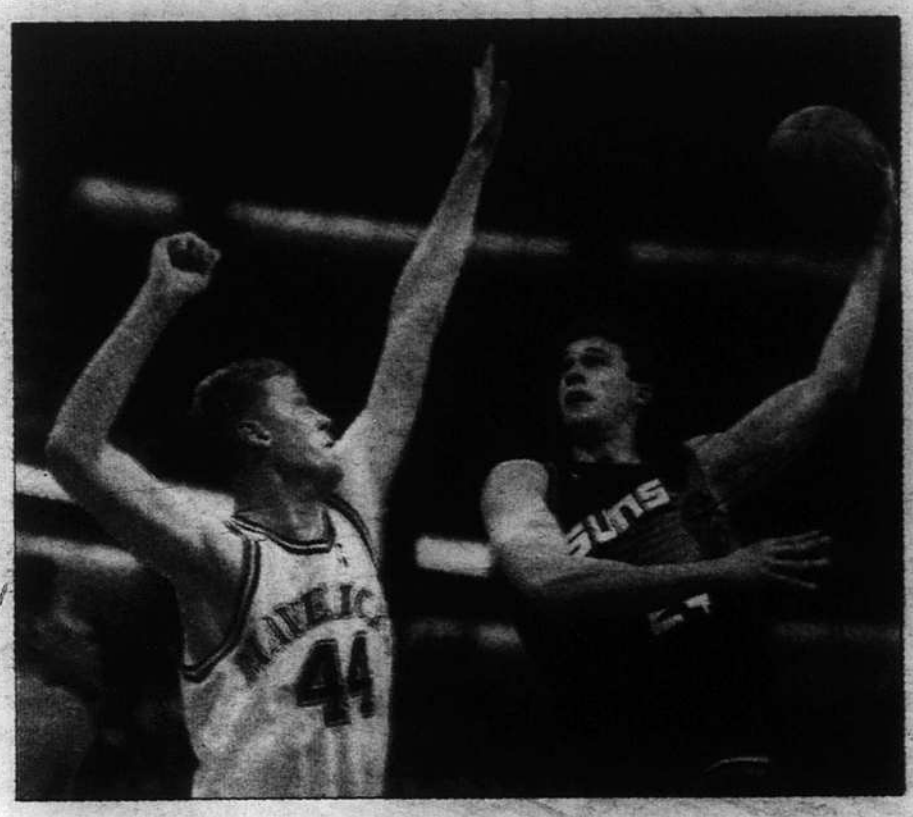
"Nobody's willing to guarantee that everything will go according to plan. But we're in a stadium that opened just over a year ago and it was built with a lot of these things in mind," said Mike Schulze, a spokesman for the Outback Bowl in Tampa.

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Phoenix Suns forward Tom Gugliotta (24) takes the ball to the basket against Dallas Mavericks center Shawn Bradley (44) and forward Samaki Walker during the first quarter in Dallas, April 20.

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Another chance

Grateful Gugliotta hopes he provides a lesson



"I can't possibly be any more thankful to have my life back and have a second chance at being around my family and my daughter and playing the game."

Tom Gugliotta

PHOENIX (AP) — Tom Gugliotta, almost fully recovered from a seizure that nearly killed him, said he hopes his experience serves as a lesson for others.

The Phoenix Suns team doctor thinks a food supplement that the FDA said is illegal to manufacture and distribute probably caused the Dec. 17 seizure.

"What burns me is I took something that I really didn't know too much about," Gugliotta said Thursday. "That's just not right to do, and it nearly cost me my life."

It was, he said, "very stupid when you look back on it, but something I think 95 percent of people would do."

Gugliotta has declined to identify the brand name of the supplement, but it contained furanon di-hydro. The FDA says that is one of the ingredient names used for the chemical gamma butyrolactone, or GBL.

FDA spokeswoman Laura Bradbard said the agency lists GBL as an unapproved drug. The substance and two related chemicals have been linked to 122 serious illnesses, three resulting in death.

The FDA wants the product voluntarily recalled. If it isn't, it is subject to seizure, she said.

Gugliotta said he knew none of this when a friend suggested he take it to help him sleep. On Dec. 15, he took it with no ill effects.

But two days later, after the Suns beat the Trail Blazers in Portland, he took it again. As he sat on the team bus, talking with his wife on a cell phone, he became increasingly ill.

"I was trying to stay conscious, hoping it would die down and be over with, but it got worse and worse and worse," Gugliotta said. "I held on as long as I could and then when I went out, I don't remember anything."

As he went into the seizure, he dropped the cell phone, his wife Nikki, a world-class cyclist, still listening on the other end.

"She heard guys trying to wake me up, guys yelling for help and paramedics and an ambulance," he said.

Yet she was able to tell one of Gugliotta's teammates to check his bag for the bottle of a supplement she knew he had just started taking. That information was crucial to doctors who gave him an antidote in the emergency room moments later.

Gugliotta said he has no plans to sue the drug's manufacturer.

"If the most I can do is warn people who are thinking about using this, I think that's the best thing to do," he said. "If I can help in any way testimonial-wise about what this stuff put me through and my family through, I'll do that."

He brings with him a new appreciation of just how precious that life is.

"I feel very lucky that I was able to recover this quickly and to have no long-term effects," Gugliotta said. "I can't possibly be any more thankful to have my life back and have a second chance at being around my family and my daughter and playing the game."

Warrick looks to go out with at least one trophy

BY RICHARD ROSENBLATT
AP FOOTBALL WRITER

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Peter Warrick missed out on a few trophies, so he sure doesn't want to miss out on the most important one of all in his final game for No. 1 Florida State.

The All-American wide receiver lost his chance at winning the Heisman Trophy, and was even passed over for the Biletnikoff Award, after his arrest in a shopping mall scam at midseason. But on Tuesday night, the national championship trophy is the prize when the Seminoles (11-0) play No. 2 Virginia Tech (11-0) in the Sugar Bowl.

"This is the reason I came back, to win a national championship," Warrick said before practice at the Louisiana Superdome. "There's nothing else in the world that I want more than this right now."

Florida State feels the same way. Coach Bobby Bowden's Seminoles are in the title game for the third time in four years, having lost to Florida in the '97 Sugar Bowl and Tennessee in the '99 Fiesta Bowl. Florida State won the title in 1993.

Ever since the 23-16 loss to the Volunteers, a game in which Warrick caught just one pass, the wide receiver has made big news for good and bad decisions.

A week after the defeat, Warrick surprised everyone — even Bowden — when he chose to return to Florida State despite being a projected top-round NFL draft pick.

Then, on Oct. 7, he and teammate Laveranues Coles were arrested on a charge of felony grand theft for paying $21.40 for $412.38 worth of clothing at a department store in Tallahassee. Warrick was suspended two games and reinstated after he pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor, which required that he spend 30 hours in a work program.

And when it came time to invite the Heisman finalists to New York, Warrick wasn't one of them.

"I've been through a lot," Warrick said. "Getting through the trouble, I bounced back from it and it takes a real man to do that. Now I can stand up in front of a crowd and tell kids to learn from my mistake. Trouble is easy to get into but hard to get out of."

